

COMMITTEE ROOM, 25th July, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day, at which there were present Aldermen Geldert, Redden and Menger, the following accounts were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:—Frank Reardon, for Gold Leaf, \$4.50; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, \$2.45; London Rubber Stamp Co., Stamp, \$1.50; Cragg Bros. & Co., Shears, \$1.65; A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, 85c.; Thomas C. Johnson & Sons, Repairing Clock, \$1.00; Mutual Subscription Agency, 50c. and 35c., \$1.35; Charles E. Lauriat Co., Books, \$54.50; Little, Brown & Company, Books, \$112.02; Marshall, Son & Co., Supplies, General Account, \$44.96; Marshall, Son and Co., Machinery, Special Account, \$54.50; T. H. Caster & Co., Books, \$21.65. Total, \$300.93.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GELDEBT, JR., *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts mentioned therein, as follows:—\$224.78 from the general account and \$54.50 from the special loan of 1899.

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

Read reports of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of May, June and July. Filed.

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Young Avenue Sewer.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the Report of the Recorder re veto of the Mayor on the Council's resolution in reference to the Young Avenue Sewer be referred back to him for a special report as to whether the conditions imposed by the Act of the Legislature have been complied with in the Engineer's recommendation to make the outlet at Steel's Pond.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave.

The following amendment to the foregoing resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Recorder be adopted and that the outlet be built on the original place then recommended by the Engineer on Owen Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Alderman Hubley moves a call of the Council at 10.45 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Butler, that a special Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the reception of His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada. Motion passed.

The following named are now nominated as the Members of said Committee :—Aldermen Geldert, Menger, Hubley, Rogers, Creighton and Butler.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements for the months of June and July. Filed.

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

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

Read No. 18, viz:—Petition Mutual Real Estate Company and others for a sewer on Edward Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the petition be referred to the Department of City Works to carry out the prayer of the petitioners when the property owners guarantee to give the City a clear title to said street satisfactory to His Honor the Recorder. Motion passed.

Alderman Rogers, by leave of Council, now introduces the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Council instruct the Works Department to take steps to expropriate property of Mr. Heisler on Lockman Street, near Gerrish Street, said obstruction being a nuisance and inconvenience to the general public.

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

Alderman Rogers gives notice of motion re disposal of old Exhibition Grounds.

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

Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.

## RECEPTION TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

AUGUST 22ND, 1899.

His Excellency Lord Minto, Governor General of Canada, accompanied by Countess Minto and Suite, arrived in Halifax by special train at 10.30 o'clock a. m. to-day. They were met at the I. C. R. Station by Lt. Gen. Lord William Seymour and staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford, K. C. B., and staff, His Honor Lt. Governor Dal'y, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, the Honorable the Attorney General, His Worship the Mayor, the Special Committee of the City Council appointed for the occasion, and a very large number of our leading citizens.

After being duly presented to their Excellencies, His Worship the Mayor and the Committee immediately returned to the City Hall, where a Guard of Honor of the 63rd Rifles was drawn up. When their Excellencies arrived at the City Hall, they were at once escorted to the Council Chamber, where a very large number of the elite of the City were present by invitation. The Countess was here presented by little Miss Maudie Spruin with a bouquet of flowers grown in the Public Gardens.

The Worship the Mayor assuming the Chair, the following address was read by the City Clerk.

### THE ADDRESS.

To His Excellency, The Right Honorable Gilbert John Elliott-Murray-Kynynmond, Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:—The Mayor and Corporation of the City of Halifax, on behalf of themselves and of the citizens generally, desire to extend a cordial welcome to Your Excellency, both personally, and as the representative of our Beloved Sovereign, on the occasion of your first official visit to this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions. At the same time we desire to extend a like welcome to Lady Minto, by whom you are accompanied.

We regret that, owing to the late prorogation of Parliament and other engagements, the visit of Your Excellency at the present time must necessarily be brief; but we trust that at no distant day, and under more favorable conditions, you may be permitted to return and make a more extended visit to the City and Province.

We are pleased to know that Your Excellency is no stranger to the Dominion of Canada. As a personal participant in one of the most important events of our history and during an extended term of residence, you have gained an acquaintance with the country, its conditions and its people, by which you are placed in a position to know the rapid strides that have been made in wealth and population, especially in the newer portions of the Dominion.

While no such marked and rapid changes have taken place in this Province, there is no section of the Dominion in which the elements of material

prosperity are so varied and so widespread, or that has a brighter future before it, or where the inestimable blessings of British connection are more highly appreciated and cherished.

While again regretting the brevity of the present visit of Your Excellency, permit us to express the hope that it may be in every way a pleasant one, and that Your Excellency may be induced to return to our City and Province at an early day.

Signed, on behalf of the Corporation and Citizens of Halifax.

JAMES T. HAMILTON, Mayor.

Halifax, N. S., August 22nd, 1899.

To which the following reply was made by His Excellency :

THE REPLY.

Mr. Mayor.—I must express to you and to the Corporation and Citizens of Halifax my sincere appreciation of their sentiments of devotion towards the Beloved Sovereign whom I have the great honor to represent, and I must thank you heartily for the kindly welcome you have extended to Lady Minto and myself on this my first official visit to Halifax.

You have alluded to the period I spent in Canada, some fifteen years ago, a time which I shall always look back on with pleasure, and I can only hope that the opportunities I had then may perhaps have helped me to gain some slight insight into the interests and great future possibilities of the country to which I have now returned. But, Mr. Mayor, though I travelled much through the Dominion while on Lord Lansdowne's staff, I never had the good fortune to accompany him to Halifax, and this is not only my first official visit, but literally my first visit to your City. And now that I have at last arrived after several postponements, I feel that I owe you an apology for a somewhat short notice, and I am afraid I can only fall back on that very old excuse "It wasn't my fault." It is indeed many weeks since I first expressed a hope to your Lieut. Governor that I might be able to arrange a tour this Summer in the Maritime Provinces, but as you are aware the session of the Dominion Parliament dragged on from day to day, keeping me to my post at Ottawa, and drawing nearer and nearer to the time at which I am expected to go into residence at Quebec, till, I assure you, I began to despair of seeing Halifax this year at all; but the end came at last, and I hope that your citizens may possibly on this occasion forgive the short notice, trusting that before the termination of my term of office, I may have another and better opportunity of visiting them.

It has been a great encouragement on my return to Canada to witness the many symptoms of its present and future prosperity, in which I hope your Province will largely share, a prosperity in which I shall always take the deepest interest and do my best to encourage.

Allow me to again thank you, Mr. Mayor, for the reception this City of Halifax has so cordially offered us.

A general presentation was then in order, after which their Excellencies withdrew.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock, p. m.

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faulkner, Mosher, Menger, Martin, Creighton, Rogers and Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Chisholm and Hawkins.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the Minutes be amended by altering the resolution contained therein relative to the construction of Edward Street sewer to read, "that said sewer be built at once and that the Department of City Works take the necessary steps to have Edward Street deeded to the City as soon as possible." Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the Minutes as so amended be now confirmed. Motion passed.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz:—

Six reports from the City Engineer, as follows:—

Re Russell Street Sewer.

Union Street Sewer.

High Service Water Supply.

Water Extension, Roome and Acadia Streets.

Widening of Harvey Street.

City Engineer's Annual Report 1898-9.

