

with or without jurisdiction by the City Assessors to the Court of appeal on Assessment for said City, who shall hear and determine the same and give such relief as justice requires."

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Act of the Legislature or any Ordinance, by-law or resolution of the City Council, relating to the City of Halifax, when any City Official is required to give security for the performance of his duties or accounting for any money that may come to his hands, the City Council may accept the bond or policy of any Guarantee Company approved of by them instead of or in addition to the bond or security required by the City Charter and the form, terms and conditions of said bond shall be approved of by said council.

The balance of the appropriation made for the purchase of the Steam Roller may be taken by the City Council and appropriated for repairs to said roller.

The balance remaining of the amount borrowed and paid for the purchase of land on West and Maynard Streets may be taken by the City Council for the purchase of land or erecting a building for the use of the City Works Department.

The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the said city the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the extension of the water service, and the said sum when borrowed shall form part of the Consolidated Fund of the City of Halifax, in addition to the amount mentioned in Chapter 24 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia of 1880, and any Act in amendment thereof and debentures shall be issued by the City and shall form a lien and be a charge on the real estate, revenue and property of the City of Halifax, and shall not be liable to any City Rates or assessments, and a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said debentures shall be added to the general assessment and be assessed annually on the property of the rate-payers of the City of Halifax liable to assessment and shall be levied and collected in the same way, at the same time and with the same rights, liens and remedies as the ordinary general assessment of the City of Halifax, and said debentures shall be subject to the terms mentioned in Sections 284 and 285 of the City Charter.

The City Council is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the City of Halifax the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2200) for the purpose of purchasing fire hose for the Fire Department, and the sum so borrowed shall be repaid in four equal annual instalments with interest, and a sum sufficient to pay said annual instalments with interest thereon shall be included in the annual assessments of the City of Halifax and shall form a lien and be a charge on the Real Estate, revenue and property of the City and shall be assessed on the inhabitants and property of the ratepayers of the City liable to be assessed in addition to any moneys now authorized by law to be assessed thereon, and shall be levied and collected in the same way, at the same time and with the same rights, liens and remedies as the ordinary general assessment of said City, and such sums when borrowed shall be used exclusively for the purpose indicated and for no other.

Section 148 of the City Charter is amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: "But the defendant shall be entitled to his discharge on his arrest if he shall pay to the Chief of Police the amount of the debt, and costs; and in case he then disputes his liability for said debt or any part thereof he shall deposit the further sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for costs, and in the latter case the amounts so deposited shall be subject to the order of the Court or the Stipendiary shall be subject to the order of the Court or the Stipendiary Magistrate in Chambers."

Section 98 of said Charter is amended by adding at the end of said Section the following: "It shall not be necessary to read the minutes of the proceeding meeting of the Council in open Council unless required by an Alderman present in order that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Council, and the said Minutes, or the corrected Minutes, when signed by the Mayor or presiding Alderman, shall be deemed and taken to be the proper and correct Minutes of said meeting and shall be received as evidence in all Courts in this Province."

The words "Chief of Police, or in his absence any Police officer present" shall be substituted for "City Marshal" wherever the latter words occur in the Rules of Council passed by the City Council on the 5th day of March, A. D.

1889 and approved by the Governor-in-Council on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1889.

All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

(NOTE:—The foregoing amendments to the City Charter include amendments drafted by His Honor the Recorder under resolutions passed at a later stage of this meeting of the City Council.)

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1—Re Police pay and clothing.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration of the item in said clause relative to clothing.

Read Clause 2—Re Appeal from Assessment.

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

Read Clause 3—Re Bonds of City Officials.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Martin that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4—Re appropriation for purchase of steam roller.

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

Read Clause 5—Re Balance of amount borrowed and paid for the purchase of land on West and Maynard Streets.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that clause 5 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 6—Authorizing the City to borrow fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the extension of the water service.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 7—Authorizing the City to Borrow two thousand, two hundred dollars (\$2,200) to pay for fire hose.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council.

Resolved, That the Recorder be empowered to draft and add to the Act to be submitted to the Legislature a clause providing that whenever any person is arrested under process issuing out of the City Civil Court, the Chief of Police shall have power to release such person upon his paying to said Chief of Police an amount sufficient to cover the amount sued for and costs.

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

Read applications of W. Messervey and George Wood for the position of Chief License Inspector. Filed.

Read application of Bigelow & Hood for a wholesale liquor license at 79 Upper Water Street; also read the report of the License Inspector thereon, recommending that said license be granted.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of George A. James for a hotel license at 153 Upper Water Street, Ward 4; also read the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon in favor of granting said license.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of L. D. Murrans for a shop license at No. 94 Gottingen Street, Ward 5; also read the report of the Chief License Inspector thereon, recommending the granting of said license.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of John McIntyre for a shop license at No. 96 Gottingen Street; also read the report of the Chief License Inspector thereon, recommending that said license be not granted.

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

Alderman Halliday gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of Simon Meadon for a shop license at 17½ Agricola Street, Ward 5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of John Handley, senior, for a shop license at No. 91 Gerrish 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 Mosher, that that the report of the Inspector be adopted and that said license be not granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said license be granted. Said amendment, being put, is passed, 13 voting for the same and 3 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

| For the amendment. | Against it. |
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| Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, MacIlreith, Butler, Mitchell, | Aldermen Hubley, Creighton, Mosher—3. |
| Halliday, Lane, O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin, Rogers, Hawkins—13. | |

Read application of John J. Richards for a shop license at No. 1 Bilby Street, Ward 6, also read report of the License Inspector thereon saying that he cannot recommend that said license be granted, together with a letter from Colonel Biscoe against the granting of said license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the License Inspector's report be adopted and that said license be not granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by

Alderman Hawkins, that said license be granted. Said amendment being put is passed 15 voting for the same and 2 against it.

Names being taken there appeared:

For the amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner,
MacIlreith, Campbell, Butler,
Mitchell, Halliday, Lane,
O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin,
Rogers, Creighton, Hawkins—15.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley,
Mosher—2.

Read application of Thomas Devaney for a shop license at No. 43 Almon Street; also read report of the License Inspector thereon, recommending that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the License Inspector, recommending that said licence be not granted, be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said license be granted.

Said amendment, on being put, is passed, 11 voting for the same, and 5 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Hawkins, Rogers, Ryan,
Martin, O'Donnell, Mitchell
Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith,
Musgrave, Geldert—11.

Against it.

Alderman Mosher, Creighton,
Hubley, Halliday,
Faulkner—5.

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

Read No. 24, viz.: Application of H. H. Banks for re-appointment as Chief License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that H. H. Banks be re-appointed Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Chief of Police be appointed License Inspector.

Alderman MacIlreith, through His Worship the Mayor, asks the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether or not the office of Chief License Inspector is vacant, according to the new edition of the Revised Statutes.

The Recorder replies that he would not care to give an opinion off hand, that the section referred to was new to him, and that he would like to have time to give a written opinion on the subject.

