

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JUNE 5TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Butler, Rogers, Faulkner, Creighton, Martin, O'Donnell, Menger, Musgrave, and Campbell.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Redden, Geldert, Ryan, Hubley, Chisholm and Lane.

The Council was summoned to consider the report of the City Engineer re Young Avenue Sewer Outlet, to consider the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners re Appointment of Chief of the Fire Department, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Geldert submits the Annual report of the Chairman of the Library Committee.

The Mayor submits:

Letter from the Officers of the 1st Regiment Canadian Artillery offering the services of their Band for the 21st inst.

Letter J. E. Wood, Secretary N. S. Provincial Exhibition Commission, in re the City's proportion of deficit for 1898.

Petition of R. S. Rosborough and others for sewer extension Windsor and North Streets.

Letter Clerk of City Works re unpaid accounts 1898-9.

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

Alderman Hubley presents petition from John O'Donnell et al for Water Extension Williams Street.

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

Read petition of John O'Donnell and others for Water Extension from Robie to Windsor Street on Williams Street.

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

Read petition of R. S. Rosborough and others for sewer extension Windsor and North Streets.

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

Read letter of Major Mowbray, President Band Committee of the 1st Regiment Canadian Artillery, tendering the services of the Band of the Regiment for the morning of the 21st inst. to assist in Celebrating the 150th Anniversary.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the receipt of said letter be acknowledge, and that the letter be referred to the Special Committee on the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Settlement of Halifax. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of the Chairman of the Library Committee 1898-9.

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

Read letter from J. E. Wood, Secretary N. S. Provincial Exhibition, requesting the Council to pay over to the People's Bank the City's proportion of the deficit of the Exhibition of 1898--Total deficit, \$7969.55--City proportion, \$3984.78.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

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

Read letter from the Clerk of City Works relative to unpaid accounts of the Department for the civic year 1898-9.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No 1. Report City Engineer re outlet Young Avenue Sewer. Read said report, together with petition of Henry G. Bauld and others against the proposed outlet of Young Avenue Sewer.

YOUNG AVENUE SEWER OUTLET.

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 petition attached hereto from the R. N. S. Yacht Squadron in reference to the proposed location of the outlet to the Young Avenue sewer.

The Act providing for the construction of the Young Avenue Sewer also provided for an outlet to the harbor, or to connect with the City sewerage system. I should like to say here that the Act was passed in 1896 by agreement between the owners of property on Young Avenue and representatives of the City Council. The agreement was reached at a meeting in the Legislative Council rooms. I was not present at the meeting, was not consulted in the matter, and had no knowledge of the agreement or the Act carrying it out until it became law, and it was not until nearly three years later that I became the unfortunate possessor of a piece of land on Young Avenue.

When the petition for the sewer was referred to the Works Department for report, I made surveys and estimates to determine the best location for the outlet

of the sewer. It was impossible to drain the Avenue through the Inglis Street sewer, as it was not deep enough, and was too small to carry the sewage that would be drained into it. It was not advisable to carry the sewer to the Esplanade, as that outlet will not discharge any more sewage than will be contributed by the district which it drains at present. During a heavy rain the sewer is taxed practically to its full capacity. Under these conditions it became necessary to seek a new outlet. It was possible to empty the sewer at the foot of Atlantic Street by expropriating the extension of Atlantic Street through Mr Miller's property. It will be absolutely necessary, however, in consequence of the slope of the land, to locate an outlet at Owen Street, or farther South, in order to drain the rest of the Miller property, and in my opinion it is not advisable to multiply such nuisances where it can be avoided. The lowest point is at Ogilvie Street, at the Northern part of Steel's Pond, and at some time in the future it will be imperative to construct a sewer outlet at this point. However, the cost being considerably greater than the location at Owen Street, I recommend the latter. I was assured by the heirs and representatives of the heirs of Mr. Miller that there was no objection to the location at the foot of Owen Street. Subsequently Mr. Bauld and Mr. Brookfield (who signed the petition for the sewer in the first place) objected strongly to the proposed location, and the petition attached hereto from the R. N. S. Yacht Squadron was sent in.

The work on Plover Street, between Atlantic Street and Owen Street, is more than half completed, and all material is provided. Material is also provided for Owen Street, between Plover and View Street. The estimated cost of building the outlet from Plover Street down Atlantic Street and along Pleasant Street to the Esplanade, thence to the sea wall, to empty at the mouth of the present outlet, is \$16,385 00. To this must be added the cost of expropriation. The estimated cost of completing the work on Owen and Plover Streets is \$7,100.00, not including material already provided. The estimated cost of extending the sewer Southwardly along View Street to Ogilvie Street, below Green Bank, thence to the harbor, is \$8,400.00. The extension down Atlantic Street will be through solid rock, the greater portion of which is considerably above grade. The estimated cost of extending the sewer from Plover Street, down Atlantic Street, directly into the harbor, is \$8,550.00, to which must be added the cost of expropriation. I cannot recommend the extension to the Esplanade—first, for the reason given, that the present outlet will not carry the additional discharge; second, that the cost of carrying the sewer to the sea wall would be considerably in excess of other locations. The outlet at the foot of Atlantic Street might have a slight advantage in cost, the exact amount depending altogether on the cost of expropriation through the private property owned by Mr. Miller. The outlet, however, would serve Young Avenue only, would make an extra sewer discharging into the harbor, would aggravate the trouble experienced at the R. N. S. Yacht Squadron, would increase the annoyance to residents in the neighbourhood and would discharge into a cove in front of residential property. For these reasons I do not feel justified in recommending the adoption of this location.

The Owen Street outlet was recommended before, but at that time I did not anticipate serious opposition that has risen since, and I have no wish to recommend any work that would be a nuisance to property owners, if it can be avoided, even though it may be more favorable in cost.

The representatives of the War Department have assured me in writing that there is no objection to the location of the outlet below Ogilvie Street. The quantity of sewage to be carried cannot compare at all with that emptied at the Esplanade, and there will not, therefore, be the danger of deposit or nuisance that there is farther North. For a great many years the quantity of surface water will be so much greater than the quantity of sewage that it will be sufficiently diluted before it reaches the outlet. If the quantity of sewage increases more rapidly than anticipated, the sewer could be extended under water to carry it beyond Green Bank; and if it becomes objectionable at the bathing pier, the cost of removing the latter to the North side of Green Bank would be comparatively small.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the location of the outlet be changed, and that the sewer be extended along View Street to Ogilvie Street, thence to the Harbor.

The total cost, charging the proper proportion of the work to the water extension, will not exceed the amount originally provided in the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave that the report of the City Engineer be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the proposed route of said sewer be changed to go by Bland Street to Inglis Street.

Said amendment on being put is lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Amendment :	Against it :
Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, O'Donnell—4.	Aldermen Creighton, Ryan, Hubley, Menger, Redden, Butler, Lane, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave, Geldert—11.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, moves an amendment that said sewer go straight down Atlantic Street.

Amendment put and lost; 6 voting for the same and 9 against. Names being called for there appeared:-

For the Amendment :	Against it :
Aldermen Creighton, Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, O'Donnell, Geldert—6.	Aldermen Ryan, Hubley, Menger, Redden, Butler, Lane, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the outlet of this sewer be by Owen Street.

Said Amendment on being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Amendment :	Against it :
Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, O'Donnell, Lane—5.	Aldermen Creighton, Ryan, Hubley, Redden, Menger, Butler, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave, Geldert—10.

The original resolution that the City Engineer's report be adopted is now put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:-

For the Motion :	Against it :
Aldermen Creighton, Ryan, Hubley, Redden, Menger, Butler, Lane, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave, Geldert—11.	Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, O'Donnell—4.

Alderman Chisholm gives notice of reconsideration.

Read No. 2, viz: Report of Board of Fire Commissioners covering opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Appointment of Chief of Fire Department. (See printed minutes, May 31st, 1899, p. 21.)

IN RE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 15, 1899.

The only authority that the City Council has to appoint a Chief of the Fire Department is by virtue of Section 27 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1896, and that officer when appointed by the terms of the Act shall hold office until removed by a majority vote of the whole City Council. It is not competent for the City Council in making an appointment by virtue of that statute to annex to the appointment a shorter tenure of office. If they could the object of the Statute would be defeated. If they made an appointment for one year, while it would be contrary to the Statute, yet if Mr. Connolly accepted the office on those terms and agreed to serve for one year, he would not have the right to make any objection to an election now being had for the office. On the 10th March, 1896, the Board of Fire Wards recommended to the Council that the Chief should be appointed only for one year, and the Council adopted that suggestion; but at the same meeting it was "moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Eden, that John Connolly be appointed Chief of the Fire Department not for one year, but in accordance with the terms of the Act. This resolution does not bind him for one year or for any period, but absolutely, without any termination or qualification, and he has held the office ever since under the terms of that resolution. I am of the opinion that he has been properly elected under the Act of 1896, and that he holds that office under its terms and that he cannot now be removed except by a majority vote of the whole City Council.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Appointment of Chief of Fire Department be adopted. Motion passed.