Letter from R. T. MacIlreith on behalf of the Dalhousie Amateur Athletic Club, enquiring if the City will hire the grounds in front of Dalhousie College.

Letter Brander, Morris & Co., asking payment of an account due them by the Department of City Works.

Extract from Minutes of City Health Board, re Extension of Russell Street Sewer.

Petition of J. P. Wambolt and others for the enforcement of the law relating to Trading Stamps.

Letter from Thomas Ritchie in re petition for the extension of Robie Street.

Letter from the City Clerk announcing the death of W. R. Hamilton, 2nd Asst. City Clerk.

Applications of N. A. Hamilton and R. D. Gladwin, for the position of 2nd Asst. City Clerk.

Petition of Thomas Leydon and others, in re Weighing and Measuring Coal.

Letter from the Commanding Royal Engineer, relative to the silting up of the Gun Wharf and Queen's Wharf.

Letter from Shatford Brothers, Managers at Halifax of the Imperial Oil Company, asking the City Council's approval of the location of their premises at Bedford Basin.

Letter Drysdale & McInnes, Trustees of Estate of late Patrick Power, asking for the extension of sewer on Russell Street.

Petition of R. R. Kennedy and others asking for the inspection of sailing and rowing boats that are let for hire.

Application of Alexander Watt for the position of Inspector of Sailing and Rowing Boats.

Bonds of the City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, Clerk of City Works and Asst. Clerk of City Works.

City Collector's returns Rates and Water Rates for July and August.

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

Letter S. A. Hiseler, et al, re dangerous condition of sidewalk Upper Water Street.

Petition D. R. Reid for water extension on Creighton Street Extension.

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

Read letter from Drysdale & McInnes, Trustees of the Estate of the late Patrick Power, asking for the extension of the Sewer on Russell Street.

Also read report of City Health Board re Extension of Sewer Russell Street.

Also read report of City Engineer re Russell Street Sewer.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, September 13th, 1899.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board held on the 11th day of September, 1899:—

Read a communication from Drysdale & McInnes, relative to properties

on the north side of Russell Street, west of St. Mark's Church, stating that the Trustees are unable to keep said premises in a tenable condition, owing to the absence of a sewer in this part of the street, and asking that the Board take steps to have said sewer completed at as early a date as possible.

Also read a report from John E. Burns, Assistant Sanitary Inspector, relative to properties Nos. 81 & 83 Russell Street, being in a bad sanitary condition for want of proper drainage.

Moved by Mr. Neal, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that a copy of said communication, with the Inspector's report, be sent to the City Council with a recommendation that said sewer be extended as soon as possible. Motion passed. A true extract.

Copy of communication and report attached.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Assistant Secretary.*

RUSSELL STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 14th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sewer in Russell Street:

There are twelve houses on Russell Street in need of a sewer. The unsanitary condition of several of them has been complained of for some time. The length of sewer required is a little over one hundred yards. The estimated cost is \$1,400.00. Estimated assessment \$855.00. I would respectfully recommend that the sewer be constructed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the report of the City Engineer re Russell Street Sewer be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report re Union Street Sewer.

SEWER UNION STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, September 14th, 1899.

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition for sewer in Union Street:

The owners of the property between that of the petitioner and Young Street are opposed to the construction of the sewer. In fact, there is only one other property owner who is favorable and that property is at the extreme north end of the block. I have had a canvass made of the whole block, and under the circumstances, I do not feel justified in recommending the construction of a sewer at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Water Extension Roome and Acadia Streets.

## WATER EXTENSION ROOME STREET AND ACADIA STREET.

(CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 14th, 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 on Roome Street between Gottingen Street and Acadia Street, and along Acadia Street to Mulgrave Street.

The district is high service. Length on Roome Street 480 feet. Distance on Acadia Street 260 feet. Estimated cost:—

Roome Street.	
6 inch Pipe .....	\$288 00
1 6 inch Valve .....	20 00
100 lbs. Lead .....	4 00
Excavation and Pipe Laying .....	480 00
3 Service Pipes .....	60 00
<b>Total .. . . .</b>	<b>\$852 00</b>
Acadia Street.	
6 inch Pipe .....	\$156 00
1 6 inch Valve .....	20 00
1 6 inch 4 Way Branch .....	57 00
100 lbs. Lead .....	4 00
Excavation and Pipe Laying .....	260 00
5 Service Pipes .....	100 00
<b>Total .. . . .</b>	<b>\$546 37</b>
Interest on the outlay at 5 p. c. ....	\$69 91
Estimated revenue from 8 houses .....	32 00

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate of \$8.70.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's Report, re Widening Harvey Street. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read Annual Report of the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said report be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report, and that a copy be furnished each of the Aldermen. Motion passed.

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

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

A special meeting of the Library Committee was held this day. Present, the Chairman, and Aldermen Creighton, Rogers and Menger. The report of the Librarian for the months of July and August was read and ordered to be filed.

Accounts annexed were presented, amounting to \$251.40, and being found correct are recommended for payment.

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



On motion of Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Menger, said report is adopted.

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

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

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

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:—A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery &c., for August—City Clerk, \$3.29; City Collector, \$2c.; T. C. Allen & Co., Book making, printing, &c., July and August:—City Clerk, \$22.75; City Collector, \$20.25; City Treasurer, \$1.75; City Assessor, \$9.00. Total \$57.86.

Your Committee have considered the account of the Registrar of Deeds, \$28.80, in connection with recording deeds of various properties, and beg to recommend that it be paid out of different appropriations, as follows:—

\$11.00 out of the \$50,000 grant to Grain Elevator.

\$10.00 out of funds for widening Quinpool Road.

\$5.00 out of the funds deposited by the Marlborough Woods Company.

And the balance, \$2.80, out of any fund available.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein.

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

Read report of City Prison Committee recommending sundry accounts for payment :

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 14th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :*

The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:—R. T. Braine, \$7.44; A. J. Graft & Co., \$1.80; Gunn & Co., \$13.50; Leaman & Co., \$6.30, Wm. Roche, \$68.57; J. A. Logan, \$6.00; J. P. Wambolt, \$19.13; Black & Flinn, \$39.88; Irwin & Sons, \$13.25. Total, \$175.87. The Governor and Matron's returns for August are herewith submitted.

Respectfully 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 several accounts therein named.

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

Read letter of Brander, Morris & Co., asking payment of an account due them by the Department of City Works. Filed.

Read petition of J. P. Wambolt and others for the enforcement of the Law relating to Trading Stamps. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read letter from Shatford Bros., Managers Halifax Department of the Imperial Oil Company, asking that the City Council approve of the location of their premises at Bedford Basin.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the request of Messrs. Shatford Bros. be granted. Motion passed.

Read petition of Thomas Leydon and a large number of other citizens praying that all Coal in future retailed in the City of Halifax be weighed or measured by City weighers or measurers as provided by law.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Commanding Royal Engineer in Canada relative to the silting up of the Queen's Wharf and H. M. Gun Wharf.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for a report as to the best means of remedying the evil complained of. Motion passed.

Read letter of S. A. Hiseler asking that the sidewalk in front of Nos. 94, 96 & 98 Upper Water Street be relaid.

On motion the same is referred to the Department of City Works. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk announcing the death of W. R. Hamilton, 2nd Asst. City Clerk. Filed.

Read applications of N. A. Hamilton and R. D. Gladwin, for the position of 2nd Assistant City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the matter of an appointment to the position of 2nd Assistant City Clerk be for the present deferred. Motion passed.

