

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

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 9th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that at a meeting held this evening, present Aldermen Geldert, (Chairman), Rogers and Creighton, they had before them the following named accounts, all of which were passed for payment, viz:—Barnstead & Sutherland, \$4.40; Publisher's Weekly, \$5.00; Marshall, Sons & Co., \$48.31; A. & W. MacKinlay, \$1.76; Mutual Subscription Agency .70; Total \$60.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee be adopted and that the accounts named therein be paid.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded Alderman Menger and passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re Amounts expended on the several engine houses from 1st January, 1898, to 1st January, 1900.

On motion said report is placed on the Order Paper.

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

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

April 9th, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment.

Poor's Asylum for wood, \$4.00; Halifax Electric Tram Co. for March No. 7, 9.33, West St., 7.33, 16.66; Robert Horner, horse-shoeing to 30th March, 12.06; John Starr, Son & Co., 1.20; A. Lamphier, 1.50; Robert Merlin & Co., 1.00; Neil Fox, Dec., 16.50, Jany., 2.10, March, 15.70, 34.30; W. W. Howell, \$2.50 and 21.40, 23.90; John O'Connell, 6.51; O'Brien, Mont & Co., 126.05; J. C. Merlin, 2.25; Daniel McLeod, 1.02; Can. Gen. Electric Co., 1.00; William Roche, 10.90; McDonald & Co., 61.24; John MacInnes & Son, 81.52, 37.92, 119.44; William Robertson & Son, 1.77. Halifax Elec. Tram Co., March, West St., 7.33, No. 7, 9.33, 16.66; Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., 9.82, 7.09, 16.91; Poor's Asylum, Wood, 4.00. Total \$462.37.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners submitted this date be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

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

Read report of the Public Accounts Committee recommending the payment of several accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 9th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

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

A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery &c., February and March. City Clerk, \$6.01 and \$15.10, \$21.11; City Collector \$6.03; Police Department \$2.75; City Assessor \$3.59: Total \$33.48.

T. C. Allen & Co, Black Books, Printing &c., February and March. City Collector \$22.48; City Assessor \$42.75; Police Department \$2.30; Total \$67.53.

Blackadar Bros. Advertising January 9 to March 31st, \$41.84; Morning Herald, Printing Minutes and Order of Day, July 7th to March 23rd, \$116.05; L. F. Monaghan, work on City Charter, chargeable to City Charter Acct, \$50. Total, \$308.90.

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 that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to issue warrants for the payment of the several accounts referred to therein.

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

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

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, April 4th, 1900.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$3389.19 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment :

Superintendent's report for March showed that during the month there had been 23 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 3 born, 37 discharged and 4 died. Total number of inmates March 31st, was 387 made up of 240 men, 138 women and 9 children.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read report of the Committee on City Prison for the month of March, recommending sundry accounts for payment, &c.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 3rd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

J. A. Leaman & Co., Ox-heads \$4.68 ; W. H. Cawsey & Co. Groceries, \$71.25 ; Melyln & Co., Hardware, \$4.90 ; William Kline, Horse-shoeing, \$4.26 ; M. Conroy Dry Goods, \$4.29 ; Total \$89.38.

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

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Acting 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 Campbell, seconded by Alderman Martin, and passed.

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges in re W. B. Slack's Rent.

IN RE SLACK'S RENT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 30th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at meetings held January 3rd and March 22nd they investigated the charge made by Alderman Hawkins that His Honor the Recorder had deducted from rent paid for the City by W. B. Slack the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00.)

The following named witnesses were examined : W. F. Reilly, Clerk of Works ; W. B. Slack ; W. F. MacCoy, Recorder ; Alderman Hawkins ; F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and ex-Mayor Alexander Stephen.

In addition to the evidence of these gentlemen the Committee had before them for consideration the charge made by Alderman Hawkins covering receipt given by the Recorder to Mr. Slack and the letters from ex-Mayor Stephen and His Honor the Recorder on the subject submitted to the Council July 7th, 1899.

From the evidence the Committee adduce the following facts :—

Mr. Slack occupied the premises before they became the property of the City and remained in them after the place was expropriated by the City. The amount of rent was not agreed upon. The City billed Mr. Slack for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) for one year's rent. Mr. Slack protested that the amount was too high, and refused to pay. The account was placed in the hands of the Recorder for collection. Mr. Slack urged upon the Recorder that the rent was too high ; but the Recorder insisted on the full amount, according to his instructions, but advised Mr. Slack to see the then Mayor, Mr. Stephen. Finally Mr. Slack called upon the Recorder to settle by payment of part cash and part promissory note. The Recorder then drew the receipt which your Committee had before them, when Mr. Slack informed the Recorder that the Mayor had reduced the rent to \$140.00. Mr. Slack then paid the Recorder \$65.00 cash and handed him a note for \$75.00. The Recorder claimed \$10.00 from Mr. Slack for expenses to which Mr. Slack at first demurred, but paid. The receipt which had already been drawn was not altered to cover the two items of rent and expenses.

Previously to the City Council's attention having been called to the matter the Recorder had seen the entry in the Clerk of Works' book and had told that gentleman that the entry was incorrectly made, but Mr. Reilly said he never charged an entry once made in his cash book, so the original entry remained.

Your Committee find that any existing ground for complaint arose through carelessness in drawing the receipt, or rather the omission on the part of the Recorder to amend the receipt or write a new one after Mr. Slack had informed him that the rent had been reduced, and without the explanations given to the Committee the receipt given by the Recorder and the entry in the Clerk of Works' book appear to be misleading.

Your Committee find as follows :

- 1st. That Mr. Slack's rent was reduced to \$140.00.
- 2nd. That the Recorder did not deduct the sum of \$10.00 from rent paid for the City.
- 3rd. That the said sum of \$10.00 was a fee paid by Mr. Slack to the Recorder for his expenses in collecting the amount due the City.

