

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 8TH, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faulkner, Hubley, Butler, Halliday, Martin, Mosher, MacIlreith and Musgrave.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton and Hawkins.

The council was summoned to receive report of City Works Commission on Alderman Hubley's resolution of want of confidence to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher, Acting Chairman, submits a report from the committee on Public Accounts.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Petition of George Mitchell and others for the better lighting of South Park Street.

Petition of George Mitchell and others re Sidewalk South Park Street.

Award of Arbitrators in re widening Fenwick Street.

Letter from Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters in re Water Supply and Fire Appliances.

Letter from Board of Trade re Committee on Civic Taxation.

Two resolutions from the City Health Board in re a general vaccination ; also a resolution from same body re street cleaning.

Applications from W. E. Messervey, H. H. Banks, George Wood and William D. Cameron, for the position of Chief Inspector of Licenses.

Application of William Bowen for return of money paid on application for a liquor license.

Letter from Charles L. Farrer, Montreal, offering his services as an Electrical Engineer.

Letters from the Department of Trade and Commerce, William Roche, M. P., and R. L. Borden, M. P., acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council re Preferential Tariff.

Letter from Department Railways and Canals in re scales at Deep Water Terminus for weighing coal.

City Treasurer's statements "General" and "Water" for the month of February.

Report from John E. Burns re Water Inspection.

Report City Works Commission re Tenders for gravel, sand and brick.

Estimates for Water Service 1901-2.

Report of City Works Commission on Alderman Hubley's resolution re expenditures and overdrafts in the Works Department.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Lane, 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 March.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

M. Courroy, dry goods, \$7.91; D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, 50c.; J. McInnes & Son, lumber, 30c.; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$13.38; W. H. Cawsey & Co., groceries, \$21.12; J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$7.20; W. E. Crowe & Co., salt, 75c.; Total \$51.16.

Respectfully submitted,

D. MOSHER, *Chairman,*

The following resolution is now introduced:

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

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

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

(FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, 8TH APRIL, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners recommend the following accounts for payment: David Power, horseshoeing, \$3.30; Robert Horner, do., \$20.50; W. P. C. Inglis, horse hire, \$5.00; Starr, Son & Co., 3 accts., \$11.50; A. Lamphier, 2 accts., \$10.25; Neil Fox, 2 accts., \$23.15; Wm. Robertson & Son, 45c.; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Quinpool Road, \$9.33; Halifax Electric Tram Co., West Street House, \$15.63; C. McCarthy, \$12.00; Robert Merlin, \$6.53; Macdonald & Co., 2 accts., \$149.20; Freeman Bros., \$12.60; Can. Gen. Electric Co., \$1.97; John F. Kelly, 50c.; S. Cunard & Co., \$86.75. Total, \$368.66.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Firewards be concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts.

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

Read report of the Committee on Public Accounts, recommending the payment of sundry accounts :

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend for payment the following-named accounts, all of which have been examined and found correct :

Herald Printing House. balance of account Printing Lists of Voters, \$80.52 ; do., Printing Minutes and Order of Day, Sept. 25th to March 14th, both inclusive, \$92.23.

Tully Bros, badges for peddlers, \$16.25.

London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps, \$3.90.

T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and Stationery: City Clerk, January, \$35.26 ; do, February and March, 68.94 ; Stipendiary Magistrate, February and March, \$6.75 ; Recorder, February, \$4.00 ; Registrar of Voters, January and February, \$2 50 ; City Treasurer, March, \$1.71 ; City Assessor, January, February and March, \$15.13 ; City Collector, January, February and March, \$32.77.—\$167.06.

Total, \$359.96

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is 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 Mosher, seconded by Alderman Halliday, and passed.

Read petition of George Mitchell and others for the construction of a sidewalk on South Park Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of George Mitchell and others for the better lighting of South Park Street.

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

Read award of Arbitrators in the matter of expropriation of certain lands for the widening of Fenwick Street :

FENWICK STREET ARBITRATION.

Whereas the City Council of Halifax, on the nineteenth day of April, A. D. 1900, expropriated two lots of land in said resolution particularly described for the purpose of widening Fenwick Street in the City of Halifax, which lots formerly belonged to James Smith, of Halifax, now deceased, and the said City paid into the Supreme Court at Halifax the sum of nine hundred (\$900) dollars, that being, in the opinion of said Council the value of said two lots of land, viz : six hundred (\$600) dollars for the lot first described in said resolution, and three hundred (\$300) dollars for the second lot described therein ;

And Whereas the said James Smith, in and by his last will and testament, devised said lands to the persons in said will described, and the devisees of the lot first described in said resolution claim said amount so paid in for said lot was

not enough, and we, the undersigned arbitrators, were duly appointed to ascertain said value, and, after hearing the parties and their witnesses, and having examined the matters in controversy, do award and determine that the value of the said lot first described in said resolution is eight hundred (\$800) dollars, that is to say, two hundred (\$200) dollars in addition to the amount paid into said Court in full of and for all rights, title and interest, claim and demand that any person or persons shall or may have unto or in any way interested in said land and premises, and we award and divide said sum as follows, unto

Eliza Smith, Widow, as Trustee for her children, including her married daughter, and for any interest she may have herself in said property \$700 00

Adam James Smith, for any interest he may have in said property.. 100 00

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names to These Presents this 30th day of March, A. D. 1901.

Witness :
W. STETSON ROGERS.

JAMES SHAND,
WM. DAVIES,
R. M. JOHNSTONE.

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the award of the Arbitrators re expropriation of land on Fenwick Street be concurred in, and that the balance called by the said award be paid into Court to complete the expropriation proceedings for the improvement of said Street.

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

Read letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, re present condition of the Halifax Water Supply and Fire Appliances.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for report. Motion passed.