Read petition of R. R. Kennedy and others relative to the necessity for an Inspector of Sailing and Rowing Boats.

Also read Application of Alexander Watt for the position of Inspector of Sailing and Rowing Boats. Placed on Order Paper.

Read Bonds of City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, Clerk of City Works and Assistant Clerk of City Works.

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

Read Application of D. R. Reed for Water Extension on Creighton Street Extension.

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

Read letter from Dalhousie Amateur Athletic Club, relative to the hiring by said Club of the Grounds in front of Dalhousie College.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter of Thomas Ritchie in re petition for extension of Robie Street.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said letter together with No. 8 on Order Paper, viz: "Petition of S. S. Wetmore and others for extension of Robie Street Southerly" be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer re High Service Water Supply.

#### HIGH SERVICE WATER SUPPLY.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 6th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In compliance with your request, I beg to submit a report on the complaints from residents of the northern and western suburbs in reference to inefficiency in the water supply.

The location of the present trouble is the High Service district. The condition of that portion of the system is becoming worse every year, and it is certain to continue to grow worse until stringent means are adopted to reduce the consumption or increase the supply.

The length of High Service pipe laid each year now averages about a mile, and if there was nothing else to reduce the pressure, the increased consumption through these new lines would bring it down gradually. While water-users on the lower levels of the High Service district do not fail to get a supply for ordinary household purposes, they are unable to use hose, as they could a few years ago, while on the highest levels the supply at times fails entirely. This means that so much water is being drawn from the pipes in the lower part of the system, where they can get it, that the pipes cannot fill up on the high ground. The first remedy that suggests itself is a larger pipe from the lakes, and if the necessary quantity of water were available there is no doubt that a new pipe would have been laid long ago.

If we were crossing the Desert of Sahara with a quantity of water sufficient only for the journey it is very unlikely that we should allow any of it to be used unnecessarily. It would be served out at a regular daily rate, so that it would last until we could replenish our supply.

The circumstances in which we find ourselves in the High Service district are similar. Our quantity of water is only what we can collect in the Spruce Hill lakes. Our journey is through a dry year. We keep careful daily records of the quantity of rain or snow that falls, and the quantity of water collected. We know from long experience that we do not collect as much water in a dry year as we use, and if we did not store the surplus water that falls in the wet years we should not have enough to supply the High Service district through a dry season.

It may be asked, "Why not raise the dams so that more water may be stored?" The answer to that question is, that the water does not come there to store. Water never runs over the waste wier at Spruce Hill lakes unless in a very wet year.

Under these circumstances it would be folly to put in a larger pipe and allow a correspondingly greater daily supply to be drawn from the lakes. A water famine would be faced in the next dry season, for the effect of the in-

creased flow and pressure would be that more water would be used and a much greater quantity wasted.

There is no source in the vicinity of Spruce Hill lakes from which the supply could be augmented except Ragged Lake, and that is a very small, and 60 feet lower. A wise solution of the question would be to bring the water from a new source in large aqueducts, but the adoption of this plan would involve an expenditure so heavy that it should not be considered seriously until it becomes an absolute necessity.

Under more favorable conditions a reservoir, or stand pipe, would be recommended to equalize the pressure. In order to supply the whole district it must be constructed on a level higher than Willow Park, and as the water fails to rise to the level of the latter in very cold weather, and at times during the summer, it certainly would not reach the reservoir.

If all the water brought into the City by the High Service main is used legitimately, and every gallon required to satisfy our daily needs, then we have no alternative but to bring in the water from a new source. Such, however, is not the case, and without wasting words over the inefficiency which everybody realizes we must seek the cause and the remedy.

The immediate cause of the reduction in pressure and flow in recent years is the annual extension of street mains. More water is used for domestic purposes, a greater quantity is used for street sprinkling in Summer and the waste in Winter is increased.

We do not want to stop the growth of the City, prevent the increase in assessment, or discourage building in the suburbs, by refusing to make any more water extensions, nor is it desirable that street sprinkling shall be prohibited where water is available. Neither remedy will be recommended until all others fail.

A second cause is the enormous consumption of water in some of the large buildings in this district. In the Cotton Factory, May's Brewery and the Monastery of the Good Shepherd the quantity of water used last year was respectively 7,387,200, 754,050, and 1,022,350 gallons, a total of 9,163,600 gallons, or sufficient to supply from 350 to 400 dwelling houses. If used for street sprinkling it would fill 18,327 carts, while the quantity used by the Cotton Factory alone would have filled a street sprinkler fifty times a day.

With a reservoir this water could be stored at night and the pressure kept up during the day, and I can see no reason why a large consumer like the Cotton Factory should not provide its own reservoir and be supplied only at night. We are supplying the I. C. R. at their Richmond yard by a similar system.

A third cause which may affect the pressure is the possibility of undiscovered leaks in pipes. There is no doubt that there are many in the Low Service districts, where there are so many old drains to carry off the water. While we do not find many in the High Service, it would be wise to authorize an expenditure sufficient to examine and test the system thoroughly. We cannot hope to supply any portion of the High Service district from the Low Service mains, as any improvement in the latter will be required to meet the increased demand as the service is extended North and South.

The fourth and greatest cause of the present condition of the High Service (to which the report will be confined) is the unnecessary waste of water. There is no doubt that if the waste were stopped the capacity of the Works would be doubled. It is not at all unusual to find taps running at the rate of one gallon a minute, and 3,500 at that rate would consume almost the entire available supply.

The principal causes of waste are bad plumbing, pipes and fixtures exposed outside buildings, water closets supplied through hopper cocks, buildings poorly constructed with no provision to prevent freezing of water in pipes, and carelessness of consumers.

While it must be admitted that the prevention of waste is a difficult problem in our climate, it is by no means impossible to make a great improvement. In a great measure the solution of this matter is with the people.

A system of metering that will in nowise prevent a necessary and sufficient use, but will provide against excessive and extravagant waste, must sooner or later be adopted if we are to depend upon our present supply.

Where meters are in use now the consumer does not pay by meter until the value of the quantity of water used exceeds the rate by the ordinary assessment plan. This encourages the use of an ample supply for domestic and sanitary purposes, while it discourages waste. By the use of meters the waste will be reduced to the minimum amount required to prevent the pipes from freezing and it will become a question to the water-taker whether it is economy to waste water or remodel his fixtures so that the water can be drawn entirely from the pipes when liable to freeze. Water should be on the same footing as gas and electric current, neither of which is permitted to escape from its conductor unnecessarily.

All new services are being metered, but it is principally through the old pipes that the waste is going.

I would recommend the placing of a meter on every service pipe in the High Service district.

If this course is not followed, in my opinion the time is near when we must resort to the most expensive remedy—additional supply.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Placed on Order Paper.

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

Read No. 29, viz: Alderman Rogers' notice of motion in re disposal of Old Exhibition Property, is now read as follows:—

Resolved, That this Council hereby authorize the Works Department to call for tenders for purchase of Old Exhibition Grounds and buildings, said tenders when received to be referred to City Council for consideration.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin. Said resolution is now put and lost.

Alderman Rogers gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the City Council, move a resolution relative to the payment of interest on taxes.

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

Read No. 9, viz:—Report City Engineer re Asphalt Sidewalk St. Paul's Street, together with opinion of His Honor the Recorder, re Ownership of St. Paul's Street.