Names being called for, there appeared:-

For the Motion:

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Campbell, Lane, Butler, Menger, Redden, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Creighton, Faulkner -- 15

Alderman Ryan submits in writing certain charges against the Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the charges preferred by Alderman Ryan against the Chief of the Fire Department be submitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners for investigation and report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council adjourns. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JUNE 20TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

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

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

8.30 Roll called -- Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Hawkins, Mosher and Creighton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

Alderman Geldert, Acting Chairman Laws and Privileges Committee, submits a report re Salt Measuring and Building Act.

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

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

Alderman Butler, Chairman, submits a report from the Superintendent of the Poor's Asylum.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of May.

The Annual Report of the Chief of Police for the Civic Year 1898-9.

Six Reports from the City Engineer, as follows:-

Re Davidson's Boiler Shop

" Plans, &c. for House Young Avenue

" Water Extension Williams Streets

" Water Extension Rector and School Street

" Water Extension Pepperell Street

" Street Lights.

Petition of James Kellahar and others for a Sewer on Edward Street.

Petition from Residents of the Western suburbs relative to the purchase of a strip of land for the opening of Streets in Polo Grounds.

Letter from Mrs. Lewin re Amount granted her by the City Council.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder re Mrs. Hales' Claim for right-of-way.

Letter from the Royal Canadian Humane Association re Life Saving Posters.

Letter from City Treasurer re Order for book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean."

Letter from John J. Power re Unsanitary Condition of House occupied by him.

Letter from the Naval-Commander-In-Chief in re Celebrating 21st June.

Letters (2) from T. H. Grosse re Water Supply at the Naval Yard.

Letter from E. W. Dodwell re Sidewalk around the New Drill Shed.

Letter from R. L. Borden, re the Provincial, Canadian and Imperial Governments contributing towards the revenue of the City.

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

Motion passed.

Read Report City Prison Committee for the month of May.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JUNE 6th, 1899.

The City Prison Committee met this day and beg to present the following report.

They had before them the following accounts which on examination were found to be correct and are herewith submitted for payment: J. A. Leaman & Co, \$5.22; Barnstead & Sutherland \$3.59; W. C. Anderson \$7.55. Total \$16.36.

Governor's and Matron's Returns for the month of May 1899 are herewith submitted.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the Report of the City Prison Committee be adopted 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 Martin, and passed.

Read Report of Committee on Tenders re Tenders for Loan \$67,000.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JUNE 20th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they met yesterday and opened Tenders for City Loans, \$67,000 20½ year debentures at 3½ per cent. interest and \$3000 repayable in instalments at 4 per cent. interest. The following offers were received, viz:—

For \$67,000 Loan.

Hanson Bros., Montreal—For the whole	95.50
Bank of B. N. A., Halifax - " "	98.25
Jack & Bell, " For \$20,000 only	98.25
J. C. Mackintosh " For the whole	98.5133

For \$3000 Loan.

J. C. Mackintosh, Halifax,	3001.25
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Your Committee would recommend that both Tenders of Mr. Mackintosh be accepted.

The following Tenders were received by the City Treasurer this morning, too late for consideration:—

G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, For the both Loans, delivery and payment in Toronto, (and will allow \$100 towards expenses)..	99.05
Andrew T. Drummond, Kingston,	95.25
G. W. Wood & Son, Toronto,	98.26
W. H. Brouse, " for \$52,000 only	96.153

A. W. REDDEN, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of the Chief of Police for the Civic Year 1898-9.

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

Read Annual Report of the Superintendent of Poor's Asylum.

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

Read Report of City Engineer re Davidson's Boiler Shop. Filed.

DAVIDSON'S BOILER SHOP.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, JUNE 20th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the Petition from Residents of Creighton Street in reference to a Boiler Shop occupied by Messrs Davidson & Co. The Shop is situated on Maynard Street between Gerrish and North Street. I am informed by Mr. Davidson that it has been operated at night on one occasion only, when he had a special piece of work for a disabled steamer. With the exception of this work and a tank made for the Quarantine Station about the same time, the Shop has only been operated in the day time. I am informed by Mr. Davidson that his business has given employment to twenty-four men since the first of January.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Read City Engineer's Report re Plans, etc., for House Young Avenue.

HOUSE YOUNG AVENUE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, JUNE 20th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I beg to submit herewith five Plans and Specification for a Building to be erected by Mr. F. W. Green on the West side of Young Avenue and on the South side of Atlantic Street, in accordance with Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1896.

The Building is to be erected so that the main wall will be fifty feet from the Street line, it is to be constructed of wood, used as a residence, and will cost not less than five thousand dollars. I believe that it is the intention to comply with the Act in every particular, and I therefore recommend that the Council approve of the Plans and Specification, and that the City Engineer be authorized and instructed to endorse said consent on the Plans and Specification submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's Report re Water Extension Rector and School Streets.

WATER EXTENSION RECTOR AND SCHOOL STREETS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, JUNE 20th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying Resolution of Council, I beg to report on the Petition attached hereto for Water Extension for Rector and School Streets.

The district is Low Service. Length of Extension required, 237 feet on Rector and 300 feet on School Street, North of Rector. Estimated cost:

Rector Street.

6 inch pipe.....	\$180 20
1 6-inch valve	20 00
1 6-inch 4-way branch	5 74
100 ft. excavation and pipe laying.....	80 00
167 ft. " " " "	50 10
40 lbs. lead	1 60
3 service pipes	45 00

362 64

School Street.

6 inch pipe.....	\$180 00
1 6-inch valve	20 00
1 6-inch 3-way branch	4 70
50 lbs. lead	2 00
Metallic paint	60
Excavation and pipe laying	90 00
6 service pipes.....	90 00

387 30

Total..... \$749 94

The revenue will be equal to the interest on the estimated outlay. I would, therefore recommend that the Extension be made.

James N. Wilson, who signed the Petition, lives on the High Service district, and could not be supplied by Extension from Campbell Road.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Rogers, 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, June 20th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying Resolution of Council, I beg to report on the Petition attached hereto from John O'Donnell and John Alfred Nicholson, asking for Water Extension between Robie and Windsor Streets.

On the 31st May I reported on a Petition for Water Extension in this block, and was informed that the Petitioners proposed to erect three houses. Since sending in that Report I learn that there is no certainty of more than one house being erected.

I have received the accompanying Petition from Mr. Nicholson, asking for the extension of Water to his house, which is now under construction. The estimated cost would be \$201.15, as stated in the former report, and I would respectfully recommend that the Extension be made, provided he will agree to pay a Special Rate, and that the Special Rate be fixed for the present at ten dollars (\$10.00).

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's Report re Water Extension Pepperell Street,

WATER EXTENSION PEPPERELL STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 20th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—The district is High Service. Size of pipe required 6 inch. The premises occupied by the Petitioners are at each end of the block, and are separated by a vacant space of 540 feet in length. The length of Extension required West from Louisburg Street would be 490 feet. Estimated cost .

Pipe	\$294 00
1 6-inch valve	20 00
50 lbs. lead	1 60
Excavation and pipe laying	294 00
5 service pipes	90 00
	\$699 60

One Resident in this block did not sign the Petition ; but he will be liable for \$4.00 water tax. The balance (\$30.98) of interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent. will make a Special Rate for four of \$7.75, and I would recommend that the Water be Extended provided the four Petitioners will agree to pay the Special Rate.

The Extension East from Preston Street will be 235 feet. The estimated cost is

Pipe	\$141 00
1 6-inch valve	20 00
25 lbs. lead	1 00
Excavation and pipe laying	258 50
3 service pipes, \$25.00	75 00
	\$495 50

One Resident in this block did not sign the Petition ; he will be liable for \$4.00 water tax, leaving a balance of \$20.78 to be paid by the other two.

I would recommend that the Extension be made, provided they will agree to pay the Special Rate, and that the Rate be fixed for the present at \$10.39.

