

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

Read Report of the City Engineer on Sewer and Water Extension Duncan Street.

WATER EXTENSION DUNCAN STREET.

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

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—I beg to report to the accompanying petition for water extension on Duncan Street :

Some of the petitioners are owners of vacant land and have no houses in course of erection. Other petitioners who have houses are not anxious to have the water ; and I am satisfied on enquiry that the object of the petition was to extend the water supply to two houses about 160 feet from the end of the pipe. The district is high service ; size of pipe, 6 inches ; excavation, rock. The estimated cost is :

Pipe.....	\$ 96.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	192.00
2 service pipes.....	50.00
Lead and paint.....	75
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	\$338.75
Interest at 5 per cent.....	\$16.94
Estimated revenue .....	8.00

The petitioners also ask for the extension of the sewer, and it would be more economical to make the two extensions together. I would therefore recommend that the sewer and water be extended to these two houses, in which case a special rate will not be required.

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 Report of the City Engineer re Sewer Extension on Seymour Street.

SEYMOUR STREET SEWER.

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sewer on Seymour Street, between Morris Street and South Street :

The length required is about 550 feet ; size 12 in. x 18 in. ; excavation largely rock. The estimated cost is \$2,750.00. Estimated assessment, \$1,237.50.

I beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read Report City Engineer re Water Extension on Atlantic Street.

WATER EXTENSION ATLANTIC STREET.

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for extension of the city water supply on Atlantic Street, east from South Bland Street. The

district is low service. The distance 140 feet ; size of pipe, 6 inches ; excavation, rock. The estimated cost is :

Pipe .....	\$ 84.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	175.00
4 service pipes.....	100.00
Lead and paint.....	80
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$359.80</b>

The estimated revenue exceeds the interest on the estimated outlay of 5 per cent. I therefore beg to recommend that the extension be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read Report City Engineer re water extension Henry Street.

WATER EXTENSION HENRY STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 22nd, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Henry Street, north of Coburg Road :

The district is high service ; distance, 267 feet ; size of pipe, 6 inches ; excavation, rock ; estimated cost :

Pipe .....	\$160.20
1-6 inch valve.....	20.00
Lead and paint.....	2.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	333.75
2 service pipes.....	50.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$565.95</b>
Interest at 5 per cent.....	\$ 28.30

There are only two houses on the proposed extension, the third petitioner owning a vacant lot. I would recommend that the water supply be extended to the two houses, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate of \$14.15.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer re water extension, Seldon Street.

WATER EXTENSION SELDON STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 22nd, 1899.

*Hts Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Seldon Street. The district is high service ; distance, 30 feet on Preston Street, 355 feet on Mott Street, and 260 feet on Seldon Street ; size of pipe, 6 inches ; excavation, rock. The estimated cost is :

PRESTON STREET.

Pipe .....	\$ 18.00
1-6 in. 3-way branch.....	4.70
Excavation and pipe laying.....	30.00
Lead and paint.....	80

53.50

## MOTT STREET.

Pipe .....	\$213.00
1-6 in. valve.....	20.00
1-6 in. 3-way branch .....	4.70
40 lbs. lead.....	1.60
Excavation and pipe laying.....	355.00
3 service pipes.....	60.00
	<u>\$654.30</u>

## SELDON STREET.

Pipe .....	\$216.00
1-6 in. valve.....	20.00
3 service pipes.....	60.00
40 lbs. lead.....	1.60
Excavation and pipe laying.....	312.00
	<u>\$609.60</u>

Total.....\$1,317.40

There are six houses on the line of extension asked for; but only two householders have signed the petition. The other householders would pay \$4.00 if they did not take the water, which would leave a balance of \$49.87 to be paid by the two petitioners.

I would recommend that the extension be made provided they will agree to pay a special rate of \$24.93, or such rate as will make up the interest on the estimated outlay of 5 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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

## WATER EXTENSION NORTH STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 22nd, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from W. N. Pyke, asking for extension of the water pipe to his premises.

The district is high service; distance, 140 feet; size of pipe, 6 inches; excavation, rock; estimated cost:

Pipe .....	\$ 84.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	175.00
Service pipe .....	25.00
	<u>\$284.00</u>
Interest at 5 per cent.....	\$14.20

The revenue will be less than this amount, and I would recommend that the water pipe be extended provided the petitioner will agree to pay a special rate of \$14.20.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report (with plan) of the City Engineer on Toboggan Slides

## TOBOGGAN SLIDES.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the cost (with sketches) of erecting and maintaining toboggan slides on the Common.

The sketch submitted herewith shows a proposed slide which could be used by children or adults, although the height of any slide which could be used to advantage would be an element of danger where children are permitted to use it. The estimated cost of the structure shown is about one hundred dollars (100.00). The material would be of no use for sewer purposes. The cost of putting up and removal each year would be small and the flushing could probably be done by the Fire Department. The chairman of that department is making preparations for flooding and sweeping snow off portions of the Common for skating, and I have no doubt that he would make arrangements for flushing toboggan slides when required. The slope of the Common is not steep enough for good slides; but there are two places south of Cogswell Street on which structures might be erected. It would also be possible to erect one on Camp Hill; but the slide would have to be prepared before the frost goes into the ground, otherwise there would be danger of toboggans running out on to the street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said report be referred to the Commissioners of Common. Motion passed.

Read letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners, covering copy of Estimates for school purposes for the year ending 30th April, 1901. Also read letter from the Provincial Secretary re School Estimates.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for their consideration in framing the Estimates for the civic year 1900-1901. Motion passed.

Read letter from H. McD. Henry re Bushell's Dog Kennels. Also read letter from the President and Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty on the same subject. Also read petition of Willoughby Smith and others, praying that the license granted Thomas Bushell as Dog Pound Keeper be revoked.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the appointment of Thomas Bushell as Dog Pound Keeper be cancelled. Motion passed.

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

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

Read petition of J. H. Balcom and others for an electric light at corner of Cunard and Robie Streets.

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

Read resignation of James Mitchell of his position of Salt and Grain Measurer, submitted at the last meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Read resignation of W. R. Cogswell of his position as Coal Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Read application from J. A. Harraher, James Meehan, Philip DeGruchy and Andrew Doyle for the position of Coal Weigher and Measurer.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said applications be filed. Motion passed, 10 voting for the same and 8 against it.

Read letter from Catherine Meagher, widow of Nicholas Mengher, Health Inspector, asking that the salary of her late husband be continued her until the end of the present civic year.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Motion passed.

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

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

Read petition of M. E. Keefe and others for the extension of the tram service in the West end of the City.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That a copy of the petition from residents of the west end for the extension of the tram service be forwarded to the directors of the Tram Co., requesting them to comply with the wishes of the petitioners, and have the rails laid down and the road equipped on the proposed route.

And Further Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to acquire the right-of-way over the proposed route, if any such is required.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that His Worship the Mayor at the next meeting of the City Council nominate a Committee consisting of one Alderman from each ward of the City, to consider and report upon the petition and resolution relative to Tram Service extension in the West end of the City.

Said amendment on being put is passed.

Alderman Campbell, by leave of Council, submits the following resolution :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to draw an Act to be submitted to the next meeting of the Legislature to enable the City to borrow the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid to the widow of the late Patrick O'Toole, who was recently killed while in the discharge of his duty in repairing the City fire alarm telegraph.