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges (submitted at last meeting) in re charges against License Inspector H. H. Banks.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be placed on the Order of the Day, and that a meeting of the City Council be called for Friday night next, to deal with said report. Said amendment on being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

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| <p>For the amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Faulkner, Halliday, Hubley, O'Donnell, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—7.</p> | <p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Campbell, Musgrave, MacIlreith, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Martin, Rogers, Lane—9.</p> |
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Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell that the evidence taken before the Laws and Privileges Committee in the matter of the charge preferred against the License Inspector by J. J. Power be read. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

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| <p>For the motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Lane, Hubley, O'Donnell, Martin, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—7.</p> | <p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Campbell, Musgrave, Ryan, Faulkner, MacIlreith, Butler, Mitchell, Halliday, Rogers—9.</p> |
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The original motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges is now put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for there appeared as follows:

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| <p>For the motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Campbell, Musgrave, Ryan, MacIlreith, Lane, Butler, Mitchell, Halliday, Martin, Rogers—10.</p> | <p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Faulkner, Hubley, O'Donnell, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—6.</p> |
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Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Simon Meadon for a liquor license.

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

Whereas, a great portion of the time of meetings of the Council is consumed in the reading of Minutes of the previous meeting,

Therefore resolved, that His Honor the Recorder prepare an Act for submission to the Local Legislature so amending the City Charter as to dispense with the necessity of so reading the Minutes of meetings of Council.

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

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of John Nelson for a hotel license at 102-104 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 1ST, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Martin and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the time for meeting be extended till 8/30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8/30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Geldert, Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith, Lane, Mitchell, Halliday, Hubley, Ryan, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton and Hawkins.

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

The Minutes of meeting of Council of the 12th February ult., and of the adjourned meeting of the 19th of February ult. are read.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the minutes of the 12th day of February be amended by inserting in the matter of the application of William Austin for an hotel license after the words "The original resolution is put and passed" the words "Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration." Motion passed.

On motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher the Minutes as amended are confirmed.

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits a report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges re Assessment on Cold Storage property, etc.

Alderman Geldert submits a report from the Library Committee.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits a report from the special Committee on Electric Lighting re Site for Power House.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Petition of C. Lenaghan and others for water service on Oak Street.

Applications of John F. Selig and William Smith, for positions as Coal Weighers.

Letter from W. W. Kenny, Superintendent of Victoria General Hospital, re Michael Pendergrast, an inmate of that institution.

Letter from the Minister of Railways and Canals, in re the Weighing of Coals at the Deep Water Terminus.

Letter from the Dartmouth Ferry Commission relative to repairs to City Wharf.

Petition of A. W. Archibald and others for Water Extension on Sullivan Street.

Letter from the Governor General's Secretary, acknowledging receipt of resolution of sympathy re death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, etc.

Report City Engineer re Widening Agricola Street.

Letter from the Board of Trade, covering draft Act re Civic Assessment.

Letter from the City Works Commission, covering a report of the City Engineer re Street Railway repairs.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in Removal of Mr. Banks from office.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder relative to amending section 650 of the City Charter, "The Building Act."

Letter from C. A. Hawkins re water supply at his residence, Willow Park.

Draft Act to amend City Charter re licensing certain persons doing business in the City of Halifax.

Report of Joint Committee in re Steel Shipbuilding.

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

Read letter from C. A. Hawkins relative to the water supply at his residence Willow Park.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Rogers that the same be referred to the Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read Draft Act to amend section 650 of the City Charter re Brick District.

IN RE BRICK DISTRICT.

Section 650 of the City Charter is amended by adding at the end of said Section the words: "And for that purpose an information and complaint may be laid and filed in the Supreme Court, in the name of the City of Halifax, by its Recorder, and costs on the conviction may be awarded by the Judge."

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council move that Argyle, Grafton and Brunswick Streets be exempted from the operation of the Building Act, and now moves, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Act just read be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Works Commission covering a report of the City Engineer relative to obtaining legislation authorizing the collection of \$1000.00 a mile per year from the Tramway Company for which amount the City would keep the roadway in repair; also read letter from the Tramway Company on the subject.

STREET RAILWAY TRACKS.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 28th, 1901.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held February 18th, 1901, it was resolved that the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Street Railway, be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation that legislation be applied for at this session to obtain authority for the collection of \$1,000 a mile from the Tramway Company, for which amount the City would keep the roadway in repair.

J. T. HAMILTON, Mayor,
Chairman City Works Commission.

February 16th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—In compliance with your request and suggestion, I beg to report on question of maintenance of the street railway track allowance and removal of snow therefrom by the City.

The matter was discussed briefly some time ago before the Laws and Privileges Committee of the City Council. The Manager of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company was present at the meeting, but objected to the annual payment suggested on the ground that it was excessive.

In the City of St. John the Street Railway Company pay \$1,000 a mile to the City for removal of snow from their track and keeping the track allowance in repair. In addition they pay usual taxes on their property.

I have discussed the matter with the Foreman of Streets, and estimate that if the provisions of the Charter were carried out, the snow promptly and properly removed, the track allowance kept in good repair, and that portion of the track which should be paved properly, laid and kept in repair, the cost would not be less than \$1,000 a mile per annum. It is probably quite true that it does not cost the Company that amount, but it is also true that the Company does not spend as much money on the road as they should and that the condition of it is never satisfactory, and the snow is never removed in such a manner that there is no complaint. When the Company makes repairs the work is not done as efficiently as it would be done by City employees who are skilled in such work. The repairs along the outside of the rails could be made at the same time as the repairs on the rest of the roadway. Under the present system the City repairs its portion of the roadway and leaves the two feet outside the rail on each side until the Company see fit to do their share of the work. The roller is run over the City work, while the work performed by the Company being done in patches and at no regular time, it is difficult to have the roller on the spot promptly.

There should be no difference of opinion as to the advisability of the City doing the work. The only point in dispute should be the amount to be paid. For ordinary repairs a smaller sum than \$1,000 would be sufficient; but the pavement laid by the Company is not satisfactory and is not kept in good condition, and if the City undertook the work it is probable that a portion of the track would be re-paved each year until the whole track is finished. This arrangement as proposed seems to work satisfactorily in St. John; and in Toronto the Company pays the City \$800 a mile for single track and \$1,600 a mile for double track, which also works satisfactorily.

I would therefore recommend that an effort be made to make the change suggested, by legislation or such other means as may be found advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

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

HALIFAX, N. S., February 25, 1901.

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

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of 18th inst relating to Maintenance and repairs of Street Railway Track.

At a meeting of your Executive Committee held this day the matter was considered, but as the President of the Tram Company is now absent from the city, the Board requested me to write you asking you to let the matter stand over for two weeks that he may be communicated with. We will then forward you a reply, as asked for by the Mayor at our meeting with him and yourself this day.

I am yours,

JNO. Y. PAYZANT.

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

Read report of City Engineer on widening Agricola Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, re assessment of Cold Storage Plant.

ASSESSMENT ON COLD STORAGE.

To His Worship The Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under consideration the letter of Mr. H. McC. Hart, of the 23rd ultimo, and recommended as follows :

1st. With reference to offering inducements to a cold storage plant to locate in the City of Halifax, that such Company be assessed on its machinery and buildings a sum equal to the purchase price paid by such Company for the site of the building, provided that such purchase price is not less than the assessed value of the property at the time of such purchase. This exemption to be granted only for a term of ten years.