Read copy of resolution passed by the Board of Trade, requesting that a Committee from the City Council be appointed to confer with a Committee from the Board of Trade, re Civic Taxation.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the request contained in said resolution be complied with. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the Committee to meet with the Committee of the Board of Trade, Aldermen Faulkner, MacIlreith, Halliday, O'Donnell, Martin and Mosher. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

Read letters from Department Railways and Canals, the Department of Trade and Commerce. R. L. Borden, M. P., and William Roche, M. P., acknowledging receipt of resolution of City Council relative to Preferential Tariff. Filed.

Read communications (2) from the City Health Board, in re compulsory general vaccination of citizens.

COMPULSORY GENERAL VACCINATION.

April 6th, 1901.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the City Health Board to inform you that in view of the existence of small pox in our Province, at Church Point and Kent-

ville, with their direct communication by railway, and the consequent danger to Halifax to infection from these places, and also the fact that no general vaccination of the citizens has taken place since 1873, the Board has felt called upon, in the best interests of the City, to order a compulsory vaccination.

A corps of medical men, three to each ward, will commence the vaccination of the poor at once, and the citizens generally have been asked to make a ready compliance with the law.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary C. H. B.*

April 2nd, 1901.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Monday, April 1st, 1901.

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas, By a resolution of this Board dated February 12th, 1900, it was brought to the notice of the City Council that small pox existed in the adjoining provinces and a general vaccination was recommended ;

And whereas, Small pox now exists in Church Point in Digby County and in the town of Kentville, which is in direct daily communication by rail with this City ;

Resolved, That this Board deems it advisable as a precautionary measure that a general vaccination should be ordered at once, and would again recommend that the City Council order such general vaccination ;

Further resolved, That this Board recommend that a special meeting of the City Council be at once called to deal with this important matter.

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

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Also, read copy of resolution from said Board relative to Street cleaning.

STREET CLEANING.

April, 8th 1901.

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board, held this-day.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the Works Department be instructed to proceed with the work of cleaning the Streets throughout the City immediately.

And further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the City Council.

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

A true extract,

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, The Board of Health has taken steps to enforce a general vaccination,

And whereas, No cases at present exist within the City of Halifax, nor is there any information as to its spreading elsewhere in the Province,

Therefore resolved, That this Council do not concur in the action of the Board of Health, and do not consider a general vaccination necessary at the present time.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell and passed, 14 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Mosher Creighton Rogers, Martin, Ryan, O'Donnell, Hubley, Halliday, Mitchell, Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith, Faulkner, Mosher.—14.	Aldermen Hawkins, Chisholm, Geldert, Lane.—4.

Read letter from City Works Commission covering a copy of the estimate of Water Service for the year 1901-2.

WATER SERVICE ESTIMATES, 1901-1902.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 8th, 1901.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Attached hereto is a copy of the Estimates for Water Service for the year 1901-1902.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman Works Commission :

April 6th, 1901.

SIR,—I herewith respectfully submit for the information and action of the Works Commission the Estimates for Water Service for year 1901-2.

Yours,

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, Clerk of Works.

WATER ESTIMATES.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said estimates be concurred in. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of John E. Burns in re Water Inspection. Filed.

Read report of City Works Commission re Tenders for sand, gravel and bricks.

TENDERS FOR SAND, GRAVEL AND BRICK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., April 8, 1901.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—When tenders were opened for supplies for this Department for the year 1901-2, it was found that none had been submitted for sand and gravel, or for bricks. The Commission therefore again asked for tenders for the supply of these materials, and the following have been received :

SAND AND GRAVEL.

James Freda	3½ cents per bushel for salt water sand.
“	4½ cents per bushel for fresh water sand.
“	6¼ cents per bushel for beach gravel.
“	6 cents per bushel for pebbles.

50,000 BRICKS.

	<i>Delivered at Intercolonial Freight Depot.</i>	<i>Delivered at Cotton Factory Siding.</i>
Jacob Walton	\$8.50 per 1000	\$8.70 per 1000.
Jacob Miller	8.50 “	8.70 “
John MacInnes & Son	8.75 “	“
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow	8.75 “	8.95 “

Your Commission beg to recommend the acceptance of James Freda's tender for the supply of sand and gravel, and also recommend that the contract be made for the period of five years.

The lowest tenders for the supply of 50,000 bricks are those of Jacob Walton and Jacob Miller. As these tenders are for the same amount, your commission beg to recommend that the contract be divided and 25,000 bricks purchased from each of the said contractors.

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

Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from William J. Bowen asking that certain moneys paid by him to the Inspector of Licenses, in connection with his application for a liquor license for the premises, No. 35½ Sackville Street be refunded.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the request contained in Mr. Bowen's letter be complied with. Motion passed.

Read letter of Charles L. Farrer, Montreal, offering his services as Electrical Engineer in re the City establishing an electric light plant. Placed on the Order of the Day with the papers relative to the City doing its own electric lighting.

Read letter from the Department of Railways and Canals relative to scales for the weighing of coal at Deep Water Terminus. Filed.

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

Read applications from William D. Cameron, H. H. Banks, W. E. Messervey, and George Wood, for the position of Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Council now proceed to appoint a License Inspector at a salary of \$1000.00 a year. Passed.

Alderman Rogers asks the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether or not the present Session is a regular meeting of the City Council.

His Honor the Recorder says in reply that the meeting now held is a regular meeting of the City Council.

The Council now proceeds to take the vote for the election of a License Inspector.

On the first vote being taken there appeared for W. D. Cameron, 1; H. H. Banks, 8; W. E. Messervey, 2; George Wood, 7.

2nd Vote—W. D. Cameron, 1; H. H. Banks, 8; W. E. Messervey 2; George Wood, 7.

