

ter what arguments might be adduced to convince the local agents they could not induce the head offices that wooden buildings are as good a fire risk as brick buildings.

Your Committee beg, therefore, to report that the present time is inopportune to press for any amendment to the present law relating to the Brick Building District and recommend that the matter be left in abeyance until a more favorable opportunity presents itself.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 19th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to recommend (in addition to their previous recommendation in regard to the form of ballot to be used at Civic Elections) that the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, as far as the same are not inconsistent with the general provisions of the City Charter, be adapted to meet the requirements of the City of Halifax and that the Recorder be instructed to draft an Act in accordance with this recommendation for submission to the Council.

The proposed resolution in regard to the duties of the City Medical Officer upon an outbreak of smallpox in the City, which, at the last meeting of the Council, was referred to this Committee, was, your Committee beg to report, dealt with at a meeting of Council held 24th January last.

Your Committee have considered Alderman O'Donnell's resolution for the reconstruction of the City Council and beg to report that in its present form they cannot recommend it to the City Council

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Spry, the same is adopted.

Read report of supervisor of Weighers of Coal and Coke for the month of February. Filed.

Read account from Harris, Henry & Cahon, for costs taxed on stated case in Smith vs City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be referred to the committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Auditor covering an opinion from His Honor the Recorder in re payment of gratuity to Ex-Capt. Condon.

GRATUITY TO MATTHEW CONDON. EX-CAPT. U. E. C.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 11th, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 8th inst. in re ex-Captain Condon's gratuity, I now enclose you the Recorder's opinion thereon.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

RECORDER'S OFFICE, March 11, 1902.

W. W. FOSTER, ESQ.,
City Auditor:

Sir,—You wish to know from me out of what fund the gratuity voted ex-Captain Condon by the City Council should be paid.

I know of no fund out of which it could be paid other than that of Contingent Account. It might possibly be paid out of the Fire Department appropriation; but as my opinion has been asked for, I am bound to inform you that the resolution of the Council authorizing the payment is illegal. It is not in the power of the Council to take the funds of the City and pay them for other purposes than that authorized by law.

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Crosby, that His Honor the Recorder prepare an act enabling the city to pay to ex-Captain Condon the sum of twenty-five dollars per month for six months, the same to be taken from the appropriation for the Fire Department. Motion passed.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF A GRATUITY TO MATTHEW CONDON.

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

The City of Halifax is authorized to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars each month for six months to Matthew Condon, a former Captain of the Union Engine Company, and injured in the discharge of his duty, said sum to be taken out of the amount now or hereafter appropriated to the Fire Department.

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

Read report of Special Committee on Taxation.

TAXATION.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL, MARCH 1st, 1901.

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 ratepayers who are not at present pledged to support any special law.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL, MARCH 8th, 1901.

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

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL, JULY 23rd, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the Committee on Civic Taxation, agreeably to a resolution passed 8th March, 1901 (See Minutes of Council, 1900-1901, pages 155, 173 and also page 214.) Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith, Halliday, O'Donnell, Martin and Mosher. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL, JANUARY 24th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Spry as a member of the Committee on Civic Taxation, vice Alderman Halliday, resigned.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Adams to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Civic Taxation caused by the death of Alderman Mosher.

COMMITTEE ROOM, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 27, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—Your Special Committee on Civic Taxation appointed under the various resolutions above recited held its first meeting on October 9th, 1901, for the purpose of organization and appointed Alderman MacIlreith chairman.

At a subsequent meeting the following named gentlemen were added to the Committee:— G. S. Campbell, Esq., A. M. Bell, Esq., and J. E. DeWolf, Esq.

Your Committee since its organization held 24 meetings and several of such meetings were advertised as open to the public. A number of our citizens availed themselves of the opportunity of being present and expressing their views on the matter of taxation before the Committee.

Your Committee divided the subject of taxation under the following heads:—

1st.

EXEMPTIONS.

- (a) Government property—Imperial, Dominion and Provincial.
- (b) Churches.
- (c) Educational and Charitable Institutions.
- (d) Miscellaneous.

2nd.

TAXATION OF REAL ESTATE.

Should taxation on real estate be based on land value or on land and buildings as at present?

3rd.

STOCKS, FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

Should the taxation of goods, wares and merchandize be based on the land value of the premises in which the business is carried on?

Should the taxation of furniture and household effects be also based on the land value of the premises in which the same may be found?

Should the taxation of goods, wares and merchandize, furniture and effects be based on the rental of the premises in which the same may be found?

4th.

BUSINESS LICENSE.

Should merchants be charged a license fee in lieu of personal property tax?

5th.

PROFESSIONAL MEN.

Should professional men be required to pay a special tax?

6th.

INCOME TAX.

Should an income tax be levied for municipal purposes

- (a) When a person is not assessed in any other way;
- (b) When a person is assessed on real or personal property or both;

...7th.

SPECIAL TAXES.

Should a special tax be imposed on the persons and corporations doing business in the City of Halifax ?

1. EXEMPTIONS.

As to buildings and property at the present time exempt from taxation either in whole or in part your Committee have to recommend as follows :—

(a) Government property—That as to Government property your Committee is of opinion that the same should be subject to taxation and that every effort should be made to induce the Governments interested to consent to an Act permitting the levying of such tax. As to the Imperial property, your Committee feel that the Dominion Government should be asked to make either a yearly grant or to pay a fixed sum in lieu of other assessment on this property. They are of opinion that as the lands and buildings occupied by the Imperial authorities in Halifax are largely, if not altogether, required in connection with the defence and protection which Great Britain affords to Canada free of all charge, that therefore Great Britain should not be asked to bear the burden of taxation. And for the reason that all Canada derives an equal benefit in the way of protection and defence that Halifax alone should not be compelled to bear the cost of that portion of the municipal services from which the Imperial property derives an equal benefit with our citizens. As to Dominion and Provincial Government property, they should be asked to bear their proportion of the burden of taxation.

Your Committee received permission by resolution of Council to forward a petition to the Local and Dominion Governments asking them to subscribe towards the revenue of the City either by a yearly bonus or by a fixed amount. A copy of the petition prepared by your Committee is attached hereto.

(b) Churches—Educational and Charitable Institutions—

With reference to the following charitable institutions your Committee would recommend that total exemption be allowed to continue :

St. Paul's Alms House.
 Roman Catholic Orphanage.
 Protestant Orphanage.
 Roman Catholic Infants' Home.
 Protestant Infants' Home.
 Industrial School.
 St. Patrick's Home.
 Friendless Women's Home.
 Old Ladies' Home.
 Halifax Dispensary.
 Deaf and Dumb Institution.
 School for the Blind.
 Homes for Fallen Women.

Your Committee would recommend with reference to the Churches and the following educational institutions that the land, but not the building, should be taxed :—

All the Churches.
 Dalhousie College.
 Halifax Ladies' College.
 Theological Hall.
 Convent Sacred Heart.
 Halifax Medical College.
 St. Joseph's College.

The following properties now totally or partially exempt from taxation and portions of which are let for hire or whose owners engage in trade or business therein should be taxed on the land and portion of the building hired out or engaged in trade or business, viz.:

Home of Good Shepherd.
 Temperance Hall.
 Sailors' Home.
 Young Men's Christian Association.
 Church of England Institute.
 St. Mary's Hall.
 St. Patrick's Hall.
 Women's Christian Temperance Union property

and all similar institutions exempt from taxation from any portion of a revenue is derived.

The following properties should be taxed on both land and building :

Academy of Music.
 Orpheus Hall.
 Masonic Hall.
 Church of England Coffee Room.
 Oddfellows' Hall.
 Halifax Infirmary.

As a number of these institutions are exempt from taxation by either their Acts of Incorporation or by special legislation, it will be necessary that the sections of such Acts granting the exemption be repealed.

2. Real Estate—Your Committee are of opinion that the question whether the taxation on real estate should be based on land value only or on land and buildings thereon is one for purely academic discussion, and as the single tax has not so far as your Committee are aware been adopted in any country they feel that they would not be justified in recommending any change in the present system.

3. Stocks, Furniture and Effects—The majority of your Committee in this case have to report in favor of the continuance of the present system of levying assessment on personal property, with the exception of the changes suggested in the mode of assessment.

They recommend that a sworn statement should be required to be furnished to the Assessors by all persons in the City of Halifax having personal property to the value of \$200.00 or over. Such statement should be in the form marked "A" appended to this report, and should be furnished to the Assessors on or before a date to be fixed. In the case of goods and merchandize the statement should be based or made up from the last stock-taking immediately preceding the filing of the statement. After such statement has been furnished to the Assessors they should have the power if, in their judgment such statement does not contain the correct value of such personal property, to make a valuation themselves from which valuation there shall be no appeal. By way of penalty for the making of such incorrect or false statement such taxpayer should be rated not only on the additional sum fixed by the Assessors, but also on 50 per cent. of such additional amount. At the present time in the case of goods, wares and merchandize, after the Assessors have made their valuation, 25 per cent. thereof is struck off and the balance forms the valuation for purposes of assessment. Your Committee recommend that in the future such 25 per cent should not be struck off by the Assessors.