2nd. With reference to the granting of permission for the laying of a railway siding on Upper Water Street, that such permission should not be granted. Your committee would recommend, however, that immediate steps should be taken by the Council to impress upon the Dominion Government not only the great desirability from a commercial standpoint, but the utter necessity of the taking over the land by the Government in order to furnish anything like adequate facilities for the handling of freight.

All of which is respectively submitted,

R. T. MACLREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the first clause of said report be placed on the Order of the Day, and the balance of the report adopted. Said amendment is passed.

Read letter from W. W. Kenny, Superintendent Victoria General Hospital, requesting the removal from said Institution of one Michael Pendergrast.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the matter be referred to the Charities Committee for action thereon. Motion passed.

Read petition C. Lenaghan and others for Water Extension on Oak Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the matter be referred to the City Works Commission to deal with. Motion passed.

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

CITY HALL, March 1st, 1901.

The Library Committee met this day. Present the Chairman, Aldermen Rogers, Creighton and MacIlreith.

The following accounts were presented, and being certified correct, are recommended for payment :

Herald subscription to December 31, 1900, \$6.00 ; Chronicle subscription to December 31st. 1900, \$6.00 ; Virtur & Co., Books, \$10 ; A. & W. MacKinlay, stationery 1.65, 1.73 and 94, \$4.32 ; C. D. Cazenove, subscription Ac, 10.6, \$2 56 ; Mutual Subscription Co., subscription, &c, \$6.85 ; J. R. Findlay, printing \$6.50—total \$42.23.

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, that the report of the Library Committee be adopted and that the accounts mentioned be paid.

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

Read applications of John F. Selig and William Smith for position as Coal Weigher. Filed.

Read report of Special Committee on Electric Lighting, in *re* site for Electric Light Station.

On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, said report is placed on the Order of the Day.

Read reply from the Minister of Railways and Canals in *re* Scales for the weighing of Coal and Coke at the Deep Water Terminus. Filed.

Read letter from Governor-General's Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of sympathy with His Majesty, etc. Filed.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SECREARY, OTTAWA, 22nd February, 1901.

SIR, I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of a resolution expressing the sincere sympathy of the citizens of Halifax with His Majesty the King and offering respectful congratulations to His Majesty upon his accession to the Throne.

His Excellency will cause this tribute of the kind feeling and loyalty to the citizens to be forwarded without delay for submission to the King.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

HARRY GRAHAM, *Captain, A. D. C.*
Governor-General's Secretary.

The City Clerk Halifax.

Read letter from John W. Jago, Secretary Dartmouth Ferry Commission, *re* the condition of the Halifax City Wharf.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be placed on the Order Paper for consideration with No. 27 thereon, viz :—" Report Department of City Works, *re* Rental of Ferry Dock." Motion passed.

Read petition of A. W. Archibald and others for Water Extension, Sullivan Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the said petition be referred to the Works Commission for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the matter be referred to the City Works Commission to deal with. Said amendment being put is passed.

Read draft Act, *re* non-residents doing business in the City of Halifax, etc.

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder, in *re* removal of Mr. Banks from office as License Inspector. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read letter from the Board of Trade, covering draft Act, *re* Civic Assessment, also read said Act.

PROPOSED NEW ASSESSMENT ACT.

HALIFAX, February 25th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith, for the consideration of the City Council, a copy of some proposed amendments to the Civic Assessment Act which were prepared by the Council of the Board of Trade, and adopted at a full meeting of the Board held on Thursday last. Representatives of the Board would like to have an opportunity of addressing the City Council in support of these suggested amendments, and we would esteem it a favor if you could arrange to call a Special Meeting of Council, so that we, in common with other citizens, may have an opportunity of discussing this important subject. As we are most anxious that any amendments to the Act should be submitted during the present session of the Legislature, we trust that you will be able to call a meeting at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

G. S. CAMPBELL, President.

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

1. Section 303 and 304 of Chapter 58, of the Acts of 1891, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts relating to the City of Halifax," commonly known as "The City Charter," are repealed, and the following sections substituted therefor :

"303. (1.) The assessment shall be rated by an equal dollar rate, as hereinafter provided, upon individuals, estates, firms, joint stock companies and corporations.

(2.) It shall be rated on the owners of real estate within the City at the cash value thereof at the time of the assessment so far as such value can be ascertained, and it shall be known as the "Real Estate Tax." Persons seized of real estate in fee simple, for life or for a term not less than twenty-one years, and mortgages there of in possession, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the owners of such real estate respectively; but when the mortgagee of real estate is not in possession, the person entitled to the equity of redemption shall be deemed the owner of such land.

(3.) It shall be rated upon twenty per cent. of the value ascertained as above mentioned, of real estate within the City occupied for residential purposes, and it shall be rated to the occupiers of such real estate. The assessment so rated shall be in addition to that mentioned in sub-section (2), shall be in lieu of the existing assessment on personal property situate on such real estate, shall be payable by the occupants of such real estate, and may be known as "The Household Tax." When a portion of the real estate occupied by an owner or tenant is used for farm or market garden purposes, the rate shall be only on the portion of such real estate occupied for residential purposes.

(4.) It shall be rated on sixty-two and a half per cent. of the value, ascertained as above mentioned, of the real estate within the City occupied for the purposes of trades, manufactures, occupations, business, arts, professions or means of profit or livelihood. The assessment so rated shall be in addition to that mentioned in sub-section (2), shall be payable by the occupants of such real estate, shall be in lieu of the existing assessment on personal property situate on such real estate, and may be known as "The Business Tax."

304. Where real estate is leased, the cash value thereof shall, unless the assessors see good cause to the contrary, be deemed for the purpose of this assessment, to be ten times the amount of the rent which it produces in a year.

(2) Among the causes which may induce the assessors to adopt a different valuation are:

- (a) Their belief that the rental is too low.
- (b) Where the tenancy is for less than a year, their belief that a valuation based upon the rental received during the year would be excessive.
- (c) That the lessor supplies the tenant with heat, light, furniture or other conveniences in addition to the demised real estate, in which case it is the duty of the assessor to make such reduction from the valuation based upon the rental as shall be fair and reasonable.
- (3) The assessors or any of them may require the owner of any real estate in the city to give a written statement showing the nature of the tenancy thereof, the name of the tenant and the amount of rent, within five days after request, under a penalty of ten dollars.
- (4) The Household Tax and Business Tax are recoverable in the same manner and against the same persons and property, mutatis mutandis, as the existing tax on personal property.

(5) The wooden structure of a wharf supported by piles or crib work standing in the water amongst which piles or crib work the tide regularly rises and falls, including sheds and other buildings on such wooden structure, is exempt from the Real Estate Tax, but is subject to the Business Tax.

(6) Ships, vessels and boats, whether already built or in course of construction, and by whatever motive power propelled, or intended to be propelled, are exempt from assessment.