## ST. PAUL'S STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 1st, 1898

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul's, asking for an asphalt sidewalk on the South side of St. Paul's Street.

If a sidewalk is laid I would recommend that it be laid of asphalt. The estimated cost is \$371.44, of which the Parish of St. Paul's would be charged \$121.00. The petition asks for the construction of a sidewalk free of charge to St. Paul's on the ground that the City is using a piece of property as a street which belongs to St. Paul's. This portion of the petition has been referred to His Honor the Recorder for report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## IN RE APPLICATION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FOR ASPHALT SIDEWALK.

The Church Wardens and Vestry base their application that an asphalt sidewalk should be laid down around their church free of charge on the ground that they have made several free gifts of property to the City, and that St. Paul Street originally was their church property, and that the same has been thrown out to the City as a street; and also that their grant of their lot on that street gives them from 10 to 15 feet north of the present curb stone in front of their church. In case this cannot be done they are desirous of doing it themselves, claiming the sidewalk in front of their church as their property.

It is singular that the property in front now claimed by them was not originally enclosed within the actual boundaries of the church as now existing and indicated by the stone wall, on all sides, except the north did not enclose this piece.

Whatever rights the church may have had to the North of their present boundary line, has been in my judgment lost, and whether it is at present invested in the City or in the church makes but little difference, for the citizens have acquired and now have by their occupation of the sidewalk absolute rights over it, and their rights cannot be interfered with by the church. With regard to the church putting down the sidewalk themselves upon that portion over which the citizens have the right to travel and which have been dedicated to them by the church, I can see no objection to allowing the Corporation to put down such sidewalk as they may deem best, but it should be done under the direction and approval of the City Engineer, and with the distinct understanding that the putting down of that sidewalk gives no right of property in it.

Yours truly,

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the sidewalk on the South side of St. Paul Street be paved with Asphalt under the Permanent Pavement Act. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 24 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 24, viz:—Ordinance re Hawkers and Peddlers. Third reading.

An Ordinance respecting Hawkers, Petty Chapmen and Pedlers, and persons doing business within the City of Halifax, but who are not assessed therein :—

The City Council of the City of Halifax hereby enacts and ordains as follows:—

1st. Every hawker, petty chapman or pedler, and all persons carrying on other petty trades within the City of Halifax, and persons who carry on business therein but are not assessed on real or personal property within the said City, and all persons who go from place to place, or to other men's houses on foot within said City, or with any animals bearing or drawing any goods, wares or merchandise, or in or with any boat, vessel or other craft or otherwise carrying goods, wares or merchandise for sale within said City shall, on and after the passing of this Ordinance, take out and procure a license from the City of Halifax, and every person so licensed shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

2nd. The foregoing section shall not apply to persons bringing to market in said City, milk, vegetables or other produce, the product of any farm owned or occupied by the persons bringing to or offering such produce for sale in the City or shall prevent such persons or their servants from selling or offering such produce for sale; or shall prevent fishermen bringing to market in said City and selling or offering for sale fish which they have themselves caught.

3rd. Every person mentioned in the said first section of this Ordinance who carries on his business or calling with any wagon, cart or other vehicle, shall on and after receiving his license and before selling his wares, have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside of said vehicle, or painted thereon the words, "Licensed Vendor" and bearing his license number, and shall keep the same so affixed or painted during the period he shall hold his license.

4th. No Supercargo, Master or Captain of any vessel or cargo carrying or bringing produce into the port of Halifax or any other person other than the bona fide consignee of said cargo, who may be a ratepayer of said City, or his permanent employee, shall sell or dispose of, or offer to sell or dispose of said cargo or any part thereof in said City without first taking out a license from said City, which shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk of Licenses, for which he shall pay a license fee as is hereinafter provided for each and every cargo so sold or attempted to be sold, and no consignee shall permit or allow any supercargo, master or other person not in his bona fide employ to sell or dispose of, or offer to sell or dispose of such cargo or any part thereof.

5th. Any other person mentioned in said first section and not referred to in the third and fourth sections of this Ordinance, shall on and after receiving his license (and before selling his wares) wear in a conspicuous place upon the outside of his outer garment, a suitable metal badge, to be approved of and supplied by the City Council, upon which shall show the number of his license and shall continue so to wear said badge whilst prosecuting his business.

6th. No person shall allow or permit any person to use his badge, number, waggon, cart, vehicle or boat, other than his servant or some member of his family, and then only for the licensee's exclusive benefit.

7th. No person mentioned in the first section of this Ordinance shall cry his wares to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the City.

8th. Every license issued under this Ordinance, excepting those issued under the 4th Section, shall expire at 12 o'clock midnight, on the thirtieth day of April next, after the issue thereof, and all licenses may be renewed annually from the first day of May in each year, and expire on the thirtieth day of April following, but may be revoked at any time by resolution of the City Council. Every license issued under the 4th Section shall expire when the cargo of produce for which it was issued is disposed of.

9th. The following are the sums hereby fixed for license to be granted under this Ordinance:—

Each pedlar, hawker or petty chapman .....	\$ 8 00
Each pedlar, hawker or petty chapman with handcart or wheelbarrow .....	12 00
Each pedlar or hawker with one horse and vehicle .....	20 00
and for every additional horse used by the same licensee under his license .....	10 00
Coal hawkers, to sell coal only .....	5 00
Each person, company or co-partnership selling ice in the City of Halifax shall pay a license fee for each year of .....	30 00
For retailing goods, wares or merchandise from any open boat, canoe or any other craft .....	10 00

The fees for licenses under the 4th Section of this Ordinance shall be as follows:—

For each vessel not exceeding 25 tons burthen .....	15 00
For each vessel over 25 tons, but not exceeding 50 tons .....	20 00
For each vessel over 50 tons, but not exceeding 75 tons .....	25 00
For each vessel over 75 tons, but not exceeding 100 tons .....	30 00
Vessels exceeding 100 tons burthen shall pay in addition to the foregoing fee \$5.00 on each additional 25 tons or fraction thereof.	

10th. The word "person" when used in this Ordinance shall include Companies and Corporations.

11th. Ordinance No. 59 entitled, "An Ordinance respecting Hawkers, Petty Chapmen or Pedlers and persons doing business within the City of Halifax, but who are not assessed therein," and Ordinance No. 64, entitled, "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 59 entitled, "An Ordinance respecting Petty Chapmen or Pedlers and persons doing business in the City of Halifax who are not assessed therein," are hereby repealed, excepting as to prosecutions brought and offences committed under said Ordinances prior to their repeal.

12th. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, shall forfeit and pay, at the discretion of the Stipendiary Magistrate, a penalty not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars for each offence; in default of immediate payment he shall be committed to the City Prison for a period not exceeding forty days.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said Ordinance having now been read a third time, be adopted, and that the City Clerk be instructed to forward the same to the Lieut Governor in Council for confirmation. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council:—

Resolved, That the balance remaining of the money borrowed for the widening of Lockman Street or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay outstanding expenses in connection with the widening of Quinpool Road be and the same is hereby transferred to the fund for widening Quinpool Road.



Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Redden. Placed on Order of the Day.

The following resolution is next introduced:—

Resolved, That the Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the City Council be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and investigate the system at present in vogue of advertising for and accepting City tenders and to report to this Council what amendments, if any, to said system said Committee may deem advisable.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 23, viz:—"Alderman Hubley's notice of motion of want of confidence in His Worship the Mayor," be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 28 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives two notices of motion, re Electric Lights and re Water Works.