4. Professional Men—Your Committee have to report that they have considered the suggestion of imposing a license on professional men and have come to the conclusion that no workable scale can be suggested which will treat with equal fairness the larger and the smaller practices.

5. Income Tax—Your Committee considered this matter very fully and after discussing it in all its bearings reached the conclusion that the scheme of revenue and income tax was not a workable one and therefore do not recommend the imposition of such tax for municipal purposes.

6. Special Taxes—Your Committee recommend that the following special taxes should be imposed in addition to real estate and personal property :—

Every Telegraph Company.....	\$400.00
Every Accident Insurance Company.....	100.00

Every Life Insurance Company.....	100.00
or 1 per cent. on premiums received from business done in Halifax whichever is the greater.	
Every auctioneer's clerk resident in the City for six months, a bona fide employee of a resident auctioneer.....	40.00
Every non-resident auctioneer.....	150.00
Every non-resident clerk.....	75.00

In case of stocks imported for a day's sale by a non-resident auctioneer the amount of assessment shall be based on gross sales of such imported stock and said non-resident auctioneer importing such stock shall be required before license is granted to give bonds in the sum of \$1,000 for the payment of such assessment.

Every Railway Ticket Office.....	\$100.00
Every Commercial Agency.....	200.00
Every Trust and Loan Company.....	200.00
Every Building Society.....	200.00
Every Private Banker and Broker.....	150.00
Every person peddling on foot who has not been a resident of the City for six months.....	15.00
Every person peddling on foot whether a ratepayer or any other than a foreigner.....	8.00
Every person peddling with hand-cart or barrow.....	20.00
Every peddler with a team.....	20.00
Every additional horse.....	10.00
Every coal hawk who sells coal only.....	5.00
Every ice dealer, each team.....	20.00
Every public bowling alley.....	100.00
Every public billiard hall or cippi room—	
1st table.....	50.00
Each additional table.....	25.00
Every shooting gallery.....	10.00
Every junk and marine store.....	100.00
Every second-hand dealer.....	25.00
Every bumboat.....	10.00
Every night cart.....	5.00
Every sweep.....	8.00
Every tug-boat, lighter, water boat, or steamer for excursion hire.....	10.00
Every circus or menagerie.....	200.00
and for each day's performance.....	100.00
(Providing that the Mayor of the City may in his discretion re- duce such tax in case of exhibitions or performances of minor character and importance.)	
Every bicycle.....	1.00
Every dog.....	2.00
Every female dog.....	3.00
Every milk wagon owned by a non-resident.....	5.00
Every milk wagon owned by a resident.....	2.00
Horses and carriages—	
(1) Each horse kept for pleasure.....	5.00
" single carriage kept for pleasure.....	5.00
" double carriage kept for pleasure.....	10.00
No owner to be taxed for more carriages than horses.	
(2) Each working single wagon for trades delivery.....	3.00
" working double wagon for trades delivery.....	5.00
" horse for trades delivery.....	2.00
(3) Trucks and cabs to pay only same license as at present.	

LIQUOR LICENSE—Your Committee would recommend that the fees to be collected for liquor licenses be made as follows :—

Shop license.....	\$200.00
Hotel " 50 rooms or under.....	300.00
" " 50 to 100 rooms.....	400.00
" " over 100 rooms.....	500.00
Wholesale and Brewers' license.....	500.00

POLL TAX.

Your Committee would recommend that a Poll Tax of \$5.00 be levied on every male citizen not being a householder over 21 years of age in receipt of an income of \$400.00 and upwards, such poll tax to entitle such person to a vote in civic elections if paid on or before the first day of December following the date on which it becomes due.

That in the event of the taxes of a person assessed for personal property only being less in amount than the poll tax of five dollars the poll tax of five dollars be collected in lieu of the personal property tax, and in the event of the personal property tax exceeding the poll tax then shall the personal property tax only be collected.

That in order to entitle a person to vote on personal property tax in civic elections such tax must be paid on or before the first day of December following the date on which it became due.

MACHINERY AND TOOLS USED FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES.

Your Committee recommend that the machinery and tools used for manufacturing purposes should be exempt from taxation excepting machinery of the Gas Company, Electric Light Company and Tramway Company.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Your Committee recommend that the amount of this appropriation be taken out of the general assessment and transferred to the Water Department to be rated with the water rates for fire protection purposes, and that the Act permitting the City Council to assess \$130,000 for general purposes be amended so as to reduce that sum to \$100,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. F. MARTIN,
THOS. SPRY,
JAMES E. DEWOLFE,
JAMES ADAMS,
E. W. O'DONNELL.

With the following amendment to the recommendations contained in the report, we, the undersigned, in the main agree herewith.

As we are of opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the City to encourage as much as possible the manufacturing and jobbing trades so as to make Halifax a distributing centre; and as those engaged in these industries feel the tax on stocks of merchandize as levied at present and as proposed by this Committee to be a heavy burden and a serious handicap in competing with similar business from other distributing points; and as this Committee has not succeeded in suggesting any plan whereby professional men and others not now paying their proper proportion of taxes may be reached; we would recommend that the present system of taxation on personal property be abolished and that instead thereof the system recommended by the Commission, approved by the Government of Nova Scotia and more recently by a similar commission appointed by the Government in Ontario, be adopted, namely :—a business tax based on the value of the property occupied for business purposes.

A. M. BELL,
W. G. ROBERTSON,
G. S. CAMPBELL.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACLEITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the consideration of said report be deferred to an adjourned meeting of council to be held on Thursday evening next at 7.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

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

Whereas—It is in the interest of the City that all institutions under the City Government be supplied by tender and contract ;

Be it therefore resolved—That every institution be supplied by contract that a specification be made out for the different kind of goods required in the different institutions and be tendered for and no goods be supplied to any institution after the 15th day of May next that has not been tendered for.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1 viz :—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of Act in re Water Rates and assessment for fire purposes.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Crosby, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Crosby, that said Act be amended by inserting after the word "property" in the first line of the clause relative to Water Assessment for five purposes the words "of the assessed value of two thousand five hundred dollars" (\$2500). Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Crosby, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that Aldermen O'Donnell, Rogers, Adams and MacIlreith be appointed a committee to watch the progress of the city bills through the Legislature. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 30 on the Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 30 viz :—Act in re office and duties of City Medical Officer,

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved—It shall no longer be the duty of the City Medical Officer to attend to smallpox cases in the Smallpox Hospital in the City of Halifax, but the City Health Board of said City shall employ some suitable medical practitioner to attend such cases under its rules and regulations and pay him therefor such sum as said Board may deem just and reasonable and the City Medical Officer shall continue to perform all the other duties now performed by him as such officer.

And that His Honor the Recorder prepare an Act in accordance therewith.

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

It shall no longer be the duty of the City Medical Officer for said City to

attend to smallpox cases in the Smallpox Hospital in said City, but the City Health Board of said City shall employ some suitable medical practitioner to attend such cases under its rules and regulations and pay him such sum as said Board may deem just and reasonable and the City Medical Officer shall continue to do and perform all other duties now performed by him as such officer.

Alderman Lamphier by leave of Council introduces the following resolution:

To the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Whereas it is the opinion of this Council and a large number of the ratepayers of the City that the present Fire Department is too expensive at the present time.

The Fire Department today is costing the City in salaries alone the large sum of six thousand, five hundred and sixty dollars, viz.:

57 Call Men @ \$80 each.....	\$4560.00
7 Captains @ \$100 each.....	700.00
3 District Chiefs @ \$100 each.....	300.00
1 Chief.....	1000.00
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	\$6560.00

Resolved—That under the proposed system we can guarantee at a week's notice or less

150 men at the nominal sum of.....	\$ 600.00
40 men Axe and Ladder Co.....	450.00
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At a total cost to the City of.....\$1050.00

Showing a saving to the City of.....\$5510.00

and then have a better and a more efficient Fire Department than we have at the present time.

And further resolved—We contend that the City should not be called upon to pay the Union Protection Company \$1,400.00. But the thirty-five Insurance Co.'s doing business in the City should pay the nominal sum of \$50.00 each into the City Treasury, to pay the Protection Co. for saving their goods, from which the City receives no benefit.

This sum of \$1,400.00, with the \$5,510.00, would make a saving to the City alone of \$6,910.00.

Gentlemen,—I consider this worthy of your consideration under the present state of the finances of the City.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said resolution be placed on the Order of the Day, and a copy thereof furnished each alderman. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the council adjourn till 7.30 o'clock on Thursday evening next. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

7.40 o'clock.

MARCH 13TH, 1902.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was called for this evening.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Adams, Spry and O'Donnell.

Moved by Aldermen Spry, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the time for meeting be extended till 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

8 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen MacIlreith, Crosby, Chisholm, Rogers and Martin.

