

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the sum of \$1200 be added to this Account for printing and revising the City Charter. Motion passed.

Printing and Revising City Charter.....	1200 00		Passed.
		6030 54	do.
		<u>\$157018 54</u>	do.

Less
PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses.....	\$12000 00		Passed.
Hacks, Trucks and other Licenses	2500 00		do.
Fines and Fees, Police and City Courts	6000 00		do.
Rents City Property.....	1000 00		do.
Dog Tax.....	1250 00		do.
Balance Current Interest...	4000 00		do.
Halx. Electric Tramway Co.	5000 00		do.
		<u>\$ 31750 00</u>	do.
Total General Assessment...		\$ 125268 54	do.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax	\$ 10750 00		Passed.
Public Schools.....	98720 00		do.
Bank, for interest on advances to Public Schools.....	2500 00		do.
Poor's Asylum.....	24000 00		do.
Public Gardens and Common	5000 00		do.
Point Pleasant Park	2500 00		do.
Citizens' Library	2500 00		do.
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue....	750 00		do.
School for Blind.....	750 00		do.
Deaf & Dumb Institution, 8 pupils at \$75	600 00		do.
Industrial School for Boys.....	800 00		do.
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys..	800 00		do.
Infants' Home (Tower Road).....	300 00		do.
Infants' Home (Brunswick Street)..	300 00		do.
Protestant Home for Girls.....	300 00		do.
Roman Catholic Home for Girls....	600 00		do.
Camp Hill Cemetery	500 00		do.

Truants under Compulsory Act	2600 00	Passed.
Dalhousie University	500 00	do.
County Rifle Association	1 00	do.
Victoria School of Art & Design	500 00	do.
Board of Health	4000 00	do.
Court of Appeal from Assessment . .	300 00	do.
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	do.
	<u> </u>	\$164571 00 do.

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

1-15 Loan \$15,000, 6th year Sinking Fund	\$1000 00	Passed.
Interest one year on \$15,000 at 4½ p.c.	675 00	do.
1-5 Loan for Exhibition (\$12,550) 4th year	2510 00	do.
Interest one year on \$5020 at 4½ p.c..	225 90	do.
¼ Loan for work on Citadel and various other services (6000) 3rd year.	1500 00	do.
Interest one year on \$1500 at 4 p.c..	60 00	do.
First payment on \$10,859 for various purposes	2859 00	do.
Interest one year and six months on ditto. at 4 p.c.	651 54	do.
First payment, one-tenth, for public baths (\$8000)	800 00	do.
Interest one year and six months on \$8000 at 4 p.c.	480 00	do.
	<u> </u>	\$10761 44 do.

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Old Sewerage Debentures (\$70,000) at 6 p.c.	4200 00	Passed.
Public Gardens Debentures \$15,000 at 6 p.c.	900 00	do.
Exhibition Building Debentures \$20,000, at 6 p.c.	1200 00	do.
City Hall Debentures \$50,000, at 4½ p.c.	2125 00	do.
	<u> </u>	\$842,500 do.

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

\$805,000 at 5 per cent.	\$40,250 00	Passed.
\$1,143,700 . . . at 4½ per cent.	51,466 50	do.
\$ 862,890 . . . at 4 per cent.	34,515 60	do.
Interest on \$114,840 for 6 mos. at 4 p. c. . . .	2,296 80	
	<u> </u>	\$128,528 90 do.

Less

CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT

\$153,000....at 5 per cent....	\$	7,650	00	
\$679,600....at 4½ per cent....		30,582	00	
\$159,000....at 4 per cent....		6,360	00	
6 months interest on \$25,000				
at 4 per cent.....		500	00	45,092 00
				<u>\$ 83,436 90</u> do.

SINKING FUNDS:

Sinking Fund Special Loan \$100,000, Acts				
1882		3,000		
do. do. under Chapter 27, Acts				
1896		3,000		
Sinking Fund Special Loan \$100,000 Acts				
1898, under Chapter 65.....		200	6,200 00	do.
			<u>\$398,662 88</u>	do.
Add 1 per cent. for Short Collection..			3,986 62	do.
				do.
Making in all for General Assessment \$125,268 54			\$402,649 50	do.
and for Extra Assessment.....		277,380 96		
			<u>\$402,649 50</u>	
Less this amount from Unexpended Balances.....		8,000 00		do.
				do.
Total Assessment.....			<u>\$394,649 50</u>	do.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, that the General City and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$125,268.54, and the Extra Assessment amounting to \$277,380.96, as per Estimates, do now pass, less \$8,000 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, and that the Citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum, being \$394,649.50, and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the Assessors to make up the Assessment for the year 1899-1900 on the basis of that amount, as directed by law.

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

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council move a resolution to the effect, "That the laws respecting the representation of the Citizens in the Council, the mode of election of such representatives, and the powers and duties of the representative body, be altered and amended."

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Trading Stamp Ordinance.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,
December 28th, 1898.

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to submit herewith for the concurrence of the Council the Ordinance in relation to Trading Stamps referred to them for report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MENGER, *Chairman*

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted, and that said Ordinance now receive its first reading. Motion passed.

Said Ordinance is now read a first time.

On motion the said Ordinance now receives its second reading.

On motion His Honor the Recorder is requested to give his opinion as to the legality of the "Grab Bag" enterprise (so-called) as at present conducted by certain persons in the City of Halifax.

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

Council adjourns at 6 o'clock p. m.

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RE POLICE COMMISSION.

At the request of the Council, the Legislature appointed me one of the above Commissioners. During my term of office it has been my object, as well as that of the other members of the Commission, to raise the standard of the Force, and only appoint good, reliable and temperate men to the position. It takes a great deal of my time and imposes very serious responsibilities, and I should be glad if the Council would relieve me of the position, and I can alter the Act in accordance with their views. I beg leave to bear testimony to the zeal and tact displayed by His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Lane on the many delicate and important questions which have come to the Board from time to time.

COMMISSIONERS OF CABS.

I was also appointed Commissioner of Hacks and Trucks by the Legislature, at the request of this Council. I also desire to be relieved from that position, and will alter the law in accordance with the wish of the Council.

BUILDING ACT.

Last Session the law was altered and all reports for violation of the Act were to be made to me by the Inspector and I am compelled to take action under the law. Previous to last Session the reports had to be made to the Council and no proceedings were ever taken except on a resolution of the Council. I would ask that I should be relieved from this serious responsibility, and that the old law should be restored placing it with the Council.

RE CITY CHARTER.

The revision of the Charter is about completed, and very few alterations have been made except those that were necessary to harmonize the old charter with the existing law. It is necessary that the printing of it should be proceeded with without delay. I would ask the Council to direct that it be printed forthwith in order to have it in time for the meeting of the Legislature. I would suggest that enough copies be printed so that each of the Aldermen should have an opportunity of examining it.

December 28th, 1898.

WILLIAM F. MACCAY, *Recorder.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 10 o'clock.

JANUARY, 17TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day.

At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Butler, Mitchell, Faulkner, Rogers, Martin and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the time for meeting be extended till 3 30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3 30 o'clock—Rolled called—Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Lane, Hubley, O'Donnell, Martin, Creighton, Menger, Ryan, Hawkins, Musgrave and Redden.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Campbell, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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

Alderman O'Donnell submits a petition from J. E. Hughes and others for Water Extension, Chestnut Street.

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition from J. S. Blagdon and others for repairs to Sullivan Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report City Engineer re Tenders for house Young Avenue.

Report City Engineer re cross streets in Riding Ground.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re "Grab Bag."

Letter from L. G. Drummond, Governor-General's Secretary, in re Gordon Memorial College.

Letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary, re Resolution passed by the Board of School Commissioners relative to the closing of disreputable houses on Brunswick Street.