Read No. 28. viz:—Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Mayor's veto of resolution, locating and ordering construction of outlet for Young Avenue Sewer; also resolution by Alderman Faulkner; also Amendment by Alderman Martin on the subject.

Also read opinion of R. L. Borden re Young Avenue Sewer.

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

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 21st, 1899.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, 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 Hubley, O'Donnell and Creighton.

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

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

OCTOBER 10th, 1899.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 O'Donnell, Chisholm, Hawkins and Creighton.

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

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

OCTOBER 16th, 1899.

The City Council was summoned to meet this evening.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 Geldert, Menger, O'Donnell and Hawkins.

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

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 7th, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Martin, Rogers and Mitchell.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Mosher, 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 Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell and Chisholm.

The Council was summoned to appoint Commissioners of Schools and Provincial Exhibition, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Menger submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, also a petition for Water Extension on Seldon Street.

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

Alderman Mosher submits two reports from the City Prison Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

The City Collector's returns of Receipts for Rates and Water Rates for the months of September and October.

The City Treasurer's cash statements "General" and "Water" for the months of September and October.

Report of His Honor the Recorder on several matters.

Six reports from the City Engineer, as follows:—

Re Curb around Armoury.

" Water Extension, Creighton Street.

" Water Extension, Williams Street.

" Water Extension, South Bland Street.

" Water Extension, Summit Street.

" Water Extension, Edward Street.

Two reports from the Charities Committee.

Report of Library Committee re printing New Catalogue.

Reports (2) of Coal Measurers for August and September.

Petition of C. W. Hayward and others for water extension on Henry Street.

Petition of J. B. Bennett and others for water extension on Duncan Street Extension.

Petition, W. H. Owen and others in re the construction of Young Avenue Sewer.

Petition of W. N. Pyke for water extension North Street.

Petition of Evangeline Booth, per C. T. Jacob, in re Salvation Army Rescue Home.

Invitation of M. E. Keefe to Mayor and Council to see the Elevator in running order.

Letter from John O'Toole asking for a full investigation as to the cause of the death of his brother Patrick O'Toole.

Letter from Eliza Rhind, re drain and sidewalk at corner of Acadia Street.

Petition of W. H. Cleverdon for sewer and water extension on Henry Street.

Letter, S. R. Cummins covering resignation of R. Woodill of his position of Coal Measurer.

Application of Thomas Shields for position of Coal Measurer.

Resignation of James Mitchell of his position as Salt and Grain Measurer.

Application of W. P. Hayden for position of 2nd Assistant City Clerk.

Letter of A. J. Bell in re Guarantee Company's Bond for City Treasurer covering draft of proposed Bond.

Petition of Frank Reardon and others for sewer extension on Seymour Street.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering opinions of B. Russell, Q. C., and Drysdale & McInnes, re Young Avenue Sewer.

Letter R. A. Macintyre in re Book-keeping in the office of the City Collector.

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

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Weighing of Coal, J. W. Tucker's sewerage rates, Taxes of Catherine E. Sullivan, and Weight of Bread.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to submit the following report:

1st. In respect to the petition of J. M. Turker to be relieved from the payment of Sewerage rates on property, Brunswick Street, on the ground that he had good drainage through Starr Street before the Brunswick Street sewer was built, your

Committee find that the law is very explicit in the matter of the payment for sewerage frontage and that the Council could not relieve Mr. Tucker however much they might be disposed.

2nd. The Committee was waited upon by a member of the firm of Moir, Son & Co, who complained of the non-enforcement of the law regarding the weight of bread sold in the City. It is recommended that the Police Commission be requested to see that the law be enforced.

3rd. The Committee had before them the petition of citizens requesting that all coal sold by retail in the City be weighed as the law directs. In this connection the Committee heard the coal measurers and a number of the dealers at a meeting on the 27th October, and by advertisement in the newspapers invited citizens interested to express their views at a meeting on the 3rd inst. In response to this invitation only six persons attended. The subject was carefully considered by the Committee. A very largely signed petition asks that the law be enforced and the coal dealers express their willingness to have all coal weighed by sworn City Weighers, provided the law is uniformly applied. Your Committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare such amendments to sections 743 to 750 of the City Charter as may be necessary to provide that all coke and coals sold from shipboard, store, yard, wharf, depot or railway car by retail within the City shall be sold by the ton weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois and its sub-divisions, and weighed by officers appointed for the purpose by the City Council and sworn to the due performance of their duties and prohibiting the selling of such coal in any other manner than by weight. The fees to be received by the City Weighers to be at the rate of five (5) cents a ton.

4th. In the matter of the petition of Catherine E. Sullivan for return of taxes alleged to have been overpaid by her the Committee find that Mrs. Sullivan's husband died in 1872, and the Act entitling widows of firemen to an exemption from taxation to the extent of \$500.00 was passed in 1875. The total amount that would have been allowed Mrs. Sullivan under the Act from 1876 to date had she claimed it, was \$117.40. The Assessor's made no reduction in Mr. Sullivan's assessment because she never claimed exemption. His Honor the Recorder has advised the Committee that the City could not return to Mrs. Sullivan any of the amount claimed by her because she did not put in her claim each year and she has therefore no legal claim.

Your Committee therefore beg to submit that the City cannot return to Mrs. Sullivan any amount whatever.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MENGER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Menger, that Clause 3 of said report be amended by providing that all Coke shall be weighed by City Weighers. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report as amended be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lane, that Clause 4, re petition of Catherine E. Sullivan, for rebate of taxes, be referred back to the Committee to consider the advisability of applying for legislation to authorize the City to return to the petitioner any amounts overpaid by her.

Said amendment being put is lost. The motion is now put and passed.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Bonds of Civic officials.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Halifax, N. S., October 10th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held October 9th, inst., they considered the Bonds of City officials referred to them, and recommend them for the approval of the Council.

Your Committee consider that the present system of furnishing Bonds is objectionable, and recommend that in future all Bonds be obtained from regularly incorporated companies.

The City Charter, Section 123, requires all officers of the City to give Bonds and imposes a duty upon the Council to demand securities from every officer who collects or receives money for the City or has the special custody of property or funds of the City, and Section 125 makes the Mayor personally liable to the City in a civil action for any loss occasioned by reason that any Bond or Securities required to be given by any officer are not given, and your Committee consider that the requirements of Section 123 have not heretofore been fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MENGER, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re tenders for Coal and Forage, and also recommending sundry accounts for payment :

6th November, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

Your Board opened tenders for coal as follows :—

FROM S. CUNARD & Co.

Old Mines Sydney .....	\$5.25	per chal.—	3,000	lbs.
Acadia, .....	5.00	“ “	3,000	“
Hard Coal, Egg size .....	5.25	per ton	2,000	“
do. Stove “ .....	5.50	“ “	“	“
do. Chestnut .....	5.50	“ “	“	“

WILLIAM ROCHE.

Old Sydney .....	5.19	per chal.	3,000	lbs.
Acadia .....	4.69	“ “	“	“
Hard Coal, Egg size .....	5.10	per ton	2,000	“
do. Stove “ .....	5.45	“ “	“	“
do. Nut .....	5.45	“ “	“	“

Your Board recommended the acceptance of the tender of William Roche, it being the lowest.