There not being a quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 24TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Spry, Adams, Rogers, O'Donnell, Creighton, Martin and MacIlreith.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, 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 His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Crosby, Ryan, Chisholm and Hawkins.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report of Supervisor of Coal Weighers re death of George Grono, etc.
Applications from William Keogh, Alexander Fraser, Robert Story, Cyrus Hubley, Michael Connors and Douglas Wood for the position of Coal Weigher,
Report City Works Commission in re George P. Henry's salary.
Letter from W. H. Wiswell, Municipal Clerk, in re share of County Assessment.

Letter from The Nova Scotia Telephone Company, relative to their laying a part of their cables underground.

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates for the month of February.

Also a bill relative to the Construction of Iron or Steel Ships in the harbor of Halifax, providing that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be appropriated by the City Council as a subsidy to aid in the establishment upon the shores of the harbor of Halifax of a first-class, modern and complete yard and plant for building the hulls of iron and steel ships.

SHIPBUILDING.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 59, OF THE ACTS OF 1901, ENTITLED. "AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OF STEEL AND IRON SHIPS IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX."

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

1. The following section is added to Section 2 of Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1901.

(2) "One hundred thousand dollars of such sum, when borrowed, shall be appropriated by the City Council as a subsidy to aid in the establishment upon the shores of the harbor of Halifax, of a first-class, modern and complete yard and plant for building the hulls of iron and steel ships, adequate to the construction of not less than twenty thousand tons dead weight capacity annually, and such sum may be paid to any person, firm or corporation, constructing and establishing such yard and plant upon the completion of such yard and plant to the satisfaction of the City Council."

2 Section 4 of said Chapter 59, of the Acts of 1901, is hereby amended by adding the following words to said section after the word "commission" in the last line thereof: "and of the City Council."

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council:

Resolved, That this Council approve of the action of the Shipbuilding Commission in re-amending Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1901, as to permit of one hundred thousand dollars being granted as a bonus towards the establishment of a yard for the building of iron and steel ships on the shores of Halifax harbor, provided that such grant of \$100,000 shall first be submitted to a plebiscite of the ratepayers of the City of Halifax, and the site of the yard shall be subject to the approval of this Council.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith and seconded by Alderman Robertson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Crosby, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, as follows:

Resolved, That this Council still affirm that the shipbuilding plant shall be established within the City of Halifax as approved by the vote of the ratepayers on the referendum.

And, further resolved, That this Council is prepared to enter into negotiations with any company with a view to increase the subsidy if necessary in order to secure this plant within the City limits.

Said amendment being put is passed.

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

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

Resolved, That the Works Department, in the re-distribution of lights, be ordered to place lights at the corner of Belle Aire Terrace and Ontario Streets, on Veith Street, half way between Young and Hanover Streets, also Agricola Street extension, at or near Starr Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Creighton.

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

On motion of Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, Alderman MacIlreith has leave to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council approve the action of the Shipbuilding Commission in permitting of one hundred thousand dollars being granted as a bonus towards the establishment of a yard for the building of iron and steel ships on the shores of Halifax harbor, provided that such grant of \$100,000 shall first be submitted to a plebiscite of the ratepayers of the City of Halifax, and the site of the yard shall be subject to the approval of this Council.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson. Said resolution being put is passed, 12 voting for the same and 2 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.

Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith,
Campbell, Barry, Spry,
Crosby, Lamphier, Ryan,
Chisholm, Martin, Adams,
Creighton—12.

Against it.

Alderman O'Donnell,
Hawkins—2

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 10.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 7TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. Deputy Mayor MacIlreith in the chair.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen MacIlreith, Deputy Mayor, Martin, Chisholm, Rogers, Geldert, Spry and Barry.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Campbell, O'Donnell, Creighton, Hawkins and Adams.

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

Alderman O'Donnell, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities.

Alderman Rogers, chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Geldert submits a report from the Library Committee re accounts. The Deputy Mayor submits the following papers.

Report of Committee on Public Accounts re accounts for payment.

Report of City Works Commission re Street Roller and fund for street purposes.

Report City Works Commission in re accounts due that department by the Public Gardens Commission.

Report City Works Commission in re Commons Trunk Sewer.

Letter from the Ratepayers' Association re removal of Marine and Fisheries Department stores to Dartmouth.

Account of J. M. Purcell for services rendered as resident physician at City Small Pox Hospital.

City Collectors returns of rates and water rates for the month of March.

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

Read report of City Works Commission submitted March 11th, 1902, re Dr. Fitch's claim, also read the reports of the City Engineer and City Recorder thereon.

DR. FITCH'S CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., March 11, 1902.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission at a meeting held above date considered the accompanying letters from Messrs. King & Barss, in re alleged damages sustained by Dr. S. Fitch through defective sewer on Spring Garden Road, also resolution of Council asking for a report on the same, and decided to forward to the Council for its information the accompanying reports of His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer.

R. T. MACILREITH,

Deputy Mayor and Chairman.

ALLEGED FLOODING AT 132 SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

February 19.

His Honor the Recorder :

SIR,—The accompanying communications with extract from Minutes of Council have been referred to the City Works Commission with His Honor the Recorder for report.

The facts, as near as I can ascertain them, are as follows :

The house was formerly owned and occupied by John E. Burns, City Water and Meter Inspector. There is an old crock drain under the south gutter on the same side of the street as the house in question. There is a new concrete sewer in the middle of the street of large size and ample capacity, being three or four feet in diameter. Mr. Burns, while still the owner of the house, employed men and had a drain put in connecting the house with the new sewer. He was not aware until a few days ago that there was any other drain to the house. There had been water in the cellar at times while he lived in it; but he had not discovered the cause. Recently the plumbers discovered a crock pipe drain under the floor of the cellar, which was not connected with any plumbing work in the house and the end of which was open. While it may be difficult to prove that the cellar was flooded through this drain, I am of opinion that the water backed in from the old crock gutter drain as the heavy rain accumulated in it and ran off again as soon as the storm was over. As soon as they discovered the old drain they took steps to prevent water from going back to the house.

While I have not been in the house myself, I am informed that water could not get into the basement through the new drain to the new sewer. The crock drain under the gutter, drains several of the houses in this block to the manhole or pit at the corner of Carleton Street. It is not used by the city now and would have been cut off if we were certain that no houses were using it for drainage purposes; but we could not cut it off until we were sure that we would not be cutting off the drainage of some houses in the block.

Please make a report for the next meeting of the City Works Commission which will be held on Monday the 24th inst., or some later date.

The old crock drain emptied into the new sewer at the corner of Carlton Street and Spring Garden Road.

Yours truly,

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

RECORDER'S OFFICE, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—On the facts stated in the report of the City Engineer, I am of opinion that the city is in no way responsible for the damages claimed by Dr. Fitch.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report of His Honor the Recorder be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Works Commission in re George P. Henry's salary.

GEO. P. HENRY'S SALARY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 11th, 1902.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The accompanying resolution of council asks for a report from the City Works Commission on the account attached hereto from George P. Henry for salary for month of February.

At a meeting held above date your commission decided to recommend to the council that the salary of Mr. Henry be paid from the appropriation of the City Health Board as his salary was estimated for in that appropriation by the city council.

R. T. MACILREITH,
Deputy Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read letter from W. H. Wiswell, County Clerk, relative to the County Estimates for the year 1902.

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

Read letter from the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, relative to the laying of their wires under ground in certain parts of the City.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Campbell that the City Engineer be appointed the official to locate where the branches shall be opened, and under whose approval and direction the underground work may be carried on with authority to issue permits therefor. Motion passed.

Read returns of City Collector of Rates and water rates for the month of February. Filed.

Read report of Supervisor of Weighers of Coal re death of George Grono, and appointment of additional Weighers.

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

Read applications from Allen McLean, Cyrus Hubley, Michael Conners, Douglas Wood, Robert Story, Alexander Fraser, and William Keogh, for position of Coal Weigher. Filed.

Read report of the Committee on Public accounts, recommending Sunday accounts for payment.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, City Hall, March 27, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

J. Burgoyne, printing minutes &c. to March 3rd, 1902, \$82.81 ; Halifax Herald bal. printing list of voters, 69c., ditto advertising January \$13.00, February \$4.00, \$17.00 ; Recorder advertising, January and February, \$22.15 ; Kings Printer, printing bills, \$69.00 ; Harris, Henry & Cahan, taxed costs Smith vs City of Halifax, \$69.32. Total \$260.97.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

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

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, April 7th, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$8.28 ; M. Conroy, dry goods, \$14.94 ; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4.04 ; W. E. Crowe & Co., groceries, \$49.36. Total \$76.62.

Respectfully submitted.

W. STETSON ROGERS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the several accounts therein named.

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

Read report of City Works Commission re Steam Roller and funds for street purposes.

STEAM ROLLER AND STREET FUND.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 7, 1902.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Works Commission it was reported that the new steam roller had arrived and that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) authorized by recent legislation would be required to pay for the purchase, duty, freight and insurance.

It was also reported that the funds for all street purposes were exhausted and that the work of street cleaning and repairing could not be proceeded with until the first of May unless the fund of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00), the creation of which was authorized at the last session were borrowed at once.