Respectfully submitted

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

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's Report re Street Lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 20th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I beg to return herewith six Petitions for Electric Street Lights. There was also a Petition last year for a light which was not granted. The location of the Lights asked for are as follows:—

- Corner of Black Street and Maynard Street
- “ Hunter “ Charles “
- “ Willow “ Clifton “

Lights for all the streets in Merklesfield.

Corner of Maitland and Gerrish Streets.

“ Queen “ Dundonald Streets.

Light South Street at or below Church Street.

There is money enough in the appropriation to put in two more Lights ; but it is difficult to select the two locations which are most necessary. I therefore submit the matter to the Council, for their decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that a Light be placed at the corner of Clifton and Willow Streets. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that a Light be placed at the corner of Black and Maynard Streets. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that a Light be placed on the top of Camp Hill.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that a Light be placed on Agricola Street Extension. On the vote being taken, there appeared, for

For Camp Hill.

Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,
Campbell, Redden,
Butler, Mitchell,
Lane, Hubley,
Ryan -- 9

For Agricola Street.

Aldermen O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Martin, Creighton,
Mosher, Hawkins -- 6

The Mayor declares the Resolution to place a Light on Camp Hill passed.

A motion of Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Musgrave, to place a Light on South Street between Robie and South Park Street was lost.

Read Report of the Library Committee recommending the payment of an account of C. D. Cazenove & son (£41. 16s. 11d.) for Books supplied the Library.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JUNE 20th, 1899.

At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day, present the Chairman, Aldermen Creighton, Redden and Rogers, the accompanying bill from C. D. Cazenove & Son for Books was presented, and being found correct, is recommended for payment.

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

On motion of Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Campbell, said Report is adopted.

Read Letters (?) from T. H. Grosse, Officer in Charge of Works at H. M. Naval Yard, relative to a New Main and Hydrant at the Dockyard.

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

Read Letter from H. Seymour Hall, Acting Secretary of the Naval Commander-in-Chief N. A. and W. I. Station, relative to the co-operation of H. M. Ships present in Halifax on the 21st June.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said Letter be acknowledged and the thanks of this Council tendered to His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford for his kind offer. Motion passed.

Read Letter from John J. Power complaining of the Unsanitary Condition of the House occupied by him at 264 Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the same be referred to the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Read Petition of Mutual Real Estate Company and others for a Sewer in Edward Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read Letter from the City Treasurer covering a Letter from Dominion Publishing Company re Order for Book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean."

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

Read Letter from the Royal Canadian Humane Association re Life Saving Posters.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Baths. Motion passed.

Read Letter from His Honor the Recorder in re Mrs. Hales' Claim for right-of-way.

IN RE MRS. HALES' CLAIM FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY.

HALIFAX, N. S., JUNE 19TH, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—Mrs Hales claims a right-of-way between her property and the property sold by the City to one Young, and asks for information as to how the City can sell what does not belong to them.

The City expropriated certain property on Lockman Street, and the property occupied by Mr. Young was sold to him by the City, the City conveying only whatever rights they had, and only giving a Quick Claim Deed, and not in any way warranting the title to it. The City has never given a Warranty Deed since I have been Recorder, it being a public body. I cannot understand why Mrs. Hales should apply to the City to right her grievance, if she has any. If she has any rights or claim to the right-of-way, she must settle that with Mr. Young, and the City cannot interfere between two persons claiming the same property.

The real object of Mrs. Hales' letter is to obtain the opinion of the Recorder as to whether she has any claim, which, under the circumstances, it would be improper to advise her upon.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said Letter be filed, and a copy of same forwarded to Mrs. Hales.

Read Letter from E. W. Dodwell, Resident Engineer, and Inspector of Public Buildings, N. S., relative to the laying of an Asphalt or Concrete Sidewalk round the New Drill Shed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the receipt of said Letter be acknowledged and Mr. Dodwell informed that the City Council cannot consider the question of contributing towards the construction of an Asphalt or Concrete Sidewalk around the New Drill Shed. Motion passed.

Read Letter from R. L. Borden, Esq., M. P. relative to the Government of Canada contributing an annual sum towards the revenues of the City for Water Supply, Fire Protection, &c., and also as to the Provincial and Imperial Governments contributing in like manner -- covering a copy of a Petition from the Municipal Corporation of the City of Ottawa to His Excellency the Governor-General (in Council) for such assistance.

HALIFAX, N. S., 19th JUNE, 1899.

James T. Hamilton, Esq., Mayor, Halifax.

DEAR SIR,

The enclosed Printed Circular shows the grounds upon which the City of Ottawa is asking the Government of Canada to contribute an annual sum towards the revenues of that City. This document may be of interest to the Governing Body of our City in case it should be thought best to make an application to the Provincial Government, the Government of Canada or the Imperial Government for an annual contribution, towards the expenses of the City Government and of the Water Supply, Fire Protection, &c.

Yours truly,

R. L. BORDEN.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL (IN COUNCIL.)

The Petition of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Ottawa humbly sheweth :

1. That the Municipality of the City of Ottawa has from time to time incurred obligations and made large expenditures on public works and municipal improvements for the protection, safety and convenience of the public and for the protection and security of the property of the Citizens as well as the public property situated in the City.

2. That the power of the City Corporation to raise a revenue for its necessities as a Municipality is limited by statute, and that limit is now and has been reached for some time.

3. That the revenue so raised and economically expended is entirely inadequate to the needs of the City, as the seat of the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

4. That the real property of the Dominion Government situated within the City and exempt from taxation would, if liable for the same, be valued at the sum of \$14,000,000, and the personal property of the Civil Service at not less than \$1,000,000. These amounts at City rates would yield to the Municipality annually for School and Municipal Purposes a revenue of \$300,000.

5. That while the City, in recognition of the fact of its being the Capital of the Dominion and desirous on that account of making it as attractive and healthy as possible, has from time to time expended large sums upon works of a purely municipal character, and is now constructing a main trunk sewer, the cost of which will be \$425,000, it has not confined its expenditure to these alone. The following bridges were built by it at the cost mentioned viz:—

Chaudiere Bridges over the Slides.....	\$45,000
Dufferin Bridge over Rideau Canal.....	90,000
Pooley's Bridge Bye-wash at Chaudiere.....	18,000
Maria Street Bridge over Canal.....	10,000

In conformity with the prevailing custom these should have been built by the Government.

On the original conversion and laying out of Major's Hill Park it expended.....

It further handed over a strip of land 8 feet in width on the north side of Wellington street, extending from Bank street to the Canal, for the purpose of improving the general appearance of Parliament Square. At a moderate valuation this land was worth... ..	25,000
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Making a total of..... \$223,000
for which the City has received no compensation whatever.

6. That the City has, during the past two years, incurred an expenditure of over \$130,000 for the purpose of improving its fire appliances and water supply, largely for the better and more efficient protection of Government property. This forms an addition to its debenture debt and over and above the charge, amounting to \$6,827 upon the Civic revenue thereby caused, it will entail an additional outlay of at least \$20,000 for maintenance. An example of the character of the improv-

ments is a 8-inch water main on Mackenzie Avenue from Rideau to St. Patrick street, chiefly for the protection of the Printing Bureau.

7. The Government contributes nothing towards the expenses of Civic government.

8. That the amount received by the City for water supply to the Parliament and Departmental Buildings, Rideau Hall, Langevin Block, Major's Hill Park, Printing Bureau and all other property owned by it throughout the City is only \$14,500 per annum, while for supplying water to the Experimental Farm for irrigation purposes, watering of stock and household supply, it has received only about \$200 per annum, a smaller sum than is paid by many of our Citizens for domestic purposes alone.

9. That if Government property contributed at regular rates for above supply it would be entitled to pay about \$45,000 per annum, exclusive of the Experimental Farm.

10. That your petitioners find that in Great Britain and the Colonies and in France as well, large contributions are regularly and systematically made by the Government towards the expenses of Municipal Government.

A summary of the information on this subject obtained from authentic sources is submitted as under:

GREAT BRITAIN.

London—Government contributes annually towards the maintenance of the Fire Brigade \$50,000, and towards Industrial Schools \$43,000. It pays City rates upon all its property, upon an assessment decided upon by the Government Valuator. *inter alia*, the Houses of Parliament, with their five miles of corridors, the Stationery Office, Wellington Barracks, Cavalry Barracks, Knightsbridge, Colonial and other offices in Parliament Street, etc., etc. It also pays the City the receipts from Local Taxation Licenses—the estate duty and the beer and spirit duties. From these receipts the Council is required to pay certain sums for the following purposes, viz.: Teachers, Poor Law Schools, Public Vaccinators, Registration of Births and Deaths, Pauper Lunatics, Poor Law Medical Officers, Metropolitan Police, and £150,000 in aid of the Police Superannuation Fund.