(a) No license fee, such as is provided for in Sections 313 and 315 of the City Charter, shall be payable by the owner or agent of any vessel or steamship or lines of vessels or steamships, provided such owner or agent is assessed for or on account of any property in the city.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, together with His Honor the Recorder, and that the Committee of the Board of Trade, and the citizens generally, be invited to appear before the said Committee when they take it under consideration.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the request of the Board of Trade be complied with, and that the Committee of the Board of Trade be heard before the Council, and also that a copy of the proposed Act be furnished to each Alderman. Said amendment on being put is passed.

Read report of Joint Committee re Steel Ship Building.

STEEL SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FOR HALIFAX.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee appointed by the City Council and the Board of Trade to look into the question of encouraging the establishment of a Steel Shipbuilding Plant in Halifax, begs to make the following report:

The Committee has tried to get what information was available on the subject, and has had a number of interviews with people who are interested in the proposed enterprise, but so far as can be learned there are no parties who are at present in a position to make a definite proposition to the City. Certain capitalists are, however, looking carefully into the question, and there is reason to believe that within a few weeks, a definite proposal may be made to the Committee. As negotiations on the subject are likely to take time, it does not seem probable that they would be concluded before the closing of the present session of the local legislature. In that case the City would be unable to get the necessary authority to borrow the money, and the whole project would be hung up for a year, and possibly lost to the city. Under these circumstances the committee would recommend that the City Council be asked to prepare a bill for submission to the Legislature this year, authorizing the city to borrow the maximum sum which it deems advisable

to grant in support of the enterprise. As it is impossible to say what the nature of the proposals may be, it would not be wise in our opinion to insert in the proposed bill too many conditions or restrictions, any one of which if found impracticable might have the effect of defeating the very object which we are striving to accomplish. The Committee begs to make the following suggestions with regard to the bill.

1. That the City Council be given authority to pay a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars to encourage the establishment, within the City limits, of a first-class modern and complete plant for building steel and iron ships, payable in such manner as may hereafter be determined. Such plant to be thoroughly equipped and of sufficient size for the construction of at least four ships per year of a deadweight capacity of 5,000 tons each or their equivalent.

2. That the City Council have authority to pay an additional sum, not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to encourage the establishment within the City limits of a modern and complete plant, sufficiently large and with the necessary facilities for equipping with machinery and boilers at least 20,000 tons of steamshipping annually. Payable in such manner as may hereafter be determined.

3. That the bill authorize the appointment of a Commission of seven members, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, chairman, three members appointed by the City Council, and three members appointed by the Council of the Board of Trade; such Commission to have authority to negotiate with any parties wishing to undertake the work, and to make agreements with such parties for payment of the whole or any part of the subsidies which the Commission may consider it in the interest of the city to grant, with the proviso, however, that no such agreements shall take effect or be binding until they are ratified by the City Council.

A bill of the character indicated would give the Commission a reasonably free hand in conducting negotiations, and at the same time the interests of the City would be doubly guarded, by the right of the City Council, to confirm or reject any agreement before one dollar of the City's money could be paid over. The sums suggested may seem large, but they are made so with the view of getting the works started on as large a scale as possible. Owing to the large initial cost of establishing a plant for building machinery and boilers, there may be some delay in inaugurating that branch of the work, but the Committee is of the opinion that if shipbuilding is to be conducted here on a large scale the entire equipment must eventually be built in the same locality, and it is with that object in view that the second bonus is offered.

Although as above stated, it would not be prudent to impose too many restrictions in the bill submitted to the Legislature, there are certain considerations which in our opinion should govern the Commission in order to protect the interests of the City. Some of these are:

(a) To secure as far as possible payment by results.

(b) In case it is deemed advisable to pay any part of the subsidy as a flat bonus, no such bonus should be paid until the plant is thoroughly equipped and in running order.

(c) If the whole or any part of the subsidy is paid in yearly instalments, it should be provided that in the event of the Company ceasing operations, the city would have the power, after the lapse of a reasonable time, to stop the annual payments.

(d) It should be provided that the Company would not have the power to remove the plant or alienate it to any other purpose for a stated number of years.

(e) In the opinion of this Committee, total exemption from taxation should not be granted, but the Company should get the benefit of the special Act passed by our Local Legislature last year, limiting the taxation on such industries, and exempting ships in course of construction.

(f) If more than one Company applies for the City's concessions, they should be granted to the Company which in the opinion of the Commission, offers the best return to the city for its outlay, and if no Company should offer sufficient inducement to warrant the payment of the full sums mentioned, only such amounts should be paid as the Commission thinks expedient.

The Committee would recommend that in the event of the Dominion and Local Governments deciding to encourage the shipbuilding industry by bounty or otherwise, a statement should be prepared giving information concerning the bounties, and setting forth the special advantages possessed by Halifax for the establishment and prosecution of such an industry. It would be the duty of the Commission to send this information to shipbuilders and other parties interested in the undertaking.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor*.

Halifax, N. S., 1st March, 1901.

On motion of Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1.—*Re* authorizing the City Council to pay a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars to encourage the establishment within the city limits of a first-class modern and complete plant, for building steel and iron ships.

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

Read Clause 2.—Authorizing the City Council to pay an additional sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars to encourage the establishment within the city limits of a modern and complete plant, sufficiently large, and with the necessary facilities for equipping with machinery and boilers at least 20,000 tons of steel shipping annually.

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

Read Clause 3.—*Re* Appointment of a Commission to negotiate with parties wishing to undertake the work.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read balance of report.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the balance of the report be adopted, and that the report of the joint committee do pass as a whole, and that His Honor the Recorder is herewith instructed to prepare an Act in accordance therewith for submission to the Legislature at its present session. Motion passed.

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

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Council that the present Assessment Act is very imperfect inasmuch as a large number of citizens who get all the protection that the City affords, are not now paying taxes in accordance with their means,

And whereas, It is the opinion of a large number of ratepayers that the amendment submitted by the Board of Trade would be equally unfair,

Therefore Resolved, That this Council appoint a committee of six to take into consideration the whole scheme of taxation that would bear more equally than the present law and submit a new Act to this Council in time for the next meeting of the Legislature. Said committee to have power to add to their numbers from citizen rate-payers who are not at present pledged to support any special law.

Alderman O'Donnell asks that the Works Department supply the following information in detail : The amount of money received and expended for construction and maintenance of Water Department

from the first of May, 1900, to 1st January, 1901, with the names of all persons and the amount paid to each.

Alderman MacIlreith, by leave of Council, introduces a resolution relative to an Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, re School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said resolution be adopted, and that His Honor the Recorder prepare An Act in accordance therewith for submission to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Council adjourn till next Tuesday evening. Motion put and lost.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz.—Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Thomas Garrety.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the application be reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

No. 2.—Alderman O'Donnell withdraws his notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of John Wilson for an hotel license.

No. 3.—Alderman Campbell's notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Albert P. Calnan for a shop license at 155 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the application be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the application of Albert P. Calnan for a shop license be granted. Motion put and passed.

Read No. 4.—Alderman Butler's notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Peter C. Flemming for a shop license at 156 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that this application be reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that Peter C. Flemming be granted the license applied for. Motion passed.

