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HALIFAX, N. S., May 3rd, 1899.

James T. Hamilton, Esquire, having been declared elected Mayor of the City of Halifax, for the civic year 1899-1900, was on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1899, sworn into office by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House in the presence of Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Mitchell, O'Donnell and Creighton, and the City Clerk.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

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HALIFAX, N. S., May 3rd, 1899.

George E. Faulkner, Esquire, for Ward No. 1; Daniel H. Campbell, Esquire, for Ward No. 2; Thomas Mitchell, Esquire, for Ward No. 3; Edward W. O'Donnell, Esquire, for Ward No. 4; and Isaac Creighton, Esquire, for No. 6, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, the oath of office of Aldermen, as well as that of Justices of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll of Aldermen of the City of Halifax, in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1899, and Murdoch Chisholm, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, the oath of office of Alderman, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll of Aldermen of the City of Halifax in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, on the third day of May, A. D., 1899.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 10TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Butler, Campbell, Menger, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, Hawkins, Mosher and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to appoint standing Committees and Commissions, two Citizen Commissioners of Halifax Common, and to elect City Officials for 1899-1900.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mitchell, Chairman, submits the Annual Report of the Committee on Public Baths.

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

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

Alderman Geldert presents a petition for the widening of Harvey Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Applications of civic officials for reappointment to office.

Applications of Frank S. Power and David Edwards for the position of Chief of the Fire Department.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft of an Ordinance re Hawkers and Pedlars.

Letter from the City Treasurer relative to Loans.

Letter from the City Clerk covering an account (\$300) from the Dominion Publishing Co. for subscription to book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean."

Letter from J. Parsons, Agent Marine and Fisheries Department, relative to the application of the Furness Withy Company for a proposed extension of the Cunningham and Curren Wharf property into the Harbor.

Letter from T. W. Tucker, relative to an account rendered him for Sewerage Rates Brunswick Street.

Letter from the Commissioners of Halifax Common relative to an alleged defective sewer on Summer Street.

Annual report of the Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain.

Report Library Committee re Accounts and other matters.

Letter from Harrington & Fullerton asking if the City intends purchasing the property of John Pugh at the Esplanade.



Letter from George Payne, Bedford, England, covering two photos of supposed picture of Governor Lord Cornwallis.

Letter from Samuel M. Brookfield, re a retaining wall on South side of his property, Pleasant Street.

Report of His Honor the Recorder re payment to the widow of William Lewin.

Letter from the Royal Nova Scotia Yaught Squadron relative to the proposed outlet of the sewer near Mr. Bauld's property.

City Collector's returns of rates and water rates.

Letter from the City Auditor's Annual Civic Reports.

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Re Contract for Removal of Ashes and Garbage.

" Water Extension LeMarchant Street.

" Water Extension Henry Street.

" Sewer Extension Henry Street.

" Tenders for Brick.

" Water Extension Agricola and Macara Street.

List of Committees and Commissioners nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

Letter City Clerk re appointment of Special Committees.

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

Read report City Engineer re Contract for Removal of Ashes and Garbage.

#### REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to submit herewith a letter received from James Nolan.

In accordance with a resolution of Council, I notified him that his tender for the removal of ashes and garbage has been accepted for three years. In the letter attached hereto he declines to enter into the Contract.

I therefore recommend that the tender of Stanhope Brothers (\$52.00 a week for three years) being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the recommendation contained in said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer re Water Extension LeMarchant Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION LEMARCHANT STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Edward Meagher asking for water extension on LeMarchant Street. The district is high service. Length of pipe required 70 feet. Estimated cost :

Pipe .....	\$42 00
Excavation & pipe laying .....	28 00
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	\$70 00

MAY 10th, 1899.

The extension from South Street 295 feet West to three houses was made on the three property owners agreeing to pay a special rate, and it would not be fair to them to give the water to Mr. Meagher at a less rate. I would therefore recommend that the water be extended provided Mr. Meagher will agree to pay a special rate of \$7.14 a year, and that the rate of the other three be reduced to that amount, which will meet the interest on the outlay.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Water Extension Henry Street.

WATER EXTENSION, HENRY STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Henry Street.

The district is high service. Size of pipe, 6 inch. Length 275 feet. Estimated cost :

Pipe .....	\$165 00
Labor .....	41 25
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	\$206 25

The revenue will exceed the interest on the outlay.

The petitioners have not commenced the construction of houses and I would recommend that the extension be made when the houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Henry Street sewer.

HENRY STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the petition of property owners on Henry Street for sewer extension to drain their properties.

The length required will be about 275 feet. Estimated cost \$1,375.00. Estimated assessment \$625.00.

I would respectfully recommend the construction of the sewer when the petitioners begin the construction of the proposed houses.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension Agricola and Macara Streets.