Letter from N. Meagher, Secretary City Health Board, re Appointment of G. P. Henry as Inspector of Meats, Slaughter-Houses, &c.

Letter from A. M. Bell, Secretary Law and Order Association, re Violations of the Liquor License Act.

Petition of Police Force for an increase of pay.

Return of Measurers of Coal for the months of November and December.

Cash Statements of City Treasurer "General" and "Water" [for the month of December.

Returns of City Collector "Rates" and "Water Rates" for the month of December.

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

Read petition of J. E. Hughes and John Lewin for Water Extension on Chestnut Street.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re Draft Ordinance defining the duties of the City Electrician; Legislation for Civic control of electric wiring; and recommending sundry accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, 5th January, 1899.

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

1st. Your board herewith submits draft of an ordinance defining the duties of the City Electrician.

2nd. Your board recommend that an Act be obtained at the next session of the Legislature, authorizing the City Council to pass By-laws or Ordinances for the proper control and supervision of electric wiring of all buildings within the City, and affix penalties for violations of the same.

3rd. Your Board recommended the following accounts for payment, viz:

Simson Bros.—Bluestone and Sponges..	\$ 69.07
S. Cunard & Co.—Coal	628.10
Farquhar Bros.—Tinsmith and Plumbing	90.78
P. Gough—Carpenter's work	8.15
William Robertson & Son—for Hardware,	19.29
Halifax Electric Tram Co.—Lighting No. 7 House	18.66
Halifax Electric Tram Co.—Lighting West Street House	15.46
Neil Fox—Harness work	18.65
Longard Bros.—Brass pipe48
A. Lamphier—Carriage work, etc.	8.45
Canada General Electric Co.—Insulators	10.50
Brander, Morris & Co.—Linoleum, etc.	17.75
Cragg Bros. & Co.—Hardware	29.32
W. J. Power—Blankets, etc.	10.50
John B. Naylor—Tinsmith and Plumbing	11.40
Stairs, Son & Morrow—Brass wire.....	.07
Longard Bros.—Brass, etc.	4.15
Maritime Electric Co.—Lamps	1.80
John F. Kelly—Harness work	11.45
James Dempster & Co.—Lumber	35.40
Eastern Oil Co.—Oil	8.60
W. L. Howell & Co.—Repg. No. 4 S. F. E.	78.95
A. M. Bell & Co.—Shovel90
Daniel McLeod—Horse shoeing	23.91
William Jordan—Horse shoeing	15.53
John O'Connell—Horse shoeing	14.77
Longard Bros.—Japan	1.50
J. E. M. Taylor—Glazing	9.40

\$ 1,162 99

Respectfully submitted.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Said report is now considered clause by clause.

Read clause re Duties of City Electrician, covering draft Ordinance relative thereto.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said Clause be adopted, and that said Ordinance be now read a first time. Motion passed. Said Ordinance now receives its first reading.

Read Clause 2, re Legislation for Civic control of electric wiring.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3, recommending sundry accounts for payment.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, that the third Clause of the Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners re Accounts submitted this day be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts mentioned therein amounting to \$1,162.99.

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

Read report of City Engineer re Tenders for House on Young Avenue.

TENDERS HOUSE, YOUNG AVENUE

January 17th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—I beg to report that the house formerly owned by Frederick Ward, on Young Avenue, and expropriated by the City, was advertised for purchase and removal, and the following tenders were received and opened by Your Worship:

Charles Hudson Smith.....	\$150 00
Mrs. C. E. Smith.....	125 00
H. E. Baker.....	100 00
E. P. Allison.....	75 00
Jerusha N. McElmon.....	350 00

I beg to recommend that the tender of Jerusha N. McElmon (\$350.00) being the highest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of City Engineer re Cross Streets Riding Ground (on petition for Street Extension in district West of the Common.)

CROSS STREETS IN RIDING GROUND AND WRIGHT'S FIELD.

January 17th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for the laying out of cross streets in the properties known as the Riding Ground and Wright's Field.

These properties have been divided by the owners into building lots to suit their own convenience, and there is no cross street between Windsor Street and Harwood Street—the latter being a short distance east of Oxford Street. The distance between cross streets is too great for the convenience of property owners and the public generally, and it would be advisable to have at least one street opened through this block.

The survey of that portion of the City including this block has been completed and a plan of the district bounded by North Street, Robie Street, South Street and Oxford Street will be finished in a few days. The Act in reference to the City Plan provides for the approval of the whole plan. In order to deal with the matter mentioned in the petition, and also with other

districts as the survey proceeds, I would recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to amend the Act so that the official plan of the City may be approved and established in sections in the same manner as is provided in the Act for the whole plan, and on the completion and approval of all the sections the whole plan shall then be approved, established and filed as the official city plan.

We have found it impossible to complete the whole plan this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of Library Committee re changing hours during which the Library shall be opened, and other matters.

CITY HALL, January 6th, 1899.

The Library Committee met this day. Present, the Chairman, Aldermen Menger, Alderman Rogers and Alderman Creighton.

The annexed bills amounting to \$22.34, were presented, and being found correct are recommended for payment. A letter from His Worship the Mayor enclosing a letter from Sidney Moxey relating to insufficient heating of the Library was read. As the Library Committee have no control over the heating of the City Hall, the letters are submitted herewith with the recommendation that they be referred to the Works Department.

It appearing that there is very little occupation for the Library officials between the hours of one and two and six and seven, and that the public interests would be promoted by closing the building during those hours, and substituting two hours during the morning, it was moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and passed, that the Library hours hereafter be from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m., and on Saturdays in addition from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

The Librarian's report for the month of December is submitted herewith.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

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

Read extract from Minutes of City Health Board re death of Richard Currie, Inspector of slaughter-houses, &c., and appointment of G. P. Henry to fill the vacancy.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board held on January 3rd, 1899.

The Chairman reported that since the meeting of the Board Mr. Richard Currie, Inspector of Slaughter Houses, etc., had died after a few days illness, and he thought it was advisable that the position made vacant by his death should be filled at once.

It was moved by Mr. Neal, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that Mr. G. P. Henry be appointed to make frequent inspections of all slaughter-houses, auction rooms, markets and victuallers' establishments, at a salary of \$40.00 per month. Motion passed.

A true extract.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the appointment of G. P. Henry to said position be confirmed. Motion passed.

Read petition from the Police Sergeants and men for an increase of salary.

Alderman O'Donnell and Creighton submit a resolution providing a sliding increase of pay to the members of the Police Force, and that their wages shall be paid weekly.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said petition and resolution be referred to the Police Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Major L. G. Drummond, Governor-General's Secretary, re subscriptions to Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum.

His Worship the Mayor states that the subscriptions are intended to be voluntary and that an account will be opened at the Bank of Montreal to receive the same.

Read petition of residents of Sullivan Street for repairs to sidewalk, and also for an electric light on said Street.

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

Read copy of Resolution passed by the Board of School Commissioners re suppression of disreputable houses on South Brunswick Street.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said letter be filed and the receipt of same acknowledged by the City Clerk. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Charities re Accounts, &c., for the month of December.

HALIFAX, January 4th, 1899.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$3,258.60 were examined, and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for December showed that during the month there had been 49 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 5 died and 27 discharged. The total number of inmates December 31st, 1898, was 405, made up of 251 men, 142 women, and 12 children.

Respectfully submitted,

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 amount of accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read letter from the Law and Order Association re certain violations of the Liquor License Act.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with Number 19 thereon, viz: Letter of Law and Order Association re violations of the Liquor License Act. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following named as a Special Committee on Market Site, viz: Aldermen Faulkner, Redden, Lane, Ryan, Rogers and Mosher.

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

Read returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of November and December. Filed.

Read Cash Statements of City Treasurer "General" and "Water" for the month of December. Filed.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the City Engineer be instructed to report to the council the valuation of the properties bounded by the south side of Brunswick Lane, east side of Gottingen Street, west side of Maitland Street, and bounded on the south by grounds of the Military property.