Read No. 5, viz.—Alderman Campbell's notice of reconsideration in the matter in the application of Edward C. Hagarty for a shop license at No. 118 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said application be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Edward C. Hagarty be granted the license applied for. Motion put and passed.

Read No. 6—Alderman Mitchell's notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Peter Mihan for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane that the application be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it.

Names being called for there appeared :

For reconsideration.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Lane, Butler,
Mitchell, Campbell, Halliday,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
Martin, Rogers—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Hubley,
Chisholm, Hawkins
—6.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that Peter Mihan be granted the license applied for. Motion passed.

Read No. 7—Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Edward Coolen for a liquor license Ward 5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said applications be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost. On the names being taken there appeared :

For the motion to reconsider.

Aldermen Hawkins, Rogers, Martin,
Chisholm, O'Donnell,
Hubley, MacIlreith,
Geldert—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Ryan, Halliday,
Campbell, Mitchell,
Butler, Lane, Faulkner
Musgrave—8.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against reconsideration, and Edward Coolen is granted the license applied for.

Read No. 8, viz: Alderman Ryan's notice of reconsideration in the matter in the application of Robert Johnston for an hotel license at 286-288 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this application be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Robert Johnston be granted the License applied for. Motion passed.

Read No. 9, viz. :—Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Simon Meadon for a shop license, Ward 5.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that this application be reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that Simon Meadon be granted the license applied for by him Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter of the application of John McIntyre, for a shop license at No. 96 Gottingen Street, be reconsidered. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that John McIntyre be granted the license applied for. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

| For the Motion. | Against it |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Ryan, Halliday, Campbell, Mitchell, Butler, Lane, MacIlreith.—9. | Aldermen Hawkins, Chisholm, O'Donnell, Hubley, Faulkner, Musgrave Geldert.—7. |

Moved by Alderman Hubley that the application of William Austin for an hotel license be now reconsidered. Said motion failed to have a seconder and the matter was not reconsidered.

Read No. 10, viz : Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of item in amendment to City Charter relative to Police Clothing.

Alderman O'Donnell withdraws said notice of reconsideration.

Read No. 11, viz : Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of report of Laws and Privileges Committee in re charge made by John J. Power against H. H. Banks, License Inspector.

Alderman O'Donnell declines to move said notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the Council adjourn till next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 5TH, 1901.

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

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Faulkner, Lane, Hubley, Martin and Rogers.

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

8.30.—Roll called: Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Campbell, MacIreith, Mitchell, Halliday, Ryan, Chisholm, Mosher and Hawkins.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the Order of the Day be further suspended, in order that papers may be submitted and read. Motion passed.

Alderman MacIreith, Chairman, submits three reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, viz:

Re Assessment of manufacturing industries.

Re Licenses on non-residents who do business in Halifax.

Re Persons selling bankrupt stocks in this City.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits returns of City Collector "Rates" and "Water Rates" for February.

Petition of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart.

The return by the City Works Commission of information asked for by Alderman O'Donnell, relative to receipts and expenditures in connection with the Water Department.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, covering a bill providing for the imposition of license fees upon non-residents doing business in the City of Halifax.

LICENSING NON-RESIDENTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 5th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the resolution submitted to the Council by Alderman Lane providing for the imposition of license fees upon non-residents doing business in the City of Halifax, and with certain amendments, recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the City Council. The principal amendment made by your Committee provides that the license fees proposed shall only be collected from persons who are not residents of the Province of Nova Scotia; as submitted to your Committee the Act applied to all persons not residing in the City or County of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 58 OF THE ACTS OF 1891, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE ACTS RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX" AND THE ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. No person, company or corporation residing or doing business outside of the Province of Nova Scotia, nor any one on their behalf, shall sell or offer for sale on any street, highway, alley or public square, any patent, proprietary or other medicine (so-called), or solicit orders therefor in said City, without having first taken out a license therefor from the City of Halifax as hereinafter provided.

2. No wholesale or retail merchants or dealers or traders, forwarding or commission merchants, lumber merchants or dealers, the agents of merchants or traders, express agents, general brokers, manufacturers, apothecaries, chemists and druggists, persons selling or offering for sale any goods, wares or merchandize, or manufacturing or trading, money brokers, money changers, exchange brokers, companies or corporations, or their agents, shall do business in the City of Halifax unless the said parties named herein have been assessed in said City in the general assessment for City Rates and Taxes for the year during which such person shall have applied for the license hereinafter mentioned, without first taking out a license for doing or carrying on their business from the City of Halifax.

3. No person, company, corporation or their representatives, nor any person on their behalf, residing out of the Province of Nova Scotia, and not assessed in said City for City Rates and Taxes whose employer or employers are not rate-payers in the City of Halifax, shall solicit any order or make any agreement or agreements to supply any person, company or corporation in the City of Halifax with any kind of advertising, lithographing, printing, printed forms, book binding, blank books, stationery, paper bags or pasteboard boxes, without first having taken out a license therefor from the City of Halifax, as hereinafter provided.

4. No person residing out of the Province of Nova Scotia and not assessed in said City for City Rates and Taxes, shall engage in said City in any manual labor, nor as journeymen, or persons hired or employed as workmen or servants, or to drive any hackney carriage, omnibus, truck or vehicle whatever, used for hire in said City, without first taking out a license therefor from said City of Halifax, as hereinafter provided.

The license mentioned in the next preceding sections shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and shall be from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of the following April in each and every year, and the license fee payable for the license mentioned in sections one and two shall be fifty dollars; and for the license mentioned in section three, one hundred dollars; and for the license mentioned in section four, ten dollars; and any person taking out any of the licenses before mentioned between the dates in this section mentioned, shall pay the full fee above mentioned.

Any person violating sections one to four, both inclusive, of this Act, or any part thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than ten dollars, and in default of payment forthwith, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding three months.

The foregoing sections shall not apply to "Commercial Travellers" who, for the purposes of this Act, shall mean a person who offers for sale, sell or takes orders for any kind or description of goods, wares or merchandise, either by sample or otherwise, to or from any person, firm or incorporated company, when such firm or incorporated company buys or gives orders for such goods, wares or merchandise with the intention of selling the same again to some other person or persons.

The preceding clauses of this Act shall not apply to any resident of the Province of Nova Scotia.

For the purposes of the first four sections of this Act any person who has not continuously resided in the Province of Nova Scotia for at least three months

next before his application for any of the licenses mentioned in said sections, or for at least three months next before violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be a person residing outside of the Province of Nova Scotia.

On motion said bill is now read clause by clause.

Read Clause 1.—Re licensing non-resident dealers in patent, proprietary or other medicines.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2.—Re licensing wholesale or retail merchants, or dealers and traders and others, non-residents.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lane, that clause 2 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3.—Re licensing persons, companies or corporations soliciting orders for advertising, lithographing, printing, etc.

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

Read Clause 4.—Re licensing of non-resident laborers, journeymen, workmen or servants, etc.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the words 'and not assessed in said city for Rates and Taxes, be struck from said clause, and that said clause so amended do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 5.—Re license fees to be paid under foregoing section of this Act.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that this clause do pass. Motion pass.