WATER EXTENSION AGRICOLA AND MACARA STREETS

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Agricola Street and Macara Street asking for water extension to their premises. The district is high service. Estimated cost :

Agricola Street.

240 ft. pipe.....	\$144 00
1 6 inch Valve .....	20 00
1 6 inch double branch.....	5 74
Excavation and pipe laying.....	120 00
75 lbs. lead.....	2 62
6 service pipes.....	130 00
	\$422 36

Macara Street.

327 ft. 6 inch pipe.....	\$196 20
1 6 inch valve .....	20 00
50 lbs. lead.....	1 75
Excavation and pipe laying.....	228 90
2 service pipes.....	30 00
	\$476 85
Total.....	\$899 21

Rating the houses at \$4.00 the revenue will be less than the interest on the outlay. It is probable, however, that water closets will be put in some of the houses, which would bring the revenue up to the interest. I would therefore recommend that the extension be made. There will be a dead end each way, and I would recommend that pipes be connected at the same time at Kempt Road and Macara Street, East of Agricola Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report on tenders for Brick.

TENDERS FOR BRICK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 8th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir,—I beg to report that the following Tenders for sixty thousand (60,000) Bricks were opened by your Worship to-day.

	Delivered at Freight Depot.	Delivered at Cotton Siding.
Gunn & Co.....	\$7 25	\$7 55
Elmsdale Brick Co.....	7 60	7 80
Samuel A. Marshall.....	9 00	9 25
William Stairs, Son & Morrow.....	10 17	10 45

I beg to recommend that the tender of Gunn & Co., being the lowest be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read petition of W. J. Stairs and others for the Widening of Harvey Street and for a sidewalk on said street.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said petition, together with report of Board of City Works, and City

Engineer, on same subject, 1887-8 be referred to the Works Department for report. Motion passed.

Read letter City Auditor re Annual Reports. Filed.

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners recommending sundry accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 8th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that at a meeting held above date they had before them the following named accounts, all of which having been found correct are recommended for payment, viz :

Farquhar Bros., \$25.65 ; Alex. Anderson, 48.09 ; Austen Bros., 15.00 ; Hosterman, Graves & McKay, 1.50 ; Robt. Horner, 12.92 ; S. Cunard & Co., 8.30 ; W. N. Brown, 15.25 ; John McInnes & Son, 32.06 ; Brander, Morris & Co., 29.60 ; Neil Fox, 20.00 ; John O'Connell, 7.88 ; Macdonald & Co., 18.95 ; Daniel McLeod, 11.93 ; Morning Chronicle, 3.04 ; Frank Reardon, 3.00 ; Chas. Putnam, 12.00 ; G. A. Sterns, 2.80 ; F. E. Juchins, 25.00 ; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., 7.30 ; Cragg Bros. & Co., 1.60 ; Alex. Moody, 8.50 ; Wm. Robertson & Son, 5.53 ; Simpson Bros. & Co., 2 accounts, 26.74 ; Halifax Electric Tram. Co., 2 accounts, 15.43 ; J. E. M. Taylor, 125.00 ; W. J. Power, 13.50 ; H. Sanders, for plaster, lime, &c., 15.99. Total, \$512.56.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read first Annual Report of Committee on Public Baths.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said report be published in the next Annual Civic report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts recommending sundry accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 10th, 1899.

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 accounts, all of which having been certified and found correct are recommended for payment out of the several appropriations to which they are properly chargeable, viz :

PRINTING AND STATIONERY, A-C.

T. C. Allen & Co., Printing, for City Collector, Jan. and Feby. \$11.25 ; do. March and April, 25.70 ; City Assessor, Feb. and March, 24.21 ; Treasurer, March, 5.75 ; City Clerk, Jan. and March, 3.00 ; do., March and April, 21.20 : \$91.11.

A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, Book-Binding, &c. For Mayor, June 1898, 21.50 ; do., July, 34.82 ; do., April, .35 ; City Assessor, Dec. '98, 3.00 ; City Clerk, March, 1.62 ; do., April, 18.78 ; City Collector, March, 34.00 ; do., April, 18.70 ; City Auditor, April, 3.00 ; Police Dept., March, 3.19 ; do., April, .31 ; Treasurer, April, 6.07 : \$145.34.

Acadian Recorder, Advertising, \$25.19.

Morning Chronicle, do \$48.18.

Morning Herald, do., April '99, \$28.00.

## REVISING CITY CHARTER.

A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery, .70; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, &c., 5.90; do. Printing City Charter, 378.00 . \$384.60.

## MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN.

Criminals sentenced by County Court to May 1st, '99, 60.00. Criminals sentenced by Police Court to May 1st, '99, 171.78 : 231.78. Truants to May 1st, '99, 271.97. Industrial School, for Criminals to May 1st, 233.32. Truants, do., 136.65 : 369.97.