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

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

Resolved, That the petition of Catherine E. Sullivan, presented to this Council August 15th, 1899, and reported upon by the Committee of Laws and Privileges at last meeting, be again referred to said committee for further report.

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

Alderman Chisholm has leave to introduce the following resolution:—

Whereas, a School of Technology is proposed for the Maritime Provinces ;  
And Whereas, Halifax presents many advantages as a location for the same ;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to determine what encouragement could be given to the locating of such an institution in this City.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, and passed.

On motion Aldermen Chisholm, Butler, Faulkner and Hawkins are appointed the Committee in connection with the foregoing resolution.

Alderman O'Donnell, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution:—

Whereas, The noon-day and half-past nine o'clock gun, as now fired from the Citadel Hill, is injuring the property on Brunswick street, from Buckingham to Prince Streets ;

Therefore Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Menger be appointed a committee to confer with the military authorities with the view of having the gun removed from its present position and fired from the west side of the Citadel.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Chisholm and passed.

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

Whereas, An entry dated Dec. 12th, 1898, in the Clerk of Works' day-book shows that the City Recorder deducted \$10.00 from a payment of \$75.00 by Mr. W. B. Slack for rent due the City ;

And Whereas, Mr. W. B. Slack affirms that he paid his rent in full and did not pay the City Recorder \$10.00, and this confirms the entry in the Clerk of Works' day-book ;

Also, Mr. Slack shows His Honor the Recorder's receipt for \$75.00 cash for rent due the City, dated Dec. 12th, 1898, signed by the Recorder ;

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be commanded to refund the \$10.00 deducted from Mr. Slack's rent on hand or his resignation as City Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

On the vote being taken on the question, there appeared :

For the motion to refer.	Against it.
Aldermen Butler, Menger,	Aldermen Geldert, Ryan,
Hubley, O'Donnell,	Faulkner, Campbell,
Chisholm, Martin,	Musgrave, Mitchell,
Rogers, Mosher,	Lane, Redden,
Hawkins—9	Creighton—9.

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

Alderman Hawkins submits a copy of an account of MacCoy and MacCoy, against Messrs. Stephen and Troop, for the City of Halifax

for the sum of \$170.00 for searching titles, &c., and moved, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said account be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Aldermen Mosher, Musgrave and Faulkner, gave to the Council a full explanation of the matters for which said account was rendered, stating that the account of MacCoy and MacCoy had been paid by the Dominion Government out of the \$50,000 granted by the City of Halifax towards the erection of a Grain Elevator, under an Agreement entered into between the representatives of the City Council and Board of Trade, and the Acting Minister of Railways of the Dominion of Canada.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the explanations of Aldermen Mosher, Musgrave and Faulkner, be accepted. Said amendment on being put is passed. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Hubley,  
Ryan, Redden,  
Campbell, Chisholm,  
Butler, Rogers,  
Mitchell, Creighton,  
Menger, Lane—12.

Against it.

Aldermen O'Donnell, Martin,  
Hawkins—3.

Aldermen Faulkner, Musgrave and Mosher excused from voting.

Alderman Redden has leave to introduce the following resolution :—

Whereas, There is at the present time no street running from Ward Six to Ward One, between Barrington and Park Streets, and delay and inconvenience in the communication between the Northern and Southern portions of the City are caused by this condition of things, which will sooner or later be removed by the extension of Brunswick Street southward ;

And Whereas, In case of such extension Brunswick Street would reach Spring Garden Road by way of Hastings Street, and as there is no street running southward from Spring Garden Road, between Pleasant and Queen Streets, (Argyle, Grafton and Albemarle Streets being cut off), it is desirable that Hastings Street should be extended southward with a view to future connection with Dundonald or Morris Streets ;

And Whereas, It is understood that the Dominion Government are likely to dispose at an early day of what is known as the Old Drill Shed property, through the western portion of which the extension of Hastings Street would run, and such disposition would probably have the effect of rendering impracticable for an indefinite time the extending of said street ;

And Whereas, It is therefore desirable that the Dominion Government, when disposing of said property, should convey to the City a strip along the western side thereof, not less than sixty feet wide, to permit the extension of Hastings Street, and considering that the large amount of property owned by the Dominion Government pays no taxes to the City, and having regard to the fact that a large proportion of said property when owned by private persons did pay taxes, it is not unreasonable to expect that the government should be willing to confer the favor in question on the City ;

Resolved, Therefore, That the Dominion Government be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to convey to the City the land along the western side of the said Drill Shed property required for the extension of Hastings Street ;

And Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of Militia and Defence, and of Finance, and to the Senators and Members of the House of Commons residing in this County, with a request that they will severally use their influence to see that the above request is complied with.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that No. 28 on the Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 28, viz:—Alderman Rogers' notice of motion re payment of interest on taxes.

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that No. 7 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 7, viz:—Report Board of Fire Wards re increase of salary of Chief, appointments of J. T. Murphy as an Engineer, and of Frank Payne as a Driver of the Department.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 29th, 1898.

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

1st—Your Board recommend that the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, to take effect on the first day of May next. The Chief to devote his whole time to the duties of the situation.

2nd—In the matter of the appointment of an engineer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Fahie, your Board recommend that John T. Murphy be appointed engineer at the Central Engine House at a salary of \$500.00 per year. In addition to his duties as such engineer he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Fire Commissioners, including the drying of hose and repairing couplings of hose; his whole time to be given to the department, and his appointment to this position to date from 1st December proximo.

3rd—The appointment of Frank Payne to the position of driver is also recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Read Clause 1—Re increasing the salary of the Chief of the Department to (\$1000 00) one thousand dollars per annum.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave that said clause be amended by substituting the words "first day of January, 1900" for the words "1st day of May next," and that said clause as so amended be now passed. Motion passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being taken, there appeared:

For the Motion

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,  
Campbell, Musgrave,  
Butler, Menger,  
Lane, Redden,  
Martin, Rogers.—10.

Aldermen Ryan, Mitchell,  
Hubley O'Donnell,  
Chisholm, Mosher,  
Hawkins—7.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 2—Re salary of John T. Murphy.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the salary of J. T. Murphy be fixed at \$600.00 per year.



Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the regular appointment of civic officials in May next. The motion to defer is now passed.

Clause 3—Re appointment of Frank Payne as a Driver is withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the appointment of a County Court Commissioner be for the present deferred. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.10 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 28th, 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, Mosher, Martin and Menger.

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

8/30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Rogers, Chisholm and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider the Estimates for 1900-1901, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read.

His Worship the Mayor verbally disapproves of the Resolution passed at last meeting of the Council whereby the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department was increased to one thousand dollars per annum.

The Minutes are now confirmed.

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

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 covering the Estimates for the civic year 1900-1901.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from Colonel Collard in re Grand Patriotic Concert to be held 4th January, prox.

Petition of C. A. Hawkins for better water supply at Willow Park. City Engineer's report re Water Extension Longard Street.

Report Commissioners of Common re Toboggan Slides.

Letter from W. S. Oliver, M. D., relative to collecting stretchers.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re completion of Fenwick Street.

Letter from A. McKay, Supervisor of Schools, re probable visit of the American Institute of Instruction to the City of Halifax.

Letter from the Secretary of the High Commissioner for Canada, at London, asking for a map of the City and port of Halifax.

Letter from Col. Wilkinson, C. R. E., relative to the firing of the time gun on Citadel Hill.