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

Alderman Geldert submits the following notice of motion:

Resolved, that henceforth no application from any City Official for increase of pay will be considered unless made by such official in writing and accompanied by the written resignation of such official which may be accepted in the case the application for increase is not favorably considered.

Alderman Faulkner, by leave of Council, submits a notice of motion re increase of pay to the City Assessors.

Alderman Butler, by leave of Council, submits a notice of motion re better accommodation for the poor of the City of Halifax.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of amendment to resolution re Estimate for Police.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said amendment be now reconsidered.

His Worship the Mayor rules said Motion out of order, as the Estimates having been finally adopted and submitted to the City Assessors cannot now be disturbed.

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

Read No. 31, viz:—Ordinance re Trading Stamps, 3rd reading.

ORDINANCE IN RE TRADING STAMPS.

From and after the passing of this Ordinance, no person, firm or corporation shall sell, give away or dispose of or offer to sell, give away or dispose of any goods or property in exchange for stamps known as "trading stamps" or any similar device not illegal, unless such person, firm or corporation shall have first obtained a license therefor from the City of Halifax, which license shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

The fee for a license under the foregoing selection shall be six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, to be paid to the City Clerk by the person, firm or corporation applying for such license.

Any person or firm or any member of such firm, or in case of corporations, any agent or representative of such corporation, violating this Ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and imprisonment in the City Prison for a period not exceeding six (6) months.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said Ordinance, having received its third reading, be adopted, and that it be forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Alderman Mitchell gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the City Council introduce a resolution instructing His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature prohibiting the use of "Trading Stamps" and similar devices in business.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re "Grab Bag." Filed.

IN RE GRAB BAG.

The Council asked my opinion whether the Grab Bag was illegal without giving me any facts upon which to base my opinion.

I have made enquiries and find that persons who purchased goods up to a certain sum were entitled to draw from the Grab Bag a ticket. The ticket represented a prize, which they received. In some instances people drew blank tickets.

I am of opinion this is a lottery; and the party disposing of his goods in that way is liable to indictment and punishment under the Criminal Code.

Halifax, Jan. 17th, 1899.

W. F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 26 on Order Paper, viz: Alderman Musgrave's motion re Curbing South Park Street, and No. 27, Alderman Faulkner's motion re completion of Fenwick Street, be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 28 on Order Paper, viz: "Alderman Faulkner's notice of motion for appointment of a special committee to consider the matter of providing a Public Market" be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Nos. 24 and 25 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 24, viz: Alderman Hawkins charges' against City Health Board and City Medical Officer; and No. 25, Alderman Hawkins' notice of motion for appointment of Committee to investigate the management of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

His Honor the Recorder, on being asked for his opinion as to the power of the City Council in this matter, says:—"The Council has not any right to interfere with or to investigate into the working of the City Health Board or that of any other Corporate body. It is a matter for the Provincial Government or the Attorney General to deal with.

His Worship the Mayor says that being governed by the opinion of His Honor the Recorder he considers that the City Council has not any jurisdiction in the matter, and he therefore could not put to the Council any resolution dealing with the charges preferred by Alderman Hawkins or the resolution of said Alderman relative thereto.

Alderman Hawkins asks that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to give his opinion of the matter in writing at the next meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 17, viz: Report of Chief Inspector of Licenses on Violations of the Liquor License Act from commencement of the present license

year to August 6th, 1898; report Chief Inspector of Licenses re Proprietorship of certain licensed premises, and No. 19, viz: Letter Law and Order Association re "Violations of Liquor License Act" be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for investigation and report. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 5.50 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 31ST, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faulkner, Lane, Creighton, Mosher and Martin.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, 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 Campbell, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Ryan, McFatridge, Rogers 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 Rogers submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Extracts from Minutes of City Health Board re Appropriation for said Board.

Report City Engineer re House Young Avenue.

Report City Engineer re M. Phelan's letter (Curb Grafton Street)

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re power of the City Council to investigate matters of the City Health Board.

City Collector's List of persons qualified to sign Applications for liquor licenses.

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

Read report of Laws and Privileges Committee re Qualification for the office of Mayor and Aldermen.

HALIFAX N. S., January 31st, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the suggestion of His Honor the Recorder that in the New City Charter the clauses relating to the qualification of Mayor and Aldermen should appear as it was in the Charter of 1891, and recommend that the suggestion be concurred in.

Respect fully submitted.

W. S. ROGERS, *Act. Chairman.*

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM HIS HONOR THE RECORDER, IN RE QUALIFICATION OF
MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

The qualification of Mayor and Alderman was altered in 1891, and again in 1895 and in 1898, without the consent of the Council. These various alterations were never brought before or discussed by this Council, and as it is a matter of very great importance as to the constitution of the Council, I would suggest the qualification be finally settled by the body, as it should not be altered without some very good cause. As we are revising the City Charter, if the Council intends to make any change, it would be well that the matter should be dealt with at an early day. The qualification laid down in the Act of 1891 has worked and given general satisfaction as far as I am aware of.

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

Read extract from Minutes City Health Board re City Council granting an additional one thousand dollars to said Board for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the current year.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, January 31st, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held yesterday the accompanying resolution was adopted, and I have been instructed to forward you a copy for your information and that of the City Council.

YOUR OBLIGED SERVANT.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY HEALTH BOARD HELD ON
JANUARY 30th, 1899.

Resolved that whereas the amount voted by the City Council for the requirements of the City Health Board for the year 1898-99 has been insufficient to meet its expenditure;

Therefore Resolved, that in accordance with section 15 of an "Act to provide for a Board of Health for the City of Halifax," the City Council be requested to grant the additional sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to meet current expenses of the present year.

Moved by Dr. McKay, seconded by Mr. W. H. Neal, and on being put is passed.

A true extract.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, that the sum of one thousand dollars be inserted in the borrowing bill for the purpose of paying the Board of Health.

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

Read report of City Prison Committee covering accounts for December.

CITY PRISON, January 3rd, 1899.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee held this day there were present Aldermen Campbell and the Chairman.

We had before us a number of accounts, which on examining were found to be correct and are herein submitted, amounting to \$77.40.

W. McFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the report of the Prison Committee be received and concurred in and that the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amounts named therein.

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

Read report of City Engineer re Tenders for Ward House, Young Avenue.

JANUARY 31st, 1899.

WARD HOUSE, YOUNG AVENUE.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir.—At the last meeting of Council the tender of Jerusha McElmon, for the house on Young Avenue expropriated by the City was accepted. A few days later Mrs. McElmon withdrew her tender. The next tender is too low, and does not propose the removal of the building from the Miller property. As Legislation was obtained and the property expropriated for the express purpose of moving this house from the Miller property, I cannot recommend the acceptance of the next tender. It would be illegal for the Council to award it, and the owners of the property in Miller's fields could apply for an injunction, as provided by the Act. Several offers have been made for the property since tenders were received, and I would recommend that in the best interest of the City and in justice to parties tendering, the house be advertised again, and that each person tendering be required to enclose with his tender the amount in cash offered for the property, and that he be required to remove it from the Miller lots entirely, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report City Engineer re M. Phelan's Letter "Curb Grafton Street." Filed.

JANUARY 31st, 1899.

LETTER M. PHELAN RE CURB GRAFTON STREET.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir.—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from M. Phelan in reference to curb and gutter in front of his premises, No. 14-16 Grafton street. The gutter has been filled up to the top of the curb opposite the Grafton street fire house so that the long ladder wagon may be turned easily and quickly when responding to an alarm. The ground slopes away from Mr. Phelan's property, and I cannot see that any injury is done to his property. On the other hand, it is a great convenience to the fire department, and while the drivers admit that it would be possible to get along without it, in my opinion it would not be in the interest of the City to make the change asked for by Mr. Phelan.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Read City Collector's list of persons qualified to sign liquor license applications. Filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 25 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 25, viz.: Alderman Faulkner's notice of motion in re amending Act which fixes the salaries of the City Assessors.