The only tender for Forage was that of E. J. Fenton, as follows —

Hay .....	52½c.	per 100 lbs.
Straw .....	37½c.	“ “ “
Cracked feed .....	\$1.15	“ “ “
Bran .....	95c.	“ “ “
Oats .....	40c.	per bus. of 34 lbs.

Your Board recommend its acceptance.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Wm. Robertson & Son, Hardware, Aug. \$17.02, Sept. \$3.33, Oct. \$2.83—\$23.18 ; Stairs, Son & Morrow, Aug. \$10.01, and Sept. 65c.—\$10.66 ; S. Cunard & Co. Coal, Aug. \$8.75, Sept. \$9.20, Oct. \$8.75—\$26.70 ; Bauld, Gibson & Co., Aug. \$4.40 Sept. \$6.00—\$10.40 ; John O'Connell, Ac. for July, Aug. Sept. and Oct.—\$47.20 ; Thomas

Forhan & Co, \$1.00; Robert H. Cogswell, \$4.00; Black Bros. & Co., 45c.; Robert Horner, \$14.62; Canadian Gen. Electric Co., \$1.60; John Kelly, \$27.85; Imperial Oil Co. \$8.29; Neil Fox, for Sept. and Oct. Ac. \$27.70; Simson Bros. & Co., 44.93; Austen Bros., 15.50; Hx. Electric Tram Co., West St., Aug. and Sept. \$9.01; Hx. Electric Tram Co., No. 7 house, Aug. and Sept. \$18.66; H. Trenamen, \$30.00; Frank Readon, 20c.; Frank Tierney, \$14.00; Nova Scotia Telephone Co., 12 months rent telephone to May 1st, 1900, \$240.00; Nova Scotia Telephone Co. for Electrician to May 1st, 1900 \$25.00; Daniel McLeod for October \$4.89; Snow & Co. Ltd., \$40.00; Farquhar Bros., \$13.10; Total \$658.94.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved,—That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners submitted this day be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein mentioned.

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

Read report of Committee on City Prison re accounts for payment, etc., for the month of September.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 4th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison beg to submit for payment the following accounts:—J. A. Bowse, \$2.00; J. E. Murphy, \$2.80; M. Conroy, \$9.58; A. & W. MacKinlay, \$1.40; Wm. Kline, \$14.61; Melvin & Co., \$5.64. Blakley & Ross, \$14.62; Leaman & Co., \$8.64; W. J. Power, \$13.42. Total, \$72.71.

The returns of the Governor and Matron for September are herewith submitted.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

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

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

Read report of City Prison Committee for the month of October.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 7th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts, all of which have been certified and found correct:—Black & Flinn, \$3.60; Leaman & Co., \$9.18; R. T. Braine, \$8.30; E. W. Wright, \$71.09. J. Davidson, \$5.25. Total, \$97.42.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts named therein, amounting to \$97.42.

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

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of September.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 4th, 1899.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$3,000.07 were examined. Superintendent's report for September shows that during the month there had been 26 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 3 born, 16 discharged and 5 died. Total number of inmates September 30 was 337, made up of 200 men, 132 women and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 210 men, 131 women and 9 children, a total of 350.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger, and passed.

Read report of the Charities Committee re Tenders for Supplies for one year from November 1st, 1899.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 25, 1899.

The Charities Committee met this day to open tenders for supplies to the Poor's Asylum for one year from Nov. 1st, 1899.

The following tenders, being the lowest, were accepted, viz.:

Groceries, Dillon Bros.; Fresh Fish, A. Wilson & Son; Dry Goods, J. & M. Murphy; Leather, Arthur Fordham; Beef and Pork, W. A. Maling & Co.; Straw, E. J. Fenton; Milk, J. W. Fleming.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of His Honor the Recorder covering opinions of Benjamin Russell and Drysdale & McInnes re Young Avenue Sewer and outlet.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be placed on the Order Paper for consideration with No. 23 thereon, viz: Matters relative to the construction of Young Avenue Sewer. Motion passed.

Read reports from His Honor the Recorder relative to the following suits:—City of Halifax vs. King, Fitzpatrick vs. the City, City of Halifax vs. Farquhar, and Quinn vs. the City of Halifax. Filed.

CITY OF HALIFAX, VS. W. R. KING.

This was an information filed by the City of Halifax against the Defendant for a violation of the Building Act. The matter was reported to me by the Inspector of Buildings and I took proceedings in the Supreme Court, in order to have the matter declared a public nuisance under the law. The Defendant did not appear or file any defence, and under the law we had to proceed and prove our case as if he had. It was tried a few days ago, and a judgment was given for the City, and that portion of the building which violated the law was declared to be a public nuisance, and the Defendant was required to enter into a recognisance to demolish the same within such time as shall be limited by the City Council.



## FITZPATRICK VS THE CITY.

The City Council granted to the Defendant a license to sell liquors under the Liquor License Act. But as his mother held a license for the premises situate, at Upper Water Street, and died afterwards, her son Mr. Fitzpatrick, subsequently applied for a license for the same premises which the said Council granted for the year 1899 to 1900, and was signed by the Inspector. And on my advice His Worship the Mayor refused to sign the license as the premises were within 100 yards of the Intercolonial Railway. Mr. Fitzpatrick's contention was that inasmuch as the premises had had a license granted for it a number of years, he was entitled to have it signed by the Mayor. His Worship refused, and Mr. Fitzpatrick applied to the County Court for a Writ of Mandamus to compel him to do so. The matter was fully argued before the Court, and His Honor the Judge gave judgment to-day in favor of the City and dismissed Mr. Fitzpatrick's application.

## QUINN VS. CITY OF HALIFAX.

This was also an application to compel His Worship the Mayor to sign a license which had been granted by the Council to Mr. Quinn, to sell liquors on the premises occupied by him on Upper Water Street. On my advice His Worship also refused to sign this license, on the ground that it was within 100 yards of the Cunard Siding (so called) which I was of opinion was part of the Intercolonial Railway. The Court in this case also decided in the favor of the City and dismissed Mr. Quinn's application.

## CITY OF HALIFAX VS. FARQUHAR.

This was an action brought by the City against Mr. Farquhar to recover the amount assessed upon the Steamer Newfoundland.

Mr. Farquhar received all the notices of assessment, and paid no attention to them, and never appealed to the Court of Appeal. The question was admitted that he was over assessed for the portion of the steamer which he did not own, and whether he could make that a defence not having appealed to the Court of Appeal.

The case was tried and argued before the Court, and judgment was delivered to-day in favor of the City on two grounds. First. That if he was over assessed, or assessed for property which he did not own, and did not appeal, he was bound by the assessment. Second. And as he was the Managing owner of the ship, and in possession of the property at the time of the assessment, he was under the assessment Act bound to pay the full assessment.

Since the decision Mr. Farquhar has appealed to the Supreme Court.

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

Since making the above report the parties applied to a Judge of the Supreme Court for a writ of Mandamus, and after the argument the Court decided in favor of the City.

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

## Read report of the City Engineer re Curt around Armoury.

## SIDEWALK AT ARMOURY.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, September 21st, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the cost of placing granite curb and gutter on North Park Street, Cunard Street and Maynard Street, at the new Armoury. The estimated cost of the material is \$833.85. Estimated cost of laying, etc., \$553.50; Total, \$1387.35.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that a copy of the City Engineer's Report be forwarded to C. E. W. Dodwell, Resident Engineer, and that he be informed that the City has not at present any funds wherewith to undertake said work. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on letter of Joseph Burford, asking for water extension on Williams Street.