The evidence taken before the Committee is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENGER, *Chairman.*

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

The evidence taken before the Committee in this matter is now called for and read.

Alderman Hawkins now moves as an amendment, seconded by Alderman Martin, his motion of the 14th December, 1899, viz:—That His Honor the Recorder be commanded to refund the \$10.00 deducted from Mr. Slack's rent, or hand in his resignation as City Recorder.

Said amendment being put is lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :

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

The original motion is now put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :

| For the Motion. | Against it. |
|---|---|
| Aldermen Geldert, Lane, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, Menger, Hubley, Ryan, Rogers—11. | Aldermen O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Hawkins—4. |

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the City Council move the following resolution :

Whereas, It has been reported that His Honor the Recorder was the principal cause of having legislation passed at the last session making his position a life appointment ;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council place on record its disapproval of his conduct.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges in re weight of bread, and also as to the inspection of horses used by hawkers and vendors.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 9th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the accompanying letter from Mr. J. D. Harden, relative to the

weight of bread retailed in the City, and recommend that it be referred to the Police Commission, and that the Police Commission instruct the Police to see that the provisions of the City Charter in respect to bread are enforced.

Your Committee was waited upon by the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty who urged the necessity of the City exercising a supervision over the horses and vehicles used by hawkers and vendors. Your Committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to draft and submit to the Council amendments to the Hawkers and Peddlers Ordinance providing that all applicants for Peddlers or Hawkers licenses using horses and vehicles shall submit their horses and vehicles to the Inspector of Cabs for inspection; that no licenses be granted to hawkers or peddlers using horses and vehicles until the horses and vehicles are first passed by the Inspector, who shall by a certificate in writing signify his approval of the horses and vehicles to be used by the applicants, and that the Inspector shall have and exercise supervision over the horses, harness and vehicles during the term of license and see that they are maintained to his satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENGER, *Chairman.*

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

Read Estimates for Water Service for the year 1900-1901.

WATER ESTIMATES 1900-1901.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., April 9, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have the honor to present for your information and action the Estimates for Water Service for year 1900-1901.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Asst. Clerk Works.*

WATER ESTIMATES.

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| Interest..... | \$49,072 |
| Maintenance..... | 20,000 |
| Sinking Fund..... | 2,000 |
| Short Collection..... | 1,000 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$72,072 |
| Less it come for Special and Meter Rates..... | \$41,672 |
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| | \$30,400 |
| 3/8 of \$80,400..... | \$11,400 |
| 5/8 of \$30,400..... | 19,000 |
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| | \$30,400 |
| \$16,000,000 at 12c. per \$100..... | \$19,200 |
| 8,000,000 at 14c. " "..... | 11,200 |
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| | \$30,400 |

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said Estimates be adopted and a copy thereof be sent to the City Collector. Motion passed.

Read Extract from Minutes of City Health Board covering a letter from R. H. Murray, Secretary to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty relative to Bushel's Dog Kennels.

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

Read report of His Honor the Recorder in re suit City of Halifax vs. Farquhar. Filed.

CITY VS. FARQUHAR.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., March 19, 1900.

This was an action brought by the City against Captain Farquhar to recover the sum of \$141.00 for taxes due by him on the Steamship Newfoundland.

Captain Farquhar refused to pay on the ground that he was assessed on the whole value of the ship when he only owned a certain portion; but when asked for the names of the other owners (in order that they might be assessed for what they were liable) he refused to give them.

The action was brought in the County Court, and judgment was given in favor of the City, and Captain Farquhar appealed to the Supreme Court, and Mr. Borden, Q. C., his Counsel, contended that he should only be assessed for that portion he owned and liable to pay the taxes thereon. The City, through its Recorder, contended that inasmuch as Captain Farquhar did not appeal to the Court of Appeal on Assessments, he was precluded from setting up that defence now. The County Court decided on that point in favor of the City and on Saturday last the Supreme Court confirmed that judgment and dismissed Captain Farquhar's appeal and directed judgment to be entered for the plaintiff.

The question was one of very great importance, as showing that the only remedy for over-assessment is the Court of Appeal.

The Supreme Court holding that if every person who was sued for their taxes could set up a plea of over-assessment it would prevent the prompt collection of City taxes.

W. F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Read Coal Measurers return for the month of March. Filed.

Read petition of J. P. Wambolt and others for the cleansing of Upper Water Street.

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

Read petition of James Hillis & Sons and others for an electric light at the corner of Campbell Road and Hanover Street.

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

Read letter from Clark & McMullen, Electrical and Consulting Engineers, New York, relative to plans, specifications, &c. of proposed plant for lighting the City.

Moved by Alderman Hibley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Special Committee on Electric Lighting. Motion passed.

Read letter from James J. Hopewell, Assistant Clerk of Works, officially announcing the death of William F. Reilly, Clerk of Works. Filed.

Read application of James J. Hopewell for the position of Clerk of Works.

Moved Alderman O'Donnell, seconded Alderman Hubley, that James J. Hopewell be appointed to the position of Clerk of City Works. Motion passed.

Read applications from Douglas L. Hunter and W. C. H. Moore for a position in the office of the Works Department.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Bulter, that the question of the appointment of an assistant in the office of the Works Department be left with His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

Read petition of Michael McGrath and others for Sewer and Water Extension, LeMarchant Street.

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

Read City Engineer's report re Lockman Street lots.

LOCKMAN STREET LOIS.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 12, 1900.

The Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to deal with property on Lockman Street beg to recommend that the tender of Mr. E. P. Allison received for the purchase of property No. 151 Lockman St. for the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1750.00) and the tender of Mrs. Mary Roche for the lot No. 47-49 Lockman St. (three hundred dollars—\$300.00) be accepted by the Council, and that the Mayor be authorized to give a deed in accordance with the specification for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*
W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*
F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

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

Read report City Engineer re Tenders for Supplies for the Department of City Works, as follows:—For sand and Gravel, James Freda. Accepted. For Horses and Drivers for Street Cl aning, John Nowlan's tender accepted. For Horses and Driver for Street Sprinkling, the Engineer reports that the tenders of John Nowlan and George Harvey for this service were alike, viz:—\$2.75 per day.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that George Harvey's tender be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that John Nowlan's tender be accepted.

Said amendment on being put is lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being taken, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Menger, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Martin—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Lane, Faulkner,
Campbell, Redden,
Butler, Mitchell, Ryan,
Rogers, Creighton,
Hawkins—10.

The original motion is now put and passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

John A. Thomson's tender for Special Castings, Accepted.

Black Bros. & Co's tender for Cement, Accepted.

William D. Yeadon's tender for Granite, Accepted.

Acadia Powder Co's tender for Explosives, Accepted.

F. Hyde & Co's tender for Drain Pipe, Accepted.

Black Bros. & Co's tender for Hardware, Accepted.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 9th, 1900

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to submit the following report on tenders opened by Your Worship for supplies for this Department during the year 1900-1901.

Sand and Gravel.

James Freda, Sand 3¼c. per bushel.

Gravel 3¼c. per bushel.

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

Five Horses and Drivers for Street Cleaning.

John Nowlan 15½c. per hour.

Thomas Dunn 16½c. per hour.

George Weaver, 18c. per hour.

I beg to recommend the acceptance of John Nowlan's tender, that being the lowest.

Horses and Driver for Street Sprinkler.

John Nowlan, \$2.75 per day. George Harvey, \$2.75 per day.

These two tenders are the same. Mr. Nowlan is lowest for Five Horses and Drivers for Street Cleaning and Mr. Harvey had the Contract for Street Sprinkling last year. The awarding of this Contract is left for the Council to decide.

Special Castings.

John A. Thomson, 2¼c., 2½c., 2¾c., 2c. and 1c. per pound, as per tender.

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

| | | Cement. | |
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| Black Bros. & Co. | White's | .665 | cents per 100 lbs. |
| " " " | Burham, | .665 | " " |
| " " " | Robin, | .665 | " " |
| Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, (Ltd) | Burham, | .666 | " " |
| Black Bros. & Co. | Anchor, | .675 | " " |
| Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, (Ltd) | Anchor, | .68 | " " |
| " " " " | White's, | .68 | " " |
| " " " " | K. B. S. | .688 | " " |
| Black Bros. & Co. | K. B. S. | .70 | " " |
| F. Hyde & Co. | White's | .70 | " " |
| St. Lawrence Portland Cement Co. | Citadel, | .72 | " " |
| Black Bros. & Co. | Citadel, | .74 | " " |

The tender of Black Bros. & Co. (66½ cents per hundred pounds for White's Cement) being the lowest, and the brand being approved, is recommended.

| Granite. | | | |
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| | Wm. D. Yeadon. | John Kline. | Andrew W. Yeadon |
| Straight Curb, | \$0 63 | \$0 64 | \$0 62 |
| Corner Curb, | 68 | 75 | 69 |
| Straight Gutter, | 44½ | 46 | 42½ |
| Corner Gutter, | 67 | 68 | 49 |
| Straight Catchpit Curb, 4" hole | 1 00 | 5 00 | 95 |
| Straight Catchpit Curb, 7" hole | 1 00 | 6 00 | 95 |
| Corner Catchpit Curb, 4" hole | 1 10 | 8 00 | 1 10 |
| Corner Catchpit Curb, 7" hole | 1 10 | 8 00 | 1 10 |
| Round Manhole Tops, | 7 50 | 9 00 | 7 95 |
| Square Manhole Tops, 1 piece, | 6 00 | 6 00 | 6 85 |
| Square Manhole Tops, 4 pieces. | 4 00 | 4 50 | 5 50 |
| Coal Hole Tops, | 7 00 | 8 00 | 5 90 |
| Hatch Curbs, | 65 | 70 | 50 |

The tender of Andrew W. Yeadon has been withdrawn. I beg to recommend the acceptance of Wm. D. Yeadon's tender, that being the lowest.

| Explosives. | | | | | |
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| | H. H. Fuller & Co. | | | | Acadia Powder Co. |
| Blasting Powder, N. S. Manufacture | .08 per lb | | | | .05 |
| | 40% | 45% | 50% | 75% | |
| Dynamite, 50 lb case red best | .14 | .15 | .17 | .20½ | .18 |
| Detonators | | .49 | | | .35 |
| Fuse, hanks of 25 feet | | .09 | | | .05 |
| Electric Fuses, 4 feet long | | .02½ | | | .02 |

I beg to recommend the acceptance of the Acadia Powder Co.'s tender, that being the lowest.

| Drain Pipe. | | | F. Hyde & Co. |
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| 400 ft. 15" straight pipe | | .46½ | \$185.00 |
| 200 " 12. " " | | .31½ | 62.50 |
| 10 ys. 9x9 " " | | 1.00 | 10.00 |
| Total | | | \$257.50 |

The lowest tender has been withdrawn, and the only tender remaining is that of F. Hyde & Co. I therefore recommend the acceptance of this tender.

