

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 11th, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

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

Barnstead & Sutherland, \$ 8 52 ; Davidson Bros , 30.64 ; J. A. Leaman & Co., 13.50 ; H. H. Fuller & Co, 70c. ; S. Cunard & Co., 7 33 ; Neil Fox, 8.25. Total \$79 94.

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

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 8th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

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

J. A. Leaman & Co., \$9 00 ; J. L. Archibald & Son, 34.43 ; W. B. Arthur & Co., 2.93 ; W. J. Power, 10.05 ; Lane & Co., 3.53 ; Mullford Bros., 16 20 ; I. B. Shaffner & Co., 30.00 ; Moir, Son & Co., 12 80 ; Irwin & Sons, 12 20. Total \$131.14.

The Returns of the Governor and Matron for December are herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the reports of the City Prison Committee for November and December submitted this day 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 Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners re Accounts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 7th January,

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to submit the following accounts and recommend the same for payment, viz ;

Frank Beardon, 25c. ; Austen Bros., 50c. ; Halifax Herald, \$14.00 ; Farquhar Bros. \$111.32 ; Wm. Robertson, \$8.44 ; N. S. Telephone Co., \$15.65 ; S. Cunard & Co., \$351 14 ; Cragg Bros. & Co, \$3.50 ; John Tobin & Co, \$3.70 ; William Brush, \$4 25 ; Can. Gen. Electric Co., \$1.80 ; David Power, 60c. ; Neil Fox, \$5.30 ; Daniel McLeod, \$4.31 ; Halifax Electric Traction Co., \$19 63 ; C. McCarthy, \$27.00. Total, \$571.39.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :—

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

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

Read report City Works Commission covering report of the City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension Chebucto Road.

CHEBUCTO ROAD SEWER AND WATER.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 3rd, 1901.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held December 31st inst., the accompanying report was read on Water and Sewer Extension Chebucto Road, when it was decided to refer said report to the City Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

J. T. HAMILTON, Mayor,

Chairman City Works Commission.

WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION CHEBUCTO ROAD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 31st, 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 Chebucto Road asking for water and sewer extension:

WATER EXTENSION.

To supply all the petitioners it would be necessary to lay a 6 inch water pipe from Windsor Street nearly to the Connolly Road. The estimate submitted at the meeting of the Council held on November 22nd, was as follows:

Distance 2630 feet. Excavation principally rock. District High Service

Pipe	\$1518 00
3—6 in. valves	60 00
7—6 in. 3—way branches	33 60
1—6 in. 4—way branch	5 74
600 lbs. lead	24 00
Paint	2 00
2020 ft. excavation and pipe laying	2626 00
510 “ “ “ “	637 50
32 service pipes	800 00

\$5706 84

Interest on estimated outlay at 5%..... \$ 285 34

Probable revenue from 32 houses..... 128 00

Deficit \$ 157 34

If the pipe were laid in the sewer trench a reduction of about \$1100 would be made for proportion of excavation saved, making the estimated cost \$4600.00.

SEWER EXTENSION.

The ground begins to fall West of Oxford Street and the sewer design contemplates the construction of a sewer only as far West as Oxford Street to empty towards the harbor. The estimated cost of this sewer is \$9,350.00. Estimated assessment, \$4,100.00. At the date of the last pay day the Clerk of Works' statement shows a balance of \$904.49 to the credit of Sewerage. It will therefore be manifest that a work of this magnitude cannot be undertaken until more money is available. I therefore cannot recommend its construction at present.

The water extension would involve the laying of half a mile of pipe on the high service system. Many of the houses to be supplied are not frost-proof and there is no question that water would be wasted under our present system. One of the petitioners has appealed to me personally to help him out of his troubles by recommending this work, and I should be only too glad to help any citizen of Halifax if I could do it without interfering with the public interest. In this case, however, I consider that it would be deliberately taking the water supply entirely, at some seasons of the year from those who now have a partial service, and under the circumstances, much as I should like to meet the views of the petitioners, I cannot recommend the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Alderman Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Mitchell,
Campbell, Butler,
Chisholm, MacIlreith—8.

Against it.

Alderman Halliday, O'Donnell,
Martin, Ryan,
Creighton, Mosher,
Hubley—7.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read petition of J. J. Turple praying that he be relieved from the payment of Sewerage Rates on his property No. 40 North Starr Street.

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

Read letter from City Works Commission covering draft Ordinance in re Excavations under sidewalks.

HATCHES ON SIDEWALKS.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 3rd, 1901.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held December 27th inst. it was decided to recommend to the Council that the accompanying Ordinance be substituted for Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Bye-Law or Ordinance relating to the Streets of the City of Halifax, which said Ordinance was passed by the City Council on the 25th day of October, 1893."

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor,*

Chairman City Works Commission.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BYE-LAW OR ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in City Council assembled, as follows :

Said Ordinance is hereby amended by striking out Section 30 of said Ordinance and substituting therefor the following Section :—

No person shall make any permanent excavation under the surface of any street the movable covering of which extends further into the street than to a

line three feet from the street line, and then only by permission in writing from the City Engineer and on such conditions as he may name in the permit, provided, however, that coal hole tops may be located near the curb and that transparent coverings used for purpose of lighting only and permanently secured may extend five feet from the street line. The owner of the property in front of which any permanent excavation is made shall pay to the City of Halifax therefor, on the first day of May in each and every year, an annual rental of four cents per square foot of such excavation.

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Bye-Law or Ordinance relating to the streets of the City of Halifax, which said amended Ordinance was passed by the City Council on the 30th day of April, 1896" is hereby repealed.

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, said Ordinance is now read a first and second time.

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

WATER EXTENSION ROOME STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 4th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from James C. Smith, asking for water extension to properties 62-64 Roome Street. Mr. Smith asks for an extension of about 100 feet. The pipe is low service, and will not supply houses any higher than it is laid at present, it would therefore be useless to make the extension on that service. The nearest high service pipe is on Gotten Street about 1000 feet away. I cannot therefore recommend the extension of the service asked for.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read City Engineer's report on Electric Light, Granville Street.

ELECTRIC LIGHT GRANVILLE STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 4th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the letters attached hereto from J. E. Roy and the Willis Piano & Organ Company.

Mr. Roy asks that a light be placed in the middle of the block on Granville Street between Sackville Street and Prince Street. The Willis Piano & Organ Company ask that two lights be put up, one on each side of the street in front of their store. There is an arc light at the corner of Sackville Street and Granville Street which is only about 140 feet from the store in question. Under the circumstances, I cannot recommend the placing of another light.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read letter from James P. Fairbanks asking for the commutation of a certain Common lot.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the request contained in said letter be complied with and that

His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary papers. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Lane's notice of reconsideration of Report of Public Accounts Committee in re Tenders for Loans.

Alderman Lane not being present to move said notice of reconsideration, the item is struck from the Order Paper.