It was therefore decided to recommend that the Council now instruct the City Treasurer to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00), to be used for street purposes as authorized by section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money, and for other purposes" ; and also to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) for payment for the steam roller, as authorized by the same Act.

R. T. MACILREITH,

Deputy-Mayor and Chairman.

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

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

Resolved, That the bonds below mentioned amounting to \$13,000 be awarded to the trustees of the sinking fund at par and accrued interest.

Steam Roller.....	\$3000
Street Fund.....	5000
Dry Dock Subsidy.....	5000

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

Read report of City Works Commission in re accounts due that department by the Public Gardens Commission.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 7th, 1902.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission at a meeting held this day considered the accompanying accounts due by the Gardens Commissioners, and decided to forward the same to the council with a recommendation that said bills be passed for payment.

R. T. MACILREITH,

Deputy-Mayor and Chairman.

His Honor the Recorder informed the Council that they cannot take from any appropriation for the present year any money to pay debts contracted in previous years, and that committees must not contract debts in excess of their appropriation for any year without rendering themselves personally liable.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Commissioners on Public Gardens for report. Motion passed.

Read report of committee on Citizens' Free Library recommending sundry accounts for payment.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 7th, 1902.

A meeting of the Library Committee was held this day. Present The Chairman Aldermen Barry, Spry, Rogers and Creighton.

The annexed bills were read and being certified correct are recommended for payment :

Geo. E. Smith, 55c. ; Virtue & Co, \$1.50 ; Library Bureau, \$1.00 ; Boston Book Co. \$3.38 ; Publishers Weekly \$4.00 ; Mutual subscription Co. \$4.15 ; C. D. Cazenove, \$1.75 ; T. C. Allen & Co., \$4.55 ; Marshall Son & Co., (on special account) \$41.50 and \$22.15.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted and that the accounts be paid.

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

Read letter from the Ratepayers' Association in re removal of Marine and Fisheries Department stores to Dartmouth.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that His Worship the Mayor appoint a committee of six to act with the Board of Trade and Ratepayers' Association in dealing with this matter. Motion passed.

The Chairman appoints Alderman Robertson, Campbell, Spry, O'Donnell, Martin and Hawkins as such committee.

On motion said appointments are confirmed.

Read account from John M. Purcell, M. D., of \$450.00 for services rendered as Resident Medical Officer at the City Small Pox Hospital from November 21st, 1901, to March 27th, 1902.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the committee on Public Accounts for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said account be paid by the City Health Board.

The Deputy Mayor rules under His Honor the Recorder's opinion that the council cannot accept the amendment.

The original motion is now put and passed.

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

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, April 2nd, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1970.16 and to construction for \$88.30, were examined and found correct, and recommended for payment.

The superintendent's report for March shows that there were 15 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum during the month, 40 discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 2 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Lunenburg County, 1 to Canso and the remainder to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

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

Read report of City Engineer re Common Trunk Sewer.

COMMON TRUNK SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 7, 1902.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission at a meeting held this day considered the accompanying report of the City Engineer with reference to the Common Trunk Sewer and decided to forward the same to the City Council.

R. T. MACILREITH,

Deputy-Mayor and Chairman.

COMMON TRUNK SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 5th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to submit the following report on the trunk sewer crossing the Common.

The resolution instructs the City engineer to prepare the estimated cost, with plan if necessary to repair the Common sewer and give his opinion as to whether it would be cheaper to build a duplicate sewer to relieve the present sewer.

There have been complaints from property owners for some time alleging that sewage backs into their property, and that the capacity of the trunk sewer crossing the Common is insufficient.

We have recently gone into this matter thoroughly and carefully. The trunk sewer crossing the Common was constructed before the complete sewer design was prepared and adopted by the Council. It is probable, however, that it was designed to carry the sewage of the district draining to it. The records are not explicit on that point. However, I think we may fairly assume that in determining the capacity necessary for the sewer that the same data was used in connection with the complete sewer design.

The report on the sewer system states that provision was made for a rainfall of 38-100 of an inch per hour. The assertion was also added that the quantity had been nearly though never quite reached.

The quantity of sewage which the sewer must carry was determined on that basis. Subsequent experience shows that a greater quantity of rain falls upon the surface than 38-100 of an inch per hour.

While the designer made a liberal estimate based on the information at his disposal, yet it has been plainly demonstrated in recent years that the capacity of the sewers constructed according to design was not sufficient to carry off the rainfall, and considerable damage and inconvenience has been caused in consequence. In 1896 we had a storm lasting $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours, with an average rate of fall during that time of 52-100 of an inch per hour, and another in the same year lasting 3.8 hours, with an average fall of 92-100 during that time. The heaviest portion of the storm must have been greatly in excess of even the latter figure; but as the storm came during the dark hours of the morning, and the rain was not measured by self-registering instruments, we can only guess at the maximum rate per hour.

Since 1896 we have had several storms which have overtaxed the sewers. One short downpour, lasting but fifteen minutes, was at the rate of two inches per hour, or six times as heavy as that estimated by the designer of our sewerage system. It is not surprising then that occasionally our sewers fail to carry off the quantity of water draining into them.

The trunk sewer crossing the Common has been thoroughly inspected, and is in fair condition, except at one point near Cogswell street, where the main water pipe passes through the sewer, and the bottom is nearly level. The water pipe reduces the section of the sewer, and no doubt causes the water to back up. This portion of the sewer should be rebuilt, and the section of the sewer increased where the water pipe crosses it. The whole sewer should be again thoroughly examined during the driest season, when there is little water flowing into it and any signs of defect remedied.

The accompanying plan shows the area, the drainage from which may be delivered into the trunk sewer crossing the Common.

It is estimated that the sewer from the junction on South Park Street, at the Public Gardens, South, is large enough to carry the sewage draining to it until the Western portion of the drainage district is more closely built up than is usual in such residential localities. That time is so remote that it would be unwise to anticipate it in any expenditure at present. If the time should come when this portion of the City is more closely built up the cost of increasing the size of the trunk sewer should be paid by the persons then paying the taxes. It certainly will not be required by the present generation.

From Park Street at the Gardens, North, to the junction with the Williams and Robie Street sewer the old sewer is not large enough to carry the drainage, and it has become absolutely necessary to provide a larger sewer to prevent loss, inconvenience and damage to property owners by the sewer being gorged during heavy rains. This may be accomplished one of three ways—First, by rebuilding the old sewer and making a new one of sufficient size to accommodate the sewage; second, by constructing a new sewer from the junction at Park Street to Williams Street; third, by constructing a relief sewer from Williams Street down Cornwallis Street. In order to make the latter scheme effective it would be necessary to reconstruct the whole sewer on Cornwallis Street from the Common

to the Harbor, as it is not large enough to carry the additional quantity of sewage that would be poured into it.

An estimate has been made of the cost of constructing a relief sewer in this location, and it is probable that under the most favorable conditions the cost of this work would not be less than thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000.00).

The work of enlarging the old sewer would be difficult and expensive in consequence of the quantity of sewage and rain-water to be handled during the construction. Further, it is unnecessary to hamper the new work by adopting this course. A new sewer can be constructed alongside the old one quite as cheaply as the reconstruction of the old one. However, it would be wise to choose a new location for the proposed relief sewer, so that the water pipe crossing through the old sewer might be avoided, and the damage to the Gardens and the Wanderers' Grounds, which must be necessary in following the route of the old sewer could be saved. It would also save the cost of removing material from the City storage yard; and I would recommend that the route for the new relief sewer be as shown on plan accompanying this report, from the junction on South Park Street at the Gardens, Northwardly, along Park Street and Bell Road to the Liberty Tree, crossing the old sewer at that point and continuing West of the Egg Pond, so that the main water supply pipes near Cogswell Street will pass over the top of the sewer, thence to the junction of the present sewerage system at Williams Street. This sewer should intercept the drainage of the district concentrated at the junction of Williams and Robie Streets, and prevent the flooding of property on Robie Street between Williams Street and Quinpool Road. It would also be advisable to lay about 450 feet of sewer from the Willow Tree along Cogswell Street to the new sewer to carry the drainage of Quinpool Road direct to the trunk sewer instead of carrying it Northwardly along Robie Street. This sewer would be of great service during the cleaning of water pipes. At present the overflow from the mains causes considerable destruction to the roadway, which could be avoided by large connections with the sewer system, which would carry off the water before it came to the surface.

The estimated cost of the new trunk sewer, the branch to the Willow Tree, and the repairs necessary in the old sewer is \$33,500.00. This work will cost about \$3,500.00 less than a sewer down Cornwallis Street. It can be built in a dry trench without any interference with the existing flow of sewage, and it will carry the great volume of sewage which will be poured into it towards the extreme South end of the City, which is an advantage that should not be overlooked in considering this work.