3rd Vote—W. D. Cameron, 4; H. H. Banks, 4; W. E. Messervey' 2; George Wood, 9.

4th Vote—W. D. Cameron, 7; H. H. Banks, 2; George Wood, 9.

5th Vote—W. D. Cameron, 6; H. H. Banks, 1; W. E. Messervey, 1; George Wood, 10.

His Worship the Mayor declares George Wood duly elected License Inspector for the City of Halifax. Alderman O'Donnell, gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of George Wood's appointment.

Alderman Ryan gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of George Wood's appointment as License Inspector.

Read return made by the City Works Commission in compliance with a resolution passed by the City Council relative to expenditures and overdrafts made by said Commission.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with No. 22, Section 5, thereon, viz: Alderman Hubley's notice of motion of resolution of want of confidence in His Worship the Mayor and the City Works Commission, and that a copy of Alderman Hubley's resolution and the reply of His Worship the Mayor thereto be furnished each Alderman. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Butler, that when the Council adjourns, that the adjournment be to Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council :

Resolved, That a copy of the statement submitted by the Mayor in re charges against Board of Works be referred to His Honor the Recorder with a request that he submit an opinion at the adjourned meeting of the City Council whether the actions of the Mayor and Board of Works in incurring said overdraft was legal or not.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Hawkins, Mosher, Creighton, Rogers, O'Donnell, Hubley, Lane, Halliday, Mitchell, Butler, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave—13.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Martin, Chisholm, MacIlreith, Geldert—4.</p>
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Alderman Hubley, by leave of Council, now introduces the following resolution :

Whereas, In the opinion of the Council every Alderman is entitled to examine the books of any department of the City to enable him the better to deal with all questions that may come before the Council ;

Therefore resolved, That this Council authorizes and directs every official to give every information relating to civic matters to any Alderman of the City, and if any Alderman requires to examine any books or papers the same shall be open to such Alderman's inspection, and any official refusing to obey this resolution shall be liable to be instantly dismissed.

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

Alderman Butler has leave of Council to introduce the following resolution :

Whereas, There is not sufficient funds to the credit of Internal Health to carry on the necessary street cleaning at this season of the year ;

Therefore resolved, That this Council authorizes the Mayor to make arrangements with a chartered Bank for the necessary overdraft to carry on said work, to be repaid as soon as next year's appropriation is placed to the credit of said account.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, and passed, 13 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Faulkner, MacIlreith, Campbell, Butler, Mitchell, Halliday, Lane, Chisholm, Martin, Ryan, Mosher, Hawkins, Creighton—13.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Geldert, Hubley, O'Donnell—3.</p>
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Alderman MacIlreith, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer furnish the Council at its meeting on Thursday evening next with a statement showing the amounts in Unexpended Balances for the past six years, showing the disposition made of such balances, and that the City Treasurer be requested to attend such meeting.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the Council now proceed to appoint presiding officers for the ensuing civic elections. Motion passed.

On motion, duly seconded, the following named gentlemen were severally appointed as Presiding Officers at the polling booths on the occasion of the civic elections to be held 24th inst :

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| For Ward No 1. | Alderman Geldert and Michael Brown, Esq. |
| " | 2. Alderman MacIlreith and W. B. MacCoy, Esq. |
| " | 3. Alderman Halliday and William Crowe, Esq. |
| " | 4. Alderman O'Donnell and Alderman Ryan. |
| " | 5. Alderman Chisholm and Alderman Rogers. |
| " | 6. Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Creighton. |

The following resolution is next introduced :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to provide two polling booths in each ward for the accommodation of voters at the election for Mayor and Aldermen to be held on the 24th April inst., and in alphabetical order equally divide between the two booths of each ward the names on the Register of Voters.

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

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

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 11TH, 1901.

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

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Creighton, Mosher, Hubley, Hawkins, MacIlreith, Musgrave, O'Donnell and Butler.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert, Campbell, Mitchell, Halliday, Martin, Chisholm and Rogers.

His Worship the Mayor submits, by leave of council

A petition from Edwin Gilpin and others for a new water main on Queen Street, and for an asphalt sidewalk on said street.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re Overdrafts.

Petition of J. J. Stephens for water extension Hanover Street.

Report from City Treasurer, re Unexpended Balances.

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

Read petition of J. J. Stephen for water extension Hanover Street.

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

Read petition of Edwin Gilpin and others for a new water main and an asphalt sidewalk on Queen Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Treasurer, re unexpended balances.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES ACCOUNT.

April 11th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the resolution of the City Council, passed April 8th, instant, I have the honor to submit herewith "a statement showing the amounts in unexpended balances for the past six years, showing the disposition made of such balances."

In respect to the years 1898-9 and 1899-1900 there is at present nothing to credit of unexpended balances. Both these years have large amounts due to them in uncollected taxes, and both have also debts which cannot be paid until such taxes are collected.

The amounts placed opposite these years in the statement represent the surpluses that would be shown could these years have been closed on March 31st ultimo. As it is the surpluses cannot be realized until 1902 and 1903 respectively.

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND DISPOSITION OF THE SAME, 1894 TO 1899 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Surplus.	Appropriation of Surplus.	
1894-5.	\$12,044 98	\$4,751 89	to reduce taxation of 1897-8.
		7,293 09	“ “ 1898-9.
1895-6.	11,379 45	2,706 91	“ “ 1898-9.
		8,000 00	“ “ 1899-1900.
		672 54	transferred to 1896 account to close.
1896-7.	3,255 78	2,000 00	to reduce taxation of 1900-01.
		1,255 78	transferred to 1897 account to close.
1897-8.	16,477 82	12,000 00	loaned to 1898 account June 11th, 1900.
		3,000 00	to reduce taxation of 1901-2.
		1,477 00	on hand.
1898-9.	6,979 45	Surplus shown at March 31st, 1901, but not realizable at present. See letter attached.	
1899-1900	8,097 81		

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the City Treasurer be heard. Motion passed.