WATER EXTENSION WILLIAMS STREET.

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

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Joseph Burford, asking for water extension on Williams Street to two new houses :

The district is High Service. Size of pipe 4 inch ; length required, 160 feet. Estimated cost :—

Pipe .....	\$64 00
Lead and paint .....	60
Excavation and pipe laying ..	51 20
2 Service pipes .....	30 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$145 80</b>

An extension has been made on this street this year, and a Bond given for Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The revenue from the three houses will pay the interest on the whole extension. I would therefore recommend that the extension be made to the petitioner and the Bond already given cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed, that the said report be adopted.

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension South Bland Street.

WATER EXTENSION SOUTH BLAND STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 13th, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council I beg to report on the petition attached hereto, asking for water extension to supply the rink of the Halifax Curling Club.

The district is low service, size of pipe required 6 inch ; length on Bland Street 385 feet ; excavation rock. The estimated cost is :

Pipe .....	\$231 00
1 valve .....	20 00
100 lbs lead .....	4 00
Two 6-inch branches .....	9 40
Excavation and pipe laying ..	481 25

**Total .....** **\$745 65**

Interest at 5 per cent .....

**\$37 28**

There is one house the revenue from which will be \$4.00. I would respectfully recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will enter into a bond for the payment of a special rate of \$33.28.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension Summit Street.

WATER EXTENSION SUMMIT STREET.

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

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir,—I beg to report upon the accompanying petition from property owners on Summit Street, asking for Water Extension to two houses :

The district is High Service ; length required 130 feet ; size of pipe 6 inch ; excavation partially rock ; number of houses, three. The owner of one house has not signed the petition. The estimated cost is :

Pipe .....	\$ 73 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	107 90
Lead and paint .....	2 00
2 Service pipes .....	30 00
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	\$217 90

The revenue will exceed the interest on the outlay at five per cent.

A bond was given for an extension to the Eastern part of this street ; but it will be cancelled at the next adjustment of rates.

I would respectfully recommend that the extension asked for be made.

Yours respectfully

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

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

Read City Engineer's report re Water Extension, Edward Street.

WATER EXTENSION, EDWARD STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 6th, 1899.

*To His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir,—The sewer in Edward Street is under construction between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road. In part of the street water pipe has not been laid and there are two dead ends. It would be advisable to connect these two ends before filling in the sewer trench, and it would be much more economical than opening the street after houses are built.

I would respectfully recommend that the work be done while the trench is open.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of City Engineer re Water Extension on Creighton Street, North of North Street.

WATER EXTENSION, CREIGHTON STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, September 21st, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir,—I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from D. R. Reid, asking for water extension to a house which he is building on Creighton Street, North of North Street.

The district is high service. Size of pipe required, 6 inch. Length, 150 feet.  
Estimated cost:—

Pipe.....	\$ 90.00
Pipe laying and excavation (rock).....	150.00
Lead and paint.....	1.00
1 Service pipe.....	20.00
	\$261.00

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioner will agree to pay a special rate of \$13.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of Library Committee re Tenders for printing the new Catalogue for the Library.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 1st, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Citizens' Free Library met on Oct 27th ult. Present Aldermen Geldert, (Chairman), Creighton, Ryan and Menger.

Tenders for printing, stitching, covering and furnishing complete, 2000 copies of the new Catalogue of the books of the Library were received from Holloway Brothers, T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax Printing Co., J. R. Findlay, Nova Scotia Printing Co. and the Herald Printing House.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of J. R. Findlay at \$1.19 per page, his tender being the lowest.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read Returns of the Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of August and September. Filed.

Read petition of W. A. Monaghan and William C. Adams for water extension on Seldon Street.

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

Read petition of Frank Readon and others for an extension of the sewerage service on Seymour Street.

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

Read petition of C. W. Hayward and others for Water Extension Henry Street.

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

Read petition of J. B. Bennett and others for sewer and water extension Duncan Street Extension.

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 letter of Alfred Whitman covering a petition of J. M. Owen and others, asking that the outlet for Young Avenue Sewer be reached by constructing a sewer by way of Owen Street to View Street, through View Street to Ogilvie Street, and thence to the Harbor.

On motion, the same is placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with No. 23 thereof, in re Young Avenue Sewer.

Read petition of W. N. Pyke for water extension North Street.

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

Read petition of Evangeline Booth for an appropriation in aid of the Salvation Army Rescue Home.

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

Read invitation of M. E. Keefe to the Mayor and Council to see the Grain Elevator in running order.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said invitation be acknowledged and accepted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to arrange a date with Mr. Keefe. Motion passed.

Read letter from John G. O'Toole, asking for an investigation into the death of his brother, Patrick O'Toole.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Eliza Rhind re condition of drain and sidewalk in front of No. 23 Acadia Street.

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

Read petition of W. H. Cleverdon in re sewer and water extension, Henry Street.

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

Read letter of S. Cummins covering resignation of R. Woodill of his position of Coal Measurer.

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

Read application of Thomas Shields for the position of Weigher and Measurer of Coal.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Mr. Shields be appointed a Weigher and Measurer of Coal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Woodill.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the vacancy be not filled for the present, and that the application be filed.

Said amendment is now put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Read application of W. P. Hayden for the position of 2nd Assistant City Clerk. Filed.

Read letter A. J. Bell in re Guarantee Company Bond for City Treasurer covering draft of proposed Bond.

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

Read returns of the City Collector for the months of September and October. Filed.

Read Cash Statements of the City Treasurer for the months of September and October. Filed.

Alderman Rogers, by leave of Council, submits a notice of motion in re appointment of a Works Commission, to perform the duties formerly vested in the Board of Works.

Read letter of R. A. Macintyre in re Book-keeping in the City Collector's Office.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Menger, that a copy of said letter be forwarded to the City Collector, and the letter referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Alderman Mitchell and Alderman Musgrave be appointed Commissioners of Schools in place of Commissioners Geldert and McFatrige, retired. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Menger, that Alderman Rogers be reappointed a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 O'CLOCK.

DECEMBER 14th, 1899.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

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

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

The Council was summoned to appoint a Commissioner of the County Court House, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alderman Hubley submits a petition from J. H. Balcom and others for an electric light at the corner of Cunard and Robie Streets.

Alderman Lane submits a petition of M. E. Keefe and others, for tram accommodation for the West end of the City.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Eight reports from the City Engineer, viz:—Re Water Extension Young Street No. 3, or Isleville Street.

Re Sewer and Water Extension, Duncan Street.

“ Sewer extension on Seymour Street.

“ Water Extension, Atlantic Street.

“ Water Extension, Henry Street.

Re Water Extension, Seldon Street.

" Water Extension, North Street.

" Toboggan Slides—with plan.

Petition from Willoughby Smith and others praying that the license granted Thomas Bushell as Dog Pound Keeper be immediately revoked.

Letter from the President and Secretary of the Society for the prevention of cruelty, covering letter from H. McD. Henry re Bushell's Dog Pound.

Letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board School Commissioners, re Estimates for School Purposes for the year ending 30th April, 1900.

Letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary re School Estimates.

Letter from Hon. J. W. Loughley, Attorney-General, re Act relating to Juries.