Read Clause 6.—Re penalties for violating the different sections of this Act.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lane, that clause 6 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 7.—Re Act not applying to Commercial Travellers.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 8.—Re Act not applying to any resident of the Province of Scotia.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 9.—Re definition of the term "Person residing outside of the Province of Nova Scotia."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said Act as amended do now pass as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, in re persons selling bankrupt stocks or other effects in the City of Halifax.

SALE OF BANKRUPT STOCKS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 5th, 1901

To His Worship The Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature at its present session authorizing the City to impose :

A special tax of \$100 on every person not a resident of the Province of Nova Scotia opening temporarily in the City of Halifax a shop to sell therein any bankrupt stock or other effects ; and

A special tax of \$50.00 on every resident of the Province of Nova Scotia opening temporarily in the City of Halifax a shop to sell therein any such bankrupt stock or other effects.

The penalty for violating any of the provisions of either of the foregoing sections shall for each offence be a sum not exceeding double the amount of the license fee that would under the said sections be chargeable to the person convicted, and in default of payment forthwith imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding three months.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with the Assessment Act. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, re assessment of manufacturing industries. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report of City Prison, re Accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N S, March 5th, 1901

To the Mayor and City Council :

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

F. P. Hayden, Dry Goods, \$7 19 ; J. A. Leaman & Co., Meat, \$9 00 ; A. J. Grant & Co., Hardware, \$3 49 ; J. P. Wambolt, Groceries, etc., \$24 47 ; Geo. S. Yates & Sons, Shoes, \$1 50. Total \$45 65.

Respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read petition of the ladies of the Sacred Heart, asking that Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1886, relative to certain lands and premises on Summer Street be amended.

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Martin, the same is referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read returns of City Collector for February, on Rates and Water Rates. Filed.

Read returns of City Works Department, re information asked for by Alderman O'Donnell, as to receipts and expenditures in connection with the Water Department.

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Martin, the same is laid on the table of the Council.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Works Department report at the next meeting of this Council all contracts entered into since November 1st, 1900, where the cost exceeded \$100.00, and giving a description of materials, quantity, cost of the same and from whom ordered.

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

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

Read No. 24, viz. :—Report Cemetary Committee, in re planting a hedge around Camp Hill Cemetery.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the opinion of Richard Power, Superintendent of Public Gardens, as to the advisability of planting a hedge around the Cemetery be had. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that No. 34, viz. :—“ Letter of H. B. Clarke, re exemption from taxation of proposed new theatre ” be struck from the Order Paper. Motion Passed.

On motion of Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Butler, No. 29 on the Order Paper, viz. :—Alderman MacIlreith's notice of motion of resolution, requiring applicants for civic positions to furnish certificates of competency is now taken up.

The following resolution is introduced. :

Whereas, It is desirable that applicants for civic positions should state their qualifications when applying for said positions in order that the members of the Council may the more intelligently fill such vacancies ;

Therefore Resolved, That in future all applicants for positions in the gift of the City be required to state in their applications their qualifications for said positions, and that no person be elected to fill any such position unless such requirement is complied with.

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

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 27 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 27, viz. :—Report Department of City Works, re Rental of Ferry Dock.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that No. 26, viz. :—“ Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion (verbal) in re

a Manufacturer's tax," be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 13, viz.:—"Report City Engineer, re widening Cunard Street," be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

WIDENING OF CUNARD STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 11th, 1898.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—I beg to report upon the accompanying petition for the widening of Cunard Street in accordance with the resolution of Council attached hereto.

The petition was presented last year, but owing to pressure of other work in connection with this office, I have been unable to complete plans and estimates. The street is only forty feet in width at present, and we have made a plan laying down a line for the widening of the Street on the North side to make it the full width of sixty feet from Gottingen Street to Agricola Street.

The estimated cost, including land damages, grading, laying curb and gutter, moving catch-pits, arbitration, etc., will be about \$22,000. This estimate is based solely upon my own opinion as to the value of the properties to be taken. This part of the calculation is uncertain and may vary with the individual making it. While I consider the estimate is a fair one, arbitrators might increase or diminish it. It must therefore be taken as approximate only.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman McIlreith, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 17 on Order Paper, be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz.:—"Last clause of Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, re Building Act, etc., submitted and read June 20th, 1899.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said clause relative to Building Act, be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 12, viz.:—"Report of City Engineer, re Vieth and Young Street Sewer" be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

VEITH STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 22nd, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the advisability of allowing Mr. Rankine to construct a crock drain to connect his property on Veith Street with the sewer on Young Street.

There will be no objection to such drainage into the sewer on Young Street, provided it is done according to the City regulations; but Mr. Rankine will be obliged under the law to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each property drained, not otherwise covered by the sewer assessment on Young Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 32, viz.:—"City Assessors' return of property exempt from taxation" be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that No. 19, viz.:—"Alderman Faulkner's resolution to transfer to credit of

Quinpool Road Widening, a portion of the funds belong to Lockman Street widening be now taken up.

Read said resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the balance remaining of the money borrowed for the widening of Lockman Street, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay outstanding expenses in connection with widening Quinpool Road, viz: (\$502.10) five hundred and two dollars and ten cents, be and the same is hereby transferred to the fund for widening Quinpool Road.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said resolution do pass.

Moved in amendment that Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers that said resolution be laid over until the City Engineer reports on the probable cost of finishing the widening of Lockman Street.

Said amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called for, there appeared for:

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Mosher, Ryan, Hubley.

Aldermen Hawkins, Rogers

Halliday, Butler, Mitchell,

Martin,—3.

Campbell, MacIlreith, Faulkner,

Musgrave, Lane.—11.

Alderman Rogers gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman MacIlreith to introduce a Bill. Motion passed.

Alderman MacIlreith submits a bill, entitled "Bill to amend the Liquor License Act." The same is now read.

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

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

Council adjourns 10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 8th, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Butler, Lane, Martin, O'Donnell, Mosher and Hubley.

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

8.30.—Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Geldert, Campbell, MacIlreith, Mitchell, Halliday, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned for the purpose of meeting with the Committee of the Board of Trade to consider the question of Civic Assessment, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of meeting of March 1st and March 5th are now read and confirmed.

Alderman Creighton, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities.

Report Committee on Laws and Privileges in re proposed amendment to the Liquor License Act is submitted by Alderman MacIlreith, chairman.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Draft Act entitled "An Act relating to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

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

Draft Act relating to Steel and Iron Shipbuilding in the City of Halifax.

Draft Act entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes.

Application of William James for position as Coal Weigher.

Report City Engineer in reply to Alderman Hubley's resolution of last meeting relative to contracts over one hundred dollars.

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

Read report of Charities Committee re accounts, etc., for the month of February.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, March 6, 1901.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$2,042.43 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for February shows that during the month there were 12 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 15 discharged

and 5 died. Of the number admitted, 3 were chargeable to the Province and the remainder to the City. The total number of inmates February 28th was 377, made up of 233 men, 138 women and 6 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 authorized to sign warrants for the payment of amount of accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIREWARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 7th March, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

1st. Your Board recommend the dismissal from the force of William Sutherland, for continual absence from the City without leave, and of Daniel Kennedy for being drunk on the public streets of the city on 6th February ult.