Edinburgh—Government gives a contribution in lieu of rates. Last year, on a rental of \$100,000 it paid to the City \$11,566.80.

Dublin—Government contributes annually an amount equal to what it would pay if rated like other property.

It pays for Water Supply at a fixed rate 100 gallons.

It maintains the Police Force.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

City of Adelaide—Government here collects all License Fees, such as Hotels, Auctioneers, etc., and pays to the Municipality five shillings on the £ on all expenditures on Streets, Bridges and Jetties.

It also maintains the Police, but charges a portion of their up-keep to the City. (This charge, however, is now being tested in Court as being *ultra vires*.)

NEW ZEALAND.

City of Wellington—Government pays annually \$2,250 in lieu of taxes.

It also maintains the Police Force.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Town of Sydney—Government pays taxes on all its property except that used for Railway purposes. It controls the Parks and Police, and contributes one-third towards the maintenance of the Fire Brigade.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Cape Town—Government contributes to the rates in respect of all Government buildings, with the exception of the Houses of Parliament and the Railway buildings, and such buildings are duly rated for this purpose.

It also pays over half the cost of Police maintenance and contributes annually £2,500 towards the protection of Government buildings from Fire. It also aids in maintaining the Public Gardens.

FRANCE.

Paris—With respect to the City of Paris, Mons. Fabre writes :

1. Government property pays no taxes, but Government contributes four million of francs annually towards the maintenance of certain Streets called "National Roads."
2. Certain of the Parks is maintained by the Government entirely, such as the Tuilleries, the Luxemburg, Palais Royal Square and others.
3. The Police are maintained by the State. The only expense borne by the City in connection with it is the furnishing an office and residence for the Chief.
4. The Barracks and Stations of the Fire Brigade are furnished by the Government,

UNITED STATES.

One half of the expense of municipal government in the District of Washington is borne by the Government.

That in view of the facts as above set forth, viz. :

1. The inadequacy of the Civic Revenue to meet the requirements of the City as the Capital of the Dominion.
2. The lack of any contribution from the Government in respect to the large amount of public property situated within the City.
3. The utterly inadequate amount paid for Water Supply, and
4. The practice in Great Britain and the Colonies and also in France and the United States to contribute liberally and systematically towards the expenses of Municipal Government, etc.

Your petitioners beg respectfully to represent that they are entitled to and should receive from the Dominion some assistance adequate to the value of the services rendered, and would respectfully represent that such assistance should be in the form of a fixed Annual Grant, in return for which the City will undertake to furnish an adequate Water Supply and provide efficient Fire Protection to all Government property, and such other services as may be agreed on.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.
October, 1897.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said Letter be placed on the Order of the Day and that the Ottawa Petition be printed in the Council Minutes. Motion passed.

Read Letter from Ellen Lewin relative to the payment of the Amount granted her by the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the Resolution relative to this matter passed by this Council on the 10th May last be adhered to and that the action of the Mayor thereon be sustained. Motion passed.

Read Resolution passed at a meeting of Residents of the Western suburbs relative to the Extension of certain Streets.

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

Read City Collector's Returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of May. Filed.

Read Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on Letter of

Measurers of Salt and Grain relative to the measuring of Salt, covering a draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to the weighing and measurement of Salt and fixing the rates thereof." Also on request of His Honor the Recorder to be relieved from the responsibility of taking action under the Building Act without first receiving instructions by resolution of Council. Placed on Order Paper.

Alderman Hawkins submits a Letter received from W. F. Reilly, Clerk of Works, relative to an Amount of (\$10.00) ten dollars retained by His Honor the Recorder as his expenses in re collection of arrears of rent from Mr. W. B. Slack. Also questions as to amounts retained by other Civic Officials.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 10TH, 1899.

Alderman Hawkins:

SIR,— In accordance with instructions from His Worship the Mayor, you leave memo. of information asked for this morning, with reference to amount (\$10.00) retained by His Honor the Recorder, as his expenses in re collection of arrears of rent from Mr. W. B. Slack.

Yours respectfully,

WM. F. REILLY, *Clerk of Works.*

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Dec. 12th, 1898

Blotter Entry, p. 194.

"6 months rent of premises No. 151 Lockman St. at \$12.50 per month, less \$10.00 retained by the Recorder, for expenses, \$65.00."

A note for \$75.00 for balance was given at the time of paying me the above amount.

W. F. R.

Following are the questions submitted by Alderman Hawkins..

1st. What were the expenses for which \$10.00 was retained by the Recorder.

2nd. What amount or amounts has been retained or deducted from Collections made by the Recorder or any other Civic Official during the last civic year.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Honor the Recorder be directed to give an explanation, in writing, of the matter at the next meeting of the Council, and the Mayor be requested to obtain the other information asked for. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of amendment proposing an outlet for Young Avenue Sewer by way of Blind and Inglis Streets.

His Honor the Recorder on being asked says this notice of reconsideration is not in order.

Said item is struck from the Order Paper.

Read No. 2, viz: Alderman Chisholm's notice of reconsideration of Resolution adopting Report of City Engineer re Young Avenue Sewer Outlet.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said matter be now reconsidered.

On the vote being taken, there appeared:

For reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Mitchell, Menger, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Mosher, Hawkins -- 9	Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Ryan, Lane, Hubley, Campbell, Butler, Creighton -- 9

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of reconsideration and declares the motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the matter be left to the Department of City Works and the City Engineer to report upon.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Sewer be carried down Atlantic Street to Pleasant Street to connect with the outlet at the Esplanade.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Report of the City Engineer be adopted.

The following Resolution is moved by Alderman Geldert, and seconded by Alderman Chisholm:-

Resolved, That the land between Atlantic Street and Pleasant Street necessary for the Extension of the Sewer on Atlantic Street to Pleasant Street be expropriated, and that the Sewer be carried to Pleasant Street and discharged at the foot of Atlantic Street or carried north to the Esplanade and discharged there, as the Engineer may consider most expedient.

This last resolution on being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Mosher, Rogers, Martin, Hawkins, -- 7	Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Ryan, Campbell, Butler, Mitchell, Lane, Menger, Hubley, Creighton -- 11

The following resolution is now introduced:-

Resolved, That the Report of the City Engineer be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Sewer be carried from Atlantic Street by South Bland Street to Inglis Street. Said amendment is put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the completion of the Sewer be left to the Department of City Works to deal with. Said amendment being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 11 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:-

<p><i>For the amendment.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Geldert, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Mosher, Hawkins -- 7</p>	<p><i>Against it.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Ryan, Campbell, Butler, Mitchell, Lane, Menger, Hubley, Creighton -- 11</p>
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The motion to adopt the report of the City Engineer is now put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared:-

<p><i>For the motion.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Ryan, Campbell, Butler, Lane, Menger, Hubley, Creighton, Redden -- 10</p>	<p><i>Against it.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Geldert, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Mosher, Hawkins -- 8</p>
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Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

Following:-

1. To deal with the charge preferred by His Worship the Mayor against Alderman Hubley at a meeting of the Council held on the 5th day of June, 1899, of making misstatements to the Council.

2. To deal with the charge preferred by His Worship the Mayor against Alderman Redden at a meeting of the Council held on the 5th day of June, 1899, of being "The head of a gang of hoodlums who have threatened the City long enough."

3. To deal with the construction of Edward St. Sewer

Also to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

Read, disapproved by His Worship the Mayor and the Council.

Resolved, that the Report of the City Engineer on the 5th day of June, 1899, be adopted.

Resolved, that the Report of the City Engineer on the 5th day of June, 1899, be adopted.

To the City Council of the City of Toronto.

Gentlemen:-In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Council on the 15th day of June, 1899, I have the honor to inform you that the Report of the City Engineer on the 5th day of June, 1899, has been adopted by the Council. I have also the honor to inform you that the Report of the City Engineer on the 5th day of June, 1899, has been adopted by the Council. I have also the honor to inform you that the Report of the City Engineer on the 5th day of June, 1899, has been adopted by the Council.

Alderman Faulkner asks for the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the effect of the Mayor's vote on said Resolution.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JULY 7TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Faulkner, Redden, Musgrave and Hubley.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Butler, Campbell, Menger, Lane, O'Donnell, Rogers, Martin, Chisholm and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned for the consideration of the matters following:—

1. To deal with the charge preferred by His Worship the Mayor against Alderman Hubley at a meeting of the Council held the 5th day of June, 1899, of making misstatements to the Council.