The City Treasurer gives explanations and replies to questions asked him by several of the Aldermen. The report is then laid on the table.

Alderman Hawkins, with leave of Council, now introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Works Department is hereby instructed to place lights at the corner of Maynard and Black Streets and on Agricola Street Extension north of Hennessey's field.

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

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

Read No. 17, viz.: Rules and regulations for the government of the officers and men of the Fire Department.

On motion, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clauses 1 to 8, which were severally passed. Alderman O'Donnell asks that he be put on record as voting against Clause 8.

Read Clauses 9 to 34 inclusive and Clause 35 "re General Rules," with Sections 1 to 13 inclusive, which were severally passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said rules and regulations be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 19 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 19, viz.: Report City Engineer in re Clayton & Sons' application for permission to erect a tunnel or bridge across Poplar Grove.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Section 5 of Number 22 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 22, Sec. 5, viz.: Alderman Hubley's notice of motion of resolution of want of confidence in His Worship the Mayor and the City Works Commission in the matter of purchase of water meters, water pipes and other supplies, etc. Also read the report of the City Works Commission on Alderman Hubley's resolution re expenditures and overdrafts made by the Works Commission.

MAYOR'S REPLY TO ALDERMAN HUBLEY'S CHARGES.

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

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In compliance with your resolution, the following statement is submitted in reference to the notice of motion of Alderman Hubley:—

Pipes and Valves.

All pipes and valves ordered by the Works' Department in 1900 and 1901 were purchased in compliance with resolutions of the City Council. No water extension or other construction work was ordered by the Board, but in each case an estimate showing the cost of pipes, valves and labor was prepared and submitted to the Council. The Council approved of the figures given and ordered the work, and in order to carry out their instructions the pipes and valves referred to in the resolutions of Council were ordered. The resolutions ordering the work were:—

April 29th, 1898—Beech street.

April 27th, 1899—Laundry Lane.

May 16th, 1899—Chestnut street.

June 20th, 1899—Pepperill, Rector School and Creighton streets.

August 15th, 1899—Owen street.

September 14th, 1899—Roome and Acadia streets.

November 7th, 1899—Williams, South Bland, Summit and Edward Sts.

December 14th, 1899—Young, Duncan, Atlantic, Henry, Preston, Seldon, Mott and North streets.

February 13th, 1900—Hunter and Duncan streets.

May 28th, 1900—Flover and Owen streets.

July 10th, 1900—Lawrence street.

Tenders were taken before purchasing and the lowest tender accepted. The responsibility for the expenditure rests with the council, and no water construction work has been performed during the year at any expense to the general taxpayer. Every dollar of interest on the expenditure is paid by the property owners and occupiers on streets in which the work was done. There would have been no overdraft if the legislation authorized by the council had been included in the act of last year. The council passed a resolution to borrow \$50,000 for water construction, but it was left out of the act. The council ordered the works department to carry out several water extensions and the orders were obeyed. This work rendered an overdraft necessary, and the mayor was authorized by an un-

animous resolution of the council on December 26th, 1900, to arrange with a bank for an overdraft to meet the requirements. Neither the mayor or the works commission can be held responsible. The pipe for which contracts were made in February, 1901, will not be delivered until May or June. The council authorized the recorder to obtain legislation empowering the city to borrow the money. The act will be passed and the money provided before the material will be delivered. If this material were not purchased until the loan is floated property owners who have petitioned for water extension would be compelled to go without water until late in the season, and perhaps until next year.

The statement that the cost of this material (\$5,990.38) increases the overdraft is untrue, and is a misrepresentation of the facts, as no overdraft has been made for the material and there is no prospect of such an overdraft being made. The statement that the cost of meters further increases the overdraft is also incorrect. No meters have yet been charged to construction account. Call meters purchased to date have been charged to maintenance account, as so far they have been purchased to maintain the efficiency of the system. These two items dispose of \$8,390.38 of the alleged overdraft.

Meters.

The meters were purchased in compliance with the direct orders of the council under resolution passed May 13th, 1896, moved by Alderman McFartridge and seconded by Alderman Ryan, and providing that "all new supplies on the high service shall be by meter," and September 25th, 1900, on motion of Aldermen Chisholm and Martin, "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." In pursuance of this resolution Mr. Burns was instructed by the board to inspect the houses on the high service and report monthly. As a result, the water was turned off in several instances and fines imposed. Finding, however, that in spite of this water was being persistently wasted, the following resolution was adopted, and in a few instances carried into effect:

"On motion of Alderman Chisholm the engineer was authorized to purchase 200 Trident meters and to have them placed on those properties in the high service in which the waste of water has not been checked on a second inspection."

The returns which are alleged to have been falsified were made by the city engineer in compliance with the resolution of council moved by Ald. Hubley. The resolution asked for a return of contracts where the cost exceeded \$100, giving a description of materials, quantity, cost of the same and from whom ordered. The engineer's return did not show duty and freight on pipes and meters because they were not included in the contract, the contract for pipes and meters being for delivery f. o. b. If the resolution had asked for the cost of material either delivered at the city workshops or laid in the ground the return would have been made accordingly, and freight, duty, wharfage, truckage, inspection, cost of laying and all charges of any kind included; but the city engineer interpreted the question as it read, viz.: the cost of each contract as entered into.

The statement that the meters were ordered without tenders being asked is untrue, as tenders were obtained before the contract was made.