Alderman Faulkner now submits the following resolution:

Whereas a vote taken at the last meeting of this Council indicated a desire to give the City Assessors an increase of salary;

And whereas the laws relating to the City do not permit the payment of larger salaries to them than they are at present receiving;

Therefore resolved, that the Legislature be asked to amend the law so as to permit the will of the Council to be exercised in this regard, and that the Recorder prepare a bill for this purpose to be submitted to the Legislature at the approaching session.

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

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 27 on the Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 27, viz.: Alderman Mitchell's notice of motion to obtain legislation prohibiting the use of Trading Stamps and similar devices in business.

Alderman Mitchell now submits the following resolution:

Resolved, that His Honor the Recorder prepare a bill prohibiting the Company known as the Stamp Trading Company, or any other Company of the like nature, from doing business in the City of Halifax.

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

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that No. 2 on the Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

No. 2, viz.: Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance of the City of Halifax, entitled, An Ordinance in reference to meetings and Rules of Council," second reading is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said Ordinance now receive a second reading. Motion passed.

Said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that No. 18, viz.: Report of Special Committee re Management of Infectious Diseases Hospital, be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.
The Mayor and Members of the City Council.

The Special Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases report as follows:—

1. As no charge was referred to the Committee and no authority was given to them to take evidence under oath they did not feel themselves at liberty to do more than enquire generally into the condition and management of the Hospital and its sufficiency for the purpose for which it was established.

2. The Committee learn that the total expenses of the Hospital including salary of the caretaker and nurse and board of non-paying patients, are not in excess of \$1,000 per annum. While in some respects the Hospital is not well adapted to the purpose for which it was intended the erection of a better building in a more suitable site and the provision of a complete staff of medical and other attendants could only be accomplished at an expenditure that it would be difficult to justify in view of the exceedingly small number of patients now sent to the Hospital for treatment.

3. The Committee would have been prepared to make several recommendations which in their view would have been of advantage to the Hospital and patients sent there, but in view of resolutions passed by the Board of Health since the appointment of the Committee they do not now consider it necessary to do so.

4. With respect to the condition and equipment of the Hospital the Committee are satisfied, as the result of their enquiries, that there is now little, if any, ground for complaint. They submit herewith a summary of information elicited in connection with the enquiry.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that No. 16 on Order Paper, viz.: Letter Commissioners Point Pleasant Park re S. M. Brookfield's claim in the matter of the Park Lodge, be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 12, viz.: "Alderman Rogers' notice of motion and report City Engineer with plan relative to disposal of the 'Old Exhibition property,'" be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., JUNE 28th, 1899.
DISPOSAL OF OLD EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—The accompanying Resolution of Council asks for Report on the Disposal of the Old Exhibition Grounds.

A plan has been submitted already to the City Council in which it was proposed to open a boulevard through the middle of the property. I beg to submit an alternative plan which, I think, would be preferable to that first submitted. I would respectfully suggest that instead of opening a boulevard through the middle of the property, the proposed boulevard to be constructed along Morris street utilizing Morris street to its present width, and adding so much as is necessary from the adjacent property to construct a street similar to those laid out in progressive American cities.

The remainder of the property is divided on the accompanying plan and submitted to the Council for approval.

In any case, in disposing of the Exhibition property, I would strongly recommend that the Council reserve the right to divide the property on a plan to be approved by the Council, and that any money that can be obtained from the selling of the property should go to the city rather than to speculators. It should not be left to speculators to divide the property as they think best in order to realize a maximum value for their own pockets.

In dividing the property as proposed on the accompanying plan there is no question that fifty thousand (50,000) dollars can be realized if the lots are sold by the City at an upset price, and I would strongly recommend that the City sell the property by lots, in which case they will be able to pay the debt on the property and a large proportion of the debt on the New Exhibition Grounds. The Old Building should be disposed of as soon as it requires repairs, and will not bring very much money.

There is another question to be considered in the disposal of the property, namely:—the eligibility of the site for a summer hotel. This question should not be lost sight of in considering the disposal of this property, as several Americans have looked it over and pronounced it as a most favorable location for a hotel for the City of Halifax.

In any case I hope the Council will not dispose of the property without reserving the right to lay out the property in lots according to their own plan, and reserving the right in selling to dictate to the purchaser the design and character of buildings to be erected on the lots purchased.

Respectfully submitted

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 23 on Order Paper, viz.: "Ordinance in re Duties of City Electrician," be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Said Ordinance now receives its second reading.

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

Council adjourns 5 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 14TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Martin, Hubley, Geldert, Menger, Creighton, Redden, Mitchell and McFatridge.

Moved by Alderman Martin, 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 Campbell, Butler, Lane, O'Donnell, Rogers, Hawkins, Ryan and Faulkner.

The Council was summoned to appoint a Chief Inspector of License for the City of Halifax; to consider applications for Liquor Licenses for the year 1899-1900; to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

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

Alderman Campbell, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards.

Alderman McFatridge, Chairman, submits a report from City Prison Committee.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from Levy and Michaels re amount of their assessment.

Four reports from the City Engineer, as follows:

Re Transfer of Street Loans.

“ Sidewalk Law.

“ I. C. R. Sidings on Streets.

“ Value of Properties Brunswick Lane.

Letters, Colonel Trench, and Law and Order Association protesting against the granting of certain Liquor Licenses.

Letter Lieutenant General Lord Wm. Seymour, thanking the Fire Department for services at recent fire at Citadel.

Petition Albert I. Hiltz, et al, for Water Extension, Pleasant Avenue.

Petition from employees of Cotton Factory, Merchants and others for an extension of 20 years to the term of exemption from taxation of the Cotton Factory.

Petition Black & Flinn, and others for an amendment to the Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance.

Report of Provincial Exhibition Commission for year 1898.

Application of H. H. Banks for re-appointment as Chief License Inspector.

Reports Chief License Inspector covering applications for Licenses with objections, etc., and minutes of Court of Investigation.

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates for January, 1899.

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

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts for January.

CITY PRISON, Halifax, N. S., February 14th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The City Prison Committee met Thursday, and beg to submit the following report:—

They had before them the following accounts, which on being examined are found correct, and are herein submitted for payment, viz:—Black & Flinn, \$1.60; George Rent, \$16.94; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$5.40; J. J. Carnell, 80c.; William Roche, \$9.25; Irwin & Sons, \$13.71; W. H. Cabot, \$14.27; J. E. Murphy, \$1.50; People's Heat & Light Co., \$4.00; J. A. Bowes, \$6; J. D. Stewart, \$15.81; Cragg Bros., 65c.; James Davidson, \$5.25. Total, \$95.18.

Attached hereto find Governor's and Matron's returns for the month of January 1899.

WM. McFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the same.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards, covering sundry accounts for payment.

February 14th, 1899

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to submit for payment the following named accounts, all of which have been certified and found correct, viz: Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd: West St., Engine House, \$5.56, Quin-pool Road House, \$9.33, John Tobin & Co., Soda, \$4.50; Alexander Anderson, carpenter work, \$143.80; Neil Fox, harness work, \$1.25; Macdonald & Co., repairs engine, etc., \$29.20; David McLeod, horse shoeing, \$11.85; Robert Horner, horse shoeing, \$9.26; Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd., electrical supplies, \$10.24, \$2.10-\$12.34; Frank Reardon, paints, etc., \$3.00; John Tobin & Co., soda, \$6.75 and \$9.00-\$15.75; W. H. Simson, acid, \$7.45; William Robertson & Son, \$17.06 and \$17.66-\$34.72; John Tobin & Co., soda, \$4.50; Parker & Taylor, woodwork, \$13.94. Total, \$306.45.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the report of the Board of Fire Wards be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts referred to therein.