## APPROPRIATION 1897-8 :

Nova Scotia Printing Co. Printing Annual Report 1897-8, 339.87; A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery, &c., for City Clerk, Nov. '97, 22.25 : 362.12.  
Total \$1,958.26.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts referred to therein, amounting to \$1,964.51.

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

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft Ordinance in re Hawkers and Pedlars.

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

Read Applications from Frank S. Power and David Edwards for the position of Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be considered with the appointment of the Civic Officials. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Treasurer relative to amounts required to be borrowed this year.

MAY 10th. 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

Gentlemen,—I beg to recommend that the City Council should authorize me to issue advertisements for any money required to be borrowed this year, as in my opinion the present is a favourable time to obtain a loan at a lower rate of interest than has been previously paid by the City.

I am of opinion that a loan bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum can now be floated at par, or even if sold at a small discount would net a lower rate than our previous issues, and would pave the way for future issues on a 3½ per cent. basis.

It will be necessary to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) with interest on the same to repay the Merchants' Bank the amount advanced on Elevator Account.

Also the City has authority to borrow Thirty thousand dollars for Young Avenue Sewer, but I have no knowledge how much will really be required for that work.

I have been informed by the City Engineer that Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be required for Water Extension, for the borrowing of which sum we have authority.

The above mentioned will all be on Capital Account.

In addition two temporary loans were authorized at the last Session of the Legislature, viz:

\$1,000.00 for Board of Health, to be repaid in 2 years.

\$2,001.00 for Citizens' Free Library, to be repaid in 4 years.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the recommendations contained in the Treasurer's letter be adopted and that he be authorized to advertise for the loans referred to in said letter, such an amount of the \$30,000 authorized for Young Avenue sewer to be borrowed as the City may require. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk, covering account (\$300.00) Three hundred dollars, from the Dominion Publishing Company, amount of subscription to Book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean." Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from J. Parsons, Agent of Marine and Fisheries Department, relative to an application of the Furness Withy Company for foreshore privileges in the Harbour of Halifax, viz: to extend the Cunningham and Curren Wharf property farther into the Harbor.

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

Read letter from T. W. Tucker relative to Sewerage Rates charged him for a property on Brunswick Street.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Commissioners of Halifax Common complaining of a defective sewer or drain on Summer Street causing damage to the Public Gardens.

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

Read Annual Report of the Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain.

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

Read report of the Library Committee recommending sundry accounts for payment, and requesting the Council to place to the credit of the Library Account the sum authorized to be borrowed by a recent Act of the Legislature for Library purposes.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 4th, 1899.

The Library Committee met this day. Present the Chairman and Aldermen Campbell and Rogers.

The following accounts were presented, and being found correct are recommended for payment:

Publishers' Weekly, 1898 Catalogue, \$5.28; A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery, 1.93; T. C. Allen & Co., Books & Stationery, 3.54; S. F. Huestis, Books, 29.52; Royal Ins. Co., Ins. 1899-1900, 31.80; John Bowes, Printing, &c., 9.55.

The Chairman reported that the work of preparing the New Classed Catalogue is now nearly completed, and that it will be necessary to ask for tenders for printing the same; whereupon it was moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and passed that the Council be asked to provide funds to pay for the same and other work already authorized by borrowing the sum authorized by recent Act of the Legislature and placing the same at the disposal of the Committee.

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

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

Read letter from Harrington & Fullerton, Solicitors of John Pugh, relative to the City purchasing Mr. Pugh's property at the Esplanade.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of Halifax Common to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter of George Payne, Bedford, England, covering two photos of a painting supposed to be a portrait of Lord Cornwallis.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the City Clerk return the photos, and inform Mr. Payne that the Corporation of the City of Halifax has not any knowledge of the matter referred to in his letter. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins, with leave of Council, submits three petitions, viz :

Petition of R. A. Spawton and others for electric lights at Merkelsfield.

Petition of A. Vincent and others for water extension Longard Road.

Petition of John Townsend, et al, for repairs to Union Street.

Read letter from Samuel M. Brookfield, relative to the building of a wall between the Park and his property.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said letter be referred to the Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park for report. Motion passed.

Read report of His Worship Mayor Stephen and His Honor the Recorder in re payment to the widow of William Lewin.

IN RE PAYMENT TO THE WIDOW OF WM. LEWIN.