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

Read Letter of Dr. W. S. Oliver, relative to a stretcher of his invention for the rapid and easy removal of wounded men from the "fighting line" in war to a place of shelter, and offering to sell to the City of Halifax 20 sets of said stretcher to be presented to the Canadian Troops about to embark for the Transvaal, for the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00.)

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Menger, that Dr. Oliver be permitted to address the Council and explain the advantage of his invention. Motion passed.

Dr. Oliver, from the floor of the Chamber, addresses the Council on the subject, and producing one of his stretchers gives a practical exhibition of its working, and explains its superiority over the present heavy field stretcher in use by the Military.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the matter be left with His Worship the Mayor to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter Colonel A. W. Collard asking that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax consent to become Patrons of the Grand Patriotic Concert in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Fund, for the relief of the widows and orphans of British and Colonial Soldiers and Sailors who may be killed during the present war in South Africa.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the request of Colonel Collard be granted. Motion passed.

Read petition of C. A. Hawkins and others for a more continuous and efficient force of water at Willow Park and Windsor Street.

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

Read report of the City Engineer re water extension, Longard Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION LONGARD STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 28th, 1899.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—The accompanying petition was received some time ago; but I have not reported on it in the hope that some step would be taken to improve the condition of the high service. The extension asked for would be one-half mile in length along Longard street. The petitioners suggest that the water might be extended from the new main, but as the district is higher than the level of the lake itself it will be at once apparent to the Council that this is an impossibility.

The estimated cost is:—

6-inch pipe .....	\$1553.00
2 6-inch valves .....	40.00
3 6-inch 4-way branches .....	17.12
5 6-inch 3-way branches .....	23.50
600 lbs. lead .....	21.00
Metallic paint .....	1.20

500 feet of excavation and pipe laying ... ..	375.00
2,005 feet do., do .....	719.25
21 service pipes ... ..	315.15
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Total ... ..	\$3,045.22
Interest at 5 per cent .....	\$152.26
Estimated revenue .....	84.00

The revenue will be much less than the interest on the outlay.

The class of houses is not a good one to guarantee prevention of waste in cold weather. The proposed extension is a heavy one, and the district is one of the highest to be supplied by the high service main. In the present condition of the system a constant supply of water could not be given to the petitioners and the extension of the pipe to supply them would only increase the annoyance to householders using the high service supply in Willow Park and other high districts, as it would lessen the pressure and flow of water in that neighborhood.

Under the circumstances, I do not think it would be advisable to make the extension asked for; aside from the question of cost, the interest on the outlay being nearly double the revenue. I would therefore recommend that the extension shall not be made for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of Commissioners of Common re Toboggan Slides.

Dec 28th, 1899.

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

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Halifax Common met last evening. Present:—Chairman Lane, Commissioners Holloway, Scanlan, Chisholm, Kelley, Hubley, Pickering, and His Honor the Recorder.

They had before them the report of the City Engineer in re Toboggan Slides on the North Common, when the following resolution was moved by Commissioner Chisholm, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, passed and ordered to be sent to the City Council Council for their information.

"Resolved, That this Commission decline to recommend to the City Council the erection of Toboggan Slides on the North Common, but suggest that application be made to the proper authorities for the use of one or more of the northern slopes of the Citadel."

Hereto attached please find papers in connection with same.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that said report be filed. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder in re completion of Fenwick Street.

IN RE COMPLETION OF FENWICK STREET.

September 1st, 1899.

The only safe mode to carry out the recommendation of the City Engineer in order to widen the street is to expropriate the land, as there are so many different interests.

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that His Honor the Recorder take such steps as may be necessary to expropriate the land required to widen Fenwick Street. Motion passed.

Read letter J. G. Colmer, Secretary to the High Commissioner of Canada, asking that a good map of the City and port of Halifax be placed at the disposal of the High Commissioner for the use of the Library and Reading Room of his office at London, England.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Commercial Committee of the Council to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter from A. MacKay, Supervisor of Halifax Schools, relative to the American Institute of Instruction holding its next meeting in Halifax about the tenth of July.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that an official invitation be extended by the City of Halifax to the American Institute of Instruction to hold its next meeting at Halifax, and that the City Clerk send an official invitation, under the Seal of the City of Halifax, to the Hon. Mason S Stone, State Superintendent of Education, Montpelier, Vermont, to that effect. Motion passed.

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges re City's proportion of County taxes.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:*

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have agreeably to a resolution of the City Council considered the matter of the amount contributed by the city towards the county taxes.

On the 18th instant, a sub-committee of this committee, consisting of Aldermen Menger and Rogers and His Honor the Recorder, held a conference with a committee representing the county council, consisting of Warden B. C. Wilson and Councillors John E. Shatford, Flemming and Negus.

The City's committee strongly protested against the City's paying nine-elevenths of the following items:—

County Court House Current Expenses.  
County Court House Interest on Loans.  
Sheriff's Accounts.  
County Clerk and Treasurer (salaries.)  
Printing and Stationery.

And endeavored to have the items eliminated entirely from among the list of charges against the City; but were unable to obtain the consent of the County Council's committee.

It was finally agreed between the City's committee and Warden Wilson and Councillor Shatford, that instead of the City paying yearly nine-elevenths of the salaries of the county clerk and treasurer the City should in future contribute the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) a year and no more towards the salaries of those officers, the County Council to divide the said sum of four hundred dollars (400.00) between the County Clerk and the County Treasurer as they deem expedient, and that the further consideration of all the other items in dispute be deferred for one year.

By this arrangement the City will save over nine hundred dollars (\$900) a year.

Your Committee recommend that this agreement be concurred in by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENGER, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges re Juries Lists, and also re petition of Catherine E. Sullivan for the return of taxes claimed to have been overpaid by her.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 28th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen.—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the letter of the Honorable Attorney General in regard to the Juries' Act.

The Juries Act of 1899, requires that the City Council shall every year appoint, to continue in office until their successors are appointed, a committee consisting of not less than two members of the Council representing different sections of the City to prepare or revise lists, of all persons within City liable to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors, and that the Clerk of the Council shall ex officio be a member of such committee and the secretary thereof.

Within two months after the appointment of such committee the committee is required to prepare new lists, and from time to time thereafter, as required, to revise the same. All lists and supplementary lists to be published in a newspaper.

Section 75, requires that the Council shall vote such compensation to the committee preparing or revising the lists as it deems suitable for the work.

Your committee is of opinion that the preparation and revision of these lists and the compliance with the many provisions of the Juries Act involves the expenditure of a large amount of time and labor.

It is recommended that a Juries Lists Revising Committee to consist of two Aldermen and the Clerk of the Council be appointed in compliance with the act.

Your committee have again enquired into the petition of Catherine E. Sullivan, for the return of taxes overpaid by her, and in view of the fact that she paid a considerable sum to the City through ignorance of the exemption she could have claimed, beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder, be instructed to insert in any bill to be present to the next session of the Legislature to authorize the City to borrow money, a clause enabling the City to borrow \$117.40, to repay to Mrs. Sullivan, the amount overpaid by her to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Acting Chairman.*

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

Read letter from Colonel Wilkinson, C. R. E., relative to the firing of the time gun on Citadel Hill. Filed.

Read report from the Committee on Public Accounts relative to the Estimates for the year 1900-1901 and other matters.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 26th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen.—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report as follows:—The committee have considered the resolution submitted to the Council by Aldermen Rogers, proposing to change the law regarding the payment of interest on taxes, so that interest would not be charged until after the year expires, for which the taxes are due. It was deemed by the committee that the change suggested would remove the incentive to prompt payment now held out by the City, by making it more profitable for the persons who now pay their taxes before August 1st, in order to receive the discount of 2 per cent. to refrain from doing so until May, of the succeeding year.