2. To deal with the charge preferred by His Worship the Mayor against Alderman Redden at a meeting of the Council held on the 20th June, 1899, of being "The head of a gang of boodlers who had been running the City long enough."

3. To deal with the construction of Edward St. Sewer.

Also to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and approved.

Read disapproval by His Worship the Mayor of the Resolution passed by the City Council on the 5th day of June last past adopting the Report of the City Engineer in re Young Avenue Sewer Outlet.

7TH JULY, 1899.

To the City Council of the City of Halifax:

Gentlemen,—In accordance with section No. 104 of the City Charter, I hereby signify my disapproval of the Resolution passed by the City Council on the fifth day of June, last past, adopting the Report of the City Engineer in re Young Avenue Sewer Outlet for the reason that I believe a Sewer that will well and thoroughly drain Young Avenue can be constructed for a lesser amount than the figure named by the City Engineer in his Report as the probable cost of building the Sewer in question.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*

Alderman Faulkner asks for the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the effect of the Mayor's veto on said Resolution.

His Honor the Recorder says he will at the next meeting of the Council submit his opinion in writing on the matter.

Alderman Faulkner submits a Report from the Committee on Tenders re Tenders for Printing Annual Report.

Alderman Butler submits a Report from the Charities Committee.

Alderman Mosher submits a Report from the City Prison Committee re Tenders for Clothing and Coal, also the Report for the month of June, covering accounts, &c.

Alderman Campbell submits the Annual Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year 1898-9.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

City Engineer's Report re Water and Sewer extension, Chebucto Road.

City Engineer's Report re opening of Allan, Lawrence and Duncan Streets.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder re Slack's rent.

Report from the Committee on Public Accounts re Accounts for payment, &c.

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

Read Report of the City Engineer re opening of Allan, Lawrence and Duncan Streets.

OPENING OF ALLAN, LAWRENCE AND DUNCAN STREETS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 7th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying Resolution of Council, I beg to report on the Petition attached hereto from a number of the Ratepayers of the district West of the Common asking for the opening of Allan, Lawrence and Duncan Streets, through the Riding Ground. (so called.)

These three Streets are opened from Windsor Street West some distance and have also been opened by the owners of the Riding Ground property and the field immediately East of it. There is, however, a piece of land in each Street about fifty or sixty feet wide, owned privately, which is fenced in, and prevents through traffic. On the Official Plan of this section of the City, which is now being copied and will shortly be submitted for the approval of the Council, we have laid down these Streets to run from Windsor Street to Harvard Street, and in any case they would be opened at some time in the future. That portion of the Streets in the Riding Ground property and the field East of it will not cost the City anything for land, and the Council is not asked to take it over at present. If the three small pieces of land above mentioned were acquired the benefit from the expenditure would reach a large number of Taxpayers. The land on Allan and Lawrence Street is owned by James F. Corston. That on Duncan Street is owned by J. D. Manuel. Mr. Corston's property can be purchased for \$200.00 and Mr. Manuel's for \$65.00. In several instances in the past money for similar purchases or improvements has been taken from the Street Appropriation. The City Charter provides that the amount taxed for Streets shall be for the "making, repair or improvement" of the Streets and while there may or may not be a question as to the legality of taking this money from the Street Service, it has been customary for the Council to do so when the appropriation could afford it.

The improvement asked for is a desirable one and the price asked for the property is, in my opinion, reasonable. I would therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's Report re Water and Sewer extension, Chebucto Road Placed on Order of the Day.

Read Report of the Charities Committee for the month of June.

JULY 5TH, 1899.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report:—
Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$1828.93 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Superintendent's Report for June shows that there had been 21 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 4 born, 13 discharged and 6 died. Total number of inmates June 30th, 327, made up of 186 men, 133 women and 8 children.

Tenders for roofing Poor's Asylum were received from the following:—

Power & Co., \$3.93 per square; James D. Beckham, \$3.85 per square; Wm. McFtridge, \$3.80 per square.

Macdonald & Co. declined to tender, owing to press of work and lack of time. The tender of Wm. McFtridge, being the lowest, was accepted.

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

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

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

Read Report of the Committee on Tenders re Tenders for Printing Annual Civic Report.

JULY 7TH, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Special Committee on Publication of the Annual Civic Report beg to report that at a meeting held this evening they opened tenders for printing the Annual Report, 1898-9, and recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Company at \$6.32 per form of 8 pages, it being the lowest.

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said Report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Report of the Committee on Public Accounts relative to the payment of sundry accounts.

JUNE 23RD, 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 letter of the Clerk of City Works covering a number of unpaid accounts due on last year's account. The total amount of these bills is \$168.94, the greater portion of which (\$132.65) is chargeable to City Property and \$23.63 claimed by Wm. Roche on an account which the

City Engineer declines to certify. The amount to credit of City Property is only \$3.88. Your Committee find that the dispute with Mr. Roche arose through his contracting to supply at a certain figure a quantity of coal approximately specified and afterwards rendering the above named bill based on a higher scale of prices than the Contract on the ground that the City had not purchased the quantity contracted for but had instead purchased coke from other parties.

Your Committee consider that Mr. Roche is entitled to the retail prices current at the time the coal was delivered and recommend that the account be paid.

With respect to the other accounts, your Committee recommend that they be paid out of the several appropriations to which they are properly chargeable where there are funds with which to pay them and that those chargeable to appropriations which have become exhausted be laid over till a fund is provided out of which they can be paid.

It is recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay over the City's proportion of the Exhibition deficit of 1898—\$3,984.78—out of current funds thereby saving to the City interest at the rate of 2 p. c. and that the matter of refunding the same be adjusted in connection with the next City Estimates.

The account of the Dominion Publishing Company, \$300.00 for subscription to book "Canada from Ocean to Ocean" is recommended for payment out of the available funds.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

PRINTING AND STATIONERY, 1898-9.

Citizens' Free Library, book binding and repairs for several departments, 3.75 and \$3.00, \$6.75; Morning Herald Advertising, April, \$12.00; do Printing Minutes of Council, &c., Sept. 20th to April 30th, 86 89. Total \$105.64.

CONSOL'S PREMIUM AND PRINTING AND STATIONERY ACCOUNTS, 1899-1900.

Morning Herald, Advertising for May, \$91.62 & \$26.12, \$117.74. Recorder, Advertising for May, \$103.70; A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, &c, for May, for City Clerk. \$2.00; City Collector, .41; City Auditor, \$1.23; City Treasurer, \$1.31; City Assessor, \$2.79 : \$7.75. Total, \$229.19.

Your Committee recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to notify all City Officials to curtail as much as possible the length of advertisements and the number of insertions in the newspapers in order to avoid in the future the large expenditure for this service noticeable in the accounts for May.

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

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

Read Annual Report of Board of Fire Commissioners for the Civic year 1898-9.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Passed.

Read Reports (2) from the City Prison Committee re Tenders for Coal and Clothing and recommending sundry accounts for payment :

JUNE 23RD, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day they opened tenders for various services for the Prison and recommend the acceptance of the following offers :—

R. Bauld & Co., 90 tons Sydney Coal delivered at Prison, \$3.49 per ton. Wm. Foche, 10 tons stove and 5 tons nut hard coal delivered at wharf or store, \$4.55 per ton. All coal 2240 lbs. per ton.

Clayton & Sons, double breasted blue serge uniform suits for Underkeepers City Prison, \$9 50 per suit.

An account of J. E. Murphy for \$28.55 for carriage work chargeable to Appropriation 1898-9 is recommended for payment.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

JULY 4TH, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts:—

W. J. Power, Dry Goods, \$13.08; Wm. Roche, Coal, \$2.54; J. L. Archibald, Groceries, \$51.60; J. A. Leaman & Co., Ox heads, \$5.58; Gunn & Co., Meal, &c., \$8.00; Farquhar Bros., Pails, &c., \$1.20; W. B. Arthur & Co., Hardware, \$4.71. Total \$86 71.

The returns for the month of June by the Governor and Matron are submitted herewith.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

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

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

Read Report of His Honor the Recorder re Slack's rent, covering a Letter from Ex-Mayor Stephen on the subject.

On motion of Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, the same is placed on Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Hawkins to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Whereas, The accommodation at the Poor's Asylum is overtaxed and the Superintendent has complained of the enforced idleness of a number of the inmates capable of work for want of suitable employment and loss of income due to doing away with certain employments on account of want of space.

Whereas, it is desirable that inmates of the Poor's Asylum capable of work should be given employment.