| Hardware. | | | | | |
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| | Black Bros. & Co. | | | H. H. Fuller & Co. | |
| Lead pipe, | 14,388 lbs | 5.57½ | 802.49 | 5.57½ | 802.49 |
| Picks | 527 " | .04 | 21.08 | .08 | 42.16 |
| Iron, B. R. | 1003 " | 2.25 | 22.57 | 2.50 | 25.08 |
| " Low Moor | 148 " | .03 | 4.44 | .05 | 7.40 |
| Steel | 651 " | .07 | 45.57 | .08½ | 55.34 |
| Shovels, | 15½ doz. | 2.25 | 34.87 | 2 52 | 39.06 |
| Gasket | 63 lbs. | .09 | 5.67 | .06½ | 4.10 |
| Kerosene Oil | 273 gals. | .20½ | 55.28 | .22½ | 61.42 |
| Sweet Oil | 5 gals. | .70 | 3.50 | .75 | 3.75 |
| Cut Nails | 8 kegs | 3 00 | 24.00 | 2.77 | 22.16 |
| White Lead | 13 lbs. | .05 | .65 | .05½ | .68 |
| Wrapping Paper, | 1200 lbs. | .02½ | 30.00 | 3.40 | 40.80 |
| Lanterns | 1 doz. | 3.75 | 3.75 | 4.12½ | 4.12½ |
| 66" tapes | 4 | 1.65 | 6.60 | 1.70 | 6.80 |
| Cod Lines | 12 | .15 | 1.80 | .15 | 1.80 |
| Soap | 168 lbs. | .05 | 8.40 | .06½ | 10.50 |
| Waste | 75 lbs. | .06 | 4.50 | .06½ | 4.87 |
| Rubber Packing | 27 " | .15 | 4.05 | .21 | 5.67 |
| Black Japan | 5 gals. | .45 | 2.25 | .40 | 2.00 |
| Totals | | | \$1081 47 | | \$1140.20½ |

I beg to recommend the acceptance of Black Bros. & Co.'s tender, that being the lowest,

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that W. D. Graves be paid for the Sand and Gravel delivered by him. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer re Water Supply at Willow Park.

WATER SUPPLY WILLOW PARK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 9th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of Council, I beg to submit a report on the accompanying petition from residents of Willow Park complaining of the poor supply of water. This neighborhood is in the highest part of the High Service district. The petitioners state that the supply of water has been all that could be desired during the progress of the Exhibition and at the time of W. B. Freeman's fire. The main pipe was cleaned immediately before the Exhibition opened and during the wet weather of Exhibition week no street sprinkling was done. These two causes made the supply good at that time. During the Exhibition of the previous year the pressure was so poor at Willow Park that at times sufficient water could not be obtained to supply the live stock, and serious complaints were made in consequence of the unsanitary condition of some of the buildings caused by lack of water. At the time of W. B. Freeman's fire the water was concentrated on the Windsor Street main pipe and the water cut off from the rest of the High Service district. I have reported on the condition of the High Service and the poor supply at Willow Park already, and the report is on the Order of the Day in the Council. During the winter the water would not rise above the street at the highest part of Willow Park, and at the urgent request of residents of the neighborhood the water supply has been cut off from a portion of the High Service district for two hours each day in order to raise the pressure at Willow Park. This concentration has started leaks in the pipes which make the condition of the service worse than before. When the part of the system from which the water is turned off is empty it takes about four hours to fill it up, making the danger in case of fire far greater. It has been most unsatisfactory, and in my opinion it would not be advisable to follow this course another year. As stated in a former report, the condition of the service in brief is :

First—The Spruce Hill Lakes gathering grounds cannot collect more water in a dry year than the present 15 inch main can deliver to the City, and the water very seldom reaches the level of the waste weir. It would therefore be useless to put in a second pipe or a larger pipe, as the supply would fail. The capacity of the pipe decreases somewhat when the interior surface is corroded and cleaning the pipe affords a temporary remedy, the effect of which, however, does not last long.

Second—If the main were not so heavily taxed a reservoir might be constructed to equalize the pressure, but under present conditions it could not be filled, or if filled, it could not be kept full. It has been suggested that it could be filled by pumping, but pumping would not only rob the present meagre supply, but would empty pipes all over the city, in cold weather causing much damage and inconvenience by frost.

There is plenty of water coming through the main at present if it is used legitimately, and in my opinion there are only two courses to follow—one, to seek for additional supply, the other, to place meters on every service pipe in High Service District. I am satisfied that the adoption of meters would increase the pressure sufficiently to raise the water to Willow Park. Until some step is taken to improve the condition of the service it would be advisable to stop further extensions in the district. It is folly to go on laying new mains and further reduce the pressure. The Inspectors in making their rounds during the cold weather report many cases of waste which would easily affect the pressure

sufficiently to prevent the water reaching Willow Park. The ordinary notices do not seem to have any effect, and it is generally the persons who pay the smallest water tax who are using the most water.

Respectfully submitted,

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

On motion the same is placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with No. 23 thereon, viz: Report City Engineer re High Service Water Supply.

Read report of the City Engineer on letter from the Rev'd. Dr. Gilpin relative to drainage of a property owned by him on Union Street.

REV. DR. GILPIN'S LETTER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 12th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter handed me by Your Worship.

The Rev. Dr. Gilpin owns a house on Union Street. The property owners below it on North Starr Street have complained of the flow of water from his property. The Board of Health compelled him to affect a remedy. The only means which he could adopt to remedy the nuisance was to lay a drain to North Starr St. sewer. He first petitioned for a sewer in Union Street, but as the other property owners were opposed to it it was not recommended. Under the law he is required to pay \$25.00 for the privilege of connecting with the North Starr Street sewer, as mentioned in his letter. There is no question that this is a hardship, but we have no other course under the law and we have only carried out the provisions of the Act. I would be glad to recommend a relief in this case, but under the circumstances I do not know of any other course that can be followed. The \$25.00 paid for the privilege of entering the sewer will be credited to the assessment for the frontage when the sewer is laid in Union Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded to Rev. Dr. Gilpin. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report re Oil Station Siding.