A measure that would not materially affect the present system to the disadvantage of the City, and would give to persons who might require it three months further time than is now allowed, is recommended, viz:—To extend the time at which interest on unpaid taxes will commence to be charged from October 1st to January 1st. It is recommended that His Honor the Recorder, be instructed to draft an Amendment to the Act passed in 1897, to the following effect:—

"In case any person neglects or refuses to pay his rates or taxes after the 31st day of December, in the year in which the same became due, the

said rates and taxes shall bear interest at the rate of one-half per cent. per month, including the month within which the said taxes are paid, until the whole amount is paid, and the party liable for such rates and taxes shall also be liable for the said interest."

The following recommendations are also submitted for the concurrence of the Council:—

1st. That His Honor the Recorder, be authorized to draft Legislation, authorizing the City to borrow \$50,000 for Water Construction, and \$139.15 to pay a number of Accounts chargeable to City Property Account, 1898-9, the funds of which Account were exhausted before said bills were rendered.

The said Accounts, together with a letter from the Clerk of Works, thereon are attached hereto.

2nd. That the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow, under the terms of the Provincial Exhibition Act, the sum of \$8,873.64, to meet a balance of Provincial Exhibition deficit, 1897, and the deficits of 1898 and 1899.

3rd. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Treasurer, be authorized to arrange with the Merchants' Bank, for an overdraft of \$40,000 to meet current expenses.

4th. That the City Treasurer be instructed to retire the \$8,000.00 of Water Debentures falling due 1st January, 1900, out of the Sinking Fund of 1896.

The yearly Estimates for 1900-1901 are herewith submitted for the consideration of the Council.

The total Estimate shows an increase over last year of \$2,639.50, though the amount required for the various services this year is actually \$3,360.50 less than was estimated for last year. The reason for this difference of \$6,000.00 is that this year only \$2,000.00 is taken from Unexpended Balances, while last year \$8,000.00 was derived from this source with which to reduce the Assessment.

The Ordinary Assessment this year is \$850.00 more than last year, and the Extra Assessment \$4,210.54 less.

Salaries Account has been reduced \$600.00, and Police Maintenance \$500.00. Lighting Streets was increased \$500.00. The fund of \$1,200.00 provided last year for revising the City Charter, was exhausted, and \$1,000.00 is estimated this year to complete the work. A new item in the Estimates is \$1,000.00 for revising and printing the Juries Lists under the Act of 1899.

In the Extra Assessments Public Schools is \$1,920.00 less, and Poores' Asylum \$500.00 less than last year. In the Old Funded Debt interest account a saving of \$1,200.00 was effected by the retirement out of the Sinking Fund 1st July last, of \$20,000.00 Exhibition Building Debentures.

—In considering the Estimates the Committee had before them applications for increases of salary from the three City Assessors, H. S. Rhind, and L. R. Kaye, Clerks in City Collector's office; William P. Morrison, Assistant in City Engineer's office, and L. Fred Monaghan, Assitant City Clerk. None of the increases asked for were estimated for. The applications are submitted for the consideration of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read item No. 1,—Relative to the payment of interest on taxes.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the re ommendations contained in said report relative to the payment of interest on taxes be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the date on which interest shall become due on unpaid taxes be changed from the 31st day of December in the year in which the same become due to the 30th day of April of the year following.

Said amendment on being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Campbell, Hublev,	Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,
O'Donnell, Martin,	Mitchell, Butler,
Rogers, Ryan,	Menger, Lane—6.
Mosher, Hawkins—8.	

Alderman Faulkner gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Butler gives notice that he will at the next meeting of the Council move a resolution to the effect: That the Charter be amended so as to enable the rate payers to take advantage of the 2% discount on taxes provided they pay the full amount due in any one ward.

Read item re authorizing the City Recorder to draft Legislation authorizing the City to borrow \$50,000 for Water Construction, and \$139.15 to pay accounts chargeable to City Property Account 1898-9.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the item pass. Motion passed.

Read clause re Exhibition deficits.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to arrange with the Merchants Bank of Halifax, for an overdraft of \$40,000 to meet current expenses.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause relative to the retiring the \$8,000 of Water Debentures falling due 1st January 1900 out of the Sinking Fund.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Whereas, The Council has resolved to apply for Legislation to authorize the City to borrow the following sums, viz:—

\$1,000.00 to pay to the widow of Patrick O'Toole.

\$117.40 to repay to Catherine E. Sullivan, the amount of taxes overpaid by her to the City.

\$139.15 to pay Accounts chargeable to City Property Appropriation 1898-9 and

\$8,873.64 to meet Provincial Exhibition Deficits 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed in drafting the necessary Bill to provide that the said sums together with any other money the City has decided it is necessary to borrow as temporary loans be repaid in five equal instalments extending over a period of five years.

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

Read applications for an increase in salary from S. R. Phelan, City Assessor, John P. Cairns and W. W. Foster, Assistant City Assessors, H. S. Rhind and L. R. Kaye, Clerks in the Collector's office, William P. Morrison, Assistant in the Engineer's office and L. Fred Monaghan, Assistant City Clerk.



On motion it was decided to defer the consideration of said applications for the present, and to deal with them before the item "Salaries" in the Estimate was finally passed.

The Council now proceed to consider the Estimates for civic purposes for the year ending 30th April, 1901, as follows:—

## SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$1000 00	Passed.
His Honor the Recorder.....	1200 00	do.
The City Treasurer.....	1500 00	do.
The City Clerk.....	1500 00	do.
“ Assistant City Clerk.....	1000 00	do.
“ Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2000 00	do.
“ City Engineer.....	2400 00	do.
“ Assistant Engineer.....	1400 00	do.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the City Engineer's salary be reduced to \$1500.00. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Hawkins, O'Donnell—2	Aldermen Mosher, Rogers, Martin, Hubley, Lane, Menger, Butler, Mitchell, Camp- bell, Faulkner, Geldert—11.

2nd Assistant Engineer.....	550 00	do.
City Auditor.....	1500 00	do.
Collector of Rates and Taxes and 4 sub- Collectors.....	4000 00	do.
1st Clerk in Collector's Office.....	650 00	do.
2nd do. do. ....	650 00	do.
3rd do. do. ....	600 00	do.
City Assessor.....	1200 00	do.
2 Assistant Assessors at \$1000 each.....	2000 00	do.
Registrar of Voters.....	200 00	do.
Janitor City Hall.....	800 00	do.
City Medical Officer.....	1000 00	do.
Inspector of Health \$800 00		

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said item be struck from the Estimates. Motion put

and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion to strike out.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Donnell,	Aldermen Geldert,
Martin, Rogers,	Faulkner, Camp-
Mosher,	bell, Mitchell,
Hawkins-5,	Butler, Menger,
	Lane, Hubley-8.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Item Inspector of Health.....	800 00	Passed.
Clerk Department City Works.....	950 00	do.
Assistant Clerk do. ....	800 00	do.
Stenographer do. ....	450 00	do.
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers..	1000 00	do.
Superintendent of Water Department...	1200 00	do.
Water Inspector \$676 00		

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this item be struck from the Estimates. Motion put and lost, 10 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For Motion to strike out.	Against it.
Aldermen Hubley,	Aldermen Geldert,
O'Donnell,	Faulkner, Camp-
Hawkins.	bell, Mitchell,
	Butler, Menger,
	Lane, Martin,
	Ryan, Mosher.