Whereas, It is apparent Rockhead has outgrown its usefulness under present conditions, the Governor's report showing such a falling off in commitments that the help is insufficient to carry on the necessary work of the institution and farm in an economical manner;

Whereas, If the Poor's Asylum and Rockhead were under one management the pressing need of space at the Poor's Asylum would be overcome and the labor wasted under existing conditions could be utilized in reclaiming the barren portions of Rockhead farm and open the way to employment that would be a source of income to the two institutions, and make them more self-supporting than they are at the present time;

Whereas, A large saving could be effected by amalgamating the management of the two institutions;

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to take into consideration the amalgamation of the management of the Poor's Asylum and Rockhead.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell.

On motion the same is referred to the Committee on Charities for report.

Alderman Geldert, by leave of Council, submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the City Clerk communicate with Board of Pilot Commissioners and ask to be informed whether there is at present a vacancy on that board.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, that the City Clerk be requested to make returns to the Council giving the number of persons convicted in the Police Court, the amount of fines imposed on each, the number of persons released, and by whose order since 1st May.

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

Alderman Hubley rises to a question of privilege in re charges made by the Mayor against him (Alderman Hubley) at a meeting of the Council held the fifth day of June, last past, of making misstatements to the Council, (the same being No. 1 on the notices calling the Council meeting) Alderman Hubley quotes from Minutes of the City Council and from Press reports re Young Avenue and calls upon the Mayor to apologize to himself (Alderman Hubley) and to the Council for saying that he had misstated the matter (meaning matter in connection with the Young Avenue Sewer.)

His Worship the Mayor reads the second item of business on the notices calling the meeting, viz: "To deal with the charge preferred by His Worship the Mayor against Alderman Redden at a meeting held on the 20th June, 1899, of being "The head of a gang of boodlers who had been running the City long enough."

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Whereas, at a meeting of this Council held on the 20th June, 1899, the Mayor of the City, speaking from the Chair, charged Alderman Redden, a member of this Council, with being "The head of a gang of boodlers who had been running the City long enough."

And whereas, such a statement so made is not only a charge of a corrupt use of his official position against the Alderman named, but implies that other members of this Council are also guilty in the same way;

And Whereas, such a statement reflects most serious discredit not only upon this Council, but upon the whole City inasmuch as it is a direct and public charge by the Chief Executive of the City that corruption exists in the management of the City's business;

Therefore resolved, that this Council is of opinion that the public interests and the good name both of the Council and the whole City requires that the Mayor should—

(1) Name the persons, whether members of the Council or not, who compose the "gang of boodlers" of which Alderman Redden is stated by him to be the head.

(2) Should specify in what respects "boodling" is or has been carried on by such "gang" and

(3) That upon the persons implicated being so named and the particulars furnished the Governor-in-Council be requested to appoint a Commission by which such charges can be thoroughly investigated.

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

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

Whereas, at a meeting of the Council held June 5th His Worship the Mayor stated that undue haste and poor judgment was exercised in building the Young Avenue Sewer and that the Ward House should never have been removed;

And Whereas, His Worship denied that he was the mover of the Resolution to have the Ward House removed from said Avenue;

And Whereas, it has been shown to the Council that His Worship Mayor Hamilton did move the Resolution to remove the Ward House, and in compliance with his Resolution the Laws and Privileges Committee recommend that permission be asked the Legislature for power to borrow money to put in Sewers and Water and to regulate the style of houses erected thereon and for what purposes they can be used.

And Whereas, when Alderman Hubley charged the Mayor with being the prime mover of the Resolution he (the Mayor) stated that Alderman Hubley was making misstatements and not sticking to the truth;

And Whereas, His Worship has been asked to apologize to the Council and to Alderman Hubley for the statements made by him, and he has refused to do so;

Therefore Resolved, that this Council wishes to place on record its disapproval of the Mayor's actions and their want of confidence in the Mayor's veracity;

And Further Resolved, that the Council is of opinion that the interests of the City would be better served if His Worship would resign his position as Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor replies to Alderman Hubley and quotes from the Minutes of the Council relative to Young Avenue Sewer and Water construction and to the Ward property, maintaining that the position he has taken in respect to this matter at the meeting held 5th June, last past, was not controverted by the statements made by Alderman Hubley, nor by the extracts he, (Alderman Hubley) had read to the Council.

Replying to Alderman Redden, His Worship says that at the last meeting of the Council he had been annoyed by Alderman Redden refusing to come to order when called upon and he then made a remark to which Alderman Redden had taken exception. He had not intended the remark in the spirit in which Alderman Redden had accepted it and was sorry that it had given offence to a gentleman with whom he had been for many years on the most intimate and friendly terms.

Alderman Redden rises and states that he is perfectly satisfied with His Worship's explanation.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

AUGUST 1ST, 1899.

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

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

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Alderman Geldert, Campbell, Lane, O'Donnell, Chisholm and Hawkins.

There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

AUGUST 15TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

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

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Campbell, Menger, Lane, Hubley, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Hawkins and Creighton.

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.

Aldermen Hubley, Acting Chairman, submits a Report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

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

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

Alderman Martin, Acting Chairman, submits a Report from the City Prison Committee,

Alderman Creighton submits a Petition for water extension Roome, Acadia and Mulgrave Streets.

Alderman Hawkins submits a Petition from Residents of Merkelsfield in re dog tax.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Reports George P. Henry re Milk Tests and also as to shortage in weight of provisions sold.

Opinions of His Honor the Recorder re Queen's Wharf Sewer, re S. M. Brookfield's claim in connection with the Park Lodge re Sidewalk St. Paul Street, and also re Young Avenue Sewer.

Seven reports from the City Engineer, viz:—

Re Grading Wellington Street and purchase of lots.

Sewer extension North and Windsor Streets.

Fire Hydrant at Dock Yard.

Widening Upper Water Street.

Water Extension Owen Street.

Domestic Hydrant, Duffus and Gottingen Streets.

Oil Station Siding.

Report Special Committee re Tenders for lots Lockman Street.

Petition of Edwin Gilpin for a sewer on Union Street.

Account from the Registrar of Deeds.

Letter from City Clerk, re release of Prisoners.

Letter from Secretary Board Pilot Commissioners re absence from the meetings of the Board by W. A. Black.

Application of W. A. Black for re-appointment as Pilot Commissioner.

Letter W. B. Freeman relative to his Water Rates.

Letter from Catherine E. Sullivan, re overpayment of taxes made by her.

Letter from C. A. Creighton, re obstruction on Roast's Lane.

Letter C. E. Dodwell, re Granite Curbing around new Drill Hall.

Report Library Committee re Accounts.

Report Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months May, June and July.

Petition Halifax Curling Club for Water Extension South Bland Street.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the months of June and July.

City Collector's Returns Rates and Water Rates for the month of June.

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

Read Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges recommending the adoption of a draft ordinance prepared by His Honor the Recorder in re Hawkers and Pedlers,

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, August 14th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have examined the Ordinance in respect to Hawkers, Pedlars, etc., prepared by His Honor the Recorder and recommend its adoption as amended by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Acting Chairman.*

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

The draft Ordinance relative to Hawkers is now read a first time.

On motion said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Read City Auditor's Annual Report for the civic year 1898-9.

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

Read Report of George P. Henry re necessity for a milk test.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the same be referred to the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Read Report of George P. Henry in re shortage in weight of butter and bread for sale in certain stores.

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

Read Report of Board of Fire Wardens and Fire Commissioners on various matters, covering a report of Chief Connolly relative to defective chimneys, the accumulation of rubbish in cellars, &c.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That 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 Musgrave, and passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council move for a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners of all appointments to and dismissals from the Department since June last.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that a copy of the Chief's report be forwarded to the Inspector of Buildings for report. Motion passed.

Read Report of the City Prison Committee recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 15th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts:—George Rent, \$4.03; Leaman & Co.,

\$5.40; H. H. Fuller & Co., \$4.96; J. A. Bowse, \$3.13; A. Fordham, \$8.71; Scanlan & Son, \$5.48; A. Frizzell, \$4.75; E. Morrison & Co., \$45.00; Clayton & Sons, \$47.50; W. C. Anderson, \$4.15. Total, \$133.11.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. MARTIN, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read Report from the Committee on Public Accounts re Accounts for payment, and also on a letter from the City Treasurer relative to a shortage in last City Loan floated at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 15th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz.:—Acadian Recorder, Subscription, 1899, \$5.00; Advertising, June, \$11.30; Morning Chronicle, Advertising, November, \$2.08; T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and Blank Books, Treasurer, May, \$6.50; Collector, May, \$6.28; City Clerk, May and June, \$17.50; Police, June, \$4.26; Assessor, June, \$17.64; A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, etc.; Collector, June, \$3.77; July, \$3.57; Assessor, June, 60 cents; City Clerk, June, \$3.85; Stipendiary Magistrate, \$1.33; Treasurer, \$4.20; Morning Herald, Advertising, July, \$2.90; Printing Minutes and Order of the Day, May and June, \$22.29 Total, \$113.07.