It is probable that at some time in the future the whole sewage of the City will be conducted by an intercepting sewer down to the point and perhaps farther seaward. The diversion of so large a quantity of sewage to Cornwallis Street outlet would largely increase the cost of the intercepting sewer between Cornwallis Street and the Esplanade, and, all things considered, in my opinion the weight of the advantages is decidedly in favor of the location along Bell Road. This work involves a large outlay, as shown by estimates, but the time has arrived when we cannot afford to allow the cost to prevent the carrying out of the work. I feel that I am obliged to report that the City will be running a risk of actions in consequence of back-flow unless this matter is considered at once and a remedy applied. I therefore recommend that the construction of a relief sewer, as proposed in the accompanying plan, and this report, along Park Street, Bell Road and the Common to Williams Street, with a branch sewer to the Willow Tree be ordered to be carried out as soon as practicable, and that any necessary repairs to the old trunk sewer shall be made as soon as the season is suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said report be placed on the Order of the Day, and that a copy be furnished each Alderman. Motion passed.

Alderman Rogers by permission of council now introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to provide two polling booths in each ward for the accommodation of the voters at the election for Mayor and Alderman to be held on the 30th April inst. and to divide the Register of Voters so that the voters whose surnames begin with the letters from A to K both inclusive, may vote at Section A and that the voters whose surnames begin with the letters from L to Z both inclusive may vote at Section B.

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

The council now proceed to appoint Presiding Officers for the ensuing civic elections, and the following are nominated :

For Ward No. 1,	Alderman Geldert and Robertson.
“ “ 2,	“ MacIlreith and Barry.
“ “ 3,	“ Spry and Mitchell.
“ “ 4,	“ Lamphier and Ryan.
“ “ 5,	“ Rogers and Michael O'Brien, Esq.
“ “ 6,	“ Hawkins and Joseph Hamilton, Esq.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Alderman Geldert submits the offer of Andrew Carnegie to contribute the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) towards the erection of a Free Public Library Building in the City of Halifax and introduces the following resolution :

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S GIFT FOR LIBRARY.

5 West 51st Street, New York, Feb. 4th, 1902.

J. M. Geldert, Esq., Chairman Citizens' Free Library, Halifax, N. S.

My Dear Sir,—Responding to your communication : If the City of Halifax will pledge itself by resolution of council to support Free Public Library at cost of not less than seven thousand dollars a year, and provide a suitable site, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to furnish seventy-five thousand dollars to erect a Free Public Library building.

Respectfully yours,

JAS. BERTRAM, Private Secretary.

Whereas, Andrew Carnegie, Esquire, has offered to place at the disposal of the City of Halifax, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars for the erection of a Free Library Building on condition that the City of Halifax will pledge itself by resolution of council to support such Free Public Library at a cost of not less than seven thousand dollars a year and to provide a suitable site therefor.

And Whereas, This Council at a previous meeting determined to accept the offer made by Mr. Carnegie on the terms mentioned by him, and to apply to the Provincial Legislature for authority to give the guarantee asked.

And Whereas, The Legislative authority sought has since been obtained.

Resolved, That the City of Halifax by this Council hereby accepts the offer made by Mr. Carnegie and will guarantee to support said library building when erected to the extent of seven thousand dollars a year and will provide a suitable site for the same.

Further Resolved, That this Council desires to express its thanks to Mr. Carnegie for the generous offer made by him.

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution duly certified be transmitted to Mr. Carnegie.

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

Alderman Hawkins has leave to introduce a copy of a letter from the Board of School Commissioners with resolution passed by said board relative to the extension of the Water Service to Richmond School, and moves, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

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

Whereas, The block between Cogswell and Cornwallis Streets on Brunswick Street is over 1000 feet or thereabouts without any outlet other than narrow lanes that is of little or no general use to the public,

And Whereas, Cogswell Street is a very narrow and steep hill, having only one sidewalk to it and with the electric tramway cars passing up and down makes it at times dangerous for teams and pedestrians,

Be it therefore Resolved, That the City Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of running Brehm's Lane so-called west to Gottingen Street to intersect Falkland Street, or if the military authorities will not permit the right of way through their property, that the City Engineer give an estimate of the cost of widening Brunswick Lane through, or give the cost of both of them, and as to which would be the straightest line to Falkland Street, and the easiest grade and the cheapest and most advantageous to the public, and report back to this council at its next meeting.

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

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

Alderman Campbell has leave of council to introduce following resolution:

Resolved, That this council is deeply sensitive of the absence of His Worship the Mayor from our deliberations, and extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his illness and sincerely trust that he may speedily be restored to health and strength.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell and passed unanimously by a standing vote of the council.

Alderman Adams by leave of council introduces the following resolution:

Whereas, There seems to be no particular person in charge of the city stables and horses, either fire horses or horses of the City Works Department,

And Whereas, There is no particular person responsible for the buying and distributing of the feed to the different departments, or whether the city receives value for the money they spend or not or get their proper weights, and it appears to be go as you please, buy where you please and often at the highest rates. All feed should be purchased at the cheapest time of the year, and by tender and contract.

And Whereas, The farriers' work is done in the same loose manner and is sent around to the different farrier's shops, whether the work is done the cheapest and best or not, as long as the farrier has a pull with the powers for the time being.

Be it therefore Resolved, That the City Works Department be instructed to employ one man as foreman whose duty it shall be to look after all city horses and who will be responsible to the City Works Department for the feed, shoeing and general health of the horses, and who shall have a general supervision over the watering carts, tip carts, trucks and all the harness of the city and see that they are in good repair before going on the street.

Be it further Resolved, That said foreman be in charge of all drivers and their helpers of all city teams, also drivers of every fire engine and hose reel belonging to the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Lamphier.

On Motion the same is placed on the Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that No. 25 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 25 viz:— Alderman Adams, resolution to have all work required to be done by teams to be let by tender and contract.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Geldert that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 10 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.40 o'clock.

APRIL 15TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day.

At the above hour there were present Alderman MacIlreith, Creighton, O'Donnell, Spry, Barry, Archibald, Martin, Lamphier and Robertson.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the time for meeting be extended till 3 o'clock. Motion passed.

3 o'clock roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Campbell and Adams.

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

Alderman MacIlreith, Deputy-Mayor, takes the chair.

The Deputy-Mayor submits the following papers.

Letter from J. E. Roy relative to a part of Acadia Street having been fenced in by the South End Tennis Club.

Letter from Commissioners of Halifax Common in re Accounts between the Common Commission and the City Works Commission.

Report of Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the month of March.

City Treasurer's cash statements General and Water for the month of March.

Petition from the owners of property on Chebucto Road asking for water extension.

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

Read letter from J. E. Roy relative to a part of Acadia Street having been fenced in by the South End Tennis Club.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission to enquire into and if necessary to take steps to have the fence removed. Motion passed.

Read Water Maintenance Estimates for the year 1902-3 submitted at this meeting.

WATER MAINTENANCE ESTIMATES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 15th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have been instructed by you to submit to the Council the estimates for Water Maintenance for the year 1902-1903. I have not been asked to do this work before, and consequently I find some difficulty in verifying the estimates of previous years. While I have no reason to doubt their correctness, I cannot in the short time since I received your instructions obtain the information necessary to revise the Estimates of previous years. I shall, however, go into the matter at once so that the information may be available for future use. In the

meantime it is necessary that the rate be fixed without delay, and I therefore submit a copy of last year's estimates, with a recommendation that they be adopted for the year 1902-1903.

WATER ESTIMATES.

Interest	\$49,072
Maintenance	20,000
Sinking Fund	2,000
Short Collection	1,000
	<u>\$72,072</u>
Less :	
Income for special & meter rates	41,672
	<u>\$30,400</u>
3-8 of \$30,400	\$11,400
5-8 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>

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said estimates be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Commissioners of Halifax Common covering statement of account between the Gardens Commissioners and the City Works Commission.

GARDENS COMMISSION ACCOUNTS.

Office of Secretary Halifax Common Commission,

Halifax, N. S., April 14, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held Friday evening, April 11th, they had before them a communication from the City Council re sundry accounts of the City Works Department against the Common Commission, aggregating \$389.84.

We beg to report that the Commission is fully aware of the running account between the two Commissions and the reason for non-settlement rests with the Works Department, inasmuch as we have a contra account against that Department amounting to \$800.00 for rent of Common property, which previous to the running of contra accounts was paid by the Works Department. Below is a memo of accounts with credit:

Dr.

Works Dept. to Halifax Common Commission as per statement of account rendered

\$800 00

Cr.

By contra account to date

389 84

Balance due Common Commission

\$610 16

We trust the foregoing is a satisfactory explanation and that you will be pleased to see that the proper settlement is made and that the balance of \$610.16 is transferred to the credit of the Commissioners of Halifax Common.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING,

Secretary to Commission.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission. Motion passed.

Read report of the Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the month of March. Filed.

Read petition of owners of property on Chebucto Road for Water extension.

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

Read City Treasurer's cash statements for the month of March. Filed.

The Deputy-Mayor now reads an address from retiring Mayor Hamilton.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

To the Deputy Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—It affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a resolution which has been placed upon your Minutes expressive of sympathy with me, at this time, when I have been compelled to relinquish active duties through illness of a somewhat distressing nature. I thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful consideration.