The watering cart was ordered after obtaining tenders from city manufacturers, as well as the successful contractor. The order was given to George Heaman because he supplies what is considered the best sprinkler on the market, which cannot be obtained in Halifax, and because the awarding of the contract to Mr. Heaman makes a saving of \$40 to the taxpayers

of the city of Halifax. When the annual estimates were before the council in December it was decided to purchase this cart out of the appropriation for internal health.

Broken stone, horses, waggons, and sleds were purchased by the works' commission under authority of the city charter. The estimates for the year for the services over which the commission has control were submitted to the council and passed. Section 430 of the city charter provides that when estimates are approved they shall be placed at the disposal of the board. The construction of the house at Long Lake was carried out under this authority. The tender, which was accepted for the completion of this work is on file in the city engineer's office. The following report is the one referred to by Alderman Hubley:

Office Commissioners Board of City Works.

NOVEMBER 26TH, 1890.

The board of works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the unsatisfactory way in which much of the work of the internal health service is now done by hired teams, also the fact that not only would the result be much better, but that the cost of improved service to the city would be less than at present if the city owned sufficient horses and plant to do the work itself. After discussion it was decided to recommend to the city council that the following additional horses and plant be procured in time for the work in the ensuing spring:

	Estimated cost.
3 two-horse iron water carts	\$1,125.00
1 one-horse iron water cart	300.00
3 two-horse tip carts	300.00
7 horses	1,120.00
3 sets double harness	195.00
1 set single harness	30.00
	\$3,070.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, C. B. W.

To carry out the recommendation it was necessary for the council to provide an appropriation, and a borrowing bill was passed and \$3,100 borrowed to purchase the horses and carts. The works' department is making further improvement in the service and proposes to remove ashes and garbage all the year round. They do not propose to ask the council for any special appropriation, but are making the improvement out of the funds already voted. It is therefore unnecessary to refer the matter to the council.

The purchase of land around the margin of Long Lake was authorized several years ago and most of the land purchased, but up to the present time we have not been able to obtain the deeds of one or two lots, of which Mr. Yeadon's was one. It is most important that the city should own all the land around the lake to prevent any contamination of the water supply and to preserve the purity and cleanliness of the water shed, and the principle has not only been approved by the council, but is accepted by the public generally.

The payment of \$450 to W. A. Hendry was for the completion of a contract made by the works' commission for work which is within its jurisdiction. A petition was sent to the health board asking that the deposit of dead animals at Bushell's be prevented in future. The matter was referred to the works commission to carry out. The city has no place of deposit for refuse of this kind, and a contract was made with W. A. Hendry to provide a pit

as far as possible from the main streets of the city, construct a road to it, keep it in order and take care of the refuse deposited for a period of five years, in accordance with the following extract from minutes of the works' commission:

"Read, letter from W. A. Hendry offering to provide a place of deposit for dead animals on his property and to look after it for the sum of fifty dollars per annum; also to construct a road from Windsor street to the midden for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars.

"On motion it was decided to make a contract with Mr. Hendry, in accordance with the terms of his letter, subject to the approval of the city health board.

"The engineer was instructed to consult with the board of health submitting a recommendation that an ordinance be passed by the city health board providing for the burial of all dead animals at Mr. Hendry's property."

Mrs. Reilly applied to the board for a grant on the death of her husband, as the city had made similar allowances before. The council had already voted the full salary, and the works' commission dealt with the matter as follows:

July 9th, 1900: "Read a letter from Mrs. Reilly asking for a grant. On motion it was decided that Mrs. Reilly be allowed a sum equal to six months' salary," which would be the balance of the amount provided in the estimates for such salary.

Mr. Reilly's work was not confined to sewer service, but was in connection with all the services over which the works department has supervision, consequently if his salary were not provided for from the general revenue it would be chargeable to any service for which he did work.

Alterations to City Hall.

The statement of cost sent to the council includes every item for alterations in the city hall, such as alterations in drawers, book-cases, closets, plan cases, desks and draughting table light, changing lock, and general work which has to be done when required under the head of repairs to city property. The estimate for repairs to city property is placed at the disposal of the board with other estimates, and as long as the expenditure is kept within the estimate it is not necessary to obtain the sanction of the council.

The alterations in the offices of the works' department were made to bring the staff together in one suite of offices. After the death of Mr. Reilly it was decided not to employ another clerk in his place, as the work in this department had largely decreased on account of a reduction in the yearly expenditure on capital account. It was considered that a reduction could also be made in the staff in the engineer's office if the offices and officials were all together. The expenditure was made to enable the department to economize and the annual saving to the city of the salary of the two officials dispensed with is \$1,350.

Section 449 of the city charter reads as follows:

"The board of works shall from time to time cause the streets of the city of Halifax to be cleaned, repaired, raised, sunk altered or paved, as they may deem proper, and may also cause to be dug and carried out of or brought into the streets, materials from the shores of the harbor, doing as little injury as possible in any case to the proprietors of the soil, and may employ and pay boatmen, carts and laborers, as they may judge conducive to the accomplishing the designs of this chapter, and may also make contracts for the repairing and paving the streets, and may put up bars and fences to shut up streets while undergoing repairs, and may raise, sink,

alter or lay new drains, water courses, pipes and sewers, as they may think proper, causing as little detriment to individuals as the case will admit of, and may cause the course of gutters, water courses or channels, running in or through the streets to be altered as they shall think proper."

This section has been interpreted by the board of works to empower the board to carry on the executive work of street repairs, drains and other work without reference to the council. If this interpretation is not correct it is difficult to understand for what purpose the board is in existence. The custom from the date of the organization of the board of works, works' department or works' commission has been that the board shall relieve the council of all executive details. If it is the wish of the council that the executive duties in connection with the public works of the city shall be taken from the works' department and placed in the hands of the council they have only to pass a resolution to that effect and it will be carried out at once.