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

Read report of the Library Committee, asking for a special grant of \$2,500 for purposes of the Library, to be obtained by Legislation, authorizing that it be borrowed and repaid in five yearly instalments.

January 27th, 1899.

A meeting of the Library Committee was held this day. Present, the Chairman, Aldermen Creighton, Rogers and Campbell.

A statement was presented by the Chairman showing that there are some 4000 volumes on the shelves of the Library requiring repairs of a more or less extensive character, and that while the time of the Binder has been fully occupied, he has been able to make but a small impression upon the great mass of work resulting from years of neglect. A statement was presented from the Librarian, showing that some twenty sets of books included in the catalogue have been wholly or almost wholly worn out and require to be replaced. It was also shown that the stock of supplementary catalogues has been exhausted for some time and that owing to the reclassification of the Library and the large number of additions made since the last catalogue was printed it is desirable to commence at once the preparation of a new, complete and properly classified catalogue. In addition to the above there are a number of sets of magazines on the shelves of the Library, valuable for purposes of reference, that require to be completed and some additional tools are required for the bindery. As it was felt to be desirable that the work of putting Library in a good state of repairs should be undertaken at once, and as this with other work and expenditures mentioned cannot be provided for out of the ordinary Library appropriation it was moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and passed, that the Council be asked to borrow the sum of \$2,500, and place the same at the disposal of the Committee, for the purposes mentioned, the re-payment of the loan with interest to be distributed over a period of five years.

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

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, that the report of the Library Committee presented herewith be adopted, and that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be borrowed and placed at the disposal of the Committee, for the purpose of carrying out the improvements mentioned in the report, and that such loan be repaid in five instalments—of five hundred dollars each, extending over a period of five years.

Further resolved, that His Honor the Recorder, be empowered to prepare the necessary legislation and submit the same to the Legislature at its present session.

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

Read letter Levy and Michaels, complaining of over-assessment for the coming year.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said letter be referred to the Court of Appeals from Assessments and that the Court of Appeals be requested to meet and deal with it. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re Street Loans.

STREET LOANS.

February 13th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir.—There will be a balance remaining after the widening of Lockman street is completed as we have some money now, and several lots of land unsold. I would respectfully recommend that legislation be obtained, authorizing the transfer of the balance or as much of it as may be required to the appropriation for widening Quinpool road.

A balance of \$228.53 was not used for the widening of Campbell Road, at Wellington Barracks, and a balance of \$283.79 remains from the sale of land at the foot of Young street, when the Dry Dock was constructed. The money for extension of Agricola street, north and south of Young street, has been taken for the street appropriation, and I would respectfully recommend that the two balances be transferred to the street appropriation and that Legislation be obtained if necessary, authorizing such transfer.

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

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

Read report City Engineer recommending change in the Law respecting Permanent Sidewalks.

SIDEWALKS.

February 14th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—Section 462 of the City Charter provides for the laying of sidewalks within certain limits—the property owners being required to provide the material. The division of cost is not just and it is difficult to apply the law to asphalt sidewalks.

The Permanent Pavement Fund will be exhausted this year, and we need a general sidewalk act. I would respectfully recommend that the law be altered while the Charter is being revised so that the district shall include that portion of the City east of Robie street, and that the property owner be required to pay one-half of the cost of the work in front of his property, the assessment and payment to be made in the same manner as provided under the Permanent Pavement Act, and payments to be credited to the street appropriation for the year in which they are collected.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Railway Sidings on City Streets.

I. C. R. STREET CROSSINGS.

February 14th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—The City has not legal authority to grant permission for the laying of the track of the I. C. R. in City streets, and such tracks or sidings as have been laid must be considered as encroachments.

I would respectfully recommend that Legislation be obtained authorizing the City to grant a permit for the Exhibition siding, and the oil siding, under such conditions as may be deemed advisable.

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

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

Read report City Engineer, on value of property Brunswick Lane. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read letter Colonel Biscoe, Chief Staff Officer, conveying the thanks of Lieutenant General Lord W. Seymour to the Halifax Fire Department for their services at the recent fire in the Citadel.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said letter be received and acknowledged, and placed on file. Motion passed.

Read petition Albert I. Hiltz, et al, for Water extension, Pleasant Avenue.

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

Read petition of Merchants, Employes of Cotton Factory and others, asking that the exemption from taxation now enjoyed by the Cotton Factory be extended for a further period of twenty years.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending part exemption from taxation of proposed improvements to Gunn & Co.'s Flour Mills.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved that the petition of the Dominion Cotton Co., asking for an extension of their exemption from taxation be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, and that the report of said Committee on the application of Gunn & Co., Ltd., be referred back to them and that the Committee report at a special meeting to be called on Friday next, for that purpose, on the subject of taxing manufacturing industries.

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

Read petition of Black and Flinn and others for certain amendments to the Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said petition be referred to the Laws and Privilege Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read report Provincial Exhibition Commission for year 1898. Filed.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 27th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—It becomes my duty on behalf of the Provincial Exhibition Commission to forward to you a statement of its financial position, to December 31st, 1898. I may state that the commission have fixed upon this date as the end of their fiscal year, because it has been found by experience that, owing to the great number and variety of its transactions, it takes until that period to properly and carefully dispose of the obligations arising in connection with an Exhibition held in the very last days of September.

I am happy to be able to advise you that the expenditure in connection with the Exhibition of 1898, was very greatly reduced from the expenditure connected with the Exhibition of 1897, without in any degree diminishing the efficiency of the show. The total expenditure in connection with the Exhibition last year was \$25,335.29.

The total receipts from gate admission, entries, rentals and the sale of special privileges was \$17,365.73, making a deficit in connection with the Exhibition of \$7,969.56, of which the City and the Province will each bear one half part. The detailed statement of the expenditures and receipts is here appended.

EXPENDITURE.

Secretary's office	\$1,397.89	Manufactures	305.71
Petty expenses	56.85	Horticulture	182.81
Special Attractions	6,275.40	Poultry	86.75
Insurance	646.25	Ticket Department	653.31
Lodging Bureau	204.98	Education	34.70
Judges	623.94	Machinery	303.32
Cattle	255.52	Ladies	54.18
Horses	202.91	Sheep and Swine	76.50
Agriculture	65.35	Ground and Building, cur-	
Police	987.35	rent	233.05

Speed	174.88	P. Innes	70.30
Prizes	9001.25	J. R. Wyman	54.75
Lighting	537.01		
Caretaker	245.00	Expenditure	\$25,335.29
Printing and Advertising	1,777.61		
Transportation	32.40	RECEIPTS.	
Fisheries	61.11	Special Privileges	\$631.45
Miscellaneous expenses	359.90	Rentals	210.25
Hon. T. R. Black	25.00	Entries	1,641.20
J. W. Bigelow	69.50	Admissions	14,882.83
G. C. Laurence	100.00		
E. B. Elderkin	129.75	Receipts	\$17,365.73

I have to report that this deficit is due entirely to the most unfortunate weather, which was unprecedented in its character, and nearly ruined all at Thursday, the 22nd of September, by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. tempts to make the Exhibition a success. The Exhibition was opened on The Friday and Saturday following rain fell incessantly from morning till night, and the receipts were merely nominal. On Monday, the first fine day, the receipts were larger than any day during the previous year's Exhibition, exceeding that of Laurier Day. We had another fine day on Tuesday, and on that day also the receipts were large. The next day it rained, entirely preventing any success for the Exhibition. The closing day the weather was fair, but the last day of an Exhibition is scarcely ever a good revenue producing day. Under the circumstances, the Commission feel that taking \$14,882.83 gate money was really a most gratifying tribute to the success and popularity of the Show, and we have no doubt whatever that if we had been favored with the usual fine weather during the Exhibition week, that we would have been entirely relieved of the necessity of making any application to the Government or ity to meet a deficit. The Commission is preparing to hold an Exhibition on a large and liberal scale during the coming year, the date being September 23rd, to September 30th, inclusive.