Alderman Faulkner, by leave of Council, now introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee in their report dated December 26th, 1900, be amended by inserting after the word "Mayor" in the last section of said report the words "and the City Treasurer."

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

No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of Appropriation in Estimates for salary of 1st Clerk in City Collector's office is now read.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Alderman Hubley, O'Donnell,
Chisholm, Martip.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, MacIl-
reith, Campbell,
Butler, Mitchell,
Halliday, Rogers,
Creighton, Mosher,
Hawkins.

No. 3. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of Appropriation in Estimates for salary of 3rd Clerk in City Collector's office is now read.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Rogers, Martin,
Chisholm, O'Donnell,
Hubley, MacIlreith.

Against it.

Aldermen Hawkins, Mosher, Creighton,
Halliday, Mitchell, Butler,
Campbell, Faulkner,
Musgrave, Geldert.

No. 4. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of Appropriation in Estimates for salary of License Inspector is now read.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 7 voting

for the same and 9 against it. Names being asked for, there appeared:

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Hawkins, Mosher,
Creighton, Chisholm,
O'Donnell, Hubley,
Halliday—7.

Alderman Rogers, Martin, Mitchell,
Butler, Campbell MacIlreith,
Faulkner Musgrave,
Geldert—9.

No. 5, viz; Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of Appropriation in Estimates for Police Department is now read.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen MacIlreith, O'Donnell,
Chisholm, Martin,
Rogers, Creighton—6.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Campbell,
Butler, Mitchell
Halliday, Hubley,
Mosher, Hawkins—10.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that No. 23, viz:—"Ordinance in re width of hatches on sidewalks" be struck from the Order paper. Motion passed.

The Mayor announces the object for which the council was called together, viz:—"To consider the matter of steel ship-building in the port of Halifax," and requests the several members of the Council to express their opinion on the subject.

A number of Aldermen address the Council to the effect that the Council should use every legitimate means to procure the establishment of such an enterprise in the City of Halifax.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Whereas, It is deemed advisable that the City should take such steps as will if possible result in the construction of an extensive steel ship-building plant on the Peninsula of Halifax.

Therefore resolved, That a special Committee consisting of six Aldermen associated with six Members of the Board of Trade be appointed to investigate the matter and report back to the Council at earliest date possible, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Secretary of the Board of Trade accordingly, with a copy of this resolution.

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

The Council requests that the Mayor at once nominate the Committee necessary under the foregoing resolution.

His Worship nominates Aldermen Mosher, Faulkner, Musgrave, Hubley, Rogers and Butler as said Committee

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said nomination be confirmed.

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

Resolved, That the City Assessors lay on this table for the information of this Council all properties exempt from taxation, whether Imperial, Dominion or Local, and all other properties with the exception of school houses, and classify them under what they are used for, and by whom, also their value.

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

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

Whereas, There is a number of City Officials drawing stated salaries from the City and also Call Firemen drawing \$80 00, and some \$100.00 a year who never attend fires and whose name is on the roll excluding others who wish to join the Fire Department.

Therefore resolved, That no City Official be allowed to become a call fireman, and that any City Official now in the Fire Department be required to send in his resignation by the first day of May, 1901.

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

Council adjourns 10 o'clock, p. m.

Her Majesty

Queen Victoria

Died at Cowes, Isle of Wight, on
the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1901.

[Extract from *Royal Gazette* of the 23rd of January, 1901.]



HIS HONOR the Lieutenant-Governor has received the following from the Honorable the Secretary of State:—

"I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has received with the deepest regret the sad intelligence that Her Majesty Queen Victoria passed away at six-thirty yesterday evening, twenty-second January."

By order.

GUY CARLETON JONES, Major A. M. S.,

Private Secretary.

[Extract from *Royal Gazette* of the 23rd of January, 1901.]



A PROCLAMATION.

CANADA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot,

Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxborough, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., Governor-General of Canada.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose demise the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and all other Her late Majesty's Dominions, is solely and rightfully come to the high and mighty Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales,

I, the said SIR GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, Governor General of Canada, assisted by His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, and with their hearty and zealous concurrence, do therefore hereby publish and proclaim that the high and mighty Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, is now, by the death of our late Sovereign, of happy and glorious memory, become our only lawful and rightful liege lord EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to whom is due all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection. And I do hereby require and command all persons whomsoever to yield obedience and govern themselves accordingly, beseeching God, by whom Kings do reign, to bless the Royal Prince Edward the Seventh with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given under my hand and Seal-at-arms, at Ottawa, this twenty-third day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

MINTO.

By His Excellency's command.
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Halifax, January 22nd, 1901.

Lord Strathcona, London :

The Mayor and Corporation, on behalf of the Citizens of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on learning of the death of the Queen, desire to tender our most profound and respectful sympathy to all the members of the Royal Family.

J. T. HAMILTON, Mayor.

Ottawa, Ont., 26th January, 1901.

To Mayor, Halifax, N. S..

I am directed by the Governor-General to inform you that His Excellency has been commanded by his Majesty the King to express to you and the Citizens of Halifax His Majesty's heart-felt thanks for your kind message of sympathy.

CAPT. GRAHAM,

Gov. Gen'l. Secretary.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 24TH, 1901.

The Council was summoned to meet this evening.

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

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

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

The Council was summoned to consider the matter of Electric lighting.

Minutes of last meeting not read.

Alderman MacIlreith brought to the notice of the Council officially the fact of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, expressing in fitting terms the universal sorrow felt at the sad occurrence, and introduced the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, in Council assembled, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Halifax, beg humbly to express to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh the deep affliction which they feel at the death of the Queen, their late revered and beloved Sovereign, whose unremitting anxiety and exertion for the promotion of the interests of her Empire, the welfare of her subjects, and for the spread of peace and good will among the nations render her name and memory the just object of the veneration and affection of His Majesty's faithful subjects and of the high regard of all men.

And, feeling the most loyal and devoted attachment to His Majesty, beg further to humbly offer their respectful congratulations on the accession of His Majesty to the throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolved,—That the City Clerk be instructed to spread upon the Minutes of the Council the foregoing resolution, and to transmit through the proper channels for presentation to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh a copy thereof.

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

The following resolution was next introduced :

Resolved,—That the Council, out of respect to the memory of the late Queen, adjourn until the day of the funeral of Her late Majesty, then to assemble and attend in a body the services to be held on that day in memory of Her late Majesty.

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

On motion, the Council now adjourns.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 8TH, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hawkins, Butler, Geldert, Martin, Rogers, Ryan, Hubley and O'Donnell.

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

8/30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, MacIlreith, Lane, Chisholm, Mosher and Creighton.

The Oath of Allegiance is administered by His Worship the Mayor to Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert, Butler, MacIlreith, Lane, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin, Chisholm, Rogers, Mosher, Creighton and Hawkins, who severally sign the roll.

The Council was summoned to consider the matter of Electric Lighting, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meetings are read and confirmed.