2nd. Your Board recommend the appointment of James Tynan and Michael Supple to fill the vacancies caused by said dismissals.

3rd. Your Board recommend the appointment of Daniel Ryan as driver of No. 1 S. F. E.

4th. In the matter of the application of G. A. Cooke & Co. for permission to operate a smoke house, your Board recommend that the required permission be granted Messrs. Cook & Co., provided they line the inside of said smoke house with metal to the satisfaction of the Chief and Mr. Spelman.

5th. Your Board herewith submit a code of rules and regulations governing the department in all its branches, and would be pleased to have the same dealt with in order that every member of the Department may distinctly know what is wanted of him.

6th. Your Board recommend the following accounts for payment: Wm. Robertson & Son, Hardware, \$3.74; Edes Mfg. Co., Zincs, \$52.78; Cragg Bros. & Co., Reamer, 15c.; Halifax Tramway Company, lighting No. 7 in February, \$9.33; Halifax Tramway Company, West Street, January, \$9.04, February, \$10.41—\$19.45; Daniel McLeod, horseshoeing, February, \$2.62; MacDonald & Co., repairs to engines, \$30.05; Cunard & Co., coal, \$10.00, \$5.00—\$15.00; John Tobin & Co., soda, \$3.70; Simson Bros. & Co., bluestone, 42.98; Black Bros. & Co., screws, 90c.; John Whalen, for three weeks disability caused by injury to his eye received at Garrison Chapel fire, \$24.00. Total, \$204.00.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1.—Re dismissal of William Sutherland and Daniel Kennedy.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2.—Re appointment of James Tynan and Michael Supple, to fill vacancies occasioned by the dismissals mentioned in clause 1.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3.—Recommending the appointment of Daniel Ryan as a driver of the department.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4.—Re application of Messrs. G. A. Cook for permission to operate a smoke house.

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

Read Clause 5.—Re rules and regulations for the government of all of the officers and men of the department. Laid over for future consideration.

Read Clause 6.—Recommending sundry accounts for payment.

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read application of William James for a position as Coal Weigher, Filed.

Read draft Act, entitled "An Act relating to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, limited.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

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

Notwithstanding the duty imposed by Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1895 upon the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, or any Act in amendment thereof or referring to said Company, to keep and maintain in good repair all the space between their rails and tracks and two feet outside of each rail and to remove the snow from its tracks and level the same on the streets through which said track is laid, the City Council is authorized to enter into a contract or agreement with said Tramway Company for such sum as shall be mutually agreed upon to keep and maintain in good repair all the space between the rails and track of said Company and two feet outside of each rail and to remove the snow thrown on the streets from said walks by said Tramway Company, and the said contract or agreement shall be for such time and upon such terms, conditions and agreements as may be approved of by the City Council.

All clauses of said Act incorporating said Company or referring to said Company and now imposing said duties above referred to on said Company shall be suspended during the continuance of said agreement, and immediately on and after the termination of said agreement said clauses in said Act first above referred to, and the Company's liability for violation thereof, shall revive and have the same force and effect as if this Act had not become law.

Rule 9 of said Act is amended by striking out all the words after the word "direct" in the eleventh line from the top in said section, and substituting therefor the words "The sum of five hundred dollars now deposited with the City Treasurer shall be used by said City to carry out the provisions of this clause and of section 32 of this Act, in case the Company fail to comply with the terms of said clauses, and as said sum or any part thereof is used for the purposes aforesaid the said Company shall pay unto said Treasurer such sum so used and paid, in order to have constantly on hand a deposit of five hundred dollars for said purpose."

Laid over for future consideration.

Read draft Act relating to Steel and Iron Shipbuilding in the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said draft Act be approved of, and that the same be forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read draft Act, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, entitled An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the City of Halifax, and the Acts in amendment thereof."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said draft Act be approved of and forwarded to the Legislature for confirmation. Motion passed.

Read draft Act, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges, in re amendments to the Liquor License Act, covering said Act as amended.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

Halifax, March 8th, 1901.

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under consideration proposed amendments to the Liquor License Act 1900, in so far as the same relates to the City of Halifax and now beg to report them back herewith with certain amendments. Alderman Hubley dissenting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman*.

Substitute the following for Section 1:

"After the passing of this Act all the right, powers, duties, obligations and appointments now vested in the City Council are hereby transferred to and vested in the Police Commission for the City of Halifax and wherever the words "City Council" or "Council" occurs in said Act and referring to said City the words "police commission" shall be substituted therefor and it shall be the duty of said commission to enforce said law and the members of said Commission shall receive a salary of \$100.00.

Substitute in Section IX. the word "three" for the word "two" in the third line of said section and the word "two" for the word "one" in the fifth line of said section.

Sections XVII., XVIII., XIX., XX. Strike out after the word "sections" in the first line the words "repealed and the following section substituted

therefor" and add in place thereof the the words "these sections shall apply only to new applications for licenses and not to present holders of licenses." The following section shall be added:

Section XL. Strike out paragraph numbered (2) of proposed amendments and insert before the word "licenses" in the first line of sub-section (2) Section 40 of the Liquor License Act the word "hotel."

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSE ACT.

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

1. Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes entitled "Of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors" is hereby amended in the manner set out in the Schedule to this Act.

2. This Act shall apply to the City of Halifax only.

SCHEDULE.

After the passing of this Act, the powers vested in the council to direct the issue of licenses shall cease to be exercised by the Council, and shall be transferred to and exercised by a Board of License Commissioners, hereinafter called the "License Board," consisting of three persons who shall be appointed by the Governor-in-Council, hold office during pleasure, and be paid a yearly salary out of the License Fund of one hundred dollars each.

Section VII. is amended by striking out the words "to be drunk or used by such guests or lodgers at their meals at the table, and not otherwise," in paragraph numbered (1), and "not to be drunk in or upon the premises" in the Section five of the paragraph numbered (2).

Section IX. is amended by striking out the words "One hundred and fifty dollars," and substituting therefor "Two hundred dollars" as the license duty of a hotel, and striking out the words "One hundred dollars" and substituting therefor the words "One hundred and fifty dollars" as the railway (other than a street railway), license duty of a shop.

Section XI. Repeal this section and substitute the following: "If the premises in respect to which a license has been issued are sold or leased during the period for which the license is in force, the License Board may grant a license for the unexpired period to the purchaser or lessor on his giving the security required by this Chapter."

Sections XVII., XVIII., XIX., XX. These sections repealed, and the following sections substituted therefor: "A license shall not be granted to any applicant, if a majority of the ratepayers of the polling district in which the premises in respect to which it is applied for present a petition to the License Board praying that the license applied for be not granted."

Sections XXIII. and XXIV. These sections repealed, and the following substituted:

"(1). The City Collector of the City of Halifax shall on or before the fifteenth day of September, prepare a list of the ratepayers who were then entitled to vote in each polling district of the City in an election for Mayor, and the persons whose names appear on such lists for any polling district, and no other, shall be entitled to sign a petition against the issue of a license for that polling district."