The Commission is sparing no pains to enlist public sympathy throughout the Province in this great Provincial Show, and it is confidently hoped that by means of superior railway facilities and cheaper rates, we shall be able to induce the more distant Counties, east and west, to participate, both in exhibits and in attendance in the advantages of this Provincial Exhibition.

J. W. LONGLEY, *President.*

Read City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates for January 1899. Filed.

Read opinion of His Honor, the Recorder, re power of the City Council to investigate matters pertaining to the City Health Board, submitted last meeting. Filed.

IN RE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alderman Hawkins, in his place in Council, made certain charges against the Board of Health, and Dr. Trenaman, as an officer of that body, and when the matter came before the Council at its last meeting I was of opinion that the Council had no authority to investigate any charge against the Board. The Board of Health is a separate and distinct corporate body clothed with certain powers and duties in relation to the City of Halifax, and is not in any way amenable to the City Council. If this Council has the right to investigate charges against that corporate body, then the Board of Health has an equal right to investigate charges against members of the Council and summon them before them and take evidence under oath, which they have the power to administer; but I am of the opinion that this Council has no authority or right to investigate any charge against the Board of Health, nor has that body any right to interfere with the City Council or the administration of civic affairs. If either body act improperly and illegally the power is in the Crown (and it is represented by the Attorney-General) to take steps to vindicate the law and to have the parties punished.

January 31, 1899.

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Read application of H. Havelock Banks for re-appointment as Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Menger, that H. Havelock Banks be appointed Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Read letter Colonel Trench, commanding 1st Leinster Regiment, objecting to the granting of a license to Wm. H. Murray.

Also read letter Law and Order Association against the granting of certain Liquor Licenses.

Laid over for consideration with the applications to which they respectively refer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce two resolutions. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now submitted:

Resolved, that the City Engineer be requested to report to this Council at an early date upon the practicability and cost (with sketches) of erecting and maintaining four or more Toboggan slides, one upon Camp Hill and the others upon the most suitable points on the Common, one at least of said slides to be for children. In making his estimate the Engineer to consider the advisability of using materials employed in the summer in connection with sewer construction, and the cost of flushing said slides with water when necessary; and systematically flooding and sweeping snow off portions of the Common for skating.

Further Resolved, that the Engineer immediately communicate with the War Department authorities asking their permission for the erection of such structures in the fall of each year, to be removed again each spring.

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

The following resolution is next introduced:

Whereas, it is desirable that the snow shovelling limits be extended in the City. Therefore resolved that the matter be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee to define the extended limits and report to this Council.

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

Read report Chief License Inspector, covering applications for Licenses to sell Liquor in the City of Halifax during the License year 1899-1900, with Inspector's several reports thereon, together with objections to certain applications filed with him; and report of Inspectors' Court of Investigation.

Ward No. One.

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

John Courtney, Shop, North side, head James Finlay, Shop, 17 Victoria Lane. Gas Lane.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted, and that each of the foregoing named be granted a license for the year 1899-1900.

Ward No. Two.

Read report License Inspector recommending that a License be granted each of the following named applicants for Ward No. Two:

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| Thomas Major, Shop, 62½ Rottenburg street. | Simon LeBlanc, Hotel, 20 & 22 Sackville Street. |
| R. T. Forrestall, Shop, 12 Rottenburg Street. | James P. Flavin, Hotel, 146 & 148 Hollis Street. |
| A. J. Finlay, Shop, 13 Rottenburg St. | Andrew Grant, Shop, 50 Prince Street. |
| Stephen Cahill, Shop, 126 Lower Water Street. | E. D. Blair, Shop, 21 Sackville Street. |
| Richard Fitzgerald, Hotel, 30, 32 & 34 Salter Street. | Catherine Doran, Shop, 5 Bedford Row. |
| Johanna Purcell, Shop, 52 Sackville Street. | Richard Cahill, Shop, 44 Argyle St. |
| Richard Shepeard, Shop 117½ Hollis Street. | L. A. Gastonguay, Shop, 189 Lower Water Street. |
| Thomas Doyle, Shop, 155 Lower Water Street. | Martin J. Bates, Shop, 197 Lower Water Street. |
| John McGrath, Shop, 6 Sackville Street. | John Hogan, Shop, 62 Grafton St. |
| Richard O'Neil, Shop, 149 Lower Water Street. | Catherine Dillon, Shop 75 Sackville corner Albemarle Street. |
| Joseph Guerin, Shop, 11 Granville St. | Thomas J. Cahalane, Shop, 5 Sackville Street. |
| Louis J. Hesslein, Hotel, East Side Hollis Street. (Halifax Hotel.) | Nathan Cornfoot, Shop 40½ Granville Street. |
| James P. Fairbanks, Hotel, 109 to 111 Hollis Street. (Queen Hotel.) | John Pugh, Shop, 32 Bedford Row. |
| P. J. Broderick, Hotel, 30 & 32 Sackville Street. | Marcellin Porrier, Hotel, 191 & 193 Lower Water Street. |
| John R. Simmons, Hotel, 51 Granville Street. | Patrick Ryan, Hotel, 204 & 206 Lower Water Street. |
| Nora Robinson, Hotel, 159 Lower Water Street. | Joseph N. Verge, Hotel, 43 Argyle St. |
| | Charles Woolnough, Hotel, 153 & 155 Hollis Street. |

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted, and that each of the foregoing named be granted a License for the License year 1899-1900. Motion passed.

Ward No. Three.

Read report of License Inspector recommending that a License be granted to each of the following named applicants for Ward No. Three:

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| John Glassey, Shop, 196 Hollis St. | Thomas H. Renner, Hotel, 1 Upper Water Street. |
| H. W. Brown, Shop, City Wharf, foot George Street. | Susan C. Fiske, Hotel, 88 Granville Street. |
| James Hogan, Shop, 143 Albemarle Street. | Edward C. Hagarty, Hotel, 13½ Upper Water Street. |
| James P. Mackasey, Shop, 33 Upper Water Street. | T. W. Hardy, Hotel, 100 to 102 Granville Street. |
| William Neville, Shop, 136 Grafton Street. | Arthur Monaghan, Shop, 124 Barrington Street. |
| Edwin J. Quirk, Shop, 246 Lower Water Street. | R. N. McDonald, Shop, 154 Barrington Street. |
| James Connors, Shop, 244 Lower Water Street. | William Gawson, Shop, 1 Bell's Lane. |
| Catherine Matson, Hotel, 78 & 80 Bedford Row. | John Coleman, Shop, 40 Upper Water Street. |
| Elizabeth Flawn, Hotel, 82 & 84 Granville Street. | Ellen Meagher, Shop, 144 Argyle St. |
| Margaret Broussard, Hotel, 26 & 28 Upper Water Street. | Charles AuCoin, Shop, 46 Upper Water Street. |
| Simon Fraser, Hotel, 122 Argyle St. | Mary Doneaghey, Shop, 75 Buckingham Street. |

James M. Power, Shop, 13 Buckingham Street.	James M. Allen, Shop, 180 Granville Street.
Mary Carroll, Shop, 174 Grafton St.	James W. Salterio, Shop, 14 Bell's Lane.
C. B. McDougall, Shop, 234 Hollis St.	M. H. Ruggles, Hotel, 37 Buckingham Street.
Edward Donahoe, Shop, 53 Buckingham Street.	Daniel Morrissey, Hotel, 211 & 213 Barrington Street.
John A. Mackasey, Jr., Shop, 63 Duke Street.	
Herbert Stanway, Shop, 243 Hollis Street.	