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

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

Alderman Creighton, Chairman, submits a report from the Charities Committee.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Engineer on Path across Citadel.

Report City Engineer on Steam Roller.

Letter H. McC. Hart in re assessment on Cold Storage Warehouse.

Letters (2) from George Foot relative to injury to his eye.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder on the liability of the City for any injury received by Mr. Foot.

Letter from the Chief City Assessor covering a return of the properties in the City of Halifax exempted from assessment.

Letter from John Y. Payzant re deed of Cogswell property on Windsor Street.

Letter from Colonel Biscoe, Commanding Troops in Canada, in re an application to open a liquor store opposite main entrance to Wellington Barracks.

Return of Coal Weighers for the month of December.

Letter from S. Cunard & Co re Weighing of Coal.

Application of H. H. Banks for re-appointment as Chief Inspector of Licenses.

Letter from J. J. Power complaining of the part taken by H. H. Banks in the matter of a civil writ issued by him (Mr. Power.)

Return of City Collector Rates and Water Rates for the month of Dec. 1900.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water Department" for the month of December, 1900.

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

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

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, February 5th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

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

Billman & C hisholm \$16.10; James Davidson \$12.50; Black & Flinn \$17.81; George Rent \$12.57; Scanlan & Son \$8.90; H. Sanders \$15.36; Leaman & Co., \$7.20; Evangelical Alliance \$28.00—\$118.44.

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 several accounts referred to therein.

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

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Application of J. J. Turple to be relieved from the payment of certain Sewerage Rates and also as to the displaying of lights by all vehicles in the night-time.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 22nd, 1901.

To His Worship The Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report as follows :—

1. That there is no provision in the law by which the City Council could relieve Mr. J. J. Turple from the payment of the Sewerage Rates on his property.

2. That the proposed resolution to require that all vehicles used in the night-time in the City shall display lights has been withdrawn by Alderman Geldert, the mover.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Charities Committee for the month of January.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 6th, 1901.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount \$4103.52 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for January shows that during the month there were 43 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 17 discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 10 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Musquodoboit

Harbor, 1 to Hammonds Plains, 1 to Fictou and 30 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st was 377, made up of 229 men, 141 women and 7 children.

Respectfully submitted,

ISSAC CREIGHTON, *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 Creighton, seconded by Alderman Lane, and passed.

Read report of the Committee on Citizens' Free Library recommending the payment of the account of the Baker & Taylor Company.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, January 24th, 1901.

The Library Committee met this day. Present : Alderman Geldert, Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Alderman Halliday and Alderman MacIreith.

A bill from the Baker & Taylor Co., amounting to \$228.34, for books recently received, was presented and being certified correct ;

It was moved by Alderman MacIreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be paid.

J. M. GELDEBT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read report of City Engineer re Path Across Citadel.

PATH ACROSS CITADEL.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 23rd, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I wrote to the Military Authorities asking if they had any objection to the City repairing the path over the Citadel from Duke Street to North Park Street. I beg to submit copy of the reply received, and as it is unfavorable I have not submitted any estimate of cost.

Respectfully submitted,

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

From the Commanding Royal Engineer in Canada.

R. E. OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., 18th January, 1901.

To the City Engineer, Halifax, N. S. :

SIR,—With reference to your letter of 12-12-1900, respecting the City repairing a path crossing the Citadel Glacis from the corner of Cogswell Street and North Park Street to Duke Street, I am instructed to inform you that the paths in question being on War Department ground and not public paths, it is not considered advisable to encourage the use of them by the public by keeping them in

repair, especially at the expense of the City, which might hereafter cite the fact of their having repaired them as an argument for establishing a right of way over them. Yours faithfully,

C. WILKINSON, Colonel,

Commanding Royal Engineers in Canada.

Placed on Order Paper.

Read City Engineer's report re Steam Roller.

STEAM ROLLER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 4th, 1901

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The accompanying tender from Hugh Cameron, representing the Waterous Engine Company, was referred by the City Council to the Works Department for report.

At the date of the tender the street work for this year was about completed. In considering this tender there are three important points, first—the necessity for a second roller; second—the suitability of the Buffalo-Pitts roller; third—the advisability of purchasing at present.

I have no hesitation in saying that the work to be performed each year cannot be overtaken by one roller. The result is that the rolling is only partially done and in many cases is unsatisfactory. As it is not always practicable to do the street work at such a time that the roller is available as soon as each piece of work is done stones placed on the street are often knocked about for some time before the surface can be compacted. The work during the first part of the season after the frost comes out of the ground requires two rollers to perform it satisfactorily. Every street which has been affected by the frost should be re-rolled, and it is obvious that with our great mileage of streets one roller cannot overtake it. With our present Street Appropriation it is probable that we should not keep two rollers in service during the whole season and therefore the cost of operating two rollers would not be twice the cost of operating one. The cost of operating one roller is one thousand dollars (\$1000) per annum. The cost of a second roller would probably not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600).

As to the suitability of the Buffalo-Pitts roller, I believe that it is a good roller and that it has advantages which our Aveling & Porter roller does not have. On the other hand, there are some important advantages which the Aveling & Porter roller has over the Buffalo-Pitts.

The advisability of purchasing at present is perhaps the most important point to be considered. We have a balance of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) in the appropriation from which the first roller was purchased. If a second roller were purchased twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2300) would be required in addition.

If the Council can see their way clear I should like to see a second roller in use; but before purchasing I would suggest that steps be taken to ascertain the cost of other rollers as I am under the impression that they can be obtained cheaper than the price named.

Respectfully submitted.

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

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

Read letter H. McC. Hart re Assessment on Cold Storage property, &c.

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

Read letters (2) from George Foot re injuries received by him. Also read the opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the liability of the City in the matter.

IN RE MR. FOOT'S CLAIM.

January 11th, 1901.

From the letter sent me I am unable to ascertain the cause of the alleged injury to Mr. Foote's eye; but I have learned that he was injured by some fire-cracker or something of that kind, it being used contrary to law. If such is the case, I am of opinion that the City is not liable no more than it would be liable for a man assaulted by another on the street.

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor.

P. S.—I return his letter 26th, December, 1900.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that a copy of the Recorder's opinion be sent to Mr. Foote. Motion passed.

Read letter from S. R. Phelan, Chief City Assessor, covering a return of properties exempted from Assessment.

PROPERTIES EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, 24th January, 1901.

To the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution of City Council, passed at last meeting, herewith find a list of properties exempted from Assessment, including Imperial, Dominion and Provincial properties.

S. R. PHELAN, Chief Assessor.

LIST OF EXEMPTIONS.

Dominion Government Property.

Post office	\$ 150,000
Old drill shed	10,000
New armoury	275,000
Grain elevator	150,000
Deep water terminus	500,000
North street depot, etc	150,000
Richmond	175,000

\$1,410,000

Provincial Government Property.

Province building and part of Burns building	\$ 250,000
Government House and grounds	90,000
Hospital and grounds	150,000

\$490,000

County

Court House, etc	\$ 75,000
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Imperial Government Property.