"(2). Any person shall be entitled to a copy of the list on payment of fifty cents. And all moneys so paid to the Collector shall be paid by him to the City Treasurer, and shall form part of the License Fund, from which the Mayor of the City shall direct payment to the Collector of a sum sufficient to compensate him for preparing such lists."

Section XXV. Subsection (4) is amended by striking out the words "a railway (other than a street railway), in the fourth and fifth lines thereof. Subsection (5) by repealing this.

Section XL. By repealing the paragraph marked (a) and repealing the paragraph number (2), and substituting therefor:

"(2) A license may be granted for any premises for which a license was ever granted, notwithstanding that such premises are within one hundred yards of a place of worship, public school, college, academy, seminary, or other institution of learning." Repeal the paragraph numbered (3).

Sections LXIII., LXIV., and LXVI.: Repeal these.

Sections LXX., LXXI., and LXXII: Repeal these.

Sections LXXIV: In paragraph marked (a) strike out "six" and substitute "eleven." (b) strike out "nine" and substitute "eleven."

Laid over for the present.

Read return of City Engineer of information asked for by Alderman Hubley, relative to the awarding of Contracts exceeding \$100 since November 1st, 1900.

CONTRACT.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 8th, 1901

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report that the following contracts, exceeding one hundred dollars, have been made since November 1st, 1900:

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| Wm. Curry & Son—12, 874 ft. lumber at \$10.50 | \$ 135.18 |
| Aveling & Porter—Boiler for steam roller, contract made on recommendation of N. Evans | £130.00 |
| Wm. H. Brush—Finishing keeper's house, Long Lake | 230.00 |
| George Heaman—Two-horse watering cart | 310.00 |
| Black Bros. & Co.—58 bbls. Portland cement, at \$2.45 | 142.10 |
| Neptune Meter Co.—200 meters at \$9.00, | 1,800.00 |
| D. Y. Stewart & Co.—For construction, 164 tons of 6" pine at \$27.38.. | 4,490.32 |
| 17 tons 4" pipe, for maintenance account, at \$29.20 | 496.40 |

All the above contracts were made after first obtaining tenders.

The meters ordered are of the latest improved manufacture, and are guaranteed to be proof against destruction by frost. They were ordered in compliance with the following resolutions of Council:

May 13th, 1896—"All new supplies on the High Service shall be by meter."

September 25th, 1900—"Resolved,—That the Council refer the scarcity of water complained of on the High Service to the Works Department, with instructions to enforce the existing regulations to prevent waste."

It is also provided by Section 513 of the City Charter that "The City Board of Works may at any time they deem proper order a water meter to be affixed on any premises."

All meters heretofore purchased have been charged to Maintenance Account. The 4-inch pipe is also for Maintenance Account, as stated, and this appropriation when passed has always been expended by the Works Department since it was taken over from the old Water Committee.

The contract for 6 inch pipe has been made in compliance with the instructions of the Council to carry out water extensions ordered by them.

The material for work ordered by the Council, such as sewers, sidewalks and water extensions, has in the past been purchased by the Works Department as required. The estimates for pipe were submitted to the Council and approved by them and the work ordered to be carried out. The Works Commission asked for tenders from the Londonderry Iron Co.; R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia; and D. Y. Stewart & Co., of Glasgow. The tender of D. Y. Stewart & Co. was the lowest. Tenders from Scotland have to be obtained by cable, and are only held open for a few days. In the past contracts have been refused on account of delay in accepting cable tenders.

and the City has lost money in consequence. The custom has been when cable tenders are lowest, to accept at once, and the same action was taken in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Placed on Order Paper.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1 — Alderman Rogers' notice of reconsideration of Alderman Faulkners resolution to transfer to credit of Quinpool Road widening a portion of the funds belonging to Lockman Street widening.

Alderman Rogers declines to move said notice of reconsideration.

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

Read No. 21, sec. 1, viz :—Letter President Board of Trade, covering proposed New Assessment Act for the City of Halifax, as passed by the Board of Trade.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the representatives of the Board of Trade, and other citizens, be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

G. S. Campöell, President of the Board of Trade, John Peters, W. J. Clayton and Peter Ahearn now address the Council in favor of the Board of Trades' proposed Act, and J. E. DeWolf and M. J. O'Brien address the Council against it.

Moved by Alderman by Mosher, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Section 2 of No. 21 on the Order of the Day, viz : Alderman Mosher's notice of motion to appoint a special Committee to draft a new system of Assessment for the City of Halifax, be now taken up. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Alderman Mosher's resolution as set out in the Minutes of Council of 1st March, instant, do pass. Motion passed.

Alderman Faulkner gives the following notice of motion :

Whereas, It has been officially announced that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will pay a visit to the City of Halifax during the present year ;

Therefore resolved, That the City Council make application to the Legislature of Nova Scotia for authority to borrow the sum of _____ for the suitable entertainment of their Royal Highnesses.

Alderman Geldert, by leave of Council, submits a report from the Library Committee.

CITY HALL, March 8th, 1901.

A meeting of the Library Committee was held this day. Present—the Chairman, Aldermen MacIlreith, Halliday, Rogers and Creighton.

An account from Dr. Finn, for books purchased was presented, and being found correct is recommended for payment.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman*

Said report is now read, and the following resolution introduced :

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

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

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

Resolved, That the provisions to the Building Act on page 15, title 6, section 629 of the City Charter be amended, and strike out Brunswick and Albemarle Street, to read as follows :—" Beginning at the foot or north-east corner of Jacob Street, where it touches Water Street ; thence to run west along the north side of Jacob Street until it strikes the western side of Grafton Street ; thence along the western side of Grafton Street to Spring Garden Road ; thence to the north-west corner of Queen Street thence by the various courses of Queen Street on the western side thereof until it strikes the south side of Morris Street ; thence by the south side of Morris Street eastwardly to the east side of Water Street ; thence by the eastern side of Water Street northerly to a point opposite to the place of beginning.

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

On motion said resolution is referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Council adjourns. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 14TH, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hubley, Mosher, Rogers, Martin, MacIlreith, Faulkner, O'Donnell and Halliday.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert, Butler, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, Chisholm, Creighton and Hawkins.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report of the City Works Commission in re Scale at the foot of Young Street.

Report of the City Engineer on Application of Messrs Clayton & Sons, for permission to construct a tunnel or bridge across Poplar Grove.

Report of City Engineer re C. A. Hawkins' letter on Water Supply.

Letter Board of Trade in re Railway between Halifax and Yarmouth.

Letter George Foot re injury to his eye.

Letter Ball Electric Company, New York, re Electric Light Plant.

Letters from R. L. Borden, M. P., and William Roche, M. P., acknowledging receipt of communication re better railway facilities.

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

Read Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges in re Building Act and on petition of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, with draft Act relative thereto.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, MARCH 12TH, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the petition of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart asking that the City Council authorize Legislation which would permit them to erect a building on property now held by them and let the same to the Board of School Commissioners for Public School purposes, and recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to submit an Act to the present Session of the Legislature which will permit of that being done.