J. T. HAMILTON, Mayor.

Also read the opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re overdrafts.

IN RE OVERDRAFTS.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, April 10th, 1901.

To the City Council:

1. The Legislature have authorized the City Council to assess the citizens for certain sums of money which are necessary to conduct the public affairs of the City and to carry on its public works, and the City is bound to live within that income derived from such assessment and other sources of the City.

2. The City Council have no authority whatever to borrow any money Section 287 of the City Charter read as follows:—

"It shall not be lawful for the City Council to borrow on the credit of the City any sum of money whatever, unless authorized by some Act of the legislature. In case hereafter any debt shall be incurred or money be expended by the City Council, or under their authority, beyond the amount limited by law or specially provided for by an Act of the legislature, the members of the City Council incurring such debt or authorizing such expenditure, shall be jointly and severally liable therefor; but such debt shall not be recoverable from the City; provided, nevertheless, that no member of the City Council shall be held liable under this Act for any debt incurred or expenditure authorized by the City Council, for a longer period than twelve months after the time when the debt was so incurred, or the expenditure authorized, or if he can make it appear that he was not present when such debt was incurred or expenditure authorized, or that he gave his vote in opposition thereto."

It will be seen from this section that the City of Halifax is not responsible in any way for any money borrowed under a resolution of the Council, and that each and every Alderman voting for borrowing it are jointly and severally liable therefore, provided an action is brought against them within twelve months after the amount is borrowed. This question has been in the City Charter for over thirty years and puts the question beyond doubt.

3. In order to protect the City from any liability for overdrafts, Section 31 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1896 was passed, and is as follows:

"Section 23, Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1895 is amended by inserting in front of and at the top of said section the following words:

"It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer, to furnish each Committee of the Council a monthly statement, showing the amount to the credit of such committee or department of which they have the management, and no committee or any member thereof shall spend any money or make any contract in excess of the amount so credited to them, and if such is exceeded, no contract for any sum made in excess of such balance shall be binding on the City of Halifax."

It will be seen from this that the Committee is prohibited from borrowing or having overdrafts or any over-expenditure of the amounts appropriated to the various departments by the estimates. This clause applies equally as well to the Board of Works.

4. Section 23, Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1895, reads as follows:

"The Auditor shall not certify for the payment of any amount on account of any service the appropriation for which is exhausted, and the Mayor shall not sign or counter-sign any check for such payment, and any Mayor or Auditor contravening the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars."

From this section it will be seen that the Auditor as well as the Mayor is prohibited from making over-drafts or spending any money beyond the amount appropriated to that department.

5. By section 14, Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1894, all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and authority of the old Board of Works is transferred to and vested in His Worship the Mayor, subject to the control of the Council.

6. By Sections 430 of the City Charter the Board of Works were authorized to submit to the City Council the estimates for the expenditure of the Streets and Sewers within the ensuing year, and other moneys required for the work to be done in connection with their duties. That amount is placed in the estimates and is at the disposal of the Board.

7. Section 431 of the City Charter is as follows:

"Any member of the Board of Commissioners of City Works present at any meeting and voting for the payment of any money for any object not authorized by law, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered as a private debt by any person who will sue therefor; and in case of any misapplication of moneys received by any such Commissioner for or on behalf of the City, or by virtue of an Act of Parliament, the same may be recovered from such Commissioner as money received to the use of the City at the suit of the City of Halifax, together with the costs of suit, in any court of competent jurisdiction."

It will be seen from this section that the Board of Works have no authority to vote one cent beyond the amount set apart in the estimate for them, and that if they do so they are liable to be sued for the penalty mentioned in the section.

Under this Section it is clear:

(1) That the City is not responsible for one cent of any sum borrowed or advanced to the City.

(2) That neither the Committees or the Commissioners of works have any authority to borrow or over-expend the amount placed in the estimates, and any resolution of the Council authorizing the Mayor or anybody else to borrow any sums of money is illegal and void, and, if acted upon, the City is not responsible, and the bank must look to the Aldermen who voted for the resolution for the amount.

8. As regards the resolution passed at the last meeting to borrow money for cleaning the streets, that also is illegal and void, for the reasons already stated. You cannot borrow money to do work this year and take it out of next year's appropriation.

Section 264 of the City Charter reads as follows:—

"The income and expenditure of each year shall be kept distinct and separate, and separate and distinct accounts of each year's receipts and payments shall be kept in the books of the City, and separate bank accounts shall be also kept for each separate year; and it shall not be lawful to charge against the revenues of any year any sum or sums of money that shall not have been authorized by the estimate of the year upon which the assessment of the said year was levied."

It will be seen from this that you cannot spend money this year and take it out of next year's appropriation.

Instead of giving my conclusions as regards the law on the subject, I have thought it best, for the information of the Aldermen, to give the sections in full, so that any person reading them will be able to understand them and arrive at the same conclusion as myself, if he is not prejudiced.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution of want of confidence do pass. (See printed Minutes of Council, March 14th, 1901).

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that Alderman Mosher take the chair. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher takes the chair, and His Worship the Mayor, by permission of Council, makes an address from the floor of the Chamber on the subject now under consideration, after which Alderman Mosher vacates and the Mayor resumes the chair.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration of resolution passed April 8th, 1901, re borrowing money for street cleaning purposes.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 12th, 1901.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to an adjournment of yesterday.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, 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 Geldert, Butler, Campbell, MacIlreith, Lane, Mitchell, Halliday, Hubley, Martin, Chisholm, Creighton and Hawkins.

Alderman Creighton submits a report from the Charities Committee.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition from W. H. McRobert and others, for an Electric Light at or near the north end of Lorne Terrace.