Lumber yard	\$ 30,000
Bellevue	22,000
South Barracks	65,000
Commissary and fuel yard	30,000
Married quarters &c	115,000
Military hospital	85,000
Queen's wharf	60,000
Garrison church, &c	30,000
Wellington Barracks	450,000
Admiralty House	65,000
Dockyard	500,000
Magazine wharf	20,000
Ordnance wharf	140,000

\$1,612,000

Summary.

Dominion Government	\$1,410,000
Provincial Government	490,000
Imperial Government	1,612,000
County	75,000
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	\$3,587,000

Churches.

St. Andrew's, Presbyterian	\$ 20,000
St. Matthew's, Presbyterian	30,000
St. Luke's, Episcopal	35,000
St. Mary's, Roman Catholic	80,000
St. Patrick's, Roman Catholic	50,000
St. Paul's, Episcopal	45,000
St. Matthias, Episcopal	3,000
St. John's, Presbyterian	15,000
St. Mark's, Episcopal	8,000
St. Joseph's, Roman Catholic	20,000
St. George's Episcopal	30,000
1st Baptist	25,000
Bishop's Chapel Episcopal	10,000
Coburg Road Presbyterian	5,000
Robie Street Methodist	8,000
Beach Street do	3,000
Village Road R. C.	2,000
Charles Street Methodist	8,000
Mission House	2,000
Park street Presbyterian	25,000
Tower Road Episcopal	1,000
Trinity Episcopal	25,000
Universalist	35,000
Synagogue Jewish	3,000
Fort Massey Presbyterian	30,000
Mission Chapel do	6,000
Old Dutch Episcopal	2,000
Kaye Street Methodist	8,000
Tabernacle Baptist	6,000
N. Baptist	15,000
African Baptist	3,000
African Methodist	4,000
Quinpool Road Baptist	2,000
Duffus Street Presbyterian	8,000
Village Church Epis	3,000
Chalmers Presbyterian	10,000
St. Agnes Roman Catholic	10,000
S. Park street Methodist	6,000
Brunswick street do	30,000
Quinpool Road Methodist	8,000
Grafton street do	30,000
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Total	\$ 669,000

Educational.

Ladies College	\$ 50,000
Theological Hall	30,000
Dalhousie College	75,000
Convent S. G. Road	50,000
Medical College	6,000
St. Joseph's College	30,000
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	\$ 241,000

Charitable.

St. Paul's alms house	\$ 10,000
Protestant Orphanage	10,000
Catholic Orphanage	30,000
Infants' Home, Protestant	7,000
Infants' Home, R. C.	10,000
Industrial School, Prot.	20,000
Friendless Women's Home	4,500
Old Ladies' Home	18,000
Deaf and Dumb Inst	60,000
Dispensary	10,000
Infirmiry, R. C.	10,000
Industrial School, R. C.	18,000
Blind Asylum	75,000
Convent of Good Shepherd	30,000
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	\$ 312,500

Other Institutions.

Cotton factory (now assessed at \$75,000)	\$ 300,000
Seaman's Home (sold to Kenny & Co.)	25,000
Sugar Refinery (assessed this year now before Court of Appeal)	300,000
Y. M. C. A. (assessed for part hired out)	40,000
Academy of Music	50,000
St. Paul's eating house	3,500
Masonic Hall (assessed for part hired out)	30,000
C. of E. Institute	15,000
Argyle Hall (assessed for part hired out)	10,000
St. Patrick's Hall	7,000
St. Mary's Y. M. hall (assessed for part hired out)	20,000
Orpheus Hall (assessed for part hired out)	6,000
S. of T. Hall	3,000
W. C. T. U.	3,000
Odd Fellows Society	10,000
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	\$ 822,500
Less \$12,000 hired out and cotton factory, \$75,000	87,000
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	\$ 735,500

Summary.

Churches	\$ 669,000
Educational	241,000
Industrial	525,000
Charitable	312,500
Other Institutions	210,500
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	\$1,953,000
Less \$25,000 to be assessed, building sold	25,000
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	\$1,933,000

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read letter from John Y. Payzant in re Cogswell property, Windsor Street.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission, together with His Honor the Recorder, to carry out the conditions of the conveyance of said property. Motion passed.

Read letter from Colonel Biscoe, commanding troops in Canada relative to a certain application for a license to sell liquor in a shop opposite the main entrance to the Wellington Barracks.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read returns of Coal Weighers for the month of December, 1900. Filed.

Read letter from S. Cunard & Co, re Coal Weighing.

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

Read returns of the City Collector for the month of December, 1900. Filed.

Read Cash Statements City Treasurer for the month of December, Filed.

Read application H. H. Banks for re-appointment as Chief License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read letter from John J. Power, asking for an investigation of the conduct of H. H. Banks in the matter of an order for arrest recently issued by him (Mr. Power) against one Flora N. Brockington.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of report of City Works Commission and report of the City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension, Chebucto Road.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this matter be reconsidered. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the water should be extended on Chebucto Road to Harvard Street; also if possible the sewer should be extended at the same time and the Engineer be requested to make a report as to cost of one or both.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 21 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 21, viz: Ordinance in re width of hatches on sidewalks. 3rd reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BYE-LAW OR ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1893.

Be it Enacted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in City Council assembled, as follows:

Said Ordinance is hereby amended by striking out Section 30 of said Ordinance and substituting therefor the following section:—

No person shall make any permanent excavation under the surface of any street the movable covering of which extends further into the street than to a line three feet from the street line, and then only by permission in writing from the City Engineer and on such conditions as he may name in the permit, provided, however, that coal hole tops may be located near the curb and that transparent coverings used for purposes of lighting only and permanently secured may extend five feet from the street line. The owner of the property in front of which any permanent excavation is made shall pay to the City of Halifax therefore on the first day of May in each and every year an annual rental of four cents per square foot of such excavation.

The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Bye-law or Ordinance relating to the streets of the City of Halifax which said amended Ordinance was passed by the City Council on the 30th day of April, 1896" is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said Ordinance, having received its third reading, do now pass, and that the City Clerk forward the same to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, for concurrence. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins asks that the Council be furnished with the following information at an early date, viz.:

Why was the Low Service District deprived of water when a break occurred recently in one of the mains?

Where did the break occur?

When did the City Engineer report on construction of sewer on Cunard Street, now under construction? By whom was the said construction ordered?

What will be cost of Cunard Street sewer now being constructed; also sewer being taken up in present construction work?

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council:

Resolved,—That the Works Department furnish this Council at its next meeting with a statement of all monies expended since May 1st, 1899, in the changing of the Engineer's, Auditor's, City Clerk's and Clerk of Works' offices in the City Hall, and the names of the persons to whom all payments and monies paid by the City in discharge of its indebtedness for said changes were made, and how said work was done—by tender, contract, or otherwise.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the Juries Lists Committee of last year be re appointed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rutler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that Alderman Hawkins be appointed a member of said committee in place of Alderman Butler. Motion passed.