The committee also had before them a letter from the City Treasurer, in reference to a shortage of \$1,529.39, in the amount received from the last loan which was floated at 98.5133 per cent. Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer's suggestion to take the amount from Consols Premium Account, be adopted by the Council. The City Treasurer's letter is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, N. S., July 26th, 1899.

ALDERMAN FAULKNER, *Chairman, Com. Public Accounts:*

Sir,—When the last City loan was floated, it realized, as you know only 98.5133 per cent. (for debentures amounting to \$67,000, only \$66,003.91 was received). Owing to this and to the fact that the amount borrowed from the Merchants' Bank had to be repaid in full a shortage has occurred amounting to \$1,529.39, as will be seen from statement attached.

The Sinking Fund of 1896 has been increased at various times by the sum of \$12,500 taken from premiums on previous loans (resolution of City Council June 29, 1897), and it appears to me that it would be equitable to make up the present deficiency by withdrawing the sum required from the Sinking Fund. Should the Committee not deem it expedient to take any money from the fund, the amount will have to be included in our next loan or be taken from Unexpended Balances.

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Received \$67,000 at 98,5133	\$ 66003 91
Paid Merchants' Bank	52756 30
	13247 61
Balance Available	\$ 13247 61
Due Water Department \$10,000	9851 33
Due Dock Subsidy \$5,000	4925 67
	\$14777 00
Amount Available	13247 61
	\$1529 39
Deficiency	\$1529 39

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder. in re S. M. Brookfield's claim in connection with the Park Lodge.

IN RE S. M. BROOKFIELD'S CLAIM.

August 15th, 1899.

Mr. Brookfield entered into a contract with the Park Commissioners to erect the building known as the "lodge" of a certain class of stone in a specification signed by him.

It appears that this building was to be built of blue iron stone from Mr. Keefe's quarry, North West Arm, which was to be of the best quality, and that stone was to be used for the copings and chimneys. Mr. Brookfield asserts that the Architect represented that this stone could be easily worked; he also asserts that the Architect selected the stone and had it placed on the Government wharf at North West Arm, and that he paid for the stone as he was bound to do in his contract, and used the same in the building, that entailing a great deal extra labor and cost, and that he was forced to use free stone in the copings and chimneys instead of the iron stone which also entailed additional cost.

After the building was commenced Mr. Brookfield called the attention of the Architect to the stone, when the latter informed him that he had got the wrong stone, but instead of refusing to go on with the Contract and use that stone, or making some arrangement with the Commissioners whereby they would pay any additional costs that he may be put to, nothing ever was said, but he continued to build and did build the building of free stone without ever notifying the Commissioners of the mistake.

After the building had been completed for some time, Mr. Brookfield made a claim for the additional expenses, and strange to say the Architect gave him a certificate that \$1,000 would be a fair amount for the extra work done, and this is the amount that Mr. Brookfield claims. It is difficult to understand that while no arrangement whatever was made by the Commissioners or the Architect for any extra charge or that there was no agreement whatever that Mr. Brookfield should not be paid for the extra labor, and why the Architect should give this certificate for the contract. All extra work was to be ordered by the Commissioners, and they never ordered any. I am of the opinion that the City is not liable for any extra cost entailed by additional labor and stone on the building; I am also of opinion that the City is not liable for the free stone put into the building instead of the iron stone copings. There may be a moral claim for this latter, but legally he has none.

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park. Motion passed.

Read Report of City Engineer, re Grading Wellington Street and purchase of lots.

GRADING WELLINGTON STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 29th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—A few years ago a sewer was constructed in Wellington Street and a portion of the work of grading performed. There is a double house on the East side, the foundation of which is about twenty-five feet above the street and near the street line. It is impossible to finish the grading of the street without injury to the building, and the present condition of the street is injurious to the interests of every property owner in Wellington street. The material at this point is very valuable for street purposes and has been used from one end of the City to the other for binding macadamized streets. The crusher was not operated last Winter, and we have no screenings for this purpose. Suitable material can be obtained in a few places only in the City. Enquiries have been made to ascertain the price for which this property could be acquired. The cost would be about sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars, and an assurance has been obtained from the property owners that it will be transferred to the City for that amount. If the property is purchased by the City, we would propose to cut the street down to grade and also to excavate the material on the whole property, as it is required for street purposes, which would give us a gravel pit for several years, after which the lots should be worth the full value paid for them. If the property is not purchased the street cannot be graded, or if graded the amount of damage done must be paid to the property owner.

Under these circumstances, I would strongly recommend the purchase of the property from the Street Appropriation, the lots to be resold again as soon as the material is removed and the amount received paid back to the Street Appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's Report, re Sewer Extension North and Windsor Streets.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read City Engineer's Report re Fire Hydrant at Dockyard.

FIRE HYDRANT, DOCKYARD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 1st, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the letters attached hereto from F. H. Grose, Officer in charge of Works, H. M. Naval Yard. There has been considerable delay in reporting on this matter in consequence of the request that the City should lay the main and put in a new hydrant, charging only the usual rate of £20 per annum, which should cover the cost. We have been looking up the history of water supply to the War Department and to the Naval Yard, and find that it has not been customary for the City to pay for such work. The fire hydrants put in for the War Department are paid for by them and the usual rate per annum charged. The last time that hydrants were put in at the Naval Yard, as far as the foreman has been able to discover, was in 1866, when the cost was charged to the Department. I see no objection to the laying of the main asked for and the placing of a fire hydrant, provided the

Naval Department will pay the cost and agree to pay the annual rate, and I would recommend that this work be done, provided they agree to these conditions.

With reference to the complaint that the hydrant valve at No. 3 Wharf used for supplying the ships was in bad condition, the agreement under which water is supplied provides that all fittings, and fixtures, except fire hydrants, are to be kept in good condition and repair, free from leakage and waste by the Naval Authorities free of cost to the City, and to the approval of the City Engineer. Under these conditions, the work must be done by the Naval Authorities, and not by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said report be adopted and that a copy of the same be sent to the Naval Authorities. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report in re Oil Station Siding, also read Agreement submitted therewith.

OIL STATION SIDING.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 1st, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir.—The accompanying petition asking for permission to construct a railway siding across Campbell Road at the old Lime Kiln on Bedford Basin, was referred to the Department of City Works and His Honor the Recorder to deal with. Under this resolution authority was obtained under Section 6 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1899, to grant permission for the Siding. The Act provides that a permit may be granted and the road diverted subject to such terms and conditions as shall be approved of by the Council upon the recommendation of the City Engineer. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I beg to submit a draft Agreement containing such terms and conditions as I consider necessary and advisable, and I beg to recommend it for the approval of the Council; and I further recommend that the City agree to the construction of the said Railway Siding and road diversion in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said Agreement, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. The draft Agreement has been revised and approved by His Honor the Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

Made and entered into this day of August, A. D., 1899, between the City of Halifax, hereinafter called "The City" of the First Part; and the Imperial Oil Company, hereinafter called "The Company" of the Second Part:

Witnesseth:—Whereas, The City is authorized by Section 6 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1899 to give permission to the Imperial Oil Company to build a railway siding across and along Campbell Road near their present warehouse at Africville (so-called), and to divert said road subject to such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the City Council upon the recommendation of the City Engineer;

And Whereas, The said Company has applied for permission to construct a siding and to divert said Campbell Road;

And Whereas, The City has agreed that the said railway siding may cross and run along and upon Campbell Road (a public street in the City of Halifax) as hereinafter described;

And Whereas, The City, by resolution of the City Council of the City of Halifax, dated the fifteenth day of August, 1899, has authorized the execution of these presents on behalf of the City;

Now therefore this Agreement Witnesseth, That the said Company in consideration of the terms and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, hereby undertakes and agrees to construct a railway siding for freight traffic as nearly as possible in accordance with the line shown colored red on the plan hereto annexed, and which line may be described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the Intercolonial Railway, main line, five hundred and ten feet (510), more or less, Southerly from the intersection of the prolongation of the South side line of the Imperial Oil Company's brick warehouse with the said main line; thence running Northerly across, along and upon Campbell Road by the various courses of the line colored red on the plan of the Northern boundary line of the said warehouse;