OIL STATION SIDING.

April 2nd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—On the 15th of August, 1899, the Council adopted an agreement for the construction of an Oil Station Siding on the recommendation of the City Engineer, in accordance with Section 6 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1899, and the Mayor was authorized to execute the said agreement on behalf of the City. Subsequently the Company objected to the time provided in the agreement for cancelling the permit. While I think it is advisable to make the time for revoking the permit as short as possible in order that the City may have means of accomplishing their purpose without delay if the necessity should ever arise, the Company make out a strong case claiming that they should be given time to make their arrangements and to remove their property if it becomes necessary at the termination of the agreement.

Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the time, three months, mentioned in the 18th and 21st paragraphs shall be changed to two years, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement as amended, on behalf the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer on petition for an electric light at the corner of Maynard and Black Streets.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, MAYNARD STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 9th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for an electric street light at the corner of Maynard and Black Streets. This is the second petition that has been submitted for this light. The estimates provided for six new lights this year. Five lights were ordered at the meeting of Council of March 2nd. At the meeting of March 20th a petition was presented for a light on Bower Road and the sixth light was placed there in accordance with a resolution of Council. The fines were heavier than usual in February and the money was available for placing the lights at once. The Company were accordingly notified and three of the lights are already in service and the other three are being placed. There is therefore no new light available for Maynard Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that a light be placed at the corner of Maynard and Black Streets when there are funds available for that purpose. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's report re Pole Line on Robie Street.

POLE LINE ROBIE STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 2nd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto in reference to Pole Line in Roblie Street, between Jubilee Road and Spring Garden Road.

A number of poles were blown down in this block during the storm in February, and the petitioners ask to have the line removed to the other side of the street. Under the Pole and Wire Ordinance the Telephone Company have been given permission to erect their line on the West side of Robie Street and it would not be advisable to cross from one side to the other, for various reasons. It is very difficult to keep a line of poles erected under such circumstances. Further, the Halifax Electric Tramway Company have been granted a permit for the East side and it is reserved for them, their poles are erected on all the other blocks of Robie Street on the East side of the Street. In justice to the Companies and in order to carry out the provisions of the Ordinance I cannot recommend the granting of the request made by the petitioners, and a new line has been erected and is now in operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Placed on Order Paper.

Read City Collector's return of Rates and Water Rates collected in March. Filed.

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

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

Whereas, the Tram Service in the North end of the City, particularly at meal hours and in the evening when citizens are moving in great numbers to the northern parts of the City, is not satisfactory or adequate to the requirements of the citizens :

And *Whereas*, in rainy weather this lack of accommodation is particularly marked ;

And *Whereas* the citizens residing at the North end are desirous of a better and more frequent service at those times ;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Electric Tram Company requiring that such alterations and additions to the service be made which will meet the public convenience.

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

Alderman Martin by leave of Council introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, that the City Engineer be instructed to make such connections as are missing and now unmade in order to connect the various now unconnected properties with sewer on Lockman Street on the West side from Artz Lane north to North Street and having made such connections to proceed at once with the laying of the asphalt sidewalk.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Chisholm and placed on Order Paper.

Alderman Martin by leave of Council now introduces the following resolution :

Whereas, It is expedient in the interest of property owners in Willow Street and Charles Street that the said streets from Robie Street to Windsor Street should be expropriated by the City and become part of the street system of the City of Halifax ;

Therefore Resolved, That the Recorder be instructed to take the necessary steps at once to have said streets expropriated.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said resolution be referred to the Department of City Works to be dealt with. Motion passed.

On motion of Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Order of the day is further suspended to allow Alderman Faulkner to introduce the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The City of Halifax requires the land hereinafter described for the purpose of completing the grading and widening of Fenwick Street and the City Engineer duly prepared a plan of the land required, together with a description of said land and submitted the said plan and description to the City Council for its approval and the said plan and description was approved by said Council on the second day of March, 1900, and the same has been filed in the City Engineer's office as required by law.

AND WHEREAS, In the opinion of His Honor the Recorder the City cannot obtain a good and satisfactory title to the land required.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to publish for ten (10) days in two newspapers published in the City of Halifax this Resolution of the intention of this Council to expropriate said land hereinafter described, and that on and after the expiration of said ten (10) days this Council will proceed to expropriate said land for the purposes aforesaid.

Said land is described as follows:—

ALL That lot, piece or parcel of land situate on the South side of Fenwick Street, in the City and County of Halifax, said to belong to Mrs. Eliza Smith, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the South side line of Fenwick Street distant eighty-three feet (83) more or less Westerly from the intersection of the said South side line of Fenwick Street with the West side line of Queen Street, the said point being the intersection of the Eastern boundary line of the property now under description with the Southern boundary line of Fenwick Street; thence running in a Southerly direction by the said Eastern Boundary line for a distance of forty-two (42) feet more or less or until it meets the Southern boundary line of the said property; thence in a Westerly direction by the said Southern boundary line for a distance of thirty feet (30) more or less or until it meets the Western boundary line of the said property; thence in a Northerly direction by the said Western boundary line for a distance of forty-two feet (42) more or less, or until it meets the aforesaid South boundary line of Fenwick Street; thence Easterly by the said South boundary line of Fenwick Street for a distance of thirty feet (30) more or less to the place of beginning. The said lot being shown colored red on a plan entitled "Plan shewing land required for the Widening of Fenwick Street" signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, dated March 2nd, 1900, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax, N. S., as Plan Number 1232.