April 28th, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor :*

Dear Sir,—This matter having been referred to Your Worship and myself to report on, whether the Council can legally pay said money to Mrs. Lewin. The law enables the Council a sum not exceeding \$1000 to pay the widow of the late Lewin, a fireman. The sum of \$300 was borrowed by the City Council and paid to her. She informs me this sum was paid out principally for his debts and funeral expenses and the balance for the support of herself and her child. As she has been in delicate health, and not being able to work, she informs me that she is in great need of the money. If it was the intention of the Council only to pay the sum of \$300 and no more, then they cannot borrow any further sum to pay her or her child; but as I recollect the discussion was to make provision for the children. At the time the Act was passed, it was understood that it was the

wish of Mr. Lewin that his wife, in case of his death, should take charge and look after the infant child of his first wife, which she agreed to do. Under the Act no money can be paid to anybody else than to Mrs. Lewin, as the Act expressly says that the money is to be borrowed to pay her as the Widow of William Lewin.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

I strongly recommend that the balance of \$700.00 be paid Mrs. Lewin.

ALEX. STEPHEN, *Mayor.*

April 28th, 1899.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Menger, that a further sum, being the difference between the \$300 already paid Mrs. Lewin and two-thirds of the grant of \$1000, be borrowed by the City Treasurer, and paid to the said Mrs. Lewin. Motion passed.

Read letter from R. N. S. Yacht Squadron requesting that the location of the proposed outlet of the new sewer now under construction near their property be changed.

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

Read City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of April. Filed.

Read petition of R. A. Spawton and others for electric lights at Merckelsfield.

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

Read petition of A. Vincent and others for Water Extension, Longard Road.

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

Read Petition of John Townsend and others for repairs to Union Street.

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

His Worship the Mayor now nominates the various standing Commissions and Committees of the Council for the year 1899-1900, as follows:—

*Board of Commissioners Point Pleasant Park:*—The Mayor, Alderman Faulkner, Redden, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Martin and Creighton.

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

*Commissioners of Halifax Common:*—Alderman Geldert, Redden, Mitchell, Hubley, Chisholm and Creighton.



Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hubley that Alderman Lane be substituted on said Commission for Alderman Mitchell. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said nominations as amended be confirmed. Motion passed.

*Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners*:—Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Lane, Ryan, Martin, Mosher.

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

*City Health Board*:—Alderman Hawkins, Rogers and Dr. C. D. Murray.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Chisholm be appointed a member of the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Alderman Butler be appointed a member of the City Health Board.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that Alderman Hawkins be appointed a member of the City Health Board.

Said amendment on being put is passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration on the Appointment of Alderman Hawkins.

Alderman Rogers and Dr. C. D. Murray are now nominated for the third vacancy on the Board of Health.

On the vote being taken, there appeared for C. D. Murray 6, for Alderman Rogers, 8. His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Rogers elected a member of the Board of Health.

*Board of Police Commissioners*:—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Lane, and His Honor the Recorder.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

*Department of City Works*:—His Worship the Mayor. Confirmed.

*Commissioners of Cabs*:—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Ryan and His Honor the Recorder. Confirmed.

*Board Fire Escapes*:—Aldermen Mitchell, Martin, Hawkins. Confirmed.

*Charities Committee*:—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Lane, O'Donnell, Chisholm and Hawkins.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

*Public Accounts*:—Aldermen Faulkner, Butler, Menger, Hubley, Chisholm and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that Alderman Rogers be substituted for Alderman Chisholm on said Committee. Motion passed.

On motion said nominations as amended are confirmed. Motion passed.

*City Prison* :—Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Lane, Martin, Mosher and Ryan.

On Motion of Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mosher, said nominations are confirmed.

*Laws and Privileges* :—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Menger, Hubley, Rogers and Mosher.

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

*Library* :—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Menger, Ryan, Rogers and Creighton.

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

*Cemetery* :—Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Menger, O'Donnell, Rogers and Creighton.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

*Tenders* :—Aldermen Menger, Lane, Redden, O'Donnell, Martin and Hawkins.

On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, said nominations are confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Alderman Hubley be substituted on the Cemetery Committee for Alderman Redden. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk re appointment of Special Committees.

May 10th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor* :

Sir,—I have the honor to submit for your information a list of Special Committees of the City Council as they now exist :—

*Winter Port Committee*, appointed 1897-8—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert, Faulkner and Mosher.

*Special Committee on the City Doing its own Electric Lighting*, appointed July 19th, 1897 :—Aldermen Mosher (Chairman) Faulkner and Rogers.

*Special Committee on Public Baths*, appointed Sept. 7th, 1897 :—Aldermen Mitchell (Chairman) Faulkner and Rogers.

*Special Committee on Harbor Championship*, appointed May 31st, 1898 :—Aldermen Rogers, (Chairman) Musgrave, Redden, Mitchell, Lane and Ryan.

*Special Committee on Publication of Annual Report*, appointed August 30th, 1898 : Aldermen Faulkner (Chairman) Mosher and Geldert.

*Special Committee on Market Site*, appointed January 17th, 1899 :—Aldermen Faulkner, Redden, Lane, Ryan, Rogers and Mosher.

*Special Committee in re Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Settlement of Halifax*, appointed March 7th, 1899 :—Aldermen Faulkner, Redden, Lane, Ryan, Rogers and Hawkins.