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and that each of the foregoing named be granted a License for the License year 1899-1900. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration of the application of James P. Mackasey and James W. Salterio.

Ward No. Four.

Read report of License Inspector recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants for Ward No. Four.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the applications for Ward No. Four be separately considered. Motion passed.

T. F. Courtney, Shop, 39 Jacob Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

James Campbell, Shop, 97 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Stephen Mitchell, Shop, 159 Upper Water street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Michael Goulding, Shop, 176 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Joseph Yetman, Shop, 15 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

J. R. Siteman, Shop, 113 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

Andrew Doyle, Shop, 228 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Charles A. Norton, Shop, 146 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

James Spruin, Shop, 87 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Michael P. Inglis, Shop, 2½ Starr Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

Nathaniel A. Ross, Hotel, 212 & 214 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

Joseph Ferguson, Hotel, 200 and 202 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Thomas O'Malley, Shop, 16½ Cornwallis Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Matthew Quirk, Shop, 183 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this License be granted.

Moved in amendment, by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this application and the Inspector's report thereon, be referred back to the Inspector for further report as to the exact distance between the premises sought to be licensed, and the Railway at Cunard's wharf, and also as to the ownership of the said Railway.

Said Amendment being put is lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration:

Thomas D. Chalmers, Hotel, 276, 280 282 284 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

John P. Fitzpatrick, Hotel, 288½ & 290 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Felix J. Quinn, Hotel, 270 & 272 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Menger, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

George A. James, Hotel, 266 & 268 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

Robert Johnson, Hotel, 286 & 288 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said License be granted. Motion passed.

Daniel J. Johnson, Shop, 47 Maynard Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

Thomas A. Rogers, Shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this License be granted. Motion passed.

R. M. Anderson, Shop, 53 Creighton Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Ward No. Five.

Read report License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants in Ward No. Five.

William T. Nott, Shop, 420 Upper Water Street.	Gaetano Verdi, Shop, 106 Gottingen Street, corner of Cunard.
William Saunders, Hotel, 346 & 348 Upper Water Street.	L. D. Murrans, Shop, 96 Gottingen Street.
Thomas Keating, Hotel, 7 Cornwallis Street.	Charles E. Rogers, Hotel, 496 to 500 Upper Water Street.
Adam L. Miller, Shop, 155 Gottingen Street.	John Walsh, Shop, 172½ Gottingen Street.
Michael McMahon, Shop, 147 Gottingen Street.	Mary Meagher, Shop, 93 Gerrish St.
Thomas Lynch, Shop, 91 Gerrish St.	Alexander McDonald, Shop, 174 Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Rogers that the report of the License Inspector be adopted, and that each of the foregoing named applicants be granted a license for the License year 1899-1900. Motion passed.

Ward No. Six.

Read report License Inspector recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants in Ward No. Six:

John J. Richards, Shop, 3 Almon St. James Burns, Shop, 66 Almon Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report of the Inspector be adopted and each of the foregoing named be granted a License for the License year 1899-1900. Motion passed.

Various Wards.

Read report License Inspector recommending that Licenses be not granted to any of the following named applicants:

Alexander Hallett, Shop, 118 Lower Water Street.	Peter Mihan, Shop, 172 Grafton Street.
Henry Gullickson, Hotel, 32-34 Lower Water Street.	Michael Miller, Shop, 92 Creighton Street.
Gilbert W. Walker, Hotel, 57 Sackville Street.	Patrick Griffin, Shop, 9 Agricola Street.
William Hanrahan, Hotel, 120 Grafton Street.	William H. Murray, Hotel, 3 Bilby Street.
John L. Gooley, Shop, 50 Upper Water Street.	

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the Inspector be concurred in and that the Licenses be not granted. Motion passed.

Notices of reconsideration were given on the applications of the following named:

John L. Gooley, by Alderman Lane.

Gilbert W. Walker, by Alderman Redden.

Peter Mihan, by Alderman Menger.

Patrick J. Griffin, by Alderman Hawkins.

William H. Murray, by Alderman Hawkins.

William Hanrahan, by Alderman Lane.

Henry Gullickson, by Alderman Redden.

Nathaniel A. Ross, by Alderman O'Donnell.

The License Inspector reported that an application for a shop license at 33 West Street, had been filed by John Mullane, who now wished his application withdrawn.

By leave of Council, said application was withdrawn.

Alderman Mitchell gives notice that at a future meeting of the City Council he will move a resolution providing for the establishing of a Public Slaughter House under Civic control.

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

Council adjourns 5.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 17TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Martin and Geldert.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Geldert, 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 Faulkner, Musgrave, Butler, Redden, Campbell, Mitchell, Menger, Lane, O'Donnell, Ryan, Hubley and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to consider the subject of the taxation of manufacturing industries; to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers.—

Letter from Harris, Henry and Cahan, re Water Rates Sugar Refinery.

Report City Engineer, re Widening of Jacob Street.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder re draft Act to amend City Charter.

Letter from Secretary of Board of Trade covering a resolution passed by said Board re encouragement to Industries.

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

Read report of City Engineer re Widening of Jacob Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 16th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to submit for the consideration of the City Council the following report:

1. In the matter of the Application of C. Hudson Smith for compensation for damages through overflow of sewage into his premises corner of Hollis and Sackville Street, Your Committee have fully investigated Mr. Smith's complaint and find that his loss was considerable, and recommend that the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars (275.00) be paid Mr. Smith in full discharge of his claim.

The minutes of evidence taken at the enquiry into this matter are attached hereto.

2. Your Committee have carefully considered the petition of the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, Limited, for a further period of exemption from taxation, and in connection therewith the idea of making a recommendation relating to partial exemption of manufacturing industries in general; but find in the Cotton Factory an exceptional case and one that is not likely to be duplicated for many years, and therefore that a general law which would

deal equitably as between the mass of taxpayers and the majority of other industries would not offer sufficient encouragement to the Cotton Factory. For these reasons your Committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act providing that the Dominion Cotton Mills Company for the next twenty years be not assessed in any year on an amount in excess of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) (in addition to the usual tax for fire protection) on the land and buildings connected with the Factory and that their personal property and machinery be exempt from taxation for that period.

3. In compliance with the resolution of the Council, instructing this Committee to consider and report upon the subject of taxing manufacturing industries, your Committee submit the resolution which follows for the approval of the Council.

Your Committee recognize the matter as one of the utmost importance and one which touches the vital interests of the City, and though the scheme proposed, because of the urgency of immediate action, may not be sufficiently broad in character to embrace some industries that might be suggested your Committee believe that it is a step in the direction demanded by the interests of many citizens and that it will operate as a relief to enterprises in need of municipal encouragement without imposing seriously upon those not directly benefited by it:

"Whereas, application has been made to this Council for an extension of the exemption from taxation at present enjoyed by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, Limited;

And whereas, application has also been made for certain exemptions with a view to assisting in the establishment of a Flour Mill;

And whereas, the establishment of certain other important manufacturing industries is contemplated, but is being delayed, owing to the operation of the present system of taxation and the laws relating to manufacturing;

And whereas, while the policy of giving exemption from taxation is not looked upon with favor, it is considered to be in the best interests of the City to encourage and assist in the establishment of manufacturing industries upon a fair and just principle and without prejudice to the interests of rate payers generally;

Resolved, that hereafter no person, firm, or corporation engaged in manufacturing in the City of Halifax and having invested in manufacturing plant or machinery not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be assessed in respect of such plant or machinery or in respect of stock of manufactured goods; but every such person, firm or corporation in lieu of taxation in respect thereof shall in addition to the usual taxation on real estate and water rates and fire protection rates pay a tax equal to one per cent. of the assessed value of the real property occupied for the purposes of such manufacturing, such tax to be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as the existing taxes upon real estate.