Viewing the fact that my official connection with your Council is near its close, it may be that, through physical disability, I shall not again preside over your deliberations. Permit me then to take advantage of this opportunity to say a few words on parting with you, and in handing back to my fellow-citizens the great trust which, on three successive occasions, they placed in my hands.

Far be it from me to indulge in any remarks that could be construed as being self-laudatory. I would desire it to be altogether otherwise, for I am deeply sensible of the fact that many "sins of omission" at least may be justly charged against me.

It has been my conviction from a somewhat lengthy experience of civic government that much that affected the weal or the woe of the interests of the rate-payers rested with the chief magistrate. The Charter clothes him with large powers. Originally this, perhaps, was not so fully the case; but as the city grew in population and in extent and as its industrial interests developed, it became more apparent that the head of the corporation, or the supervisor, so to speak, of Corporation affairs, should have a greater scope of authority. It is his now to fearlessly exercise.

I may say to you that in entering on the Mayoralty it was with a full realization of the important functions that I was called upon to assume, and, I hope, with a becoming appreciation of my inability to meet the exact requirements of the position. I resolved, however, to look neither to the right nor to the left, but to lay down one line of conduct—shaping it as close as possible to a strict interpretation of the Statutes under which the affairs of the Corporation are directed.

In the pursuance of this policy it has occasionally been the case that my rulings have, in some quarters, been considered as arbitrary, and the idea has been suggested—and you, gentlemen, may be of that opinion—that the public interests would have been more generally subserved by a yielding to what was considered to be the voice of public opinion. In reviewing my course I can see no reason that would indicate that another method of action would have been promotive of greater public good.

In the first year of my assumption of office I had an abiding faith that under my administration the rate of taxation would be reduced. All my efforts were directed to that end. At the close of my third term it is my chief regret that I have accomplished so little in that regard. This year the rate would have been

considerably lessened had it not been for the extraordinary and unlooked for expenditure for health purposes, the additional demand for the support of schools and for the fact that a large amount of the unexpended balances had been placed to the sinking fund account; but, of course, the latter circumstance makes no material difference to the ratepayers. The fact, however, must be recognized that no material decrease in the rate can ever be brought about until a more equitable plan of assessment is adopted—a more practicable scheme, and one that will embrace more interests than are now reached. In the meantime, the rate can be kept, at least, stationary, and that will depend not so much upon you, gentlemen, who, desirous though you may be to protect the treasury, may, nevertheless, find outside local pressure for public expenditure too strong to withstand; but to the firmness of the Mayor to whom the Charter has wisely given the key of the public chest in the veto.

As an Alderman and Mayor I have given twelve years to the public service. I am pleased to say that I have had much to encourage me in my efforts. My fellow-citizens have been in no wise stinted in the measure of confidence which they have at all times reposed in me. No public servant could desire more, and a grateful heart goes out to them.

As your presiding officer I had your faithful support, and I entertained the belief that personally I enjoyed your esteem. I now take my leave of you, with the fervent hope that your deliberations may, at all times, redound to your own credit and tend to the material advancement of good old Halifax.

J. T. HAMILTON, Mayor.

Halifax, N. S., April 15th, 1902.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said address be received and engrossed on the Minutes of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman O'Donnell to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue five debentures Consolidated Fund of \$1000.00 each bearing interest at 4 per cent. for Dry Dock subsidy 1900 to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at par.

Also Resolved, That debentures for the street fund for five thousand dollars repayable in ten equal annual instalments and debentures for steam roller for Three Thousand Dollars payable in six equal annual instalments under authority of Chapter 44 Acts of 1902, sections 1 and 2, the whole bearing interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be awarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at par.

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

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

Whereas, There are no lights on Tower Road between Inglis Street and the Bower Road;

And Whereas, This portion of the street is crooked and unprotected at night;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Works Commission be instructed to report on the advisability of placing a light on Tower Road between Inglis Street and Bower Road near the bend of the road.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that:—

No. 1, viz:—Report City Engineer re proposed extension of Charles Street. (See printed Minutes of Council, Nov. 22, 1900.)

No. 2,—(1) viz: Report City Engineer re Widening of Agricola Street.

AGRICOLA STREET WIDENING.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 1, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the estimated cost of widening Agricola Street from Cunard Street to West Street.

Letters have been written to the property owners whose lands would be taken asking them to name a figure at which they would be willing to sell to the city; but up to date replies have been received from only four of them. In consequence, the amount allowed in the following estimate for land damages may be subject to alteration if an appraisement of the properties were made by arbitrators.

The following is the estimated cost of the improvement:—

Land damages, moving back buildings, etc.....	\$23725 00
Grading	200 00
Curbing and gutter.....	1318 00
Miscellaneous	1000 00
Total cost	\$26243 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

No. 2,—(2) viz: Alderman Martin's resolution in re widening Agricola Street.

No. 3, viz:—City Engineer's answer to Alderman Hawkins in re Low service water and the Cunard Street sewer. (See printed Minutes of Council, February 19th. 1901.)

No. 4, viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion for abolition of City Health Board, be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 5 on Order Paper, viz:—Report of Laws and Privileges committee re "Curfew Bell" be struck from the Order Paper. (See printed Minutes of Council, August 26th, 1901.) Motion passed.

Read No. 6, viz:—Read report City Engineer re Water Supply Campbell Road. (See printed Minutes of Council, August 26, 1901.)

Moved by Alderman Archibald, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said report be amended by striking out the date May 1st, 1902, on the fourth line of the second page of said report and inserting in lieu thereof the date May 1st, 1903, and that said report as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read No. 7,—(1) viz: Report of Committee on City Auditing in re Duties of City Auditor;

Also read No. 7, sec. 2, viz:—Ordinance re duties of City Auditor. On motion of Alderman Archibald, seconded by Alderman Adams, said Ordinance is now read a first and second time.

On motion of Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Barry, No. 8, viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion to rescind resolution passed 23rd March, 1900, giving the Halifax Tramway Company, Limited, permission to construct and operate a line on Quinpool Road (verbal) is struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Adams, that No. 9, viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion in re "Alterations to City Wharf, foot of George Street" be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 10, (1) viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's resolution re duties of Clerk of Works. (See printed Minutes of Council, August 26, 1901.)

(2) viz:—Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re prescribing duties of City Officers. (See printed Minutes of Council, October 24, 1901.)

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission. Motion passed.

Read No. 11, viz:—Clause 1, Report of Laws and Privileges Committee in re application of George E. VanBuskirk for grant of water lot.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission to protect the interest of the City and to preserve the City's rights at foot of Morris Street. Motion passed.

Read No. 11, Sec. 2, in re Application of Other Fellows' Boys' Club to be relieved from taxation.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be taken up with report of committee on Taxation. Motion passed.

Read No. 12, viz:—Reports City Works Commission and City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension Almon Street. (See printed Minutes of Council, October 24th, 1901.)

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the City Engineer prepare a special rate for said water extension and that if the petitioners are willing to pay such special rate that the water be extended as petitioned for, and that the City Engineer report back to this council. Motion passed.

Read No. 13, viz:—Report City Works Commission and City Engineer re North End Trunk Sewer. (See printed Minutes of Council, October 24th, 1901.)

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

Read No. 14, viz:—Report City Works Commission and City Engineer re sewer and water extension Lawrence Street. (See printed Minutes of Council, October 24th, 1901.)

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that if the residents are willing to pay a special rate that the water be extended as petitioned for. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Archibald, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that that portion of the petition relative to sewerage presented by the residents of Lawrence Street be referred back to the City Works Commission for further report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Barry, that No. 15, viz:—"Alderman Hawkins' resolution to employ E. H. Keating or some other engineer to examine and report upon the city water supply" be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed. (See printed Minutes of Council, September 14, '99.)

On motion No. 16, viz:—Report of City Engineer on cost of Young Avenue Sewer and statement of fund from which same was paid. (See printed Minutes of Council, Nov. 5th, 1901.)

No. 17, viz:—Alderman MacIlreith's notice of motion to rescind resolution to pay Mappin Bros. for Mayoral Badge and Chain passed October 24th, 1901. (Verbal.)

And No. 18, viz:—Letter Halifax Tramway Company, Limited, relative to the running of cars on Cunard Street between Agricola and Windsor Streets are struck from the Order Paper.

Read No. 19, viz:—(1) Report special committee on market sites. (See printed Minutes of Council, December 3rd, 1901.)

(2) Letter Board of Trade in re Public Market.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report and that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare the necessary specifications.

Said motion is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Campbell,
Spry, Lamphier,
Adams—5.

Aldermen Archibald, Barry,
O'Donnell, Martin,
Rogers, Creighton—6.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 2 against it. Names being called for there appeared.

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Campbell, Barry, Spry, O'Donnell, Martin, Rogers, Creighton—9.

Aldermen Lamphier, Adams—2

On motion No. 21, viz:—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion to rescind the resolution appointing F. C. Stevens Assistant City Assessor. (Verbal.)

No. 22, viz :—Report special committee in re hospital for incurables at Poor's Asylum. (See printed Minutes of Council, January 24th, 1902.)