ALL That lot, piece or parcel of land situated on the South side of Fenwick Street in the City and County of Halifax adjoining the above described lot of land to the Westward and said to belong to the Misses M. and A. MacMillan, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the South side line of Fenwick Street formed by the intersection of the West boundary line of the above described property with the said South line of Fenwick Street; thence in a Southerly direction by the Eastern boundary line of the property now under description for a distance of one hundred feet (100) more or less or until it meets the Southern boundary line of the said property; thence Westerly by the said Southern boundary line for a distance of eighty feet (80) more or less or until it meets the Western boundary line of the said property; thence Northerly by the said Western boundary line for a distance of one hundred feet (100) more or less to the South side line of Fenwick Street; thence Easterly by the said South line of Fenwick Street for a distance of eighty feet (80) more or less to the place of beginning. The said lot being shewn colored Blue on a Plan entitled "Plan shewing land required for the Widening of Fenwick Street," signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, dated March 2nd, 1900, and filed in the City Engineer's office at Halifax, N. S., as plan number 1232.

The foregoing resolution is moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, and being put is passed.

Alderman Chisholm by leave of Council introduces the following resolution:

Whereas, Cities which have added a Asphalting Corps to their employees have found it cheaper to lay asphalt sidewalks than to keep them in repair by gravel;

And *Whereas*, our experience with the contract system of asphaltting has not been so encouraging;

Therefore Resolved, That the Board of Works be requested to enter into no more contracts for asphaltting and to take the necessary steps to secure for the City the services of experienced men for that purpose.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, and on being put is passed.

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

Resolved, That the Committee lay on this table for the information of this Council an itemized account of the expenditure and who the money was paid to for the reception of the Volunteers and Lord Strathcona's Horse for South Africa.

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

Alderman Hubley submits an Ordinance in re Measurement of Salt to be substituted for No. 15 on Order of the Day, viz: Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Measuring of Salt, &c.

Said Ordinance is now read a first and second time.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that that part of No. 15 on the Order Paper "relative to the Measurement of Salt" be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that No. 27 on Order of the Day "relative to the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department" be struck from the Order Paper.

Alderman Hubley moves a Call of Council at 10.20 o'clock.

The Council now proceeds to appoint Presiding Officers for the ensuing civic elections, and the following named gentleman are appointed:

- For Ward 1 Alderman Musgrave and Alderman Faulkner.
- " 2 W. B. MacCoy, Esq. and E. P. Allison, Esq.
- " 3 Alderman Mitchell and Alderman Lane.
- " 4 Alderman O'Donnell and Alderman Hubley.
- " 5 Alderman Martin and Alderman Chisholm.
- " 6 Alderman Creighton and Alderman Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to provide two polling booths in each ward for accommodation of the voters at the election for Mayor and Alderman to be held on the 25th April, inst., and in alphabetical order equally divide between the two booths of each ward the names on the register of voters. Motion passed

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

Council adjourns 10.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

April 26th, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Creighton, Butler, Faulkner, Rogers, and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Rogers, 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, Redden, Campbell, Lane Menger, Mitchell, Ryan, Habley, Chisholm, Martin and Hawkins.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher, Chirman, submits a report from the Special Committee on Electric Lighting.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Letter from E. A. MacDonald, Mayor of Toronto, re the Dominion Government acquiring and operating all telegraph and telephone lines in the Dominion.

Memo. of receipts and expenditures in re Reception to Canadian Contingent of Volunteers for service in South Africa.

Report of the City Engineer on removal of light from Veith Street to Campbell Road.

Report of City Engineer on sale of Lockman Street lots.

Petition of J. F. Kenny and others for street improvements at Young Avenue.

Petition of L. J. Brown and others against the dumping of ashes and garbage on Henry Street.

Petition of Robert Thomson and others for sewer and water service on West Young Street.

Petition of George P. Henry for increase of pay.

Letter from T. C. Allen & Co. re tenders for Blank Books.

Letter from City Treasurer relative to his bond for the faithful performance of his duties.

Letter City Treasurer re amounts to be borrowed and to be repair in instalments.

Letter City Treasurer re amounts to be borrowed on Consolidated Fund.

Applications of James Heenan, James O'Bryan, Ira D. Hubley and S. M. Woodill for the position of Asst. Clerk of Works.

Report Chief License Inspector on Application of George A. James & Co. for wholesale liquor license.

City Clerk's returns of elections for Mayor and Alderman of the City of Halifax held 25th April, inst.

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

Read return of the City Clerk announcing James T. Hamilton to be the only candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax at the civic election held 25th April inst.

The City Clerk declares James T. Hamilton duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1900-1901.

Read returns of the City Clerk covering the nominating papers of John M. Geldert, Jr., for the office of Alderman for Ward No. one, he being the only candidate for said office at the election held 25th April, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declares John M. Geldert, Jr., to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling booths for the election of an Alderman for Ward No. 2, showing Robert T. MacIlreith to have received 444 votes and Havelock McC. Hart to have received 352 votes. Majority for Robert T. MacIlreith 92.

His Worship the Mayor declares Robert T. MacIlreith to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling booths for the election of an Alderman for Ward No. 3, showing James Halliday to have received 285 votes and John Menger 189 votes. Majority for James Halliday 86.

His Worship the Mayor declares James Halliday duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of John F. Ryan for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 4, he being the only candidate for said office at the election held 25th April, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declared John F. Ryan to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of W. Stetson Rogers for office of Alderman for Ward No. 5, he being the only candidate for said office.

His Worship the Mayor declares W. Stetson Rogers duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Arthur C. Hawkins for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 6, he being the only candidate for said office.

His Worship the Mayor declares Arthur C. Hawkins duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read application of George A. James & Co. for wholesale liquor license for the year 1900-1901; also read the report of the Chief License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said license be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be not granted. Said amendment is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Butler, Hubley,
O'Donnell,
Creighton,
Mitchell—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,
Musgrave, Lane,
Martin, Rogers,
Hawkins—7.