Further resolved, that His Honor the Recorder prepare the necessary legislation for submission to the Legislature at its present session."

In connection with the consideration of this matter your Committee were pleased to be addressed by the Manager of the Cotton Factory, Mr. Taylor, and by Mr. B. F. Pearson.

4. In the matter of Gunn and Co.'s petition, your committee recommend that in the event of the general act relating to manufacturing industries failing to become law, the Recorder be authorized to submit to the Local Legislature a bill based upon the conditions recommended in this Committee's former report, which is returned herewith to be adopted by the Council as an alternative.

5. It is recommended that the Recorder be authorized to amend the City Charter, giving the Board of Fire Wards the power to dismiss Firemen for just cause.

6. The Committee considered the petition of Black & Flinn and others, and recommend that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to prepare and submit to the Council such amendments to the Ordinance, re Hawkers and Peddlers as are suggested in the petition.

7. Your committee further recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed in revising the City Charter to so amend section 366 of the present Charter and section 22 of Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1897, that rate payers will be entitled to pay their taxes quarterly, providing that as per the Act of 1897 every rate payer who shall pay the whole of his year's taxes before

a discount of two per cent., and further, that interest shall only be charged on such instalments as have not been paid when due.
the 31st day of July in the year in which the same falls due, shall be allowed

J. MENGINE, *Chairman*

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1—Re compensation to C. Hudson Smith for damage to his property through overflow of sewage.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said Clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2—Recommending the partial exemption from taxation of the Cotton Factory for twenty years.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this Clause be adopted. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and 2 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

<p>For the Motion</p> <p>Aldermen Menger, Redden, Mitchell, Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell, Butler, Ryan, Martin, Creighton, Lane—11.</p>	<p>Against it</p> <p>Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell—2.</p>
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Read Clause 3—Re taxing manufacturing industries.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that Clause 3 be adopted.

The following amendment is introduced:—

Resolved, That the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be referred back to them and they be requested to make further inquiry into the reduction proposed to manufacturing industries in the City and report to the Council at an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday evening next as to the total amount of assessment involved in their proposed reduction; to what extent it will affect the assessment generally and what additions can be made to the general assessment to make up for any proposed loss.

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

Read Clause 4—Re partial exemption from taxation of the property of A Gunn and Co., Ltd., also read report of Committee on Laws Privileges bearing date 18th January, 1899, on the same matter.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said Clause 4 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further consideration and report at the adjourned meeting to be held Wednesday next. Said amendment on being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

<p>For the Amendment</p> <p>Aldermen O'Donnell, Hubley, Geldert,—3</p>	<p>Against it</p> <p>Aldermen Creighton, Lane, Martin, Ryan, Mitchell Musgrave, Faulkner, Butler, Menger, Redden—10.</p>
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The original resolution is now put and passed.

Read Clause 5—Re Powers of Board of Fire Commissioners to dismiss firemen Placed on Order Paper.

Read Clause 6—Re amending Hawkers' and Peddlers' Ordinance Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said Clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 7—Re payment of taxes quarterly. Withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Laws and Privileges be requested to report upon the matter of taxing or licensing non-residents who come into the City and sell goods, and who under the existing laws escape taxation. Motion passed.

Read resolution passed by the Board of Trade relative to encouraging the establishment of new industries.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for their consideration. Passed.

Read letter Harris, Henry and Cahan, covering draft act re Water Rates on Sugar Refinery.

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

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock, p. m. on Wednesday next 22nd inst.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,
Creighton, Mitchell,
Redden, Ryan,
Butler, Campbell,
Menger—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
Martin, Lane—4.

Council adjourns 5.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

[ADJOURNED MEETING.]

FEBRUARY 22ND, 1899.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment. At 8.10 o'clock there were present Aldermen Faulkner, Rogers, Martin, Mitchell, Creighton, O'Donnell and Hubley.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called—Present, the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Campbell, Redden, Butler, Menger, Lane, Ryan and Hawkins.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the Minutes of last meeting be amended by striking therefrom the adoption of Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on the matter of the partial exemption from taxation of the property of Gunn & Co., Ltd., and bearing date 16th February, 1899, and substituting therefor the adoption of the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on same matter, bearing date 18th January. Motion passed.

The Minutes so amended are now confirmed.

Alderman Menger, Chairman, submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, viz:

Re Assessment upon manufacturing industries, and

Re Fire Protection Rates on Sugar Refinery.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz:

Report City Engineer re Completion of Fenwick Street.

Report City Engineer re Completion of Curb South Park Street.

Report Board Police Commissioners on various matters.

Coal Measurers' Returns for January.

Papers re proposed scheme for establishing Abattoirs, Refrigerators, etc., in the City of Halifax. (Eugene P. Bender.)

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

Read Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges relative to the taxation of manufacturing industries.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 22nd, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that agreeably to the wish of the Council, they have given further consideration to their recommendations submitted to the Council in a report dated February 16th inst. relating to taxes upon manufacturing industries.

The Committee met on the evenings of the 20th and 21st instants.

At the first meeting the Committee was waited upon and addressed by James Dempster, George Thompson, and B. C. Moir, and incidentally by T. E. Kenny, (who appeared before the Committee in connection with another matter.)

At the second meeting Senator Power conferred with the Committee, and there were also present William Levis, W. H. Cleverdon, H. D. Blackadar and F. C. Clarke.

Instead of the proposition submitted in the above mentioned report, the Committee have decided upon a modification thereof which is contained in the following resolution; for which the concurrence of the Council is recommended:

Resolved That all manufacturing establishments not engaged in retail business shall be exempt from taxation on all machinery, raw material and manufactured goods, but shall pay in lieu thereof a license tax equal to one per cent on the assessed value of the real estate occupied by said manufacturing establishments; said exemption to be for a period of ten years as regards present manufacturing establishments and as regards those hereafter established ten years from the date of such establishment."

In referring the Committee's former report back for further consideration the Council requested the Committee to furnish information as to the total amount of assessment involved in the then proposed reduction, the effect thereof on the assessment and from what source any deficiency would be made up.

So far as existing manufacturing industries are concerned, the proposition now made by your Committee will not make a difference of more than two hundred dollars a year in the assessment, while at the same time it offers and inducement to new enterprises to come to the City of Halifax.

Your Committee have found it impossible to obtain in the short time at their disposal sufficient information to justify them in making any recommendations, the effect of which would be to disturb the present rate of assessment. A strong appeal was made for the entire exemption of manufacturing machinery from taxation and while the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that a large measure of relief in that direction is desirable they had not sufficient data to enable them to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Council. To arrive at a satisfactory determination on this point, it would be necessary to make a special assessment on all machinery in the City in order to find its value.

It is therefore recommended that the Laws and Privileges Committee or some other Committee of the Council be immediately authorized to enter into an inquiry respecting the whole matter of assessment with the view of being in position to report before the next Session of the Legislature on an equitable scheme of reduced taxation on all manufacturing industries, and placing any proposed reduction in such a way that the burden will not fall upon the citizens now bearing a just proportion.

J. MENGINE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said report be adopted.

The following amendment is now introduced:

Whereas, The Report of the Laws and Privileges Committee seems ambiguous and will not have the effect of assisting existing manufacturing industries in the City of Halifax;

And whereas, The present Assessment Law does not give encouragement to manufacturers to establish their industries in the City of Halifax;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council expresses their approval of the principle of relief to manufacturing industries in the City of Halifax and requests the Laws and Privileges Committee submit their report not later than pare a bill for submission to this Council for approval, giving the amount involved in said exemption, to what extent said exemption should apply, and what amount of property now exempt and in their judgment should be assessed in order to replace such relief proposed to manufacturing industries.

Further Resolved, That said Committee submit their report not later than the first day of August next.