Item Water Inspector.....	\$ 676 00	do.
License Inspector.....	1200 00	do.
Caretaker City Property and Inspector of Buildings .....	1200 00	do.
Librarian Citizens' Library.....	450 00	do.
Assistant do. ....	350 00	do.
Plumbing Inspector.....	800 00	do.
Electrician.....	1000 00	do.
Foreman City Workshops.....	700 00	do.
	<u>\$36726 00</u>	

Again read applications of S. R. Phelan, John P. Cairns, W. W. Foster, H. S. Rhind, L. R. Kaye, William P. Morrison and L. Fred Monaghan for increase to salaries.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that none of the increases in salary applied for be granted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the item Salaries \$36,726 do now pass as a whole. Motion passed.

*Less.*

CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

Assistant City Engineer . . . . .	\$1400 00	Passed.
2nd Clerk Collector's Office . . . . .	650 00	do.
Asst. Clerk Dept. of Works . . . . .	800 00	do.
Superintendent Water Dept. . . . .	1200 00	do.
Water Inspector . . . . .	676 00	do.
Foreman City Workshops . . . . .	700 00	do.
	<u>5426 00</u>	do.

CHARGED TO SEWERAGE.

2nd Assistant Engineer . . . . .	550 00	do.
Clerk Department of Works . . . . .	950 00	do.
Stenographer . . . . .	450 00	do.
Part Salary of Supt. of Streets and Sewers . . . . .	500 00	do.
3rd Clerk Collector's Office . . . . .	600 00	do.
	<u>\$3050 00</u>	do.

CHARGED TO VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

License Insp. (License Fund) . . . . .	\$1200 00	do.
Librarian & Asst. (Library) . . . . .	800 00	do.
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health) . . . . .	800 00	do.
Part Salary Supt. Streets and Sewers, (Streets) . . . . .	500 00	do.
	<u>\$3300 00</u>	do.
	<u>\$11776 00</u>	do.
Total . . . . .	\$24950 00	do.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and men . . . . .	\$ 29,500 00	do.
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ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron . . . . .	\$ 1,200 00	do.
Underkeepers and Officials . . . . .	2,144 00	do.
Maintenance . . . . .	2,556 00	do.
	<u>5,900 00</u>	do.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Streets.....	\$21,000 00	Passed.
Internal Health.....	14,000 00	do.
Horses and Drivers.....	2,500 00	do.
Fuel.....	850 00	do.
Telephones.....	238 00	do.
Lighting City Hall.....	800 00	do.
Lighting Streets.....	18,500 00	do.
Insurance.....	800 00	do.
City Property.....	2,000 00	do.
	60,688 00	do.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance.....	29,000 00	do.
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery.....	2,500 00	do.
Interest on Commutation Fund (common lots).....	330 54	do.
Contingent Fund.....	2,000 00	do.
Revising and Printing City Charter.....	1,000 00	do.
Preparing and Printing Jury Lists..	1,000 00	do.
	6,830 54	do.

Total.....	\$156,868 54	do.
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Less

PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses.....	12,500 00	do.
Hacks, Trucks and other Licenses... ..	2,500 00	do.
Fines & Fees, Police and City Courts.....	5,000 00	do.
Rents City Property.....	1,000 00	do.
Dog Tax.....	1,250 00	do.
Balance Current Interest.....	3,500 00	do.
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	5,000 00	do.
	30,750 00	do.

Total General Assessment....	\$126,118 54	do.
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EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax.....	\$ 9,300 00	do.
Public Schools.....	96,800 00	do.
Bank for interest on advance to Public Schools.....	2 500 00	do.
Poor's Asylum.....	23 500 00	do.
Public Gardens and Common.....	5,000 00	do.
Point Pleasant Park.....	2,500 00	do.
Citizens' Library.....	2,500 00	do.
Dispensary and Morgue.....	750 00	do.

School for Blind, 10 pupils at \$75.00 each.....	750 00	Passed.
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 9 pupils at \$75 each.....	675 00	do.
Industrial School for Boys.....	1,200 00	do.
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys..	1,200 00	do.
Infants' Home, Tower Road.....	300 00	do.
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street...	300 00	do.
Protestant Home for Girls.....	300 00	do.
Roman Catholic Home for Girls ....	600 00	do.
Camp Hill Cemetery .....	500 00	do.
Truants under Compulsory Act.....	1,500 00	do.
Dalhousie University .....	500 00	do.
County Rifle Association.....	1 00	do.
Victoria School of Art and Design..	500 00	do.
Board of Health.....	4,000 00	do.
Court of Appeal from Assessments..	300 00	do.
One-half subsidy to Dry Dock .....	5,000 00	do.
	—————	\$160,776 00 do.

## TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

One-fifteenth Loan \$15,000 7th year		
Sinking Fund .....	\$1,000 00	do.
Interest one year on \$15,000 at 4½ p.c.	675 00	do.
One-fifth Loan for Exhibition (\$12,550), 5th year.....	2,510 00	do.
Interest 6 months on \$2,510 at 4½ p.c.	56 47	do.
One-fourth Loan for work on Citadel and various other services (\$6,000) fourth year.....	1,500 00	do.
Interest 6 months on \$1,500 at 4 p. c.	30 00	do.
Second payment on Loan (\$10,859) for various purposes .....	2,000 00	do.
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 p. c.....	280 00	do.
Second payment on Loan for Public Baths, \$8,000 .....	800 00	do.
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 p. c.....	272 00	do.
First payment on Loan for Library, &c., (\$3,000) .....	1,000 00	do.
Interest on same from July 1st, '99, at 4 p. c.....	160 00	do.
Interest on Deficit Provincial Exhibition, &c .....	450 00	do.
	—————	\$10,733 47 do.

## OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Old Sewerage Debentures \$70,000 at 6 per cent.....	4,200 00	Passed.
Public Gardens Debentures \$15,000 at 6 per cent.....	900 00	do.
City Hall Debentures \$50,000 at 4½ per cent.....	2,125 00	do.
	<u>\$7,225 00</u>	do.

## CONSOLIDATED FUND.

\$805,000 at 5 per cent.....	\$40,250 00	do.
\$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent.....	51,466 50	do.
\$862,890 at 4 per cent.....	34,515 60	do.
\$57,000 at 3½ per cent.....	1,995 00	do.
Int. on \$57,000 for 6 mos. at 3½ p.c....	997 50	do.
	<u>\$129,224 60</u>	do.

Less

## CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent...\$	7,650 00	do.
\$679,600 at 4½ per cent..	30,582 00	do.
\$159,000 at 4 per cent...	6,360 00	do.
\$10,000 at 3½ per cent...	350 00	do.
Total.....	<u>\$44,942 00</u>	\$84,282 60 do.

## SINKING FUNDS.

Sinking Fund for special Loan (\$100,- 000) Acts 1882.....	3,000 00	do.
Sinking Fund for special Loan under Chap. 27, Acts 1896.....	3,000 00	do.
Sinking Fund for special Loan under Chap. 65, Acts 1898.....	200 00	do.
Total.....	<u>\$395,335 61</u>	do.
Add 1 per cent. for short collection..	3,953 39	do.
	<u>\$399,289 00</u>	do.
Less this amount from unexpected balances.....	2,000 00	do.
Total Assessment.....	<u>\$397,289 00</u>	do.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the General and Ordinary City Assessment amounting to \$126,118.54 and the Extra Assessment amounting to \$273,170.46 as per the yearly estimates for 1900-1901, less \$2,000.00 to be taken from unexpended Balances be confirmed, and do now pass, and that the inhabitants and the property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$397,289.