Some of the above Committees have been in existence for several years without being reappointed. The others have been appointed each year by resolution of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk*.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the Special Committees named in said letter with the exception of that on Market Sites be reappointed. Motion passed.

Read Address by His Worship the Mayor.

HALIFAX, May 10th, 1899.

*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

As there have been but five changes in the personnel of the Council since I had the honor of being one of its members, it is a pleasure to greet so many former associates in Municipal Government in the present body, over the deliberations of which, by the choice of the electors, I am called upon to preside.

Such continuity of representation would indicate the confidence of the people, who have from time to time had the opportunity of selection. However, there are many evidences that the rate-payers are looking forward to more than the mere retention of place by those who are entrusted with municipal duties.

It must be quite evident to even those who are aware that no lower rate of taxation could have been struck for the present year (based on the requirements of the estimates as approved by the Council) that a figure has been reached which it will be the simplest prudence not to exceed; and that there should be an endeavor made to reduce the expenditure that necessitates such a rate. I do not know that the latter is feasible; but would imagine that there should be ways and means devised by a Municipal Corporation, as well as by a private individual or business firm, of curtailing expenses so as to make ends meet, without discounting the future or entailing additional burden in the present.

The Mayor is but one factor in such an endeavour; the responsibility must principally rest on the Council; but it will be my aim to exercise such vigilance as will preclude outlays that are unwarranted by the City's financial condition, no matter what sectional or individual promptings there may be to the expenditure. I consider that the Mayor should look for approval to the whole community, and not to any propitiatory element to be gained by either new expenditures, or the continuance of any that have become obsolete, in point of utility.

There is an impression that the civic machinery is too unwieldy—has become too costly. Nothing that has amounted to anything practical has been done to determine this. It will probably be well that there should be an earnest dealing with this problem. If there are remnants of old systems that have been suffered to continue existence, while their functions are discharged through the operations of the new; if there are complicated methods of dealing, where there should be simplicity and inexpensiveness, it will be the duty of the City Council to institute enquiry, and take action, especially in view of the rather alarming increase in the rate of taxation within a limited period.

There is no doubt that the tax-payers of Halifax have a right to expect, whenever any of their money is disbursed through the operations of civic government, that there shall be "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay," no matter whether it is in the office or on the streets, overman or underman, in any capacity.

I would ask the earnest consideration of the Council to this phase of duty that confronts us as a body, as to whether the Corporation is too expensive an institution in itself. This question should be set at rest.

I trust, Gentlemen, that my experience will blend with yours satisfactorily in the public interests, during the year upon which we are entering. In the position I am proud to occupy, of presiding over your deliberations, no effort will be spared to my part to give effect to whatever is undertaken with a view to the public benefit, at the same time, maintaining the necessity of the greatest caution in regard to suggested expenditure, which would require to be met by addition to the taxes.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the same be printed in the Minutes of the Council and also in the Annual Report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Menger, that Alderman Mitchell be Deputy-Mayor of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

The Council now proceeds to elect the various Civic Officials :

- 1st. Asst. City Clerk.*—L. F. Monaghan, re-elected.  
*2nd. Asst. City Clerk.*—W. R. Hamilton, re-elected.  
*City Marshal.*—Garrett Cotter, re-elected.  
*Clerk of License.*—Robert Theakston, re-elected.  
*Clerk of Works.*—William F. Reilly, re-elected.  
*Asst. Clerk of Works.*—James J. Hopewell, re-elected.  
*Foreman Street Works.*—John McDonald, re-elected.  
*Foreman Water Works.*—Ewan Morrison, re-elected.  
*Asst City Engineer.*—H. W. Johnston, Jr., re-elected.  
*2nd. Asst. City Engineer.*—W. P. Morrison, re-elected.  
*Stenographer & Typewriter.*—Minnie Hunter, re-elected  
*Clerks Water Department.*—James A. Laidlaw, Louis R. Kaye, re-elected.  
*City Electrician.*—P. R. Colpit, re-elected.  
*Clerk in Collector's Office.*—H. S. Rhind, re-elected.  
*Inspector of Buildings and Caretaker City Property.*—Thomas Spelman, re-elected.  
*Health Inspector.*—Nicholas Meagher, re-elected.  
*Water Inspector.*—John E. Burns, re-elected.  
*City Medical Officer.*—Thomas Trenaman, re-elected.  
*Janitor City Hall.*—John Spruhan, re-elected.  
*Measurers of Salt & Grain.*—Richard D'Arcy, Supr., James Mitchell, Thomas Wood, James Mahar, George C. Hawes, Thomas Forbes, Thos. Wm. Arthur, re-elected.  
*Weighers and Measurers of Coal.*—Simon Cummins, Supr., W. R. Cogswell, D. Grant, R. Woodill, A. J. Smith, G. Grono, re-elected.  
*Registrar of Cemetery.*—Alex. McDougall, re-elected.  
*Governor City Prison.*—William Murray, re-elected.  
*Matron City Prison.*—Mrs. Murray, re-elected.  
*Underkeepers City Prison.*—D. E. Keating, Wm. Higlett, James M. Anderson, George Grant, re-elected.  
*Messenger City Prison.*—Daniel McDonald, re-elected.  
*Superintendent Poor's Asylum.*—James H. Dow, re-elected.  
*Matron Poor's Asylum.*—Annie F. Dow, re-elected.  
*Asst. Engineer Poor's Asylum.*—John H. Grant, re-elected.  
*Fireman Poor's Asylum.*—John R. Henigan, re-elected.  
*Baker Poor's Asylum.*—Daniel McIntosh, re-elected.  
*Secretary Poor's Asylum.*—B. Mulcahy, re-elected.  
*Lumber Surveyor.*—James Jackson, re-elected.  
*Sealer of Leather.*—Jeremiah Barnstead, re-elected.  
*Fence Viewer.*—William T. Horton, re-elected.  
*Inspectors, Painter's Work.*—J. E. M. Taylor, David Roche, re-elected.  
*Inspector Mason's Work.*—Samuel Marshall, re-elected.  
*Matron Police Station.*—Mary Spruhan, re-elected.  
*Pound, Keepers.*—John Punch, Robie St.; George W. Bowser, Prov. Ex. Grds. James Garrett, Old Exhibition Grounds, re-elected.