And the said Company further Agrees:—That, It will lay the Siding as nearly as possible to the grade of the said street;

That, It will keep that portion of the Siding within the roadway and sidewalks used by the public, covered with plank and in good repair, and that it will keep the roadway immediately adjoining the plank at all times on a level with the plank covering and in good repair;

That, The said freight Siding shall be operated only in connection with the business of the said Company and for no other purpose whatsoever:

That, The Company will use every endeavor to cause the operating of the said Siding to be done by skillful and careful men, and that it will not allow cars to obstruct the street, and that it will not conduct its operations in such a manner as to interfere with public traffic or endanger the public in any way;

That, The said Company shall take all proper and necessary steps during the time the said Siding and that portion of the railway running over said Campbell Road, shall be operated to protect the citizens and their property from all danger, accidents and damages:

And the said Company hereby Undertakes and Agrees, To indemnify and hold harmless the City of Halifax from and against any and all claims, costs, damages, charges and demands of every kind and nature, and under which any and all persons may recover for or by reason of or arising from or consequential upon or affected by the construction, existence, maintenance or operation of the said Railway Siding, all of which claims, charges, indemnities and demands the said Company hereby undertakes to fully discharge and satisfy;

That, The said Company will keep the Siding, crossing and rip rap face of dump in good repair and condition;

That, The said Company will give a deed to the City of the land necessary to divert the road as shown on the plan hereto annexed;

That, The Company will construct the road diversion and hand it over to the City in good repair;

That, All work provided for in this Agreement to be done by the Company shall be performed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and that all repairs considered necessary by the said Engineer shall be performed by the Company without delay on receipt of notice in writing from the said Engineer, and subject to his approval;

And the Company hereby further Agrees, That if at any time it fails to observe and perform all the terms and stipulations herein contained to be by it observed and performed, then all rights and privileges which it may have

under this Agreement shall at once cease and determine, and the City may take up and remove the said Siding without giving any notice to the Company; such termination of the Agreement, however, shall not release the Company from any liabilities incurred by them hereunder towards the City;

And the said Company further Agrees, That it will take up and remove the said Siding and restore the road to the condition in which it was before the Siding was laid on receipt of three months' notice in writing from the City terminating this Agreement;

That, The said Company will pay the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum to the City of Halifax for the privileges herein granted;

That, The said Company further agrees that the street lines shown on the plan hereto annexed are the correct boundary lines of said Campbell Road at their property;

And, Both parties to this Agreement hereby agree that it may be terminated by the City giving to the Company at any time three (3) months' notice in writing of said proposed termination, and at the expiration of such notice it shall terminate accordingly;

In Witness Whereof, The Mayor of the said City of Halifax, duly authorized thereunto by resolution of the City Council, hath hereunto set his hand and the seal of the said City, and the President of the Imperial Oil Company, duly authorized thereunto, hath hereunto set his hand and the seal of the said Company the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

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

Read City Engineer's Report re Widening Upper Water Street.

WIDENING UPPER WATER STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 29th, 1899.

His Worship The Mayor.

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report that the piece of land necessary to straighten Upper Water Street at or near 302 is about five feet six inches wide on the north end, and about nine feet six inches on the south with a frontage of about twenty-four feet. The property owner asks one hundred (\$100.00) for it, which is the same amount as that paid to Messrs. Scriven for the piece of land immediately south. Messrs. Scriven were paid for their land from the Street Appropriation. The price asked is more in proportion than that paid Messrs. Scriven, but seems to be the best that can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin that said report be adopted, and that the property in question be purchased by the City for the sum of one hundred dollars. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's Report re Water Extension Owen Street.

WATER EXTENSION OWEN STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 29th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—The accompanying petition from S. M. Brookfield asks for water extension of his property on Owen Street. The district is low service. Size of pipe required 6 inch. Estimated cost:—

188 ft. 6-inch Pipe	\$112 80
1 6 inch Valve	20 00
1 6-inch 3 Way Branch	4 70
40 lbs. Lead	1 60
Excavation and Pipe Laying ..	235 00
1 Service Pipe	25 00
	\$399 10

The estimated revenue will be equal to the interest on the estimated outlay at 5 p.c I beg to recommend the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's Report re Domestic Hydrant, Duffus and Gottingen Streets.

DOMESTIC SUPPLY HYDRANT.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 29th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—The accompanying petition asks for a supply hydrant for domestic use at the corner of Duffus and Gottingen Streets. This method of supplying water has been, with one or two exceptions, very unsatisfactory, as it is difficult to keep the hydrant in good order and to keep the covering locked. However, it is proposed to make arrangements with one of the petitioners living near the hydrant to take care of it, and I would recommend that the hydrant be placed at this point, each householder using it to pay the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read Report of Special Committee to whom the disposal of City properties on Lockman Street was referred, relative to tenders for Lockman Street lots.

TENDERS LOCKMAN STREET LOTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 25th, 1899.

To the Members of the City Council :

Gentlemen,—Your Committee to whom the disposal of City properties on Lockman Street was referred, beg to report that an offer of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) has been received from Gerald B. Ternan for lots 39 and 41, and an offer of fifty dollars (\$50.00), from John O'Sullivan for lots 79 and 81.

Your Committee beg to recommend that both offers be accepted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to give deeds on receipt of the amount offered, in accordance with the conditions of the Specification.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

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

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

Read Petition of Edwin Gilpin for a Sewer on Union Street.

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

Read Petition of Eliza Rhind and others for Water Extension Roome, Acadia and Mulgrave Streets.

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

Read Petition of residents of Merkersfield, praying that they be relieved from the payment of the dog tax.

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

Read account (\$28,80) from the Registrar of Deeds for certificates of titles, deeds, &c.

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

Read Letter from the City Clerk, re the release of prisoners who had not paid their fines, &c. Placed on Order Paper,

Read Letter from W. A. Black, asking for reappointment as Pilot Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that W. A. Black be reappointed a Pilot Commissioner for the Harbour of Halifax. Motion passed.

Read Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Pilot Commissioners, relative to a vacancy on said Board. Filed.

Read Letter from W. B. Freeman, relative to the water tax on his property, Willow Park.

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

Read Letter from Catherine E. Sullivan, asking that she be refunded certain amounts paid by her for taxes for which she was not liable.

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

Read Letter from C. A. Creighton, re obstruction on Roast's Lane.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Queen's Wharf Sewer.

IN RE QUEEN'S WHARF SEWER,

HALIFAX, N. S., May 22nd, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—There are three large stone sewers in the City, which are known as the old Military Sewers. One runs down Prince Street and empties into the Queen's Wharf. This sewer, I understand, was originally built previous to the incorporation of the City by the Town of Halifax and the Military Authorities. After the Incorporation of the City it was used, and continues now to be used, by the citizens. The Military Authorities complain that the mud and sewage discharged at its mouth is filling the dock up and prevents them from using one portion of their wharf, and that within the last five years the deposit has accumulated so rapidly that they are now unable to use the south end of the wharf; and they claim it has become a private nuisance to them and injures and prevents them from using their property. The City never having built this sewer, although it is used now by citizens, would not be liable under the circumstances on that ground; but as a number of new sewers have been turned into this old sewer by the City and thereby has materially increased the discharge and injury to the Queen's Wharf, I am of opinion that the City is bound to remove the nuisance. While the City has the right to discharge sewage into the sea, if the sewage is not distributed or carried away by the action of the tide, but is deposited to the injury of a private individual, the City is liable. The City has no right to discharge mud and filth through its sewers in such a quantity as to create a nuisance; and if the City by such a discharge into a private dock fills it up and obstructs its use by the owner as he has previously used it, for receiving vessels, or makes it offensive to him, the City is liable to remove the nuisance. The right of the City to discharge sewage into the sea is a limited one, and cannot be used in such a way as to injure and fill up a man's private dock, thereby depriving him of the use of his property.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this matter be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with: Motion passed.

Read Letter from C. E. Dodwell, Resident Engineer and Inspector of Public Buildings, N. S., asking if the City will lay a granite curbing around the New Drill Hall, in the event of the Department of Public Works laying an Asphalt Sidewalk around said building.

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

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re Sidewalk, St. Paul St.

On motion the same is placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with No. 8 thereon, viz: Report City Engineer re Asphalt Sidewalk, St. Paul's Street.

Read Petition of Halifax Curling Club for Water Extension South Bland Street.

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

Read Report of the Library Committee re accounts for payment.