And, The City Clerk, is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimates, together with a copy of this resolution to the Board of City Assessors, on or before the 31st day of December inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1901, on the basis of the said amount of \$397,289.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That a Committee of **six** members of the Council and His Worship the Mayor, be appointed a Committee to assist the Department of Militia and Defence in looking after the welfare and comfort of the Canadian Contingent during their stay in Halifax.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Geldert, Butler, Menger, Ryan, Rogers and Hawkins are nominated as the Committee in connection with the foregoing Resolution.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the Committee to consider and report upon the petition and resolution relative to Tram service extension in the West end of the City, Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Lane, Hubley, Martin and Mosher.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice that he will at the next meeting of the Council move the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department be One Thousand Dollars per year, the same to take effect immediately after the passing of this resolution. The Chief to devote his whole time to the duties of the situation.

The Council now proceed to appoint a committee to prepare and revise lists of persons liable to serve as jurors as provided by the Juries Act, 1899.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that Alderman Martin be a member of said Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Alderman Butler be a member of said Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Alderman Hubley be a member of said committee. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

January 11th, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

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

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

8/30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Redden, Butler, Lane, Ryan, O'Donnell and Hawkins.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Campbell asks for the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the legality of the Mayor's veto of the resolution increasing the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department, passed at a meeting of the City Council held 14th December last past.

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

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report from the Special Committee re firing of the time gun on the Citadel.

Letter from Mason S. Stone, Montpelier, Vt., relative to the American Institute of Instruction, holding its convention for the year 1900 at Halifax.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder relative to the preparation of the Juries Lists.

Report of Special Committee on Reception to Canadian Contingent.

Replies from the Honorable Minister of Militia and Defence, the Honorable Minister of Finance, B. Russell, Esq., and R. L. Borden, Esq. M. P., relative to the extension of Hastings Street.

Petition of Neil Ross and others for water and sewer extension on Duncan Street.



Petition of W. H. Andrews and others for water extension, Hunter Street.

Reports (3) of Coal Measurers for October, November and December.

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

Read report City Prison Committee re Accounts, &c. for the month of December.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 2nd, 1900.

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

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

J. A. Bowse, \$1.00; Mumford Bros., \$11.93; W. J. Power, \$6.94; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$8.82; W. J. Hopgood, \$50.23; W. B. Arthur & Co., \$2.10; Moir, Son & Co., \$12.54; George Rent, \$32.32; E. Evans, \$13.20; total, \$139.08.

The returns of the Governor and Matron for December 1899 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 Campbell, and passed.

Read report of the Library Committee recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan, 11th.

The Library Committee met this day at 8 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to notice. Present, the Chairman, Alderman Creighton and Alderman Rogers.

The following accounts were presented and are recommended for payment:—

A. & W. Mackinlay, \$4.32; A. & W. Mackinlay, 85 cents; F. Reardon, \$8.75; T. C. Johnson & Sons, \$1.50; Library Bureau, \$1.64; The Baker & Taylor Co., \$69.66.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee presented this day be adopted and that the accounts mentioned therein be paid.

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

Read report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 11th January, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to recommend the following accounts for payment:—

W. J. Power, (1) \$16.76; John Tobin & Co., \$3.00; John F. Kelly, \$7.30 Wm. Stairs, Son and Morrow, \$4.60; Halifax Electric Tramway, \$9.33 and \$8.99, \$18.32; T. C. Allen & Co., \$4.80 and \$4.20,—\$9.00; Thos. Robinson, \$11.00; Blackadar Bros., \$3.70; William Robertson & Son, \$22.51; Robert Horner, \$18.03; Simson Bros & Co., \$41.33; William Ross, \$12.00; Thomas Forhan & Co., \$1.00 and \$1.00—\$2.00; Canada General Electric Light Co., 30 cents; H. H. Fuller and Co., \$26.00; John O'Connell, \$17.33; David Power, \$3.25; Farquhar Bros., \$48.15; W. J. Power, (2) \$85.85; Frank Reardon, \$1.55; Brander, Morris & Co., \$3.50; J. E. M. Taylor, \$79.15.—Total \$354.63.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

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

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

Read report of the Special Committee relative to the firing of time gun on the Citadel, Filed.

CITADEL TIME GUN.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, January 3rd, 1900

To the City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Military Authorities in reference to the firing of the Time Gun at the Citadel, beg to report that they have complied with the resolution of the Council and secured an arrangement which your Committee believe will meet with the approval of owners of property affected by the discharge of the gun. This arrangement is embodied in the letter from Colonel Kingscote attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

*Mayor,*

Read montly reports (3) of the Supervisor of Coal Measurers for October, November and December. Filed.

Read report of the Special Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Second Canadian Contingent for the Transvaal.

RECEPTION TO SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 8th, 1900.

To the City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Second Canadian Contingent for the Transvaal soon to mobilize in Halifax, beg to report that at a meeting held this evening they decided that the only feasible way of giving a public function at this time of the year is to tender to the Contingent a Smoking Concert. The estimated cost of entertaining the Contingent is one thousand dollars, and your Committee recommend that the Legislature be asked to authorize the borrowing of a sum not exceeding that amount, the same to be repaid in five equal instalment extending over five years.

In order that all citizens and visitors, without discrimination, desiring to attend the concert may be enabled to do so, to the extent of the capacity of the building in which it will be held, your Committee have decided that admission shall only be by ticket, and have fixed the fee for tickets at twenty-five cents each; the amount realized from sale of tickets to be handed to the Mayor, as treasurer of the Fund for the assistance of the families of Company "H."

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor*, Chairman of Committee.

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

Read petition of W. H. Andrews and others for water extension on Hunter Street.

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

Read petition of Neil Ross and others for sewer and water extension on Duncan Street.

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

Read letter from Mason S Stone, of Montpelier, Vt., relative to the City's invitation to the American Institute of Instruction, to hold its Convention for the year 1900 at Halifax. Filed.

Read replies from the Honorable Minister of Militia and Defence, the Honorable Minister of Finance, R. L. Borden, Esq., M. P., and B. Russell, Esq., M. P., relative to the extension of Hastings Street.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder relative to the revising of the Juries Lists under the N. S. Acts of 1899.

#### JURIES LISTS.

Halifax, N. S., December 30th 1900.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that I had an interview this morning with some of the members of the Commission now revising the Provincial Statutes, and also with the Honorable the Attorney-General.

I pointed out to these gentlemen the utter uselessness of publishing a jury list at a great expense to the City, and that nothing was to be gained thereby. After talking the matter over it was concluded that the publication of the lists this year would not be necessary, and that legislation would be introduced to legalize the lists. I have therefore, to advise you that the Revisal Committee of the Jury Lists will not be required to publish them this year in the papers, which will be a large saving to the City.

A statement was made in the Council at the last meeting, that the City revisors would have to revise the Dartmouth lists. This is not correct. They only revise the special Jury Lists of Halifax and Dartmouth, which consists of about 200 names, very few of which will be eligible from Dartmouth.