*Weighers of Bundle Hay.*—Chris. Connolly, William Johnston, re-elected.

*Weighers of Loose Hay.*—Wm. McC. Boak, Thos. Keating, Joseph S. Hubley, James McPhee, re-elected.

*Foreman City Work Shop.*—Joseph B. Scriven, re-elected.

*Keeper Dog Pound.*—Thomas Bushell, re-elected.

*Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Foods, &c.*—George P. Henry, re-elected.

*Keeper I. D. Hospital.*—John North, re-elected.

*Matron I. D. Hospital.*—Mrs. North, re-elected.

*Librarian Citizen's Free Library.*—Josephine Warren, re-elected.

*Asst. do Citizen's Free Library.*—Mattie Barnaby, re-elected.

*Plumbing Inspector.*—Claude Donovan, re-elected.

*Superintendent Public Gardens.*—Richard Power, re-elected.

Read applications of Frank S. Power and David Edwards for the position of Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Frank S. Power be appointed Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the matter be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners together with His Honor the Recorder for report as to the appointment of Chief Connolly. Amendment passed.

Alderman Ryan asks that the Recorder be requested to now give his opinion on the subject.

His Honor asks that the matter be deferred until next meeting of the Council to enable him to give the subject due consideration, which request is complied with.

The Council now proceed to appoint two citizen garden commissioners in place of W. F. Pickering and Thomas M. Power whose terms of office have expired. It was decided to make the appointments separately.

For the 1st vacancy -- W. F. Pickering, William Bishop and H. F. Worrall were severally nominated.

On the vote being taken, there appeared:—

For W. F. Pickering, 10; for William Bishop, 5; for H. F. Worrall, 3.

His Worship the Mayor declares William F. Pickering duly elected a Commissioner of Halifax Common.

For the 2nd vacancy—John F. Kelly, A. J. Manley and H. F. Worrall were nominated.

On the vote being taken, there appeared: for J. F. Kelly, 12; for A. J. Manley, 3; for H. F. Worrall, 3.

His Worship the Mayor declares John F. Kelly duly elected a Commissioner of Halifax Common.

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

Council adjourns 11.10 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 31ST, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Butler, Hubley and Rogers.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, 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 His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Geldert, Musgrave, Campbell, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Mosher, Menger, Lane, Hawkins, Creighton, Redden, and Mitchell.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Creighton submits a petition for water extension on Rector and School Street.

Alderman Rogers submits a petition from A. Messervey and others for an electric light at the corner of Willow and Clifton Streets.

Also a petition from Thomas Isner and others and others for an electric light on Charles Street.

Alderman Hubley submits a petition from Myrtle Nicholson for water extension on Williams Street.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report City Prison Committee for April.

Report City Health Board in re Appointment of Chairman.

Petition of John Fraise and others for water extension Peppercall Street.

7 reports from the City Engineer, viz :

Re Water Extension Mumford Road

" Water Extension Chesnut Street

" Summer Street drain

" Water Extension Williams Street

" Young Avenue sewer outlet

" Macara Street sewer

" J. C. Dumaresq's claim for damages.

Petition of H. G. Bauld and others against proposed outlet of Young Avenue sewer.

Report Commissioners of Common re John Pugh's property at Esplanade.