Aldermen Martin and Hubley are now reappointed to the Committee on Juries Lists.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the Halifax Electric Tramway Company be requested to furnish the Council with a time table of their cars over their route. Passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 10 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read item No. 10, viz: Report of Special Committee, &c., in the matter of the City doing its own electric lighting, &c. See printed Minutes of Council, April 26th, 1900.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee that the City erect a plant and do its own lighting be adopted, and that the Special Committee be asked to select a site before tenders are asked for and report to the Council not later than a month hence.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Musgrave :

Resolved, That the Board of Works be instructed to enquire if the Company will enter into such an agreement as that entered into between the City of Boston and the Electric Light Company of that City, embodying the principle of arbitration as to price and limiting the dividend which the Company shall be allowed to earn from the City lighting.

Said amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is now put and passed. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Hawkins, Lane,
Butler, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Martin, Rogers, Mosher—9.

Against it.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Musgrave,
Creighton—3.

Alderman Musgrave gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 12.05 o'clock a. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 12TH, 1901.

The Oath of Allegiance is administered by His Worship the Mayor to Aldermen Faulkner, Campell, Mitchell and Hubley—who severally sign the roll.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

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

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

8.30. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Faulkner, Geldert, Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith, Mitchell, Halliday, O'Donnel, Ryan, Chisholm, Creighton and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider the applications for liquor licenses for the year 1901-2.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman MacIlreith submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, viz :

Re Charges against License Inspector Banks, and

“ Sales for coal weighing at North end of City, and on

Application of H. B. Clarke to be relieved from taxation on proposed new theatre.

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

Mayor submits return from the Works Department of amounts expended for alterations in City Clerk's, City Auditor's, City Engineer's and Clerk of Works' offices.

Application of H. H. Banks for re-appointment as Chief License Inspector.

Letter from Austen Bros. asking for payment for 2000 feet hose supplied Fire Department.

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

Read Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Letter from Messrs Cunard & Co., relative to Weighing of Coal and as to appointment of Weighers at Deep Water Terminus and Young Street, and also on application of H. B. Clarke to be relieved from taxation upon proposed new Theatre.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 12th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered Messrs S Cunard & Co's. letter relating to the weighing of coal, and recommend as follows :

That the City purchase and place in position at the foot of Young Street near the rail'way, a scale for the weighing of coals provided the City Engineer can find a suitable location there.

That the Dominion Government be requested to place a similar scale at the Deep Water Terminus; and

That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to reply to Messrs Cunard's enquires as to the meaning of certain clauses of the Coal Ordinance. His Honor's reply is attached hereto.

In the matter of the application of H. B. Clarke to be relieved from taxation upon the theatre proposed to be erected by him in this City, your Committee beg to report that they cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be complied with.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

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

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 8th. 1901.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

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

Halifax Herald subscription to December 31, 1900, City Clerk, \$6 00; City Collector \$6 00; Total \$12.00. Halifax Herald advertising, City Assessor December, \$6.00; City Collector December, \$5 50; Consols Premium account, \$18.75; Com Laws and Privileges, \$1.50; Mayor's Office, \$19 25; Registrar of Voters, December, \$3.50; City Clerk for August \$3 50; Total \$59.00. Chronicle Publishing Company, subscription to December 31, 1900, City Collector \$5.00; City Clerk \$5 00; total \$12.00. T. C. Allen & Co., Printing, Stationery and Blank Books Mayor's Office, Oct \$1.25; City Clerk October, \$3.70; City Clerk, November, \$4.07; City Clerk, December, .80; City Collector, October, \$4 06; City Collector, November, \$7.55; City Collector, December, \$11.94; City Assessor, November \$10.76; City Assessor, December, \$12 50; City Police Department, December, \$14.46; City Auditor, December, \$17.00; City Treasurer, December, \$21.54; Total \$108 63. Blackadar Bros. advertising October, November and December, \$24 04; Blackadar Bros., advertising January, \$11.08; total \$35 12. London Rubber Stamp Company, two accounts, \$2.55, 50c; total \$3.05. Total \$229.80.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read letter from H. B. Clarke re exemption from taxation of proposed Theatre. Placed on Order Paper.

Read return from Department City Works re cost of alterations and changes in various offices in the City Hall. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from Austen Bros., re payment for fire hose. On motion, the same is ordered to be paid.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Charges made by J. J. Power against H. Havelock Banks, Chief License Inspector :

IN RE LICENSE INSPECTOR.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Halifax, N. S., February 11, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges have investigated the charges made against H. H. Banks, License Inspector, in the accompanying letter, have heard Mr. J. J. Power, who made the charge, and Mr Banks, the License Inspector, and witnesses called by each, and find that Mr. Banks has explained satisfactorily how he first came to be brought into this matter and to attend at the houses Nos. 100 and 117 Grafton Street; that he did obtain a solicitor for them, but that he did not borrow \$100 for Mrs. Brockington, nor did he give her \$100 or any sum to deposit with the Deputy-Sheriff. They find, though, that Mr. Banks called at Mr. Sanford's butcher shop on his way to his hotel, at the request of one of the inmates, and told Mr. Sanford that he was wanted at No 100—to use Mr. Banks language—"There was some trouble up in 100. They're arrested, I believe. I told him I thought they wanted him to go bondsman, in order to put him on his guard."

The Committee feel that Mr. Banks acted injudiciously in acting as a messenger for these people, and are of opinion that it is very undesirable that any city official should be found upon such terms with persons of the reputed character of the keepers of the houses named in Mr. Power's letter.

The evidence taken at the investigation is forwarded herewith for the information of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this matter be laid over, to be taken up with the application of Mr. Banks for re-election. Passed.

Alderman Halliday now takes the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, and signs the roll.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Musgraves's notice of reconsideration of resolution providing that the City shall erect a plant and do its own electric lighting, is now read.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Alderman Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, MacIlreith, Butler, Campbell, Mitchell, Halliday, Creighton—9.	Alderman Hawkins, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Mosher—7.

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

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Electric Lighting be received.

Further Resolved, That the matter be referred back to the said Special Committee with instructions to select a site and report the same to this Council and that no sight be purchased or tenders asked for before said report, and that said report be made to this Council not later than one month from this date.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Ryan, O'Donnell, Halliday, Mitchell, Campbell, Butler, MacIlreith, Faulkner, Musgrave, Geldert—12.	Aldermen Hawkins, Martin, Chisholm, Hubley—4.

Read letter from H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, covering applications for license to sell liquor in the City of Halifax during the license year 1901-1902.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

February 12th, 1901.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully submit herewith applications that have been filed in my office for license to sell intoxicating liquors for the ensuing license year, with my reports thereon under the provisions of the Liquor License Act of 1895, and the amendments thereto.