No. 23, viz :—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of motion to extend water service on Yale and Yukon Streets (verbal) are severally struck from the Order Paper.

Read No. 24, viz :—Alderman Adams' resolution requiring all city work to be done by horses to be given out by tender and contract; also a letter from Trades and Labor Council protesting against it. (See printed Minutes of Council, February 4th, 1902.)

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that said resolution be adopted. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier, Adams—2. Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Campbell, Barry, Spry, O'Donnell, Martin, Rogers, Creighton—9.

Read No. 26, viz :—Report J. W. Longley, Attorney-General, covering detailed statement of accounts of the Provincial Exhibition, 1901.

On motion the same is referred to the Committee on Public Account for report.

On motion No. 27, viz :—Three resolutions of Alderman O'Donnell, relative to amending the present Liquor License Act. (See printed Minutes of Council, February 11th, 1902.)

And No. 28, viz :—Act in re persons having water meters paying only for the amount of water used, are severally struck from the Order Paper.

Read No. 31, viz :—Alderman Lamphier's resolution in re cost of Fire Department.

On motion the same is referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners for report.

Read No. 33, viz :—Alderman Adams' resolution to appoint a foreman in place of the late caretaker of City Property, and naming the duties of such foreman.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be left to the new council to deal with.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the matter be taken up at this meeting.

Said amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is now put and passed.

Alderman Lamphier gives notice of reconsideration of resolution in re Market Site.

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

Council adjourns 4.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 2ND, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present Alderman MacIlreith, (Deputy-Mayor), Aldermen Spry, Rogers, Martin, Lamphier and Archibald.

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

8.30 Roll called. Deputy-Mayor in the chair. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Barry, Campbell, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Adams and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to receive returns of the civic elections held 30th April, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following papers are submitted :

By Alderman Rogers, Annual Report City Prison Committee 1901-2.

By Alderman Rogers, Report City Prison Committee for April.

By Alderman Archibald, Report Committee on Tenders.

By the Deputy-Mayor, Three reports from Laws and Privileges Committee.

Two reports from Public Accounts Committee.

Report Committee on Taxation.

Three reports from City Works Commission.

Letter City Health Board, asking for an additional grant of \$1,500.

Letter E. P. Allison, covering bill of taxed costs in suit Hart vs. City of Halifax.

Request by C. S. Lane for a recount of votes cast in the election for Mayor.

The City Clerk's returns of the civic elections for Mayor and Aldermen held April 30th.

The City Clerk's returns of number of votes cast for and against the granting of a subsidy in aid of shipbuilding.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the various papers dealing with accounts and contracts, and that the other papers submitted be deferred to an adjourned meeting. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report Committee on City Prison, 1901-2. Filed.

Read report City Prison Committee for April.

REPORT PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 2nd, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$11 30 ; J. A. Leaman & Co., oxheads, \$9 18 ; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$7 33 ; R. N. McDonald, groceries, \$26 30 ; M. Conroy,

dry goods, \$6 16; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2 80; A. Fordham, shoe findings, \$6 12; A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$1 83; J. McCrow, mason work, \$25 50; J. McFatrige, plumbing, etc., \$32 54; Wm. McFatrige, roofing, \$95 00; Nickerson Bros., carpenter's work, \$36 24.

Respectfully submitted.

W. STETSON ROGERS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

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

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

Read report of the City Works Commission, recommending that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer ten thousand dollars from Maintenance Account to Construction Account of the Water service pursuant to Statute.

WATER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 2, 1902.

The City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission, at a meeting held April 28th, 1902, decided to recommend that the Council authorize the City Treasurer to transfer the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Maintenance Account to Construction Account of the Water Service, as provided by an Act of the Legislature, passed March 27th, 1902.

R. T. MACILREITH,

Deputy-Mayor and Chairman.

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

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 28th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend for payment the following accounts from T. C. Allen & Co., for printing, stationery, blank books, etc., for January, February and March :—

Police Department, \$16 90; City Auditor, \$17 90; Registrar of Voters, \$7 50; City Assessor, \$40 50; City Clerk, \$33 65; City Collector, \$46 50. Total, \$162 95.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Committee on Tenders, recommending the acceptance of tenders for printing, stationery, etc.

TENDERS FOR STATIONERY, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 18, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders met this afternoon. Present, Aldermen Archibald, Spry, Campbell and O'Donnell. Alderman Archibald was appointed chairman, *pro tem*

Tenders were opened, as below named, for supplying various City services for the year 1902-3 :

- Advertising—Recorder, Herald, Chronicle and Echo.
- Printing Annual Report, 1900-1901—McAlpine Publishing Co. (withdrawn), Holloway Bros., T. C. Allen & Co. and R. S. Theakston.
- Stationery—A. & W. Mackinlay and T. C. Allen & Co.
- Blank Books—A. & W. Mackinlay and T. C. Allen & Co.
- Printing Minutes of Council and Order of Day—T. C. Allen & Co., R. S. Theakston and J. Burgoyne.

- Printing Bills for Legislature—T. C. Allen & Co. and R. S. Theakston.
- Printing Blank Forms—T. C. Allen & Co. and MacAlpine Publishing Co.

Your Committee recommend that the following tenders be accepted :

- Advertising—Recorder and Herald.
- Printing Annual Report—Holloway Bros.
- Stationery—T. C. Allen & Co.
- Blank Books—A. & W. Mackinlay.
- Printing Minutes and Order of Day—T. C. Allen & Co.
- Printing Blank Forms—T. C. Allen & Co.
- Printing Bills—R. S. Theakston.

In the case of advertising in an evening paper the tenders of the Echo and Recorder were equal. In all the other cases the Committee have recommended the acceptance of the lowest tenders.

All the tenders are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES ARCHIBALD, *Acting Chairman.*

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

Read report City Works Commission and report City Engineer re tenders for supplies.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Halifax, May 1, 1902.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer, which contains a statement of the tenders received for supplies for the City Works Department during the civic year 1902-1003.

Your Commission beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Deputy Mayor and Chairman.*

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 18th, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following report on the tenders opened by the City Works Commission for supplies for this department during the year 1902-1903 :—

HORSES AND DRIVERS FOR STREET CLEANING WORK.

	Single Team.	Double team.
J. M. McGrath & Co	20c. per hour.	40c. per hour.
Robinson Bros.....	19c. "	35c. "
John Nolen	18c. "	36c. "
Willoughby Smith	18c. "	34c. "
Edward Hartnett	16½c. "	33c. "

I beg to recommend the acceptance of Edward Hartnett's tender, that being the lowest.

MAY 2nd, 1902.

HORSES AND DRIVERS FOR STREET SPRINKLERS.

J. M. McGrath & Co\$3 50 per day
 James Nolen 3 30 "

I beg to recommend the acceptance of James Nolen's tender for horses and drivers for two sprinklers, and J. M. McGrath & Co.'s for one sprinkler and an additional pair of horses and drivers for a fourth sprinkler, if required.

PURCHASE OF MANURE.

Robinson Brothers\$11 00

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

BRICKS.

	I. C. R. Freight Depot.	City Siding.
Elmsdale Brick Co.....	\$8.00	\$8.20

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

COOPERAGE FLOATING BATH.

T. P. Mulcahy.....\$40.00

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

SPECIAL CASTINGS.

John A. Thomson.....2½ cents—2 cents—1½ cents,
per lb., as per tender.

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

EXPLOSIVES.

Acadia Powder Co—Blasting Powder.....	5 cents per lb.
Dynamite.....	20 " "
Detonators.....	40 " per box
Fuse hanks.....	5 " "
Electric fuse.....	2½ " "

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

FORAGE AND BEDDING.

E. J. Fenton—Hay.....	\$13.00 per ton
Straw.....	10.00 "
Bran.....	23.00 "
Cracked feed.....	23.00 "
Oats.....	00.53 p. bushel

I beg to recommend the acceptance of this tender.

HARDWARE.