- Annual Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal.  
 Annual Report of Chief Inspector of Licenses.  
 Annual Report of Committee on Charities.  
 Annual Report of City Prison Committee.  
 Annual report of City Clerk.  
 Report of Coal Measurers for February, March and April.  
 Petition for an electric light corner Maynard and Black Street.  
 Letter from Ellen Lewin asking payment of the balance of \$1000.00  
 Letter from W. Ackhurst re Celebration of the 150th Anniversary  
 of the Settlement of Halifax.  
 Letter W. H. Wiswell, Municipal Clerk, re City's proportion of  
 County Assessment.  
 Letter from the Supervisor of Salt and Grain Measurers relative to  
 the Measuring of Salt.  
 Report of Special Committee re extension of the Furness Withy  
 Co's wharf.  
 Letter from Thomas J. Curren relative to damage to his wife's dress.  
 Application of John C. Potts for the position of Lumber Surveyor.  
 City Treasurer's Cast Statements "General" and "Water" for the  
 month of April.  
 City Collector's returns "Rates" and "Water Rates" for the month  
 of April.  
 Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Butler, that  
 that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted.  
 Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report re Water extension Mumford Road.

WATER EXTENSION ON MUMFORD ROAD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 30th, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—The accompanying petition from Dr. J. Gordon Bennett asks for the privilege of laying pipe from the 27-inch low service main to the fountain on his lawn. He proposed to pay all the cost himself. I am not aware that a pipe has ever been laid for such a purpose before, except for the City, and the precedent will not be a desirable one. However, if the Council deem it advisable to comply with Dr. Bennett's request, I would recommend that a meter be placed on the pipe; that no other connection be allowed with the pipe; and that permission be granted on the distinct understanding that the pipe must be disconnected and the use of the water discontinued at any time on receipt of notice from the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Water Extension on Chestnut Street.

WATER EXTENSION CHESTNUT STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 16th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for Water Extension on Chestnut Street.

The length required is 200 feet. Size 6 inch. Estimated cost:—

Pipe .....	\$120 00
Excavation & pipe laying .....	150 00
1 6 inch valve .....	20 00
2 service pipes .....	30 00
	\$320 00

Interest on outlay at 5 p. c., \$16.00.

I beg to recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate, and that the rate be fixed for the present at eight dollars (\$8.00)

Respectfully submitted

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re drain Summer Street.

SUMMER STREET DRAIN.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 31st, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the letter of the Commissioners of Halifax Common attached hereto with reference to additional drainage to Summer Street.

There is no Sewer in this portion of Summer Street, and the drainage of the Cemetery, the surface drainage of the block and the drainage of the houses on the West side of Summer Street in this block passing through the Gardens causes considerable damage, annoyance and expense to the City. The houses on the street should drain directly into the City sewer system, and it would be advisable to have catchpits in the middle of the block to carry off the surface water flowing from the Cemetery and falling on the street. A sewer of the smallest size with sufficient depth to drain the houses would remove the trouble complained of. The length required would be three hundred (300) feet North of Spring Garden Road. The estimated cost is \$1350.00. Estimated sewerage rates \$375.00

I would respectfully recommend that the sewer be constructed as suggested above.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Water Extension Williams Street.

WATER EXTENSION WILLIAMS STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 31st; 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir,—The length of pipe required to reach petitioners is 185 feet. Size required, 4 inch. Estimated cost:

Pipe .....	\$64 75
1 Valve .....	18 00
1 12x4 saddle and bolts .....	4 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	55 50
140 lbs. lead, at 3½c .....	4 90
1 service pipes .....	54 00
	\$201 15



The revenue will be equal to the interest on the outlay, if the houses are erected by the petitioners as proposed. At present there is only one foundation started.

I would respectfully recommend that the extension be made as soon as the three houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Young Avenue sewer Outlet.

Also read petition of H. G. Bauld and others against the proposed outlet of said sewer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Geldert that the City Council meet at the corner of Young Avenue and Inglis Street tomorrow at four o'clock, p. m. to view the sewer in question and that said Council again meet in the Council Chamber on Monday next at 8 o'clock, p. m. to consider and deal with the matter of the outlet of said sewer. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report re sewer Macara Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of the City Engineer together with a report of His Honor the Recorder on J. C. Dumaresq's claim for damages alleged to have been caused by a defective City water pipe.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said report be placed on the Order of the Day and that a copy of the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be sent to Mr Dumaresq. Motion passed.

Read petition of John Fraise and others for water extension Pepp-  
erall Street.

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

Motion passed.

Read petition of Thomas Isner and others for an electric light on Charles Street.

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

Motion passed.

Read petition of A. Messervey and others for an electric light corner of Willow and Clifton Streets.

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

Motion passed.

Read petition of Thomas J. Williamson and others for an electric light at the corner of Black and Maynard Street extension.

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 Mrs. McLellan and others for Water Extension Rector and School Streets.