I have the honor to be, sirs,

Your obedient servant,

H. HAVELOCK BANKS, *Chief License Inspector.*

The council now proceed to consider the several applications for license to sell liquor in the City of Halifax during the license year 1901-02.

WARD NO. ONE.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses :

John Courtney Shop, North side, head Gas Lane.
James Finlay " 17 Victoria Lane.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said Licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD No. TWO.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending that licenses be granted the following named applicants:

Vincent Grant.....	Shop, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rottenburg St.
Thomas Major	" 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dresden Row.
Andrew J. Finlay	" 13 Rottenburg St.
R. T. Forrestall	" 12 Rottenburg St.
Stephen Cahill	" 126 Lower Water St.
Richard Fitzgerald	Hotel, 30, 32, and 34 Salter St. (Pictou House.)
A. Keith & Son	Wholesale Brewers, 88 to 94 Lower Water St.
Johanna Purcell	Shop, 52 Sackville St.
James McDonald	" 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hollis St.
John McGrath	" 6 Sackville St.
Richard O'Neil	" 147 Lower Water St.
Henry Gullickson	" 134 Lower Water St.
George Waugh	Hotel, 11 and 13 Granville st. (The Eagle)
Louis J. Hesslein	" East side Hollis st. (Halifax Hotel)
James P. Fairbanks	" 109 to 115 Hollis st (Queen Hotel)
Patrick J. Broderick	" 30 and 32 Sackville St. (Windsor Hotel.)
John R. Simmons	" 51 Granville St. (Lyceum House.)
Norah Robinson	" 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ L. Water St. (Malden House.)
Simon LeBlanc	" 20 and 22 Sackville St. (Albion Hotel.)
Edwin Kenward.	" 146 and 148 Hollis St. (Boston Hotel.)
Andrew Grant	Shop, 50 Prince St.
E. D. Blair	" 21 Sackville St.
Catherine Doran	" 5 Bedford Row.
Richard Cahill	" 44 Argyle St.
L. A. Gastonguay	" 189 Lower Water St.
Martin J. Bates	" 197 Lower Water St.
John Hogan	" 62 Grafton St.
Catherine Dillon	" 75 Sackville, cor. Albemarle.
Thomas J. Cahalane	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sackville St.
Nathan Cornfoot	" 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ Granville St.
Thomas Garrety	" 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ Granville St.
Robert Simmons	Hotel, 191 and 193 Lower Water St. (French House)
Patrick Ryan	Hotel, 204 and 206 Lower Water St. (Ryan's Hotel.)
Simon Fraser	Hotel, 43 Argyle St (Old St. Julian Hotel)
Charles Woolnough	" 153 and 155 Hollis St. (Woolnough's Hotel.)
Joseph G. White	Hotel, 57 Sackville St. (Aberdeen Hotel.)
Dillon Bros	Wholesale, 69 to 73 Sackville St.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted and that Licenses be granted to applicants mentioned therein. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Thomas Garrety.

WARD NO. THREE.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector, recommending that licenses be granted to the following named applicants :

John Glassey	Shop,	196 Hollis St.
H. W. Brown	"	City Wharf, foot George St.
James P. Mackassey	"	33 Upper Water St.
William Neville	"	136 Grafton St.
James Hogan	"	143 Albemarle St.
Margaret Broussard	Hotel,	26 & 28 Upper Water St. (British American Hotel.)
Thomas H. Renner	"	1 Up. Water St. (Tremont Hotel.)
Susan C. Fiske	"	88 Granville St. (Acadian Hotel.)
Judson Hyde	"	13½ Upper Water St. (Caledonia Hotel.)
Thomas W. Hardy	"	100 & 102 Granville St. (Continental Hotel.)
David Fraser	"	78 & 80 Bedford Row.
Wm. McDonald	"	82 & 84 Granville St. (Victoria Hotel.)
John Tobin & Co.	Wholesale,	15 to 21 Upper Water St.
Kelly & Glassey	"	196 to 204 Hollis Street.
Halifax Breweries, Limited	"	Brewers, 50 Duke St.
Arthur Monaghan	Shop,	124 Barrington St.
R. N. McDonald	"	154 Barrington St.
Wm. Glawson	"	1 Bell's Lane
John Coleman	"	40 Upper Water St.
Ellen Meagher	"	144 Argyle St.
Charles AuCoin	"	46 Upper Water St.
Mary Doneaghey	"	75 Buckingham St.
James M. Power	"	13 Buckingham St.
Mary Carroll	"	174 Grafton St.
C. B. McDougall	"	234 Hollis St.
Edward Donahoe	"	53 Buckingham St.
Daniel Connors	"	63 Du-r-e St.
James M. Allen	"	180 Granville St.
James W. Salt-rio	"	14 Bell's Lane.
John L. Gooley	"	50 Upper Water St.
William S. Quigley	"	94 Upper Water St.
M. H. Ruggles	Hotel,	37 Buckingham Street. (Farmers' Hotel.)
Daniel Morrissey	"	211 & 213 Barrington St. (Morrissey's Hotel.)
John Wilson	"	102 & 104 Upper Water St. (Sarmatian House.)
Dawes & Co.	Wholesale	Brewers, 209 Barrington St.
Nova Scotia Bottling Company ..	"	243 Hollis St.
Grace & Gastonguay	Wholesale,	75 Upper Water St.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that said report be adopted and the several licences granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the application of John Wilson lay over for future consideration. Amendment passed.

The original motion (not including the application of John Wilson) is now put and passed.

WARD NO. FOUR.

Read report of Chief License Inspector recommending that licenses be granted the following named applicants :

T. F. Courtney	Shop, 39 Jacob Street.
James Campbell	" 97 Upper Water Street.
Stephen Mitchell	" 159 Upper Water Street.
Michael Goulding	" 176 Upper Water Street.
Joseph Yetman	" 85 Upper Water Street.
Joseph R. Siteman	" 113 Upper Water Street.
Charles A. Norton	" 146 Upper Water Street.
Michael P. Inglis	" 2½ Starr Street.
James Spears	" 87 Upper Water Street.
Edward Callahan	Hotel, 353 & 355 Barrington St. (Canada Hotel.)
Nathaniel A. Ross	Hotel, 212 & 214 Upper Water Street. (Clarendon Hotel.)
Joseph Ferguson	Hotel, 200 & 202 Upper Water Street. (Vancouver House.)
T. F. Courtney & Co.	Wholesale, 41 Jacob Street.
Thomas O'Malley	Shop, 16½ Cornwallis Street.
Thomas D. Chalmers	Hotel, 278 & 284 Upper Water Street. (Allen Hotel.)
Daniel Johnson	Shop, 47 Maynard Street.
Thomas A. Rogers	" 86 Cornwallis Street.
Robert M. Anderson	" 53 Creighton Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted, and that licenses be granted the several applicants above named in Ward No. 4. Motion passed.

WARD NO. FIVE.