The original motion is now put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Hawkins, Ryan, Martin,
Lane, Redden, Menger,
Campbell, Faulkner,
Musgrave, Geldert—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Mitchell, Creigh-
ton, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Butler—
5.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read letter from T. C. Allen & Co. re Tenders for Blank Books.

Read report of Committee on Tenders re Tenders for Advertising, Printing, Stationery, Blank Books and Printing Minutes of Council.

REPORT TENDERS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 26th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting held this afternoon—present Aldermen Redden (Chairman), O'Donnell, Lane, Hawkins and Martin—they opened tenders for Stationery, Blank Books, Printing Blank Forms, Advertising and Printing Minutes of Council and Order of the Day, and recommend that the following tenders, being in each case the lowest, be accepted:

1. Advertising—Acadian Recorder.
2. Printing Minutes of Council and Order of the Day—The Herald Printing House.
3. Stationery—T. C. Allen & Co.
4. Printing Blank Forms—T. C. Allen & Co.

5. The only tender received for supplying Blank Books was from T.C. Allen & Co. In connection with the Contract for Blank Books your Committee received a letter from A. & W. Mackinlay, which is herewith submitted, declining to tender for the work. It is recommended that new tenders be asked for supplying Blank Books.

All the tenders received are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. REDDEN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said report be considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1—Recommending that the tender of Blackadar Bros. for advertising in the Acadian Recorder be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said tender be accepted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2.—Recommending that the tender of the Herald Printing House for printing the Minutes of Council and Order of the Day be accepted. Placed on Order Paper.

Read Clause 3—Recommending that the tender of T. C. Allen & Co. for supplying stationery be accepted.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said tender be accepted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4—Recommending that the tender of T. C. Allen & Co. for printing Blank Forms be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said tender be accepted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 5—Re Tenders for Blank Books.

On motion the matter of tenders for Blank Books is referred back to the Committee for further report.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Contract for advertising be also awarded to the Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Company, provided that they will publish the advertisements in the Morning Herald instead of the Evening Mail at the figures given for advertising in the Mail. Motion passed.

Read report of the Special Committee re Municipal Electric Light Plant, &c.

REPORT ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 10th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of the City owning and operating an electric lighting plant to light the streets and City property beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee have given this important subject very careful consideration, and, with the assistance of the City Engineer and City Electrician, examined into the most improved systems in vogue for electric lighting.

The matter of selecting a site for a power house and the question of the motive power to be used for operating the engines were subjects which involved considerable labor and caused a good deal of delay.

In order that the estimates of the cost of introducing a system should be as accurate as possible, plans and specifications were drawn and tenders received by your Committee for work and material of every description required in connection with establishing a plant that could be best supplied by contract, and the figures given below are based upon such tenders. All estimates include interest, sinking fund, depreciation and contingencies.

The tender of the Royal Electric Company of Montreal for supplying and installing an electrical plant includes a guarantee to operate the system for one month.

The estimates of cost are as follows :—

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| Land, buildings, and plant operated by steam | \$95,454 95 |
| Annual cost of operating with steam plant 300 arc and 1,500 incandescent lights | 22,072 55 |
| Land, buildings, and plant operated by gas | 95,324 20 |
| Annual cost of operating do do | 20,894 73 |
| Annual amount paid at present for lighting | 20,792 97 |
| Annual cost under present contract for 300 street lights | 25,617 97 |

Your Committee are of opinion that the City can establish its own plant and do its own lighting more satisfactorily and at a smaller annual expenditure than under the present system, and, therefore, beg to recommend as follows :—

1st. That the City purchase land, erect buildings and install a plant for lighting the streets and Municipal property.

2nd. That the City purchase and install a plant for manufacturing fuel gas, to be used as a motive power for operating the electrical machinery.

3rd. That the following tenders be accepted :—

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| James Dempster, for the Hill Mill property at Freshwater .. | \$1,600 00 |
| Robt. M. Johnstone, for land adjoining above property | 1,200 00 |
| Reid & Archibald for constructing a wharf | 1,845 00 |
| S. A. Marshall, erecting a power house | 4,208 00 |
| E. Maxwell & Son, for concrete for foundation of power house per cubic yard | 7 40 |
| For hemlock lumber for same, per M ft. | 12 00 |
| Royal Electric Company, Montreal, for electrical plant and machinery | 19,438 50 |

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be placed on the Order Paper, and that a special meeting of the City Council be called to deal with the subject. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners re Tenders for Wire, and on the appointment of John McGrath as a Call-man of the Department.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 26th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—1. The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners recommend that John McGrath be appointed a member of the Halifax Fire Department to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Barnaby.

2. Your Board asked for tenders for the supplying of about 4 miles of fine wire, and received the following :—

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| Black Bros. & Co..... | 24½ cents per pound. |
| John Starr, Son & Co. | 25½ do do |
| Stairs, Son & Morrow | \$290 for 4 miles of wire. |

They recommend the acceptance of Messrs. Black, Bros. & Co's tender, it being the lowest.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of the Charities Committee re Accounts, etc., for the month of April.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 26, 1900.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2,424.17 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

The Superintendent's report for the month showed that during the month there had been 15 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 60 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted, 4 were chargeable to the Province and 11 to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is 333, made up of 192 men, 135 women and 6 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 amount of accounts therein mentioned.

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

Read report of Special Committee on sale of Lockman Street lots, re tenders for lots 21-23 and 163 Lockman Street.

LOCKMAN STREET LOTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24, 1900

Members of City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee have received a tender from the Estate of P. Power of two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225) for the lot No. 21-23 Lockman Street; also a tender of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the lot No. 163 Lockman Street from W. J. G. Thomson.