As the Jury Act was not brought into force by proclamation at the last meeting of Council, it will take effect on the first of January next. I have to advise that it will be necessary to make a fresh appointment. It will only be necessary to pass a resolution appointing the same gentlemen now composing the Jury Revisors.

Yours truly,

W. F. MacCoy, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Aldermen Butler, Hubley and Martin be the Committee to prepare and revise the Juries Lists as required by the Acts of 1899. Motion passed.

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

Resolved, That in pursuance of the powers vested in this Council by Section 4, of Chapter 57, of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 1899, enabling said Council to name a license fee to enable the persons or corporation mentioned in said section to do business in said City, this Council fixes said license fee at the sum of \$100.00.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers that the required license fee be fixed at two hundred dollars.

Said amendment on being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Campbell, Butler,  
O'Donnell, Ryan,  
Martin, Rogers,  
Hawkins—7.

Aldermen Geldert, Lane, Faulkner,  
Redden, Mitchell, Hubley,  
Creighton, Mosher—8.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1—Alderman Faulkner's notice of reconsideration of resolution fixing date at which interest shall commence to be charged on taxes.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that this matter be now reconsidered.

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

For reconsideration

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lane, Faulkner,  
Redden, Butler, Mitchell,  
Creighton,—7.

Aldermen Campbell, Hubley,  
O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin,  
Rogers, Mosher Hawkins,  
—8.

Read No. 2—Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of resolution to strike out of the Estimates the item "Inspector of Health \$800."

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this matter be now reconsidered.

His Worship the Mayor rules the Motion is out of order.

Alderman Mosher, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution :

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of members of this Council that within the past few days Garrett Cotter, for many years a faithful and respected servant of the City, has passed away;

And Whereas, during the long term spent by him in the service of the City, the deceased was esteemed as a man of the highest integrity, and devoted himself to the discharge of the duties of the various offices filled by him with unvarying attention and fidelity;

Therefore Resolved,—That this Council place on record its high appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered by the deceased, and its sympathy with his family in the loss which they have sustained;

And Further Resolved,—That this resolution be engrossed in the Minutes of the Council and that a copy of it be forwarded by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased.

Further Resolved,—That this Council stand adjourned until after the funeral.

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

Council adjourns 9.50 o'clock, p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock.

February 13th, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Geldert, Martin, Campbell, Faulkner, Rogers, Mitchell, O'Donnell and Butler.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 Musgrave, Redden, Lane, Mitchell, Chisholm, Hawkins and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to deal with applications for liquor licenses, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Mosher submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

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

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report of Chief License Inspector covering applications for Liquor License for the year 1900-1901.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re the Mayor's veto of John Connolly's salary.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder re Act to be submitted to the Legislature.

Letter from the City Health Board re appointment of a Chief Health Inspector.

Letter from the City Health Board re general vaccination.

Application of James Edward Noonan for a position in the City Clerk's office.

Petition of Charles N. Mylius and others for repairs to Church Street.

Petition of J. F. Kenny and others for an electric light on Young Avenue.

Letter from R. I. Hart on several matters.

Letter from William F. Cotter re resolution passed by the Council at the time of his father's death.

Report of the Public Accounts Committee in re Book-keeping in City Collector's office.

Letter from the American Institute of Instruction, accepting the invitation of the Corporation of the City of Halifax to visit our City.

Four reports from the City Engineer, viz:—

Re Water Extension Hunter Street.

Re Sewers, Charles, Clifton and Willow Streets.

Re Sewer and Water Extension Duncan Street.

Re House Young Avenue.

City Collector's Returns of Rates and Water Rates for the months of December and January.

City Treasurer's Cash Statement, "General" and "Water" for the month of December.

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

Read report of the Committee on Public Accounts in re Book-keeping in the City Collector's office.

#### BOOK-KEEPING CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 12th, 1900.

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

Gentlemen,—In re letter, or report, of R. A. MacIntyre, dated October 10th, 1899, regarding the City Collector's accounts, the Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they held meetings on November 16th, 17th and 24th Mr. MacIntyre was present at the first two meetings and the City Collector was present at all the meetings. Subsequently a sub-Committee from the Committee made an examination of the system of book-keeping in the Collector's office.

In Mr MacIntyre's letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor he states that he received instructions "to examine into the system, etc., in the office of the Collector of Rates, to ascertain if a change could be made to reduce the friction between that office and the ratepayers"

Assuming this statement as to his instructions to be correct, the object for which the inquiry was instituted does not seem to have been attained, in the report which criticising the present system in some respects does not contain any specific recommendations or suggestions for its improvement, or for a new system.

The report seems to indicate that the labors of the Accountant were devoted chiefly to an examination of the entries in the Collector's books, and he presents a series of alleged inaccuracies and irregularities which he discovered

These errors were examined in detail by your Committee. For the most part, they are clerical errors, the amounts involved are small, and there is no evidence of malfeasance or dishonesty on the part of the officials of the office. In certain cases comment is made upon what is assumed to be irregular proceedings on the part of the Collector or a failure to do his duty fully and impar-

tially. The criticism refers to matters in which the law gives the Collector authority for the exercise of a discretion, and to some other matters or conditions for which he is not responsible.

Two errors in the Interest Account are noted—one in 1891 against the Collector and one in 1894 against the City.

The fifth paragraph of the report says. "Cash received for taxes, etc., is supposed to be paid over at once to the Treasurer. This is not the case, as sums are carried over for months and this system appears to have been so for years." Your Committee find that prior to 1897 the interest collected from the rate-payers on their taxes was not paid over to the Treasurer every day with the tax receipts, hence the above criticism. In 1897 the system was changed, however, and since then all receipts for interest have been paid over to the Treasurer each day. No evidence was adduced to show any failure on the part of the Collector to pay over the tax receipts daily.

Your Committee endeavored to get Mr. MacIntyre to submit a draft of a new system of account keeping for the Collector's office, or of the charges which he considered it desirable to make. He replied that his investigations were confined for the most part to the year 1894, that it was stated that certain changes, which he had not seen, were made in the system in 1897, that it would be necessary before making any recommendation to examine these changes, and furthermore that some guarantee would have to be given to any person making a change in the system that it would be faithfully carried out. This position does not seem to be consistent with the stated object of the inquiry, for if a new system were to be devised and inaugurated it was surely the duty of the Accountant to examine the present system as conducted at the time of his investigations.

After making a careful inquiry into the whole matter, your Committee consider it expedient that they should besides dealing with the Accountant's report make certain recommendations as the result of their own labors, and accordingly beg to report as follows:

In their judgment the system of keeping accounts in the Collector's office is a good one, but susceptible of improvement in some minor details.

They recommend that the debit entries in the Ledger be added each year in order to give a trial balance with the totals of the Assessment books and to confirm the correctness of the posting. Also that the ruling of the Ledger for dates and credit entries be changed to conform more closely to standard ledger rulings.

They recommend that a change be made in system of making up the returns which the Collector submits to the Council so as to show the amounts collected from "Special Assessments." This change will obviate the anomaly referred to in the first section of the Accountant's report in connection with short collections.

They recommend that the difference revealed by the errors in the interest account be adjusted by the Collector.

They recommend that the Collector keep a Minute Book on file of the reductions made in water rates from time to time by the Works Department with the Mayor's signature to each item to show that it was regularly authorized, as suggested by the Accountant.