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

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

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, April 3rd, 1901.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1865.65, were examined found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent reports that during the month of March there had been 24 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum; 4 born, 36 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted 11 were chargeable to the Poor's Asylum, 1 to Mabou, C.B., 1 to Wallace, N. S., and the remainder to the City. The total number of inmates March 31st, was 355 made up of 212 men, 137 women and 6 children.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC 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 issue warrants for the payment of the accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read petition of W. H. McRobert and others for an Electric Light at Lorne Terrace.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said petition be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley's resolution, re want of confidence in Mayor and Board of Works, is now discussed.

Alderman Butler gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council move a resolution that Alderman Hawkins be compelled to give proof of his charge that His Worship the Mayor makes "a take-off" in contracts.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Mayor vacate the chair, and that the seat be filled by Alderman Mosher. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher takes the chair.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Alderman Creighton take the chair. Motion passed.

Alderman Creighton takes the chair.

The following amendment to Alderman Hubley's resolution of want of confidence is now submitted:

Resolved, That the charges preferred against the Board of Works and His Worship the Mayor by Alderman Hubley be referred to a special Committee, together with all papers and documents, and with power to examine all books and papers they may think necessary in relation to the charges, and report their conclusions to the Council at an early day, and also any recommendations they may deem necessary in the interest of the city.

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

Said amendment is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Amendment. Aldermen Lane, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Mosher—4.	Against it. Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith, Butler, Halliday, Hubley, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Hawkins—9.
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The original motion is now put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it.

Names being called for, their appeared:

For the Resolution. Aldermen Hawkins, O'Donnell, Hubley, Halliday—4.	Against it. Aldermen Mosher, Rogers, Martin, Chisholm, Butler, MacIlreith, Mitchell, Geldert, Lane—9.
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Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the names of Aldermen Chisholm and Butler be struck from the vote taken, on the ground that they are interested parties.

Aldermen Chisholm and Butler give their consent that their names be struck from the last two votes taken.

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

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 25TH, 1901.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen MacIlreith, Chisholm, Rogers, O'Donnell, Martin.

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

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

The Council was summoned to receive the returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen, etc., etc., to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

His Worship the Mayor now signs the Minutes, the reading of which was dispensed with by an Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature.

Alderman Geldert submits a report from the Library Committee.

Alderman MacIlreith submits a report from from the committee on Tenders.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Petition of J. A. Clarke and others for the extension of College Street.

Petition of Joseph Rodgers and others for water service on Harvard Street.

Letter from J. C. Dumaresq in re repairs to house of Peter Lourie on South Brunswick Street.

Letter from the Board of Trade re Committee on Civic Taxation.

The City Clerk's returns of the civic elections held 24th April, inst.

Coal Weighers' returns for the month of March.

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

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of March.

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

Read report of the City Clerk covering the Nomination papers of James T. Hamilton, Esq., and George E. Faulkner, Esq., for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling booths, showing James T. Hamilton to have received 2338 votes, and George E. Faulkner to have received 988 votes, and the Majority in favor of James T. Hamilton to be 1350.

The City Clerk declares James T. Hamilton to be duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1901-1902.

Read report of the City Clerk covering returns of the presiding officers at the several polling booths in Ward No. 1 for the election of an Alderman for said Ward, showing William G. Robertson to have received 239 votes and George Musgrave to have received 9 votes. Majority in favor of William G. Robertson 230.

His Worship the Mayor declares William G. Robertson duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the returns of the presiding officers at the several polling booths in Ward No. 2 for the election of an Alderman for said Ward, showing Thomas J. Barry to have received 481 votes and Thomas J. Egan to have received 291 votes. The majority in favor of Thomas J. Barry being 190.

His Worship the Mayor declares Thomas J. Barry duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the returns of the presiding officers at the several polling booths in Ward No. 3 for the election of an Alderman for said Ward, showing Adam B. Crosby to have received 285 votes and William B. Mahoney to have received 170 votes, and the majority in favor of Adam B. Crosby to be 115.

His Worship the Mayor declares Adam B. Crosby to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk, covering the returns of the presiding officers at the several polling booths in Ward No. 4, for the election of an Alderman for said Ward, showing Andrew Lamphier to have received 317 votes and Andrew Hubley to have received 263 votes, and the majority in favor of Andrew Lamphier to be 54.

His Worship the Mayor declares Andrew Lamphier to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk, covering the nomination papers of Peter F. Martin for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 5, he being the only candidate for said office at the election held on the 24th April, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declares Peter F. Martin to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Saul Mosher for the offices of Alderman for Ward No. 6, he being the only candidate for said office at the election held on the 24th April, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declares Saul Mosher to be duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

ELECTION RETURNS.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, April 25th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election of Mayor and Aldermen, I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 24th day of April, 1901. I have made separate returns in

respect to the election for Mayor and for the election of Aldermen for each ward, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers for all the candidates.

ELECTION FOR MAYOR.

Ward.	Sec.	For James T. Hamilton	For George E. Faulkner.
One	A	113	77
	B	127	63
Two	A	296	107
	B	274	107
Three	A	195	50
	B	150	59
Four	A	215	92
	B	187	74
Five	A	199	80
	B	197	74
Six	A	203	101
	B	182	104
Totals.....		2338	988
Total for James T. Hamilton.....		2338	
Total for George E. Faulkner.....			988
Majority for James T. Hamilton.....		1350	

FOR ALDERMEN.