We beg to recommend the acceptance of both tenders, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the properties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor.*

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

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

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

Read Letter from E. A. MacDonald, Mayor of Toronto, relative to the Dominion Government acquiring all existing telegraph and telephone lines and systems in the Dominion of Canada, etc., etc.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, as follows:—

Resolved, That this Council do petition the Parliament of Canada at its next session to pass an Act to authorize the Honorable the Postmaster General to acquire all the existing telegraph and telephone lines and systems, and make such extensions to and operate the same in connection with and as part of the postal system of Canada; or, in the alternative, to construct a new system or systems of telegraph or telephones or both, and operate the same as aforesaid.

Said motion is objected to and the matter placed on the Order of the Day.

Read memo. of receipts and expenditures in re Reception to Canadian Contingent of Volunteers for service in South Africa. Laid on the table.

Read report of the City Engineer re removal of light from Veith Street to Campbell road.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, CAMPBELL ROAD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 26th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto for the removal of the electric light from the intersection of Hanover and Veith Streets to the Junction of Hanover Street and Campbell Road.

There is no question that a light is needed on Campbell Road about Hanover Street, as there is a long distance unlighted and traffic on the tramway is dangerous at night. The removal of the light from Veith Street will leave that street in darkness, and it is a question for the City Council to decide as to which needs the light most, as there is no additional light available. In my opinion, it is needed more on Campbell Road than it is on Veith Street. I would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read petition of George P. Henry for compensation for extra services performed by him.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that it be referred to the City Health Board for report.

Said amendment on being put is passed.

Read petition of J. F. Kenny and others for street improvements on Young Avenue.

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

Read petition of L. J. Brown and others against the dumping of ashes and garbage on the east side of Henry Street.

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

Read petition of Robert Thomson and others for sewer and water service on West Young St.

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

Read letter from the City Treasurer relative to amounts required to be borrowed on consolidated fund.

BORROWING ON CONSOLIDATED FUND.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 25th, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to inform you that it will be necessary to borrow on Consolidated Fund the sum of ninety thousand dollars for the following purposes, viz.:

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| To retire Water Bonds, due July 1st | \$30,000 |
| Public Gardens Bonds, due July 10th | 15,000 |
| Sewerage Bonds, due July 15th | 4,000 |
| To pay one-half subsidy Dry Dock | 5,000 |
| | \$90,000 |

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Also read letter from the City Treasurer re amounts to be borrowed and repaid in instalments.

TEMPORARY LOANS.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 25th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to inform you that it will be necessary to borrow the sum of eleven thousand and five hundred dollars for the purposes as set forth below. The sums mentioned are all authorized by Acts of the Legislature, the principal to be repaid in five equal annual instalments.

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| To pay accts. City Property Account, 1898 | \$ 139 15 |
| Exhibition Deficits | 8,873 64 |
| To repay advance widow of William Lewin | 366 66 |
| To pay the widow of Patrick O'Toole | 1,000 00 |
| Cath. E. Sullivan—taxes overpaid | 117 40 |
| Entertainment South Africa Contingents | 1,003 15 |
| | \$11,500 00 |

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for loans covering the several amounts mentioned in his letters. Motions passed.

Read letter from the City Treasurer relative to his bond for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder to deal with. Motion passed.

Read applications from James O'Bryan, James Heenan, Ira D. Hubley and S. M. Woodill for the position of Assistant Clerk of Works. Filed.

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

Whereas the condition of the east sidewalk on Gottingen Street is in a disgraceful state and unfit for traffic,

And Whereas such condition reflects on every representative of this Council ;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Engineer be instructed to immediately proceed with necessary repairs, giving this work all possible priority over other work.

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

Alderman Musgrave has leave to introduce the following resolution by way of notice :—

Whereas it is now universally admitted that under certain conditions consumption is contagious,

And Whereas the milk of cows suffering from tuberculosis is liable to spread this disease ;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council take immediate steps for improving the sanitary regulations respecting same.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that No. 28 be struck from the Order Paper.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that No. 28 on Order Paper be now taken up. The amendment on being put is passed.

Read No. 28, viz :—Alderman Campbell's notice of motion to fix salary of Chief of Fire Department at \$1,000 a year. Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Mayor's veto of resolution increasing salary of Chief of the Fire Department ; Alderman Hubley's notice of motion to rescind resolution increasing the salary of Chief of Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Alderman Hawkins moves, seconded by Alderman Hubley, a Call of Council at 10.40 o'clock—13 present.

Alderman Martin has leave to introduce the following resolution :

Whereas Aldermen Redden and Menger retire from the Council after the present meeting,

And Whereas the retiring Aldermen have maintained the most pleasant relations with their fellow members, and have at all times devoted themselves zealously to their duties as members of the Council, and have given their best attention to all matters affecting the interests of the City,

Resolved, That we, the remaining members of the Council, place on record our regret at parting from the Aldermen mentioned, and our best wishes for their future.

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

The following resolution is next introduced :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of James T. Hamilton, Esq., to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor may be pleased to name the time and place at which he will be prepared to administer the oath of office to the Mayor elect.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the following items be struck from the Order Paper, viz :—

No. 6—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion relative to extension of Maitland Terrace. Report City Engineer re value of properties Brunswick Lane.

No. 10—Report Laws and Privileges Committee, clause 5, re powers of Board Fire Commissioners to dismiss firemen.

No. 20—Letter from City Clerk re the release of prisoners.

No. 27—Alderman Hawkins' notice of motion to employ E. H. Keating or some other Engineer to examine the City Water Works and recommend steps to make the system more efficient.

No. 30—Alderman Hubley's notice of motion to abolish the City Health Board. And

No. 33—Report City Engineer re pole line on Robie Street. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.45 o'clock.