Read report of Chief License Inspector recommending that licenses be granted the following named applicants, viz :

William T. Nott	Hotel, 420 Upper Water Street.
William Saunders	Hotel, 346 & 348 Upper Water Street. (Steamship House.)
Thomas Keating	Hotel, 7 Cornwallis St. (Keating's Hotel)
Adam L. Miller	Shop, 155 Gottingen Street.
Michael McMahan	" 147 Gottingen Street.
Edward Coolen	" 101½ Gottingen Street.
Gaetano Verdi	" 2 Cunard Street.
Charles E. Rogers	Hotel, 496 to 500 Upper Water Street. (Acadia Gardens.)
John Mullane	Shop, 33 West Street.
John Walsh	" 172 Gottingen Street.
Albert B. Thompson	" 93 Gerrish Street.
Alexander McDonald	" 174 Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD NO. SIX.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector, recommending that licenses be granted the following named applicants, viz.:

Edward J. Griffin	Shop, 3 Almon St.
James Burns	" 66 Almon St.
John P. May & Co.	Wholesale Brewers. Premises, Sullivan St.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said licenses be granted.

Read application of Alfred P. Calnan for a shop license for the premises 155 Lower Water Street, also read the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon, recommending that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said license be granted. Said amendment, on being put, is lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called, there appeared :

For the amendment.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Butler,
Campbell, Mitchell, Halli-
day, Ryan, Martin, Rogers
—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Hubley, O'Don-
nell, Chisholm, Creighton,
Mosher, Hawkins—9.

The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of Peter C. Flemming for a shop license at No. 156 Lower Water Street; also read the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon, recommending that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said license be granted. Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same, and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Butler,
Campbell, Mitchell,
Halliday, Martin,
Rogers, and Ryan,
—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Creighton, Mosher,
Hawkins,—9.

Alderman Butler gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of Edward G. Hagarty for a shop license at 118 Lower Water Street.

Also read the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon recommending that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Campbell that said license be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted. Said amendment on being put is passed. License not granted.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of William J. Bowen for a shop license at No. 35½ Sackville Street.

Also read report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the License Inspector thereon recommending that said license be not granted be adopted. Motion passed.

Read application of William Austin for an hotel license at No. 122 Argyle Street—Ward Three.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Campbell that said license be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm that said application lay over until the Inspector furnish the Council with the measurements of distance between the place sought to be licensed and the Acadian School.

Said amendment on being put is lost 8 voting for the same and 9 against it.

Names being called for there appeared :

For the amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Hubley,
Chisholm, Creighton,
Mosher, Hawkins—8.

Aldermen MacIreith, Butler,
Campbell, Mitchell,
Halliday, O'Donnell,
Ryan, Martin, Rogers—9.

The original resolution is put and passed.

Read application of Peter Mihan for a shop license at No. 122 Grafton Street.

Also read report of Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon recommending that said license should not be granted.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Mitchell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of Edward J. Quirk for a shop license at 217 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of E. W. Wright for a hotel license at 8 and 10 Duke Street.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of John Wilson for an hotel license at 102-104 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be not granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said license be granted. Said amendment being put is passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Edward Coolen for a liquor license—Ward Five.

Read application of Robert Johnston for a Hotel License at 286-288 Upper Water Street; also read the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses thereon, not recommending that said license be granted.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the Inspector be adopted, and that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Alderman Ryan gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Geldert, Musgrave, Halliday, Lane, Mosher, Hubley and Mitchell.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Faulkner, Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith, O'Donnell, Ryan, Creighton and Hawkins.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from F. A. Huntress, Manager, covering a copy of the Winter time table of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

Applications of George Wood and W. E. Messervey for the position of Chief License Inspector.

Letter from Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re better protection from fires.

Application of William Smith for a position as Coal Weigher.

Letter from Roderick J. Parker, of Toronto, re Electric Light Plant.

Report Board Fire Commissioners re Accounts for payment.

Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, known as the City Charter.

Petition of J. A. Leaman & Co. and others relative to the sale within the city of meats, poultry, &c., that is unfit for food.

Application of G. A. Cook & Co., for permission to erect a smoke house at 57 Creighton Street.

City Engineer's answers to Alderman Hawkins' questions.

City Collector's returns General and Water for the month of January.

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the order of the day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read petition of J. A. Leaman & Co. and others asking that every shop or other place in which meats, poultry and game are sold be registered and licensed.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, 19th February, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., acids, \$5.28; G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, 7.65; Wm. Robertson & Son., hardware, 12.46; A. Lamphier, repairs to chemical, 1.35; Can. Gen. Elec. Co., .50, 2.38 and .82, 3.76; N. S. Telephone Co., labor at Central, \$1.50; Halifax Tram Co., Lighting No. 7 house in January, 9.33; Daniel McLeod, horse-shoeing in January, 6.49; Simson Bros. & Co., blue stone, 40.43; Black Bros. & Co., screws, &c., 1.00, .30, 1.30; John Starr, Son & Co., rubber, .52; John MacInnes & Son, lumber, 2.28; W. J. Power, bed clothing, 14.95; John O'Connell, horse shoeing, Nov., 8.90, Dec., 6.65, 15.55; David Power, horse shoeing, 1.85; Neil Fox, harness work in January, 1.75; W. N. Brown, grinding axes, &c., 2.00; Longard Bros., 2.70, 1.35, .30, 4.35; Cunard & Co., coal, 5.00, 13.50, 5.00, 23.50; W. & A. Moir, repp. engines, 64.40. Total \$220.64.

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 authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

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

Read letter from F. A. Huntress, Manager, covering a copy of the winter time table of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Lt'd.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 19th, 1901.

H. Trenaman, Esq., City Clerk,
City Hall.

DEAR SIR,—Complying with the request of the City Council of February 8th, I enclose a copy of our winter time table. Yours truly

F. A. HUNTRESS, *Manager,*

per J. McC.

WINTER TIME TABLE—HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LT'D.

Main Line.

Leaving Car House.

6.05
6.52½
6.15
7.17½
6.40
7.22½

Leaving Richmond.

6.30—7.15
7.22½
6.45—7.30
7.37½
7.00—7.45
7.52½

and every 7½
minutes till 11.22½ p. m. Then 11.37½,
11.52½ and 12.10.

Coburg Road Line.

Leaving Car House.

6.20
6.35
7.30
6.35
6.50
8.00

Leaving Coburg Road.

7.15
7.30
7.40
6.45—7.50
7.00—8.00

8.10 and every ten
minutes till 10.30 p. m. Then 10.45,
11.00, 11.15 and 11.30.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said time table be published for two weeks for the information of the citizens. Motion passed.

Read application of G. A. Cook & Co., for permission to operate a smoke house at No. 57 Creighton Street.

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

Read letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters relative to better fire preventative appliances required by the City and asking that the members of a committee of said board be permitted to appear before the council.