Resignation of W. R. Cogswell of his position of Coal Weigher.

Applications of James Meehan, Philip DeGruchy, James A. Harraher and Andrew Doyle for the position of Coal Weigher.

Letter Catherine Meagher, widow of Nicholas Meagher, asking that her husband's salary be continued her until 30th April next.

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

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

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 of Committee on Public Accounts, recommending sundry accounts for payment, and on the application of R. Woodill, Coal Measurer, for a pension.

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

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

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:

A. & W. MacKinlay, stationery, &c.—For City Clerk, Sept., \$2.59 Oct. 60 cts.; for City Collector, Sept. \$3.05; for City Treasurer, Sept. 25 cts., Oct. \$1.25; Police Department, Oct. \$3.22; total, \$10.96.

T. C. Allen & Co., blank books, printing, &c.—For City Clerk, Sept. \$9.25; for City Collector, Sept. \$3.75; for City Assessor, Sept. \$28.50; total, \$41.50.

Morning Herald, advertising, June to September, \$23.08 and \$6.06; total, \$29.14.

Acadian Recorder, advertising, July and August, \$10.46; total, \$92.06.

Your committee have considered the petition of R. Woodill, coal measurer, for a pension, and beg to report that there are no funds from which such a pension could be paid, and recommend that it would be inexpedient to establish a precedent for similar cases which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*



The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts referred to therein.

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

Read report of the Charities Committee covering accounts for the month of November.

HALIFAX, December 6, 1899.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$2673.05 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for November shows that during the month there were 29 persons admitted to the Poores' Asylum, 2 born, 16 discharged and 3 died. Total number of inmates November 30th, 1899 was 377, made up of 224 men, 142 women and 11 children.

Respectfully submitted,

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 O'Donnell, and passed.

Read report of the Committee on Tenders re Tenders for Printing the Provincial Electoral Lists.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 11th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Tenders met this day. Present, Aldermen Redden (Chairman), Menger and Martin, and opened four tenders for printing the Provincial Electoral Lists for the City of Halifax.

The tender of Blackadar Bros. at \$1.18 per page being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

The tenders are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. REDDEN, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of the City Prison Committee for the month of November.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY PRISON, Dec. 12th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on City Prison met this day at the prison. Present, Aldermen Mosher (Chairman), Martin, Campbell and Lane.

The following accounts, having been certified and found correct, are recommended for payment :

Wm. Robertson & Son, \$5.71; Barnstead & Sutherland, \$10.62; W. C. Anderson, \$25.54; Leaman & Co., \$9.36; MacInnes & Son, \$6.70; Black & Flinn, \$112.96; Irwin & Sons, \$8.46; A. Fordham, \$10.20; total, \$189.55.

The returns of the Governor and Matron for November are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced.

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

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

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re Grant to widow of Patrick O'Toole, appointments to the Department, and recommending sundry accounts for payment.

CITY HALL, 13TH DECEMBER, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen.—The Board of Fire Commissioners beg to report as follows :

1st—In the matter of the letter of John O'Toole asking for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of his brother, Patrick O'Toole. Your Board notified Mr. O'Toole to attend a meeting called for the purpose of said investigation, and requested him to give the names of any persons he might wish to have called as witnesses, in order that the Board might notify them to attend said meeting. In reply to said notice Mr. O'Toole informed the Board that there must be some misunderstanding in the matter as he only wanted to call the Council's attention to the fact of his brother's death. Reply hereto attached.

Your Board having taken into consideration all the circumstances surrounding the death of Patrick O'Toole, and in view of the fact that he lost his life while in the performance of work in connection with the Fire Alarm System, would recommend that the sum of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars be granted by the City to the widow of the late Patrick O'Toole, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to that purpose to be submitted to the Legislature at its next session.

2nd—Your Board recommend the appointments of Alfred Calais and John Bishop as call men of the department, that Edward Ead and Anthony Galloway be appointed drivers, and that Allan Druhan be appointed to fill the vacant position of Engineer.

3rd—The following accounts are recommended for payment :

Charles Myett, repairs to No. 7 House, \$6.86; Farquhar Bros., metal ceiling Central House, \$269.50; Farquhar Bros., plumbing work, &c., to 30th November, \$143.02; John Starr, Son & Co., line wire, \$69.06; Macdonald & Co., repairing No. 1 chemical, \$22.82; Macdonald & Co., repairing No. 5 S. F. E., \$15.55; George Thomson, brooms, \$3.25; G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$9.10; J. E. M. Taylor, glazing, \$7.18; Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$8.52; Poor's Asylum, wood, \$32.50; W. N. Brown, wheelbarrow, &c., \$8.75; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$2.08; Neil Fox, harness work, \$15.50; Halifax Electric Tram Co., lighting No. 7 House, \$18.66; Halifax Electric Tram Co., lighting West St., \$15.47; Robert Merlin, posts, \$2.50; Black Bros. & Co., drill, 75 cts.; J. A. Leaman & Co., neat's foot oil, \$1.50; John Davison & Son, lumber, \$4.09; Simson Bros. & Co., bluestone, \$40.50; Simson Bros. & Co., sponges, &c., \$14.80; The Edes Manufacturing Co., zincs, \$58.00; John O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$8.04; total, \$778.00.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read Report of the Committee on Laws and Privilege, re petition of W. B. Freeman to be relieved from the payment of a portion of his water rates, and on petition of residents of Merklesfield to be relieved from the payment of dog tax.

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

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

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to recommend as follows :

That the letter of W. B. Freeman asking to be relieved from a portion of the water rates on his property, Willow Park, be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with.

In respect to the petition of the residents of Merklesfield to be relieved from the payment of the license fee for dogs, that as the dog ordinance applies to the whole city it is not in the power of the Council under the said ordinance to relieve any particular section of the city from its operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENGER, *Chairman.*

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

Read Report of the Committee on Citizens' Free Library recommending sundry accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 11th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Citizen's Free Library beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts :

Chargeable to ordinary account—S. F. Huestis, books, \$6.23 ; Morning Herald, advertising, \$1.05 ; Cragg Bros., tools, 40 cts. ; T. C. Allen & Co., books, \$9.34 ; F. Reardon, gold leaf, \$6.00 ; Mutual Subscription Co., subscriptions, magazines, &c., for 1899, less credit \$3.75 ; total, \$207.87.

small accounts, 37 cts. and 25 cts., 62 c60, 184.23 ; Mutual Subscription Co.,

Chargeable to Special Account—Gordon & Keith, book case, \$15.00 ; Library Bureau, shelf pins, \$2.88, \$2.14, \$5.02 ; M. E. & L. E. Fletcher, typewriting, \$3.75 ; Marshall, Son & Co., supplies, \$36.20 ; Toronto Type Foundry, iron case, &c., total \$63.54.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read Report of City Engineer on Water Extension Young Street No. 3 or Islesville Street.

WATER EXTENSION YOUNG ST., NO. 3 OR ISLESVILLE STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 14th, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Young Street, No. 3 or Islesville Street.

The district is high service ; length of pipe required, 40 feet ; size, 4 inches ; excavation, earth.

The estimated cost is.

Pipe .....	\$16.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	18.00
1 service pipe.....	12.00

\$46.00

The distance to connect the dead end with Almon Street is only 150 feet, and I would recommend that the pipe be laid for the whole distance.

Respectfully submitted,

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