The Committee finds that it has not been the practice to pay over to the Treasurer every day the receipts in the Department of City Licenses. They are paid over daily when there are receipts of any considerable amount, but at certain times in the year the daily receipts are very small and it has been the practice at such times to allow them to accumulate for a few days. It is recommended that in all cases the receipts shall be paid to the Treasurer each day so that there shall be no exception to the rule that all the receipts of the Department shall go into the hands of the Treasurer daily.

They recommend that the Collector in making his return to the Mayor at the end of each year showing the result of sales made under the Lien Law, shall also make a return of all cases where the Lien has been lost or efforts to make it effective have proved abortive, with the reasons given therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*



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

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

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, Feb. 7, 1900.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$3,634 78 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Read Superintendent's report for January which showed that during the month there had been 36 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 27 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 14 were chargeable to the Province and the remainder to the City. Total number of inmates January 31st, 401; made up of 242 men, 149 women and 10 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 Public Accounts recommending sundry accounts for payment.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 6th, 1900.

*His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:*

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

Morning Herald, subscription, 1899, City Clerk, \$6.00; City Collector, \$6.00; \$12. Advertising, City Assessor, Dec., \$2.37; Advertising, City Clerk, Oct. and Nov., \$3.67.

Morning Chronicle, subscription, 1899, City Clerk, \$6.00; subscription, City Collector, \$6.00; \$12.00.

A & W. Mackinlay, Stationary, etc. City Clerk, Nov., 10c. and 15c.; Dec., 99c.; Jan., \$2.24. \$3.48. City Collector, Nov., 25c.; Dec., \$1.23; Jan., \$10.00; \$11.48. City Treasurer, Nov., 30c.; City Assessor, Dec., \$3.16; Jan., \$1.26; \$4.42. Police Dept., Nov., \$1.25; Dec., \$2.29; \$3.54.—\$23.22.

T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and Blank Books, City Clerk, Oct. and Nov., \$20.15; Dec., \$15.00; Jan., \$3.00. \$38.15. City Collector, Oct. and Nov., \$21.62; Dec., \$18.25; Jan., \$2.50; \$42.37. Police Dept., Oct., \$10.95; City Assessor, Jan., \$25.54; City Treasurer, Jan., \$1.60; City Auditor, Jan., \$14.00; \$132.61.

Blackadar Bros., Adv., Sept. to Dec., \$13.38. Total \$199.25.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

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

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

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

REPORT BOARD FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

CITY HALL, 13th February, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Commissioners have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment, viz :

Canadian General Electric Co., \$1.51 ; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$1.67 ; Charles W. Davis, 75c. ; Electric Tramway Co., lighting No. 7 House in January, \$9.33 ; Electric Tramway Co., lighting West Street House, \$8.75 ; Daniel McLeod, horseshoeing for January, \$5.87 ; John O'Connell, horseshoeing for January, \$5.52 ; Imperial Oil Co., oil, \$10.53 ; William Roche, coal, \$644.36 ; Bentley & Flemming, staff halyards, \$2 00 ; John Tobin & Co., \$3.00 ; Simson Bros. & Co., soap, 20c. ; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., acid, \$9.00 ; Herald Ptg. & Pub. Co., advertising, \$5.13 ; Max Ungar, laundry, \$3.01 ; A. J. Grant & Co., wheel, \$6.00.—\$736.63.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners submitted to this meeting be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named, amounting to \$736.63.

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

Read report of the City Prison Committee, recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 6th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

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

J. Davidson, \$9.35 ; Black & Flinn, \$1.10 ; Chandler & Son, \$6.00 ; R. T. Braine, \$10.50 ; Leaman & Co., \$7.20 ; C. W. Anderson, \$22.95 ; H. H. Fuller & Co., \$5 84 ; J. E. Murphy, \$8.70.—\$72.64.

The reports of the Governor and Matron for January are herewith returned.

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 the Committee on Laws and Privileges re Revised City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that a special meeting of the City Council be called to deal with this matter. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension, Duncan Street.

## SEWER EXTENSION DUNCAN STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 6th, 1900.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from property owners on Duncan Street.

The extension asked for is from the end of the sewer on Duncan Street to Harvard Street. The excavation would be rock. The estimated cost \$5,100. Estimated Assessment \$2,250.00. There are seven houses on the proposed extension, and I would respectfully recommend that the sewer be constructed in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

*Water Extension, Duncan Street.*

The district is High Service. Size of pipe, 6 inch. Distance, 930 feet. Estimate does not include excavation. Cost of work :—

Pipe .....	\$558.00
2 6 inch 3-way branches .....	9.40
1 6 " 4-way branch .....	5.74
1 6 " valve .....	20.00
Lead and paint .....	8.00
Pipe laying and sewer trench .....	186.00
7 service pipes .....	175.00
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	\$962.14
Interest on outlay at 5 p. c. ....	\$48.10
Estimated revenue .....	\$28.00

If the extension of the sewer is ordered by the Council, I would recommend that the water pipe be laid in the sewer trench, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate, and that it be fixed at \$6.87.

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 report of the City Engineer, re Sewers Charles, Clifton and Willow Streets.

## CLIFTON AND WILLOW STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 14th, 1900.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—The sewer in Willow Street and that in Charles Street have been constructed about double the capacity estimated for at the time the sewer design was made, and I have no doubt the sewers are large enough to carry off the water which will be drained into them. These two sewers empty into Robie Street at present. The latter sewer, constructed in accordance with the original design, is not large enough to carry off the rain fall in heavy storms, consequently the water backs up into Charles and Willow Streets. In the middle of January, when the ground was covered with ice and nearly all water that fell ran immediately into the sewers, cellars were flooded on both these streets, and in one row of houses where the plumbing was not completed and the covers were off the traps it went into nearly every cellar. We are examining and measuring the old sewer down through the Common and Public Gardens to ascertain what extent of sewer is too small for the work which it is called upon to perform. It will be some time before I will be in a position to report on this matter, and in the meantime I think temporary relief can be granted to the property owners on Willow Street and Charles Street. The sewer on Cunard Street between Robie and Windsor Street, is not overtaxed at present and could carry more water. By extending the Clifton Street sewer from Charles Street to Cunard Street, it is probable that the water would not back up on Willow and

Charles Streets. There are several houses on the street. The estimated cost is \$4,300. Estimated assessment \$1,950. Pending the action of the Council in reference to the main trunk sewer, I would recommend that a sewer be constructed in Clifton Street between Charles Street and Cunard Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer re Water Extension, Hunter Street.

WATER EXTENSION HUNTER STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 5th, 1900

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from residents of Hunter Street.

The district is High Service; size of pipe 6 inch; excavation earth, distance 420 feet. Estimated cost:—

Pipe .....	\$252.00
1 6 inch valve .....	20.00
Lead and paint.....	3.00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	168.00
8 service pipes .....	120.00

Total.....\$563.00

Estimated revenue.....\$32.00

The revenue will exceed the interest on the outlay at 5 per cent.

There would be a dead end in this block and it would be advisable to connect both ends. I would therefore recommend that the pipe be laid on Hunter Street from Charles Street to Cunard Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer re House Young Avenue.

HOUSE YOUNG AVENUE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, FEB. 6th, 1900.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—I beg to submit herewith plans and specification for a building to be erected by Mr. J. F. Kenny on the east side of Young Avenue 185 feet south of Inglis Street, in accordance with Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1896.

The building is to be erected so that the main wall will be 50 feet from the present street line. It is to be constructed of wood, used as a residence, and will cost not less than \$5,000. 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 upon the plans and specification submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the report of the City Engineer on this matter be adopted, and that