BETTER PROTECTION FROM FIRE.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 15, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor, Halifax, N. S. :

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the comprehensive report lately made by Mr. Robert Howe, C. E., upon the water works and fire preventative appliances of the City of Halifax (copies of which have been laid before you) we beg to bring to your notice for favorable consideration three of the recommendations contained in said report, which the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters deem of the greatest importance, and trust that the matter will be taken up by the City with as little delay as possible.

The recommendations referred to are as follows:—

1. The immediate application of a meter to every service in the City.
2. The securing of a fully equipped aerial truck, and
3. The securing of a powerful fire boat.

As the subject of proper fire protection is of the greatest importance to every property owner in the city, we feel that it is only necessary to bring the question clearly before them to gain their hearty co-operation.

Having the dire results which are liable to follow when such protection is not provided, brought before us by the late disastrous conflagrations in Hull, Ottawa and Montreal, we should all feel that no time should be lost in making our water works and fire preventative appliances as efficient as possible.

In a city composed largely of buildings of wooden construction with shingle roofs the liability to sweeping fires is naturally greater than in a city of massive construction with hard roofs.

Besides the recommendations referred to above we would like to draw your attention to the point in Mr. Howe's report regarding the high water service, which depends solely upon a single pipe line from the source of supply. In the event of a break in the pipe or the sticking of the scraper it would mean the higher portions of the City would be without the necessary water for fire protection. Mr. Howe recommends the laying of an additional Main to provide against such emergencies.

We feel the force of his arguments and trust that the City will take this matter up in the no very distant future, and lay the new main, or else build a reservoir which would, we understand, serve to overcome the difficulty.

In closing I might mention that the head offices of the various fire insurance companies doing business in this City, from their wide experience fully appreciate the situation and the need of the improvements suggested being carried out as speedily as possible.

A Committee has been appointed by this Board and the members would like to appear before the Council if you would kindly arrange a meeting.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

CHARLES A. EVANS,
President.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said letter be placed on the Order of the Day and that the Committee of the Board of Fire Underwriters be requested to meet the Council at an early day. Motion passed.

Read application of William Smith for position as Coal Weigher. Filed.

Read letter from Roderick J. Parke, Consulting Electrical Engineer, Toronto, offering his services if the City decide to instal an electric light plant.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said letter be referred to the Special Committee on Electric Lighting. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's answers to questions asked by Alderman Hawkins at the meeting held 8th February inst.

ALDERMAN HAWKINS' QUESTIONS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, February 19th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to submit the following information in answer to questions asked by Alderman Hawkins :—

1 Why was the low service district deprived of water when a break occurred recently in one of the mains?

Ans.—The water has not been turned off the low service district since the new 27 inch main was laid, except on pipes where repairs are being made, cleaning done or similar work being carried on.

2. Where did the break occur?

Ans.—In the 27 inch main in the Misses Hennessey's field, Young Street.

3. When did the City Engineer report on the construction of sewer on Cunard Street now under construction? By whom was the said construction ordered?

Ans.—The construction of the Cunard Street Sewer was not reported on separately. The reconstruction is being done as a part of the work for the relief of Charles Street and Willow Street. This work was reported to the Council at a meeting held February 13th, 1900, and a relief sewer recommended through Clifton Street. At that time, as stated in report, we had not completed the examination of the Common sewer nor the calculations for the permanent relief of the whole district draining into it, and the Clifton Street sewer was suggested as a temporary relief only. It was expected that the sewer on Robie Street between Charles Street and Cunard Street would have to be enlarged in order to give permanent relief. We have since completed plans and calculations for the whole district draining to the intersection of Robie and Cunard Streets, and find that the common sewer at that point should be at least twice as large as it is in order to carry off the heaviest rains. We also found that as the Clifton Street sewer was to be constructed it would be much cheaper to make it a permanent relief sewer at once by continuing it to Robie Street. It will not then be necessary to alter the sewer on Robie Street north of Cunard Street, which would mean a large saving, and when the common sewer is enlarged permanent relief will be given to Charles Street and Willow Street, instead of the temporary relief at first proposed. The old sewer on Cunard Street was a disgraceful piece of work. It was constructed by Contract and varied in size from 9x14 inches to 11x16 inches. It was laid very unevenly both as regards grade and line. If the Clifton Street sewer had been built to the old grade of the Cunard Street sewer a 24x36 inch sewer would be required, but by adopting a practically even grade from Robie Street to Charles Street a steeper fall is obtained, and therefore a 20 x 30 inch sewer is sufficient. The saving made on Clifton Street by lowering

the grade is \$147.45, for although the excavation is deeper the trench is narrower, and there is a saving in the cost of material and cost of laying. Section 15, chapter 31 Acts of 1894 provides that "the City Engineer shall be responsible for the mode and manner of constructing the public works of the City." The question reported on, and the work ordered by the Council was not the sewer of Clifton Street, but the relief of Charles and Willow Streets. Under the circumstances, I consider the plan adopted the cheapest and most efficient mode and manner in which the work contemplated could be performed and I estimated that it could be carried out for the sum named in the report (\$4300). I have therefore taken up 232 feet of the sewer on Cunard Street and am laying a new sewer 20x30 inches on a practically even grade from Robie Street to Charles Street. This will make the sewer system complete as far as its injunction with the common sewer.

4. What will be cost of Cunard Street sewer now being constructed, also sewer being taken up in present construction work?

Ans.—The labor pay rolls for taking up and relaying the Cunard Street sewer amount to about \$880.00. The cost of the old sewer was \$578.00. If the Clifton Street sewer had been laid to the old grade of the one on Cunard Street, the Robie Street sewer would have to be enlarged immediately after the first suit for damages at an estimated cost of over \$6000. Deducting the cost of relaying the Cunard Street sewer from this amount, over \$5000 has been saved to the City by the plan adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Placed Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that each Alderman be furnished with a copy of the Engineer's answers. Motion passed.

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

Read City Treasurer's cash statements "General" and "Water" for the month of January. Filed.

Read Draft Act entitled "An act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 known as the City Charter."

AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER.

An Act to Amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 Known as the City Charter.

Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

Section 22 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 is hereby amended by striking out said section and substituting the following therefore:

The pay of the Police Force shall be as follows: Privates, four hundred dollars, (\$400) for the first year and thereafter five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) sergeants, six hundred dollars (\$600) for the first year and thereafter six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650); Deputy-Chief of Police, six hundred and forty dollars (\$640) for the first year and therefore eight hundred dollars. The said amounts to be respectively paid according to the proper and satisfactory discharge of their duties and at the discretion of and under the direction and authority of the Police Commission, who are hereby authorized and empowered to make Rules and Regulations for the proper government of the Police Force and the defining of their duties and the proper discharge and enforcement thereof and all such regulations as the said Commission deem necessary for the protection of the citizens and their property. The above sums to be paid in addition to such suits of clothing as the Police Commission may deem necessary.

Section 348 of said Charter is amended by adding the following sub-section

(6) "An appeal shall lie and be brought in all cases from any assessment made