Ward No. One.	Sec. A.	Sec. B.	Totals.
William G. Robertson	108	131	239
George Musgrave	5	4	9
Majority for William G. Robertson.....			230

Ward No. Two	Sec. A.	Sec. B.	Totals.
Thomas J. Barry	241	240	481
Thomas J. Egan	156	135	291
Majority for Thomas J. Barry.....			190

Ward No. Three	Sec. A.	Sec. B.	Totals
Adam B. Crosby	147	138	285
William B. Mahoney	95	75	170
Majority for Adam B. Crosby.....			115

Ward No. Four.	Sec. A.	Sec. B.	Totals
Andrew Lamphier	164	153	317
Andrew Hubley	146	117	263
Majority for Andrew Lamphier.....			54

Ward No. Five—Peter F. Martin, by acclamation.

Ward No. Six—Saul Mosher, by acclamation.

APRIL 25th, 1901.

PLEBISCITE ON BONUS TO SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY.

	Yes.	No.
1. Are you in favor of the City of Halifax giving \$100,000 to aid in establishing within the City a yard and plant for building the hulls of iron and steel ships, and in establishing a machine and boiler shop for equipping such hulls with engines, boilers and machinery?	2028	261
2. Are you in favor of the City of Halifax giving a bonus of five dollars per ton for steel steamships and two dollars per ton for iron or steel sailing ships?	1105	173
Totals.....	3133	434

Majority in favor.....2699

Respectfully submitted,

H. TRENAMAN,

City Clerk in and for the City of Halifax.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of James T. Hamilton, Esq., to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to name the time and place on or after the first of May next at which he will be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor-elect.

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

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

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, April 25th, 1901.

At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day there were present the Chairman and Aldermen Halliday, MacIlreith and Rogers.

A report was read from the Librarian stating that a number of sets of books, much in demand, were worn out and required to be replaced. The Chairman was authorized to procure the books required.

The following accounts for stationery, printing, subscriptions and supplies were presented, and being certified correct are recommended for payment :

Marshall, Son & Co., \$38.56; Marshall, Son & Co., \$36.75; Imperial Publishing Co., \$5.50; Mutual Subscription Co., \$25.25; F. Reardon, \$8.25; T. C. Allen, \$39.36. Total \$153.67.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

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

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

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

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 25th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders met this day. Present Alderman MacIlreith (Acting Chairman) Halliday and Martin, and opened tenders for Blank Books, Printing, Stationery and advertising.

The following tenders are recommended for acceptance, being the lowest.
Blank Books, Printing and Stationery—T. C. Allen & Co.
Advertising—Morning Chronicle and Acadian Recorder.
All tenders attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Acting Chairman.*

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

Read petition of Joseph Rodgers and others for water service on Harvard Street.

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

Read petition of J. A. Clarke and others for the extension of College Street through to Brockley's Lane.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. C. Dumaresq & Son in re repairs and alterations to a house owned by Peter Lowrie on South Brunswick Street.

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

Read letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trade, informing the Council that said Board had appointed E. G. Smith, W. J. Clayton, A. E. Jones, A. M. Bell, John Peters and James Morrow as the Committee from said Board to confer with the Committee of the City Council on the matter of civic taxation.

On motion said communication was ordered to be acknowledged and filed.

Read returns of the weighers of coal for the month of March. Filed.

Read returns of the City Collector of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of March. Filed.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of appointment of George Wood as License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said appointment be now reconsidered. On the vote being taken, there appeared :

For reconsideration.

Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert,
Mitchell, Campbell, Butler,
Lane, O'Donnell, Ryan,
Martin, Rogers—10.

Against it.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Halliday,
Hubley, Chisholm,
Creighton, Mosher—6.

Alderman Hawkins asks how the vote on the question stands.

His Worship the Mayor declines to give the information asked for by Alderman Hawkins.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the ruling of the Chair be sustained.

Said motion being put is passed, 15 voting for the same and 1 against it. The names being taken there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Mosher, Creighton,
Rogers, Martin, Chisholm,
Ryan, O'Donnell, Hubley,
Halliday, Butler, Campbell,
MacIlreith, Mitchell,
Musgrave, Geldert.

Against it.

Alderman Hawkins.

Alderman Hawkins now votes against reconsideration.

The vote of reconsideration is now passed, 10 voting for and 7 against it.

H. H. Banks, George Wood, W. E. Messervey and W. D. Cameron having been severally nominated for the position of License Inspector, on the vote being taken there appeared :

1st vote—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. E. Messervey, 2 ; W. D. Cameron, 2 ; George Wood, 6.

2nd vote—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. E. Messervey, 2 ; W. D. Cameron, 2 ; George Wood, 6.

3rd vote—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. E. Messervey, 2 ; W. D. Cameron, 2 ; George Wood, 6.

4th vote—H. H. Banks, 8 ; W. E. Messervey, 1 ; W. D. Cameron, 3 ; George Wood, 5.

5th vote—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. D. Cameron, 3 ; George Wood, 7.

6th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 4 ; George Wood, 7.

7th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 4 ; George Wood, 7.

8th vote—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. E. Messervey, 1 ; W. D. Cameron, 5 ; George Wood, 4.

9th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; George Wood, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 5.

10th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; George Wood, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 5.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Names being called for there appeared as follows :

For adjournment.

Against it.

Aldermen Chisholm, O'Donnell,
Lane, Butler, Campbell,
Mitchell, Geldert—7.

Aldermen Hawkins, Mosher,
Creighton, Rogers,
Martin, Ryan, Hubley,
Halliday, MacIlreith,
Musgrave—10.

11th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 4 ; George Wood, 7.

12th vote—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. D. Cameron, 4 ; George Wood, 7.

13th vote—H. H. Banks, 5 ; W. D. Cameron, 6 ; George Wood, 6.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Mosher, Rogers, Ryan,
O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Hubley, Lane, Campbell,
Mitchell, Musgrave,
Geldert—11.

Aldermen Hawkins, Creighton,
Martin, Halliday,
Butler, MacIlreith—6.

The Council adjourns 9.15 o'clock.