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

Read report Coal Measurers for February, March and April. Filed.

Read report of Special Committee appointed to consider and report on the letter of J. Parsons, Agent Marine and Fisheries Department, relative to the extension of the Furness Withy Co's wharf.

CITY HALL, May 31st, 1899.

*To the Members City Council:*

Gentlemen,—The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the letter of J. Parsons, Agent of Marine and Fisheries Department, relative to an application of the Furness Withy Company for foreshore privileges in the Harbor of Halifax, viz. to extend the Cunningham & Curren Wharf property further into the Harbor, have to report that they find Furness Withy & Co., Ltd., obtained authority under Chap. 92 Revised Statutes Order in Council 3rd March from Dominion Government to build this extension; the condition being that the wharf run parallel to Commercial Wharf 96 feet distant therefrom, and that the outer end shall not be more than 865 feet distant from the easterly line of Water Street, its nearest point. Under these circumstances, Your Committee consider that the extension of said wharf is a matter entirely beyond the control of this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Menger, that a copy of said report be forwarded to Mr. Parsons. Motion passed.

Read report of Commissioners of Halifax Common relative to purchase of Mr. John Pugh's property at the Esplanade.

MAY 30TH, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen:*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Common Commissioners held this day they had before them the papers submitted by your Council in re Mr. John Pugh's land "Esplanade." After mature consideration the Commission came to the conclusion that they had neither the means nor the power to buy, and decline to recommend its purchase. I herewith return the papers, all of which is

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING, *Sec'y Common Commission.*

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

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re appointment of a Chief of the Fire Department, covering an opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the same, also recommending sundry accounts for payment.

CITY HALL, 31st May, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to submit herewith for the information of the City Council the opinion of His Honor the Recorder in the matter of the appointment of a Chief of the Fire Department.

Your Board also recommend the payment of the following accounts:—

N. S. Telephone Co., \$12.50; Forsyth, Sutcliff & Co., 4.55; John Tobin & Co., 13.50; Simpson Bros. & Co., 1.25; Can. Gen. Electric Co., 9.60. Total \$41.40.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Cnisholm, that clause 1 of the report be laid over till next meeting. passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, that the 2nd clause of the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

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

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

APRIL 30TH, 1899.

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

The City Prison Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report.—

They had before them a number of accounts, which on examination were found to be correct, and are herewith submitted for payment, amounting to \$106.99 dollars, viz:—

Wm. Roche, \$7.65; R. T. Braine, 14.10; A. M. Bell & Co., 13.06; J. A. Leaman & Co., 4.50; W. E. Crowe & Co., 19.13; Black & Flinn, 1.10; J. J. Scriven & Sons, 1.00; Gunn & Co., Ltd., 18.80; W. S. Short, 1.00; Irwin & Sons, 9.05; John MacInnes & Son, 14.10; J. A. Eowse, 3.50. Total \$106.99.

Submitted herewith are the Governor's and Matron's returns for the month of April, 1899.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the Accounts referred to therein.

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

Read letter from M. Meagher, Secretary City Health Board, announcing the election of Dr. N. E. McKay to the position of Chairman of the Board. Filed.

MAY 23RD, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the City Health Board held on May 16th instant Dr. N. E. McKay was elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. and I have been instructed to forward notice of such Election to the City Council for its information.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary*.

Read Annual Reports from the following, viz: Committee on Charities, City Prison Committee, City Clerk, Chief Inspector of License, and the Weighers and Measurers of Coal.

On motion said reports were referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Reports.

Read letter from Ellen Lewin asking that she be paid the balance of the \$1000.00 which she claims to be due her.

On motion said letter to be placed on file, and the City Clerk is instructed to send Mrs. Lewin a copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council on 10th May inst. relative to the matter.

Read letter from William Ackhurst re the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Settlement of Halifax. Filed.

Read letter W. H. Wiswell, Municipal Clerk, re the City's share of County Assessment.

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

Read letter from the Salt and Grain Measurers relative to the Measuring of Salt.

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

Read letter of Thomas J. Curren re injury to his wife's dress by a packing box standing in front of Cragg's store, Barrington Street.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the City Clerk acknowledge the receipt of said letter and call his attention to the City Ordinance relative to streets and sidewalks. Motion passed.

Read application of John C. Potts for re-appointment to the position of Lumber Surveyor.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell seconded by Alderman Ryan, that John C. Potts be appointed a Lumber Surveyor of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the month of April. Filed

Read City Collector's returns "Rates" and "Water Rates" for the month of April. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of appointment of Alderman Hawkins as a member of the City Health Board.

Alderman Hubley declines to move said notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 18 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 18, viz: Account (\$300) from Dominion Publishing Company for subscription to book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean".

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the receipt of the letter be acknowledged and the Company asked to produce the order of the work.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.