Article.	Quantity.	Black Bros. & Co.		H. H. Fuller & Co.		Geo. E. Smith & Co.		A. M. Bell & Co.	
		Rate.	Amt.	Rate.	Amt.	Rate.	Amt.	Rate.	Amt.
Lead Pipe.....	7624 lbs	3 95	\$301 15	3 92	\$298 86	4 37½	333 55	5 37½	*397 50
Picks.....	1008 "	5	50 40	7	70 56	6½	63 00	5½	55 44
Iron.....	2982 "	1 75	52 19	2 00	59 64	1 95	58 15	2 05	61 13
Iron, Low Moor	90 "	3	2 70	4	3 60	3½	3 15	4½	4 05
Steel.....	161 "	7¾	12 48	7¾	12 48	8¾	14 09	8	12 88
Shovels.....	25½ doz	2 25	57 38	2 45	62 48	2 55	65 03	2 50	63 75
Gasket.....	103 lbs	11	11 33	7¼	7 47	6	6 18	20	20 60
Oil, Kerosene....	160 gals	18¾	30 00	20½	32 80	20½	32 80	20	32 00
Oil, Sweet.....	7 "	70	4 90	75	5 25	1 15	8 05	90	6 30
Nails, Cut.....	1 keg	2 55	2 55	2 35	2 35	2 35	2 35	2 29	2 29
Nails, Wire....	28 "	2 55	71 40	3	84 00	2 55	71 40	2 47½	69 30
Spikes, Cut....	1 "	2 45	2 45	2½	2 50	2 45	2 45	2 38	2 38
Lead, Red.....	4 lbs	5	20	5	20	4 95	20	6	24
Lead, White....	37½ "	4½	1 69	4½	1 69	4 75	1 78	5½	2 06
Paper, Wrap- 20 reams,									
ing.....	600 lbs	2½	15 00	2¾	16 50	3 85	23 10	3	18 00
Lanterns.....	6	4 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	8 75	1 88
Globes.....	6	2 25	1 13	2 25	1 13	1 65	83	80	40
Tape 50'.....	2	1 30	2 60	1 45	2 90	1 75	3 50	2 25	4 50
Cod Lines.....	11	15	1 65	15	1 65	20	2 20	25	2 75
Soap.....	56 lbs	5	2 80	6¾	3 78	8	4 48	6	3 36
Waste.....	80 "	6	4 80	6¼	5 00	7	5 60	8½	6 80
Rubber Pk'g ..	117¾ lbs	13	15 31	20	22 55	18	21 20	14	16 49
Black Japan ...	8 gals	45	3 60	40	3 20	75	6 00	1 25	10 00
Oil, raw.....	3 "	90	2 70	90	2 70	90	2 70	88	2 64
" Spindle....	15 "	20	3 00	20	3 00	30	4 50	22	3 30
Axle Grease....	1 doz	50	0 50	40	0 40	60	0 60	55	0 55
Stable Buckets..	1¼ "	3 20	4 00	3 40	4 25	2 50	3 13	3 60	4 50
Manilla Rope....	187½ lbs	0 14½	27 19	14½	26 72	16	30 00	15½	29 06
Turpentine	6¼ gals	83	5 40	83	5 40	83	5 40	75	4 88
			\$692 50		\$746 06		\$777 42		\$839 03

*Less 3 p. c.

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

GRANITE.

	Wm. Yeadon.	John Kline.
Straight Curbstones 5 in. wide.....	\$0 45 per lin. ft.	\$0 64 per lin. ft.
" " 6 "	58 "	64 "
" " 7 "	63 "	64 "
Corner Curbstones 5 in. wide.....	47 "	75 "
" " 6 "	60 "	75 "
" " 7 "	65 "	75 "
Straight Gutter Stones 16 in. wide.....	34 "	42 "
" " 18 "	43 "	46 "
Corner " 16 "	38 "	68 "
" " 18 "	59 "	68 "
Straight Catchpit Curbs 4 in. hole	3 75 each	1 00 per \$5 00
" " 7 "	5 00 "	1 00 " 5 00
Corner " 4 "	3 75 "	1 20 " 6 00
" " 7 "	5 00 "	1 20 " 6 00
Round Manhole Tops	7 50 "	8 00 each
Square Manhole Tops, one piece.....	5 00 "	6 00 "
" " four pieces	2 25 " top	4 50 " top
Coal Hole Tops.....	6 00 "	6 00 "
Hatch Curbs	25 per lin. ft.	75 per lin. ft.

The tender of William Yeadon is the lowest, and I therefore recommend it for acceptance.

LUMBER.

Articles.	Quantity.	Rhodes, Curry & Co.		Brookfield Bros.		J. Dempster & Co.		John Mac-Innis & Son	
		Rate.	Amt.	Rate.	Amt.	Rate.	Amt.	Rate	Amt
Juniper	2025 ft. B M	15 00	\$30 38	70	\$52 50	60	\$45 00	20 00	\$40 50
Birch 1x4.....	400 ft. B M	28 00	05	10 00	8 00	16 00	30 00
" ".....	475 "	24 50	25 00	30 00	14 25	30 00
Pine, 1 in.....	1671 "	30 00	"	"	50 13	76 38
" lining, 1 in.....	5016 "	"	190 61	"	179 05	25 00	125 40	35 00	175 56
Sp'ce lining, lin.....	1000 "	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00
" " lin.....	15627 "	13 50	13 50	13 00	203 15	"
" all to 4in.....	14696 "	"	409 36	"	15 00	220 44	"
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Rhodes, Curry & Co. allow a discount of 10 per cent on taking a carload of not less than 10,000 feet.

James Dempster & Co. allow a discount of 5 per cent on taking a carload of not less than 10,000 feet.

The tender of Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. is the lowest, and I, therefore, recommend it for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Public Accounts re Dr. Purcell's account for services at Small-pox Hospital.

DR. PURCELL'S ACCOUNT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 28th, 1902.

To the Deputy Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report they have had under consideration the account of Dr. Purcell, resident physician at the Small-pox Hospital, November 21st to March 27th, \$450 00, and recommend that the same be paid out of the Board of Health Appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACLEBETH, *Chairman.*

Filed.

Read application of City Health Board for an additional grant of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

APPLICATION OF HEALTH BOARD FOR \$1,500.

MAY 2nd, 1902.

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

GENTLEMAN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Wednesday last, the enclosed copy of a resolution was adopted, and I am instructed to forward you a copy of same for your concurrence.

JOHN A. WATTERS,

Secretary, C. H. B.

Copy of resolution attached.

MAY 2nd, 1902.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board, held April 30th, 1902.

The following resolution was introduced :

Resolved,—That in accordance with section 15 of the Health Act of 1891 the City Council be requested to grant this Board an additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay outstanding accounts incurred in connection with the recent Small-pox epidemic.

Moved by Dr. MacKay, seconded by Alderman Geldert, and passed.

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the request of the City Health Board be complied with. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Section 25 of Ordinance No. 66, relative to the washing of windows, be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for amendment and report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Deputy-Mayor be requested to take his seat on the floors of the Chamber and that Alderman Archibald take the chair. Motion passed.

The Deputy-Mayor leaves the chair, which is taken by Alderman Archibald.

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

Whereas,—The illness of His Worship Mayor Hamilton at different periods during the civic year just closing frequently necessitated the onerous duties of that high office being performed by Alderman MacIlreith, Deputy-Mayor,

And whereas,—The Deputy-Mayor has, while acting in that responsible position, conducted the affairs of the City in a manner, not only highly creditable to himself, but also with such industry, tact and ability, as to merit the highest encomiums from the members of this Council ;

And whereas, in addition to his duties as Deputy Mayor, he has, as Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Privileges and of the Finance Committee displayed marked energy and resolution in proposing and promoting whatever served to make for the best interests of the City, notably amongst other important legislation the Sinking Fund Act, 1902—a measure which will tend to retard

the increase of the City's indebtedness, if not to actually reduce taxation, and which must place the financial position of the City on a firmer basis in the money market ;

Therefore resolved, That this Council does hereby express its appreciation of the valuable services so willingly and ably performed by the Deputy Mayor, and its hope that he may long be entrusted by the rate-payers with the safeguarding of their interests in this Council ;

Further resolved, That this resolution be engrossed upon the Records of the Council and that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy to the Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Archibald, and passed unanimously by a standing vote of the Council.

The Deputy Mayor makes a suitable reply, thanking the Council for its expression of appreciation and good will, and resumes the Chair.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Council do now adjourn until Friday evening, May 9th inst , at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 9.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

(ADJOURNED MEETING.)

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 9TH, 1902.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment.

At the above hour there were present: Aldermen MacIreith, (Deputy Mayor) Lamphier, Spry, Chisholm, Martin, Hawkins, O'Donnell and Robertson.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, 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 Archibald, Geldert, Barry, Campbell, Rogers, Creighton.

The Deputy Mayor submits the following papers :

Report of City Clerk on recount of votes for the office of Mayor.

Report of Committee on Public Accounts re Accounts.

Report of Committee on Public Accounts re County Assessment.

Letter from the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College relative to the widening of Harvey Street.

Application of George Henry Jost, trustee of Mary Noble, for commutation of common lot.

Annual report of the Board of Charities for the year 1901-02.

Letter from Deputy Mayor re Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re Dry Dock Assessment.

Letter from the City Engineer announcing the death of Joseph Scriven, foreman of the City Blacksmith Shop.

Address by Alderman MacIreith, Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted at last meeting and not dealt with and to also read the papers submitted at this meeting. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of A. B. Crosby, Esq. and Charles S. Lane, Esq. for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the returns of the several Presiding Officers, showing A. B. Crosby to have received 1643 votes and C. S. Lane 1627 votes, giving A. B. Crosby a majority of 16 votes.

Read request of Charles S. Lane for a recount of the votes or ballots cast at the election for Mayor of the City of Halifax on Wednesday the 30th day of April, 1902.

Read report of the City Clerk showing by said recount A. B. Crosby had received 1652 votes and that C. S. Lane had received 1632 votes, giving a majority in favor of A. B. Crosby 20 votes.

The City Clerk declares A. B. Crosby duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax.