

manner with the receipt of or collection of the City revenues; and shall see that they are well and correctly kept. He shall carefully examine and check all returns made by such officers, and certify the same with his initials, if found correct.

7. He shall also require of all such officers in receipt of City moneys that they shall submit reports thereof, with vouchers, into the City Treasury as often as may be deemed necessary by the Finance Committee; and if any such officer shall refuse or neglect to make an adjustment of his accounts when required as aforesaid, and to pay over such moneys so received, it shall be the duty of the Auditor to thereupon issue a notice directed to such officer, requiring him to immediately make settlement of his said accounts and to pay over the balance of money in his hands belonging to the City to the City Treasurer; and in case of refusal or neglect of such officer to adjust his said accounts and to pay over said balance as required, it shall then be the duty of the Auditor to make a report of the delinquency of such officer to the Mayor, who shall at once suspend him from office.

8. It shall be his duty at the end of each month to compare the cash in the treasury with the balance appearing in the general cash book, and to enter in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose, the component parts of such balance, which shall be monthly submitted to the Finance Committee.

9. The Auditor shall annually prepare a full and accurate report of the financial condition of the City and also, whenever required, shall furnish the Mayor, the City Council or any Committee of the City Council or City Treasurer with abstracts of any books, accounts, records, vouchers or documents in his office, or any information in relation to anything pertaining to his office, or to the revenue of the City; and he shall at all times permit the Mayor, any member of the City Council, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer or any other officer interested to examine any books, papers or documents in his office.

10. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

Alderman Hubley gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the City Council move to rescind a resolution passed on the 7th of April, 1902, relative to the laying of telephone wires underground and the powers and duties of the City Engineer in connection therewith.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that No. 14 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz: Ordinance to amend Section 25 of ordinance No. 66 in *re* washing windows—3rd reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO ALTER AND AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the Corporation of the City of Halifax as follows:

Section 25 of the Ordinance hereby amended is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

25. No person shall wash windows or sprinkle the sidewalks of the City between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m., nor shall the occupant of any house or tenant allow the same.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell that said amended ordinance be further amended by substituting the words "eight o'clock a. m." for the words "nine o'clock a. m.," and that said ordinance as so amended do now pass, and that it be sent to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock, p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JULY 16TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Robertson, Martin, Cawsey, Hubley, Taylor, MacIlreith, Rogers and Lithgow.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Robertson, 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 Geldert, Barry, Campbell, Spry, Mahoney, Lamphier, Adams, Hawkins and Hayward.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Petitions (10) from merchants and others asking that a bye-law be passed by the Council in accordance with the Act relative to the early closing of shops in the City of Halifax.

Report City Works Commission *re* Tenders for Coal.

Report Board of Fire Commissioners *re* Accounts.

Letter from O. A. Howland, Mayor of Montreal, *re* Meeting of Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Letter from H. A. Titus *re* Palmistry Parlors.

Application of James McPhee for position as Hay Weigher.

Letter from J. J. Power asking for refund of fine imposed upon Ada Brindley.

Annual Report of the City Electrician in connection with the Fire Department.

Letter from the City Treasurer *re* Esplanade Loan.

Report City Works Commission covering applications for the position of Foreman Blacksmith.

City Collector's Returns of Rates and Water Rates for the month of June.

City Treasurer's returns General and Water for the month of May.

Letter from Isaac Sallis *re* Tramway Track on Cunard Street.

Report of Charities Committee for the month of June.

Report of City Prison Committee *re* Coal, Clothing, &c.

Letter from MacAlpine Publishing Company *re* Royal Coronation Number.

Report of City Works Commission covering opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* Account of John Kline for supplying Granite Curb for Fountain on Grand Parade.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* Widening of Harvey Street.

Return of Weighers of Coal for the month of June.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering letter from J. E. Butler, Harbor Master, *re* Water Privileges at foot of Morris Street.

Annual Report of Fire Commissioners for Civic Year 1901-2.

Letter from Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters relative to better protection from fire, &c.

Letter from J. E. Roy *re* Smoke Nuisance.

Report of City Engineer *re* Telephone Conduit, Spring Garden Road.

Report of Library Committee *re* Accounts, &c.

Letters from the Chief of Fire Department and the City Engineer *re* Watering Chebucto Road.

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

Read petitions (10) from the following viz.: Boot and Shoe Trade; Grocers, Butchers, &c.; House Furnishing and Carpet Trade; Haberdashers; Grocers, Plumbers, Dry Goods, Provision Dealers and other Trades; Dry Goods Trade; Grocers and Provision Trade; Tailoring and Clothing Trade; Dry Goods Trade; Book Sellers, Stationers and Paper Trades, requesting that a bye-law be passed by the City Council in accordance with the Act passed at the last Session of the Local Legislature entitled, "An Act respecting the Early Closing of Shops in the City of Halifax."

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

Read Report of City Works Commission *re* Tenders for Coal:

#### TENDERS FOR COAL.

City Works Office, July 11, 1902.

#### The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held on the 7th inst., the following tenders were received for the supply of Coal for the Works Department for the year ending 15th July, 1903:

Specification.	Quantity.	S. Cunard & Co.	H. D. McKenzie.	W m. Roche.
City Hall, Hard Coal, Egg size	140 tons.	\$5.75		\$7.00—2240 lbs. \$6.37
City Hall, Coke	160 " }			
George E. Boak, Trustee	\$3.75 ton 2000 lbs. }			
City Hall, Soft Coal	5 chals.	5.40 } Reserve.	5.25	5.63 } Sydney.
Stable and Workshop, Soft Coal	7 " }	5.90 } Old Sydney.	5.75	5.37 } Reserve.
Steam Roller, Acadia Lump Coal	50 " }	5.90 } Reserve.		6.33 } Sydney.
Steam Drill, Acadia Lump Coal	10 " }	6.40 } Old Sydney.	5.75	6.07 } Reserve.
Crusher, Acadia Nut Coal	50 tons.	6.00	5.75	6.23
Blacksmith Shop, Albion Slack	12 " }	6.00	5.75	6.23
		3.60	3.35	3.95 }
		3.20	3.65	3.70 }
				4.45 }
				4.20 }

Wm. Roche's tender, being conditional on strike being over, was not considered, and your Commission beg to recommend that the tender of S. Cunard & Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read Report of Board of Fire Wards recommending sundry Accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD FIRE WARDS.

July 8th, 1902.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

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

W. H. Isnor, one horse, \$175.00 ; T. F. Courtney & Co, soda, \$22.20 ; Macdonald & Co., machine work and materials, \$35.75 ; J. M. McGrath & Co., one bay horse, 175.00 ; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1.86 ; Melvin & Co., white wash brushes, \$1.80 ; G. H. Cutlip, glazing, West St., 90c. ; Cornelius Callahan Co., buttons, \$12.50 ; John J. Carnell, carriage work, \$26.56 ; James Taylor, mason work, Queen St., \$10.62 ; Nickerson Bros., carpenter's work, \$162.99 ; T. Hogan & Co., repairing No. 2 S. F. E., \$608.29 ; Poor's Asylum, wood, \$2.00 ; John Starr, Son & Co., electrical supplies, \$24.69 ; Thos. Forhan & Co., repairing flag, \$2.50 ; Troy Steam Laundry, three accounts, \$12.88 ; James Dempster & Co., \$26.09 ; David Power, horseshoeing, \$9.15 ; M. Conroy, bedding, \$28.15 ; Farquhar Bros., wire, etc., \$7.68 ; William Roche, coal, \$51.50—\$1398.11.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read Report of City Prison Committee *re* Tenders for Coal Clothing, Accounts, &c.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, July 10, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to report as follows :

Your Committee have found it necessary to make a new contract for the supply of coal for the Prison, in place of the recommendation made in their report to the Council dated June 4th last, and beg to recommend that Messrs. S. Cunard & Co.'s offer to supply Old Mines Sydney at \$4.65 per ton of 2240 lbs., delivered at the Prison, and Anthracite at \$6.57 per ton of 2240 lbs., less 50 cents per ton cartage, be accepted.

The Committee also recommend that the Contract for supplying uniform clothing for the Underkeepers of the City Prison be awarded to Messrs. Clayton & Sons at \$12.00 per suit.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Blackadar Bros., advertising, May 29, 1902, \$2.07 ; Halifax Herald, advertising, May 31, 1902, \$3.68 ; Hattie & Mylius, bug death, June 1, 1902, \$6.00 ; A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, June 15, 1902, \$2.75 ; J. A. Leaman, 50 heads, June 26, 1902, \$9.00 ; W. J. Hopgood, groceries, June 26, 1902, \$23.30 ; M. Conroy, dry goods, April 12, 1902, 66c. ; W. H. Cabot, dry goods, June 7, 1902, \$11.99 ; R. A. Croucher, 100 bus. oats, June 9, 1902, \$60.00—\$119.45.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ADAMS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read Report of the Committee on Charities *re* Accounts, &c.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

July 2, 1902.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report :  
Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$2,263.87 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for June shows that there were 13 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 9 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Halifax County and 8 to the City. Total number of inmates June 30th was 306, made up of 173 men, 127 women and 6 children.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARRY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read letter from H. A. Titus asking for a license to teach and practice palmistry in the City of Halifax.

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

Read application of James McPhee for position of Hay Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that James McPhee be appointed a Weigher of Hay for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. J. Power asking for a refund and repayment by the City of the sum of fifty dollars, amount of fine imposed upon Ada Brindley in the Police court for keeping a disorderly house.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the same be referred to the Committee on Law and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of the City Electrician for the civic year 1901-02.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Reports. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Treasurer *re* Esplanade Loan.

ESPLANADE LOAN.

July 16th, 1902.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—*Re* "Esplanade Loan." By the provision of Chapter 45, Acts of 1902, Sec. 2, "unless the owners of property in front of the contemplated extension give and convey to the City within three months from the passing of this Act the necessary lands required for such extension," the amount borrowed is to be transferred to the Sinking Fund.

As three months have now elapsed, I would ask to be informed whether the land has been conveyed to the City in order, if it has not been, that I may make the necessary transfer.

Your obedient servant,  
 W. L. BROWN,  
*City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Treasurer transfer the Esplanade money, with interest, to the Sinking Fund, as required by the Act. Motion passed.

Read Report of the Library Committee *re* Accounts, site for Library Building, Etc.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

July 8th, 1902.

A meeting of the Library Committee was held this day at 4 o'clock p. m.

There were present the Chairman and Aldermen Rogers, Taylor, Barry, Spry and Hayward.

The following accounts were submitted :

Marshall, Son & Co.—Supplies, \$9.50, \$10.08—\$19.58 ; Mutual Subscription Agency, 60c., \$1.75—\$2.35 ; Publishers' Weekly, Index—\$3.75 ; Cragg Bros., Supplies—\$1.65 ; E. B. Eddy & Co., Book Paper—\$9.45 ; Library Bureau, Subscription—\$1 ; T. C. Allen & Co., Supplies—\$6.40 ; C. D. Cazenove, 4 cases books—£105.0.11 ; C. D. Cazenove, Commissions, Cases, Etc.—£6.13 ; C. D. Cazenove, Cable, Etc.—5s. 10d.

On motion of Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Taylor, the accounts were recommended for payment on being certified correct.

The question of a site for the proposed new Library Building was then taken up. It was moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Spry, that the Southern end of the Grand Parade be recommended to the Council as the site for the proposed building. After some discussion the resolution passed unanimously. The Committee then adjourned.

J. M. GELBERT,  
*Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Resolved*, that the first clause of the report of the Library Committee be adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the accounts therein mentioned.

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

On motion, the second clause *re* site for Library Building is placed on the Order of the Day.

Read report of the City Works Commission *re* Applications for the position of Foreman Blacksmith.

FOREMAN BLACKSMITH.

City Works Office, July 16th, 1902.

*The City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission, held July 14th inst., applications from the following named were received for the position of Foreman Blacksmith—with experience in horse-shoeing :

Wm. Jordan,	Daniel McLeod,	Patrick Hennigan,
Jas. Settle,	Wm. Turner,	W. E. Margeson,
R. A. Devaney,	A. Anderson,	Daniel Seanlan.

It was decided to forward said applications to the Council, with the recommendation that the successful applicant be engaged on such conditions, and perform such work, as the City Engineer shall require him to do from time to time.

A. B. CROSBY,  
*Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the salary of the foreman blacksmith be \$600 per year.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the salary of the foreman blacksmith be \$700 per year.

On the vote being taken there appeared :

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Spry, Mahoney, Cawsey, Martin, Adams, Hayward, Hawkins.—12.	Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith, Lamphier, Hubley, Adams.—5.

His Worship the Mayor declares the amendment carried.

The question of the library site is now taken up again, a delegation from the Parish of St. Pauls being present.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the matter be deferred for one month or until Rev. Mr. Armitage returns from his vacation. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney, Hubley, Cawsey, Martin, Adams, Hayward.—7.	Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Robertson, MacIlreith, Barry, Taylor, Spry, Lamphier, Rogers, Hawkins.—10.

The Rev. Mr. Armitage, on behalf of St. Paul's Parish, now addresses the Council, protesting against the proposed new library building being erected on the Grand Parade.

The Council now proceed to appoint a foreman blacksmith, the names of the applicants being William Jordan, James Settle, R. A. Devaney, Daniel McLeod, William Turner, A. Anderson, Patrick Hennigan, W. E. Margeson and Daniel Scanlan. On the vote being taken there appeared for William Jordan, 2; Daniel McLeod, 9; A. Anderson, 2; W. E. Margeson, 4.

His Worship the Mayor declares Daniel McLeod elected to the position of foreman blacksmith.

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

*Whereas*, Charles Street, in the City of Halifax, running from Robie Street to Windsor Street, has now been open for many years to the public and dedicated to them as a street, and it is desirable that the City of Halifax should take over said street ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the City Council of the City of Halifax hereby accept the dedication of said street for public purposes, and hereafter the said street shall be known as Charles Street and as one of the accepted streets of said City as a public street, which said street is described as follows :

All that lot, piece or parcel of land between Robie Street and Windsor Street, lying between the two red lines representing the North and South side lines of Charles Street, as shown on the plan of Charles Street filed as Plan Number 1462 in the City Engineer's office at Halifax, N. S., and signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer.

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

On motion of Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hayward, the Order of the Day is suspended to allow Alderman Adams to introduce the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the City Works Commission be requested to report on the advisability of placing a light on Agricola Street at Merkle Street.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd., be asked to lay a double track from Bell's Lane to the corner of South Park Street and Spring Garden Road, and also to extend their track on Campbell Road to the Round House at the same time.

On motion, the same is referred to the City Works Commission for report.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration of salary of Foreman Blacksmith.

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

*Resolved*, That a light be placed at the corner of Morris and Hollis Streets.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Geldert.

On motion, the same is referred to the City Works Commission for report.

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

*Resolved*, That the City Engineer report at the next meeting of the Council on the position of the general plan of the City and what steps are necessary to complete the same.

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

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

*Whereas*, It is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow, under chapter 51 of the Acts of Nova Scotia for the year 1902, section 4, from the Royal Bank of Canada an amount not exceeding thirty per cent. of the taxes for the current year now uncollected ;

*And whereas*, The taxes uncollected for the current year now amount to the sum of \$350,617.07 ;

*Be it resolved*, That the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$100,000.00 to be applied for defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, to be repaid to the said bank out of the said taxes when collected, and that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor.

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



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

*Resolved*, That the Librarian be requested to report at the next meeting of Council, giving the number and description of books taken from the library daily, from May 1st to present date ; also the average daily number of patrons.

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

Read correspondence between the City Engineer and the Chief of the Fire Department relative to Watering Chebucto Road.

#### STREET SPRINKLING.

July 14th, 1902.

*Mr. John Connolly, Chief Fire Department.*

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by His Worship the Mayor to ask that the Quinpool Road single team include that portion of Chebucto Road between Windsor Street and Oxford Street in his street watering district in future.

Yours truly,

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

July 15, 1902.

*Ald. Martin, Esq., Chairman Board Fire Commissioners :*

SIR,—I enclose a note received by me this day from the City Engineer, adding more to the watering district of Quinpool Road Engine House, which is already over-taxed in that respect. I have added Maple Street to that district last week, but it is close to the House and does not impair the efficiency of the Department. Before you order me to comply with the order of the Engineer, I ask you to consider our responsibility and the efficiency of the Department. I may say that the team is going too far from the House now, and ask that he will not be allowed to go further North than the corner of Cunard and Windsor Streets ; also that the team attached to No. 2 Steamer will not be allowed to go further South than the corner of Proctor's Lane and Brunswick Street and the corner of Cogswell and Gottingen Streets. I will place this matter more fully before your Board at your next meeting.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN CONNOLLY, *Chief.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Resolved*, That the City Board of Works, together with the Chairman of the Fire Department, fix the radius within which the horses of the Fire Department shall work in the watering carts, and the sole control of the horses and drivers performing the work within the radius so fixed shall be in the City Engineer.

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

Read letter from Isaac Sallis, *re* running of electric cars on Cunard Street.

#### ELECTRIC CARS CUNARD STREET.

Halifax, N. S., July 7th, 1902.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—I wish to bring to your notice that there have not been any electric cars run on Cunard Street between Agricola and Windsor Streets during the last four weeks. If they have ceased using this street I would ask that you compel the Tram Co to take up the rails and give us our street in the same repair as it was before they began using it, as I strongly object to its being made a shunting lane during Exhibition week and blockading my premises.

I remain, respectfully yours,

ISAAC SALLIS,

137 Cunard Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letters *re* Union of Canadian Municipalities—covering account.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that the account be paid. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that His Worship the Mayor be appointed a delegate to represent the City of Halifax at the coming meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. The Motion is put by the Deputy Mayor and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that a Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of bonding the property of the People's Heat & Light Co.

Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen MacIlreith,  
Lamphier,  
Hubley,  
Martin,  
Rogers—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert,  
Robertson,  
Campbell,  
Barry,  
Taylor,  
Spry,  
Mahoney,  
Hawkins—8.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that a special meeting of the City Council be held on Thursday, July 24th inst., to deal with the matter of Library Site. Motion passed.

Read City Collector's Returns "Rates" and "Water Rates" for month of June. Filed.

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

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

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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JULY 24TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening to consider Library Site, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

At the above hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Taylor, Lithgow, Cawsey and Geldert.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney, Martin and MacIlreith.

There not being a quorum, the Council stands adjourned.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JULY 31ST, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Lamphier, ~~Barry~~, Mahoney, Lithgow, Rogers, Martin, Cawsey, Spry and Adams.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen MacIlreith, Geldert, Robertson, Taylor, Campbell, Ryan, Hubley, Hawkins and Hayward.

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

The following papers were submitted by the Aldermen named :

Alderman Adams—Report City Prison Committee.

Alderman MacIlreith—Five reports Laws and Privileges Committee, viz. :

Ada Brindley's petition for refund of fine ;

Palmistry License, Early Closing of shops and Mrs. Matthew Gill's petition for remuneration for alleged loss ;

Weighing of coal and coke ;

Claim of Executor of late M. H. Condon ;

St. Patrick's Home and Industrial School Accounts.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following papers :

Accounts, W. D. Finn, M. D., Medical Examiner ;

Letter Assistant City Clerk covering various accounts in *re* Peace Celebration ;

Recorder's opinion *re* Cunard Street Tramway line, covering draft resolution ;

Letter City Auditor *re* salary City Medical Officer ;

Petition C. Burbridge for water extension West Young Street ;

Report City Health Board *re* expenditure in connection with Smallpox Epidemic and asking for a further grant of \$1400.00 ;

Petition Trustees North Baptist Church for granite curb Gottingen Street ;

Circular Letter *re* Sixth Annual Convention of League of American Municipalities ;

Report City Works' Commission and City Engineer *re* Double Tramway Tracks Spring Garden Road, and Barrington Street and Tramway Extension to the Round House ;

Reports City Works' Commission and City Engineer *re* Street Lights ;

Reports City Works' Commission and City Engineer *re* Chebucto Road Water Extension ;

Report City Engineer *re* City Plan ;

Offer of Dr. A. J. Cowie to sell a site for proposed new Library Building ;

Librarian's return of number and character of books issued by Citizens' Free Library from May 1st to July 19th, 1902, and number of patrons of Library ;

Petition of George Mitchell and about 350 citizens and firms against placing the proposed new Library Building on the Grand Parade ;

Letters Minister of Railways and General Manager I. C. R., *re* Railway Crossings Campbell Road ;

Cash Statements City Treasurer "General" and "Water" for June ;

Letter Secretary Board of Trade covering resolution *re* the Halifax and South Western Railway, passed at a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade, July 26th, inst.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that a number of gentlemen were in attendance at the meeting who were desirous that an opportunity should be afforded them to be heard before the Council to advocate that the City should aid the South Western Railway by guaranteeing a right of way through the County of Halifax, and asked the wish of the Council in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the letter and resolution of the Board of Trade *re* the Halifax and South Western Railway, and that said matter be considered at this meeting. Motion passed.

Read letter Secretary Board of Trade covering copy of resolution *re* the Halifax and South Western Railway, passed at a meeting of the Council of the Board, held July 26th inst., requesting the City Council to undertake to pay whatever sum, if any, in addition to the \$5000.00 provided by the County Council, may be found necessary to supply the Railway Company free of cost with the land required for track and station purposes.

#### HALIFAX AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

Halifax, July 28, 1902.

*His Worship A. B. Crosby, Esq., Mayor City of Halifax:*

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed to forward you a copy of resolution *re* the Halifax and South Western Railway, passed at a meeting of the Council of this Board, held on Saturday, 26th inst., and to ask for same your kind attention.

I have the honor to be,

Your Worship's obedient servant,

CHARLES M. CREED, *Secretary.*

#### RESOLUTION :

"The Halifax and South Western Railway."

*Whereas*, It is of the utmost consequence to the business interests of the City of Halifax that the Halifax and South Western Railway should be constructed as promptly as possible ;

*And whereas*, It is provided by the existing law that the land required for track and station purposes shall be furnished to the contractors free of cost ;

*And Whereas*, The Municipal Councils of the Counties of Queens and Lunenburg have already decided to grant such land in their respective jurisdictions, while the County Council of Halifax has resolved to vote a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars towards defraying the cost of acquiring the land required in the Western portion of this county ;

*And Whereas*, It would be regrettable that the beginning of the work on the Halifax end of the said Railway should be deferred, even for a season, owing to any difficulty as to the right of way ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the Council of the Board of Trade respectfully requests that the City Council, representing the citizens, shall, at the earliest convenient date, undertake to pay whatever sum, if any, in addition to the five thousand dollars provided by the County Council, may be found necessary to supply the Railway Company, free of cost, with the land required for track and station purposes, and shall also resolve to ask for such legislation at the next ensuing session of the Provincial Legislature as may be necessary or desirable to carry such undertaking into effect.

(A true copy.)

CHARLES M. CREED, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the gentlemen present desiring to speak upon the subject be now permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

The following named gentlemen addressed the Council, urging the City to grant the right of way referred to in the resolution of the Board of Trade, viz: G. S. Campbell, President, Board of Trade; George Mitchell, M. P. P., Mr. Hector McInnis and Mr. F. B. Wade.

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Whereas*, The Halifax and South Western Railway Company is authorized by its act of incorporation to build a line of railway from Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, to a point on the Intercolonial Railway at or near Halifax, but only through such counties as shall give said company a right of way ;

*And Whereas*, The Municipality of the County of Halifax has agreed to give the sum of \$5,000 towards the payment for said right of way from the county line dividing Halifax and Lunenburg Counties to said point on the Intercolonial Railway ;

*And Whereas*, It is in the interest of the City of Halifax that such railway be built in order to increase the trade, develop the resources and promote the commercial prosperity of said city ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the City of Halifax agree to pay the amount between the said \$5,000 and the amount that may be awarded by three arbitrators, one to be appointed by the said City, one by the owners of said property, and one by the Governor-in-Council, for the payment of said right of way, provided said road joins the Intercolonial Railway outside the City of Halifax ;

*Further resolved*, That the City shall in no way be responsible for any loss, damages, or expenses (other than arbitrators' fees) to any owner of said or any property so taken, and that the same be embodied in an act to be obtained for enabling said City to borrow such sum so required as the balance for said right of way ;

*And that the arbitrators shall value said properties in their then state and condition, and shall not allow any prospective values ;*

*Further resolved*, That the bonds proposed to be issued under the legislation to be sought under this resolution, shall be payable in five years from the date of issue, and that a sinking fund be established to provide for the repayment of said bonds at maturity."

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

The following amendment is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the City of Halifax guarantee the South Shore Railroad \$10,000 to procure a right of way in the County of Halifax in addition to the \$5000 voted by the County Municipality if said amount should be required.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier.  
The amendment being put is lost, 2 voting for the same and 16  
against it. Names being taken there appeared:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lamphier,  
Hawkins.—2.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,  
Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry, Taylor,  
Spry, Mahoney, Hubley,  
Ryan, Cawsey, Martin,  
Rogers, Adams,  
Hayward.—16.

The original resolution is now put and passed, 16 voting for the  
same and 2 against it.

A division being taken, there appeared:

For the resolution.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,  
Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry, Spry,  
Taylor, Mahoney,  
Hubley, Ryan, Cawsey,  
Martin, Rogers, Adams,  
Hayward.—16.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier,  
Hawkins.—2.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell  
that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.55 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

AUGUST 11TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Lamphier, Taylor, Geldert, Rogers, Cawsey, Martin, Barry and Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Robertson, Lithgow, Mahoney, Hubley, Hawkins and Adams.

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

Alderman Barry submits a report from the Charities Committee.

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition from John Dwyer *et al* for tramway extension to the Round House, Campbell Road.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter Assistant City Clerk, announcing the death of Henry Trenaman, City Clerk.

Letter Board of Health *re* claim of His Honor the Recorder for a salary from said Board.

Coal Weighers returns for July.

Letter Lyons & Tobin, Solicitors of W. L. Eaton, asking for compensation for damages sustained.

Letter R. I. Hart *re* Library site.

Applications of L. Fred Monaghan and T. L. E. Piers for position of City Clerk.

Application of Edward Mulcahy for position as an Assistant in office of City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit of the reading of the papers submitted at this meeting and also the papers submitted but not dealt with at meetings held July 16th and July 31st. Motion passed.

Read letter Assistant City Clerk informing the Council of the death of Henry Trenaman, City Clerk.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Whereas* this Council learns with deep regret of the death of Henry Trenaman, City Clerk;

*And Whereas*, the late Mr. Trenaman, while holding that important office, was ever faithful and diligent in the performance of his duties and uniformly courteous and affable in his dealings with the members of this Council and the citizens;



*Resolved* that this Council express its sense of the loss the City has sustained in the death of one of its most faithful and respected officials.

*Further Resolved* that this resolution be engrossed upon the Records of the Council and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased with an expression of the sympathy of the members of this Council with them in their affliction.

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

Read report Charities Committee for the month of July.

#### REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, August 6, 1902.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$3963.53 were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for July shows that there were 30 persons admitted into the poor's asylum, 26 discharged, and 2 died. Of the number admitted 7 were chargeable to the Province, 3 to Lunenburg County, and 20 to the City. The total number of inmates July 31st was 313, made up of 177 men, 133 women, and 3 children.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARRY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

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

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

Read letter Lyons & Tobin, solicitors for W. L. Eaton, asking for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained through overflow of cellar, Barrington street.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter be referred to the committee on laws and privileges for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the letter be referred to the City Works Commission for report. The amendment being put is passed.

Read applications of T. L. E. Piers and L. Fred. Monaghan for the position of City Clerk, and of Edward Mulcahy for a position as an assistant in the office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the same be referred to the special committee of duties of City officials, and that the committee report upon the City Clerk's department before going into other matters. Motion passed.

Read letter Board of Health covering a letter from His Honor the Recorder asking for a salary from said Board.

## RECORDER'S SALARY.

Office of City Health Board, Halifax, N. S., Aug. 5, 1902.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held last evening, I was instructed to forward to the City Council, to deal with, the enclosed copy of a letter from His Honor the Recorder.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary City Health Board* :

Office of City Recorder, City Hall, July 24, 1902.

*Mr. John A. Watters, Secretary City Health Board :*

SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor with a request from the Board of Health that I should give my opinion in writing relative to the salary due Dr. Purcell.

As I have previously informed the Board, it is no part of my duty to advise the Board, much less to prosecute in the police office for breach of their rules, and draw up their rules and regulations. The duties of the Recorder are prescribed by statute, and the Board was not in existence when I took office, but has been created since by an Act of the Legislature, and is a separate and distinct body over which the Council has no control whatever. As the Board is aware, it is appointed jointly by the Government and City Council and the City supplies the funds, exactly in the same way as the School Board. If I were bound to advise the Board, I should be equally bound to advise the School Board and prosecute in the police office for breach of its regulations. Imagine the Recorder of the City being compelled to go into the police office and prosecute. I regret that any difficulty should occur between the Board and myself. I was in hopes that the matter would have been arranged, and I trust it will be yet. It is not the amount so much that I desire as a recognition of the rights of the Recorder.

Yours truly,

W. F. MacCox, *City Recorder*.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the same be referred to the Committee on Duties of Civic Officials. Motion passed.

Read returns of Coal Weighers for the month of July. Filed.

Read letter of R. I. Hart *re* proposed New Library Building. On motion the same is placed on the Order of the Day, with No. 11 thereon (several matters in *re* proposed New Library Building).

Read petition of John Dwyer, *et al* for Tramway Extension Campbell Road, to the Round House.

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

Read letter J. E. Roy *re* nuisance caused by smoke in the City.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the matter be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read report City Works Commission and opinion His Honor the Recorder on account of John Kline for granite supplied for fountain on Grand Parade.

## KLINE'S ACCOUNT FOR GRANITE FOR FOUNTAIN ON PARADE.

July, 7th, 1902.

*The City Council :*

Gentlemen,—Attached hereto is a bill from John Kline for supplying granite curb for fountain on Parade. Your Commission asked the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, as to their legal right to pay said bill, and forward herewith the Recorder's letter in regard to the same.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

OFFICE OF CITY RECORDER.

Halifax, N. S., June 25th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor, Chairman City Works Commission :*

Sir,—In regard to the bill of John Kline, it appears that at a meeting of the City Works Commission, held in April, 1901, the tender of Mr. Kline was accepted for supplying the curb around fountain on parade. The Commission want to know if they can pay it out of the present year's estimates. I am clearly of the opinion they cannot. It has been repeatedly decided, and I have so advised that every Committee having the appropriation of money must live within that amount and if they spend or contract for any bills beyond the estimate they are personally liable. No difficulty can ever occur as the Treasurer every month gives each Committee a memo. of the amount to their credit. You cannot pay last year's bills out of this year's appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCOY, *City Recorder.*

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the legality of taking money from the appropriation for streets for the widening of Harvey Street.

## IN RE WIDENING HARVEY STREET

Office of City Recorder, Halifax, N. S. June 25th, 1902,

*His Worship the Mayor, Chairman City Works Commission.*

SIR,—I am of opinion that it is competent for the city to pay for the widening of Harvey Street out of the street appropriation. As to the widening of this street, the City will, as usual, have to pay a considerable amount for the land, and I am inclined to think that the Ladies College will attempt to obtain considerable damages to their property as part of the value of the land. Nearly \$18,000.00 have already been taken from the Street Fund, and I am informed by the Department that there is enough work ordered for streets to take the balance of the appropriation, which is only \$7429.55. I will search the title of the property in a few days and report further. I enclose a statement from Mr. Hopewell, Clerk of Works, of the amount already expended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCOY, *Recorder.*

Placed on Order of the Day, on motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* letter from J. E. Butler, Harbor Master, *re* water lot foot of Morris Street. On motion the same is placed on the Order of the Day with No. 3 thereon in reference to the same subject.

## WATER LOT FOOT OF MORRIS STREET.

Office of City Recorder, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., July 7th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council.*

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to a letter of Mr J. E. Butler, Harbor Master, addressed to His Worship the Mayor and City Council, which has been handed to me by His Worship for my opinion relative to the water privilege at the foot of Morris Street, leased to Mr. Grant, and which Mr. Butler alleges has been obstructed and built upon and therefore the public are debarred from the benefit of the same, I beg leave to state that this is a matter which the Harbor Master has nothing whatever to do with, nor do the instructions from the Governor-General-in-Council apply to that officer apply to the matter at all. Mr. Butler's authority is over the Harbor of Halifax only, and relates entirely to the placing of vessels and their management in the Harbor so as to cause no obstruction to vessels coming in or going out of the Harbor or going to a wharf. The Mayor and City Council of Halifax are quite capable of managing their affairs and protecting the interests of the citizens without any interference or advice from a Dominion Official. The Dominion Government or Parliament has conferred no such authority upon Mr. Butler, as Harbor Master, as that claimed by him. The council is fully aware of the circumstances under which this lease was granted and its terms and if there is any violation thereof I have no doubt the City Council will take such steps as will protect the City's interests as well as those of any individual.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCoy, *City Recorder.*

Read letter N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters *in re* better equipment of Fire Department.

## EQUIPMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,

Halifax, N. S., June 12, 1902.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council, Halifax, N. S. :*

GENTLEMEN,—In connection with the recent report of the Chief of the Halifax Fire Department for the year 1901-1902, I am directed by this Board to communicate with your Council and urge that such steps be taken by you as will insure the immediate carrying out of his important recommendations, viz :

1. "Equipping the department with proper ladder apparatus." The Chief has again shown that the department is most sadly in need of better equipment in this direction ; and I might add, this Board has more than once urged the securing of suitable ladder equipment.
2. Installing of tappers in houses of call force. The Chief's latest report aptly shows the great need of these at the present time.
3. The appointing of an Inspector of Buildings and Premises (with authority to enforce the carrying out of his recommendations.) The Chief has shown in his report of 24th July, 1899, and again 30th April, 1902, the great need of such an official ; and it might be added that only a short time ago this Board had occasion to inspect several buildings in this City, and in many of them the cellars were found in a most dangerous state, owing to accumulation of rubbish.

As the Chief of the Fire Department is now a permanent official, and the position of Building Inspector is at present vacant, would it not be advisable for the Council to combine the two positions in one official ! If this were done, the Chief would gather much information as "Inspector" that would be valuable to him as the head of the Fire Department. If, in addition, he were given the power to enforce the carrying out of his recommendations, the dangerous conditions now existing would, no doubt be reduced to a minimum.

Yours truly,

EDWARD J. FAHIE. *Secretary.*

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

Read City Engineer's report on Telephone Co.'s conduit, Spring Garden Road.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD CONDUIT.

June 26th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

**STR.**—In accordance with a request made at the last meeting of the Council, I beg to submit herewith a copy of the specification under which the work is being performed by the N. S. Telephone Co. on Spring Garden Road.

Chapter 100 of the Acts of 1887, incorporating the N. S. Telephone Co., provides that the consent of the City Council must be first obtained. That was done by the Company, and they were notified to that effect by the City Clerk, consequently the permit was not issued by the City Engineer.

The Act further provides that the Council shall name an officer under whose direction and supervision the work shall be carried on. The Council nominated the City Engineer. The Act also provides that such Engineer shall give his directions within one week. In accordance with this provision, I sent the accompanying specification to the company. I am not aware that I have any control over the company except to specify the manner in which the work shall be carried on and the location in which the conduit shall be placed.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the said report be placed on the Order Paper with No. 10 thereon, viz: Alderman Hubley's motion to rescind resolution passed April 7th, 1902, relative to laying of telephone wires underground, and the powers and duties of the City Engineer in connection therewith. Motion passed.

Read annual report of the Board of Fire Wards for 1901-2. Filed.

Read letter MacAlpine Publishing Company covering circular in re Coronation Number. Filed.

Read returns of Coal Weighers for month of June. Filed.

Read Report City Prison Committee for July.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, July 31st, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

**GENTLEMEN.**—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts:—Irwin & Sons, \$1.65; George Rent, \$4.96; John F. Kelly, \$2.50; M. Scanlan & Son, \$22.38; Black & Finn, \$1.85; Longard Bros., \$4.25; W. Chas. Anderson, \$16.62; H. H. Fuller & Co., \$4.99; J. A. Leaman & Co., 9.00; Adams & Co., \$20.49; Neil Fox, 4.00; Clayton & Sons, \$59.25. Total \$152.44.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ADAMS, *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 therein recommended.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on letter from J. J. Power, solicitor for Mrs. Ada Brindley, asking for a refund of fine paid by her.

REFUND TO MRS. ADA BRINDLEY.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. July 31, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under consideration a letter from John J. Power, solicitor for Mrs. Ada Brindley of this city, asking for a refund or repayment by the City of the sum of \$60.00 which she paid to the Chief of Police, and by that officer into the City Treasury on the 9th day of June last, under a conviction made on that day by His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate for being the keeper of a disorderly house. Your Committee have to report that they do not consider the Council would be justified in making the refund asked for, had they the power to do so, which they have not.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* application of H. A. Titus for license to practice Palmistry, petitions for passing of an Ordinance *re* early closing of shops, and petition of Mrs. Matthew Gill for compensation for loss sustained during outbreak of smallpox.

PRACTICE OF PALMISTRY,—EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS,—CLAIM OF MRS. MATTHEW GILL.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., July 31st, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

PALMISTRY.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges have had under consideration a letter from H. A. Titus asking for a license to teach and practice palmistry in the City of Halifax, and have to report against the granting of such a license, on the ground that to do so would be an infringement of the provisions of the Canadian Criminal Code.

EARLY CLOSING.

Your Committee have had under consideration petitions from various trades in the City of Halifax, praying for the passing of an Ordinance, requiring shops in various trades to close on certain evenings of the week, at a stated hour, and beg to report that under the Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature, (Chapter 43) it is necessary, before the Council can pass any such Ordinance that the petitions shall be referred to the City Assessors for the purpose of ascertaining whether the petitions have been signed by the requisite two-thirds of the persons affected, and they would recommend that such petitions be referred to the Assessors accordingly.

MRS. MATTHEW GILL'S CLAIM.

Your Committee have also had under consideration a letter from Mrs. Matthew Gill, asking that some allowance be made to her on account of the loss she sustained under the regulations of the Board of Health in connection with the recent outbreak of Small-pox in the City of Halifax, and have to report that while they feel that Mrs. Gill's case is a hard one, and one in which it might be desirable that some pecuniary recompense should be granted, yet there is no fund available from which any such grant can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges in *re* weighing of coal.

WEIGHING OF COAL.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., July 31, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under consideration a petition from the Coal Weighers asking that the fee for weighing coal be raised from five to seven cents per ton; and have also had under consideration the Annual Report of the Weighers of Coal, but are not yet prepared to make any recommendation to the Council on this subject. They have also to report that at a meeting of the committee at which the above mentioned petition was considered Mr. W. P. Buckley, of the firm of H. D. MacKenzie & Co., among other coal dealers, was present, as well as Mr. Cumming, the Supervisor. Mr. Buckley stated that the coal weighers on different occasions had left weighers' certificates signed by them, in blank, to be filled in by the coal dealer when sending out the coal, and he further stated that he was prepared to furnish proof sufficient to substantiate this statement.

Your Committee is of opinion that an investigation should be held in reference to this charge, as, if it is true, a certain portion of the coal, at least, sold for consumption in the City of Halifax is not being weighed by the sworn City weighers, as required by the Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the report be adopted and the Committee authorized to investigate and report upon the charges therein referred to. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* claim of executors of the late M. H. Condon.

CLAIM OF EXECUTOR OF LATE M. H. CONDON.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., June 30, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the accompanying letter from O'Mullin, Parsons & Gray, solicitors for John Courtney executor of late M. H. Condon, and find that at the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed giving the City Council authority to pay to Mr. Condon \$25 00 a month for six months out of the appropriation for the Fire Department. This Act was passed on the 27th March, 1902, and Mr. Condon died April 1st, 1902. Your committee is of opinion that the statute only authorized the Council to vote the money to Mr. Condon, and that as this was never done there is no claim.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* St. Patrick's Home and Industrial School accounts for maintenance of boys committed by the Stipendiary Magistrate.

MAINTENANCE OF BOYS COMMITTED TO ST. PATRICK'S HOME AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Committee Room, City Hall, July 31, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under consideration the accompanying letter from Brother Lawrence, Superintendent of St.

Patrick's Home, in regard to the maintenance of boys committed to that institution by the Stipendiary Magistrate.

The amount originally contributed by the City of Halifax to St. Patrick's Home for the keep of boys committed by the Stipendiary Magistrate was \$60.00 a year per boy. For the past eleven years the amount paid by the City has been at the rate of \$80.00 a year per boy. It recently transpired that there is not, and never was, any legislative authority for the payment of this increased amount of \$20.00 a year per boy; consequently the City has refused to pay St. Patrick's Home for the last quarter of the civic year 1901-2 at the rate of the larger amount, and Brother Lawrence asks that the matter be investigated and adjusted.

Your committee deem it advisable to briefly relate the history of the matter so that it may be better understood by the Council.

Both the Dominion and Local Parliaments passed legislation at the time of the establishment of St. Patrick's Home enabling the City of Halifax to contribute \$60.00 a year for each boy committed.

In February, 1891, the management of St. Patrick's Home applied to the City Council for an increase of the grant from \$60.00 to \$80.00 a year per boy. The application was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts, who reported adversely on the petition. The committee's report was sent back to the committee for further consideration and for the opinion of the Recorder.

The committee again considered the matter and recommended, not that the amount per boy be increased from \$61.00 to \$80.00 a year, but that the total appropriation be increased from \$1200.00 to \$1600.00 a year.

This recommendation was adopted by the City Council, and an act was passed by the Local Legislature authorizing the City to assess the additional amount.

As soon as this Act passed, the City commenced to pay the Home at the rate of \$80.00 a year per boy.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding of the matter, and from the fact of the application being for an increased amount per boy and the City commencing to pay at the increased amount per boy as soon as the Act was adopted, while the facts of the case were fresh in the memory of the Mayor, Aldermen and Officials and of the Management of the Home, it appears to your committee that the intention of the Council was to comply with the request for an increased amount per boy.

All of the facts above stated apply to the Industrial School as well as St. Patrick's Home

Your committee would recommend that legislation be applied for legalizing the payments already made, which your committee consider were illegal, and to also permit the City to pay at the full rate of \$80.00 per year for the quarter ending April 30th, 1902.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare the required legislation referred to therein. Motion passed.

Read five accounts from Dr. W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, amounting to twenty eight dollars, for holding enquiries into sudden deaths.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report.

Read letter Assistant City Clerk covering accounts contracted by the Committee in connection with the celebration of the Proclamation of peace in South Africa.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that his Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the said accounts. Motion passed.

Read letter Board of Health covering detailed statement of expenditure in *re* smallpox epidemic and asking for a further additional grant of fourteen hundred dollars.



Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Geldert that the request of the Board of Health be complied with. Withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Trustees of North Baptist Church for granite curb in front of said church, Gottingen street.

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

Read letter City Auditor *re* salary of City Medical Officer.

SALARY CITY MEDICAL OFFICE.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR,

Halifax, N. S., July 24th, 1902

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—The City Medical Office has in the past been drawing a salary of \$1,000 yearly, as provided for in the Estimates.

The Acts of 1902, Chap. 52, sec. 3, when providing for the appointment of a 2nd Medical Officer states that the City Council shall determine the salary of the City Medical Officer.

Will you please advise me in this matter, and oblige,

Your humble servant,

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor*

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

Read petition of Cyrus Burbridge for water extension West Young street.

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* the Halifax Electric Tramway Company neglecting to run their cars on Cunard street between Agricola Street and Windsor Street, covering draft resolution.

IN RE TRAMWAY COMPANY NEGLECTING TO RUN ITS CARS ON CUNARD ST.

RECORDER'S OFFICE,

Halifax, N. S., July 30th, 1902

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In a letter to the Council, Mr. Isaac Sallis complains that the Tramway Company have ceased to run their cars on Cunard Street, between the corner of Agricola Street and Windsor Street for the last two months, and the matter has been referred to me for my opinion as to whether they are bound to do so.

This is one of the Streets upon which the Halifax Electric Tramway Company were authorized to run their cars. Previous to the building of the line south through Windsor Street to Quinpool Road, thence westerly along Quinpool Road to Oxford Street, and thence south on Oxford Street to Coburg Road, the cars were operated on Cunard Street: but the Company have now ceased to use that street, to the inconvenience of a large number of people who reside on it.

There is no doubt that any Company building such a road is not compelled by law to operate it; but may at any time discontinue the whole road or any part thereof, unless there is an obligation in their Charter which compels them to operate and maintain it. The franchise of the City of Halifax was granted them by an arrangement between the Company and the City whereby they agreed to pay to the City four per cent. of the gross amount collected in the operation of their trams, in addition to a license fee, and this authority was embodied in their Act of Incorporation. The City therefore is interested in having the whole line contemplated by their Charter operated. By the Charter of the Company, they are compelled to operate, keep and maintain their electric tramway or railway in the said City in a constant state of repair and efficiency, and in case they refuse or neglect to do so or fail in part of their Act of Incorporation for the space of thirty days the City Council may apply to the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof for a Writ of Mandamus to compel the Company to fulfil and keep the terms of their Act of Incorporation.

I consider that these words impose an imperative duty upon the Company to run their cars on every portion of their line, and that they cannot at any time they think proper abandon any particular portion when they think it is in their interest to do so. This portion of the line can be operated, I am informed, without any difficulty; but it would entail the necessity upon the Company of putting another car on their road. By a clause in the Charter the City Council has authority to remove the track or tracks or any part thereof from any or all streets of the City in which the same are located whenever the use of the same or any part thereof shall at any time be discontinued for six months. The general principle is that the Courts will not grant a Mandamus where there is another effective remedy provided by the Statute, and the question is whether this last clause is the only remedy which the City has. If this is the only remedy which the City has, the Company need not run their cars for five months and a half, then resume the running on this particular street for a fortnight, then discontinue it again, and so on, and thereby prevent the City from interfering with them and evade their obligation to run their cars on Cunard Street; but even supposing that were a remedy for their neglect it would not in my opinion be a remedy of such a nature as to prevent the issuing of a Writ of Mandamus. The Court, no doubt, has laid down certain rules for its guidance in determining whether or not it ought to grant Mandamus, and one of the rules is that a Writ shall be granted where there is no alternative legal remedy, and the clause referred to gives no legal remedy. It is well settled that where there is a remedy equally convenient, beneficial and effectual a Mandamus will not be granted. This is not a rule of law, but a rule regarding the discretion of the Court in granting Writs of Mandamus, and unless the Court can see clearly that there is another remedy equally convenient, beneficial and effectual the right of Mandamus will be granted, provided the circumstances are such in other respects as to warrant the granting of the Writ. In this case there is no other specific legal remedy for the neglect of the duty imposed upon them to run their cars over this street, even if it were it would not be a remedy by process of law, nor would the remedy be as convenient and effectual as a Mandamus, the effect of which would be to compel them to operate their cars on this street. I am of opinion, therefore, that they are bound to operate their cars on this street in connection with the rest of their line.

I enclose herewith a resolution for the consideration of the Council in relation to the matter, if they think proper to take proceedings against the Company.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY, Recorder.

DRAFT RESOLUTION.

*Whereas*, The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, by its Act of Incorporation, is authorized to construct, operate and maintain its tram cars on certain streets named in said Act in the City of Halifax;

*And whereas*, The said company has built and operated its tram cars on the streets of the City of Halifax mentioned in said Act, Cunard street being one of said streets;

*And whereas*, For the last two months the said company has ceased to run or operate its tram cars on that portion of Cunard Street, between Agricola street and Windsor street, in conjunction with and as part of its tram service, to the great detriment and inconvenience of the inhabitants of said Cunard street;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the said company is hereby requested and directed to run its tramway over that portion of said Cunard Street, lying between Agricola and Windsor streets in the City of Halifax, in conjunction with the other portions of its tram service, and to continue to operate, keep and maintain the same as required by the Act of Incorporation; and

that in case the said company neglects or refuses to operate its cars on that portion of said Cunard street, between Agricola and Windsor streets, within thirty days from the date of the service of this resolution upon them, His Honor the Recorder is hereby required, on behalf of said City to apply to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof for a prerogative writ of mandamus to compel said company to keep and operate its tram cars on said Cunard street in conjunction with, and as part of, its tram service, as required by said Act ;

*Further resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be served on the President of said company

Alderman Martin moves the adoption of the resolution submitted by His Honor the Recorder.

Alderman Hubley moves in amendment that legislation be prepared by His Honor the Recorder to so amend the Tram Company's Charter that they would be compelled to maintain their service on all portions of their lines.

Alderman Campbell, Robertson and Taylor objecting to the same, His Worship the Mayor rules that the matter must be placed on the Order of the Day.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, That this Council request the Tram Company to resume operations on their Cunard Street line, between Agricola and Windsor Streets.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Motion put and lost, five voting for the same and nine against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.  
Aldermen Lithgow,  
Barry,  
Mahoney,  
Rogers,  
Adams.—5.

Against it.  
Aldermen Geldert, Robertson,  
Campbell, Taylor,  
Lamphier, Hubley,  
Cawsey, Martin,  
Hawkins.—9.

Alderman Hawkins rising to a question of order objected to the ruling of the Chair that the Recorder's opinion and draft resolution should go on the Order of the Day when objected to by three Aldermen on the ground that discussion had been permitted before the objections were taken and that therefore the Aldermen had lost their right of objecting and appealed to the Council from the ruling of the Chair, which appeal was seconded by Alderman Lamphier.

Alderman Rogers requested the opinion of the Recorder as to whether or not the matter of the Tram. service on Cunard Street was at this meeting new business.

His Honor the Recorder gave as his opinion that when the Council as in this instance refers a matter to a committee or one of its officers for report and it comes before the Council again after such report it is not then new business. He had previously given this opinion to the Council, but the Council had not concurred in it. After the Council enters into a discussion of a question the matter cannot be delayed under the rule which permits three Aldermen to object.

The Assistant City Clerk put the question to the Council "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained ?"

The names being called for on the division were recorded as follows:

To sustain the Ruling of the Chair.	Against.
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, Martin, Rogers, Adams, Hawkins.—14.	None

The Assistant City Clerk declares the decision of the Chair unanimously sustained.

Read reports City Works Commission and City Engineer *re* Double tramway tracks Spring Road and Barrington Street and tramway extension to the Round House and petition of merchant against double tramway track on Barrington Street between Duke and Buckingham Streets.

#### TRAMWAY DOUBLE TRACKS.

July 31, 1902.

*The City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The accompanying report of the City Engineer *re* double track Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road, was read at a meeting of the Works Commission, held on the 30th inst., and it was decided to forward the same to the City Council.

Petition against double track Barrington Street also attached.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

#### DOUBLE TRACK BARRINGTON ST., AND SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

July 30th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying resolution in reference to the laying of double track from Bell's Lane to the corner of South Park Street and Spring Garden Road, and the extension of the track on Campbell Road to the Round House.

The City Council has already asked the Tramway Company to extend their track on Campbell Road to the Round House.

The laying of a double track on Spring Garden Road, from Pleasant Street to South Park Street would enable the Company to give a far better service than they can at present with the single track. The cross section of the street must be altered in doing the work, but the cost of any work of that kind would have to be borne by the Company. There is ample room for two tracks on this street. There is no business done between Queen Street and Pleasant Street, and between Queen Street and South Park Street the width of the roadway between curbs is from 39 to 40 feet, leaving plenty of room on each side for traffic.

On Barrington Street between Bell's Lane and Duke Street, the roadway is not so wide. North of Buckingham Street, as far as I am aware, there is no objection. Between Buckingham Street and Duke Street the roadway is narrower, and I understand that merchants doing business on the street object to the construction of a double track in that block. The width between curbs in the center of the block between Duke and Buckingham Streets is about 31 ft. 8 inches. A double track can be laid measuring 13 ft. 8 inches from outside rail to outside rail. This would leave a space of 9 ft. on each side. I have measured a number of vehicles for the purpose of determining the width required for traffic and for the business done in the block. The flat wagons, ice carts, delivery teams and similar vehicles used in this block when standing with the wheels against the curb extend into the street, a maximum distance of 6 ft. 2 inches—most of them less than that. I have measured the overhang of the open cars on several occasions during the past week, and find that they take 1 ft. 3 inches outside of the rail. This would leave a clearance of 1 ft. 7 inches, between the running board of the car and end of the hub of the widest carts they use. I have also measured the widest cart I could find in the City. It would extend 7 inches farther into the street than the width of cart previously given: but with this cart, which I believe to be the only one of that width in the City, there would be a clearance of 1 ft. between the running board of an open car and the end of the hub.

The laying of a double track in this block would be of great service to the general public. It would enable the Company to make much better transfer arrangements at Buckingham Street, where now the car going up the hill is frequently missed by passengers stopping at the City Hall. The delay at the City Hall frequently causes difficulty in getting the train at North Street. Teams used in connection with the business done in the block, between Duke and Buckingham Streets can stand against the curb with little more inconvenience than they now have in being stretched across the street. They interfere with the team traffic through this block by being stretched out into the street quite as much as they do with the railway track, and while I hesitate to say anything that would interfere with the business of any citizen, I think the weight of interest is decidedly with the general public, and as the roadway is wide enough for a double track and the business of the street besides, I think a double track should be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read reports City Works Commission and City Engineer *re* street lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

City Works Office, July 31, 1902.

*The City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission, at a meeting held on the 30th inst., decided to forward to the Council the accompanying report of the City Engineer *re* Street Lights.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, July 29, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying requests for new street lights:

**Agricola Street at Merkel Street.**—Previous to the installation of new lights this year, Merklesfield and the streets intersecting were without lights. A new light has been placed at the intersection of Livingston Street and Agricola Street. Merkel Street is about half way between Livingston Street and Duffus Street. It is about the right location for a new light for this district and would be a great convenience to the residents, and I would recommend that a new light be placed in service here.

**Light on Almon Street between Windsor Street and Kempt Road.**—There is a very dark block on Almon Street, between Kempt Road and Agricola Street, and there is danger of accidents here at night as the electric cars run swiftly, seldom stopping between Windsor Street and Kempt Road. Since we have been using the dump at the Exhibition Grounds we were obliged to keep a light at the dump during the removal of ashes at night so that the drivers of teams would have no difficulty in entering the gate at the Exhibition Grounds and crossing the track. This light was paid for from Internal Health Account. The placing of a street light at the Almon Street grate of the Exhibition Grounds would light the street and the entrance to the grounds as well, and I would recommend that this light be placed in service. It would have been recommended before but we had no money in the street lighting account to put in another light.

**Longard Road to Merkel Street.**—There is no light on Longard Road between Macara Street and Lady Hammond Road. It is a dark neighborhood, and an additional light would be a decided advantage and improvement. I would recommend that the light asked for be installed at the intersection of Longard Road and Merkel Street.

**Morris and Hollis Streets**—This corner is a tramway crossing, and there is a siding immediately north of it. It is difficult for teams to avoid the crossing and track at night in consequence of the darkness at this corner. I would recommend that a new light be installed there.

A light has already been ordered to be placed at the corner of Black and Maynard Streets. The installation of this light was postponed in consequence of a difference of opinion as to the best place for locating it. The majority seem to be in favor of the location on Maynard Street at Ontario Street, and I would recommend that the light be placed there instead of at the corner of Black and Maynard Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports City Works Commission and City Engineer *re* water extension Chebucto Road.

CHEBUCTO ROAD WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, July 31, 1902.

*The City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The report of the City Engineer, attached hereto, *re* Chebucto Road water extension, was read at a meeting of the Works Commission, held on the 30th inst., and it was decided to forward the same to the City Council.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, July 30, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Chebucto Road asking for extension of the water service to ten houses west of Windsor street. The district is high service; the distance, 1020 feet; excavation, nearly all rock; estimated cost :

6-inch pipe .....	\$612 00
2 6-inch, 3 way branches .....	9 40
200 lbs. lead .....	8 00
Paint .....	1 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	1326 00
10 service pipes .....	250 00
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	\$2206 40

Interest on estimated out'lay, at 5 per cent., \$110.32; estimated revenue: \$40; special rate required for extension to ten houses, \$11.03.

Water extension on this street has been petitioned for several times. The formation is rock, and it is difficult to get good wells. In the wet season the water running over the surface of the rock collects in the cellars and becomes a nuisance, making the construction of a sewer quite as necessary as the water extension, and in my opinion it would be advisable to have the two works carried on at the same time, if possible. There is no question that a City water supply for the people along this street is a necessity, but as it is on the high service district, much as I should like to report favorably, I do not feel justified in recommending it. The high service system has been in an unsatisfactory condition for some years.

During the last two years, by a thorough inspection of the mains were leaks were suspected, by the changes in the plumbing in houses where closets were flushed with hopper cocks, by the introduction of meters in the worst cases and by inspection of fittings in winter the service has been kept in such condition that the householders on the higher parts of the service have not so much reason to complain as formerly. The extension of the service, however, would put this system where it was before, unless some more effective method is adopted to reduce waste. This water extension would be in the interest of ten householders or tenants, while its effect would be far-reaching, covering a district including two or three thousand houses. Under the circumstances, I do not feel justified in recommending it.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the prayer of the petitioners for water extension Chebucto Road be granted, and that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work of running the water service to the houses mentioned. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on city plan.

## CITY PLAN.

City Engineer's Office, July 24, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the position of the general plan of the city and the steps necessary to complete the same.

About four or five years ago, under authority of a special Act of the Legislature we began to make a survey of the City for the purpose of obtaining an official plan so that we might lay down street lines for the older streets and establish the location of all streets which should be opened in future; and to prevent the opening up of crooked and narrow streets. Three years ago the office staff was reduced to one assistant and we were not able to keep up the general work of the office as we had been doing it previous to that time, to say nothing of the survey for the plan. At that time we had done the field work for that portion of the City lying between Robie Street and Oxford Street, and North Street and South Street. We were unable to complete that portion of the plan and a large amount of the work is of no value to-day, owing to changes that have been made since the date of the survey. It is to be regretted that this work was not carried to completion. We require a plan to give street lines and grades and lines for houses, roadways, gutters, curbs, catchpits, sidewalks, fences, etc., and to prevent encroachments. We cannot control or prevent the opening of such objectionable streets as may be seen at Laundry Lane. A correct plan would save much time in the office and avoid the necessity of making special surveys. It would furnish the foundation for laying out, widening, altering, extending and numbering streets and for surveys for surface drainage, water pipes, conduit location and special assessments. It would also reduce the cost of special work and insure more intelligent conclusions. It would also enable us to deal with many matters arising constantly much more expeditiously than we are able to do at present.

In order to proceed with the survey and complete the plan it will be necessary to employ an engineer to do the work, or to employ a man capable of assisting in the work of the office, so that Mr. Johnston could undertake the survey.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read letter Dr. A. J. Cowie offering to sell a site for the proposed new Library Building.

Read Librarian's return of books issued by the Library and the number of the patrons of the Library.

Read petition against placing proposed new Library Building on the Grand Parade.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the three last named matters be placed on the Order of the Day with No. 11 thereon relating to the proposed new Library Building, and that a special meeting of this Council be held on Monday evening, August 25th, at 8 o'clock to consider the matter of the New Library Building. Motion passed.

Read letters Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, and D. Pottinger, General Manager I. C. Railway, re gates at Intercolonial Railway crossings on Campbell Road. Filed.

Alderman Adams gives notice of motion to rescind the resolution accepting Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$75,000 for a new Library Building.

Read letter League of American Municipalities inviting the City of Halifax to send representatives to attend the sixth Annual Convention of that body, to be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., August 27th, 28th and 29th insts.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the invitation be acknowledged and that a report of the proceedings of the League at its Convention be asked for. Motion passed.

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

## ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hawkin's notice of reconsideration of resolution to grant a right-of-way to Halifax and South Western Railway.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the resolution passed at last meeting granting a right-of-way to the Halifax & South Western Railway be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for on the division, there appeared.

## For reconsideration.

Aldermen Lamphier  
Hubley,  
Cawsey,  
Hawkins.—4.

## Against.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,  
Robertson, Campbell,  
Barry, Taylor,  
Mahoney, Martin,  
Rogers, Adams.—10.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.45 o'clock.



## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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AUGUST 18TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. The roll being called at the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith, Barry Campbell, Spry, Taylor, Mahoney, Ryan, Lamphier, Hubley, Rogers, Martin, Cawsey, Adams and Hayward.

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

Alderman Hayward submits a petition from F. W. Hodgson *et al* in *re* water extension Almon Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report Committee on Duties of City Officials in *re* office of city clerk.

Petition James Hillis & Son and others for an electric light on the corner of Richmond and Veith Streets.

Application of R. T. Braine for the position of city clerk.

Application of A. W. Purcell for position of city clerk or assistant city clerk.

Applications of Clifford F. Ross, W. H. Curtis and W. A. McDonald for position of assistant city clerk.

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

Read petition of James Hillis & Son and others for an electric light at the corner of Richmond and Veith Streets.

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

Read report of Special Committee on Duties of City Officials.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

August 18th, 1902.

The Special Committee on the Duties of Civic Officials beg to recommend that Mr. Fred Monaghan be appointed to the position of city clerk at a salary of \$1200 per

annum, and that an assistant city clerk be appointed at a salary of \$700 per annum; and that an advertisement be placed in the papers calling for applications for the position of assistant city clerk.

A. B. Crosby,  
J. M. Geldert,  
C. W. Hayward.

Also read application of R. T. Braine for position of city clerk, A. W. Purcell for the position of city clerk or assistant city clerk and Clifford F. Ross, W. M. Curtis and W. A. McDonald for position of assistant city clerk.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be considered clause by clause. Amendment put and passed.

Read clause one recommending that L. Fred Monaghan be appointed city clerk at a salary of \$1200 per annum.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hubley that said clause be adopted and that L. F. Monaghan be appointed city clerk at a salary of \$1200 per annum. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares L. Fred Monaghan duly elected City Clerk for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams that the balance of the report of the Committee be referred back to said Committee to make further enquiry as to the assistance required in the City Clerk's office and that the applications be filed. Motion passed.

Read petition of F. W. Hodgson and others for 721 feet of water service extension on Almon Street to supply their houses instead of 1290 feet as previously passed by the City Council.

The following resolution is now introduced:

*Whereas* the extension of the water pipe through the whole block on Almon Street between Windsor Street and Kempt Road as ordered by this Council is not required at present and a saving of about seven hundred dollars can be effected by laying the pipe far enough only to supply the houses already erected;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the Works Department be instructed not to lay the pipe farther than the houses already erected until it is required.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the matter be referred to the City Works Commission for report.

The amendment being put is lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared.

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Campbell,  
Barry, Taylor,  
Mahoney, Hubley.—6

Against it.

Aldermen Spry, Lamphier,  
Ryan, Cawsey,  
Martin, Rogers,  
Adams, Hayward.—8.

The original resolution being put is passed.

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

Motion put and passed 8 voting for the motion and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared.

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry,  
Spry, Ryan,  
Martin, Rogers.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Mahoney, Lamphier,  
Hubley, Cawsey,  
Adams.—5.

Councils adjourns 9.05 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

AUGUST 28TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Taylor, Lamphier, Rogers, MacIlreith, Robertson, Campbell, and Lithgow.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded Alderman Robertson that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 O'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock, Roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Geldert, Barry, Ryan, Hubley, Martin and Hawkins.

The meeting was called to consider the subject of a site for the proposed new Library Building, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Petition J. C. Smith for water extension Roome Street.

Petition Fred T. DeWolf for an electric light Chebucto Road.

Letter Supervisor of Coal Weighers, asking for the appointment of another Coal Weigher.

Application of Robert Story for a petition as Coal Weigher.

Report City Assessors in re petition for the passing of an Ordinance to enforce the early closing of shops.

Letter City Clerk asking for assistance in his office.

Applications for position of Assistant City Clerk from W. F. Symons, A. N. Brennan, A. M. Hoare, John A. Rudland, James A. Miller, Earle McPherson and H. M. Dunbrack.

Application from Charles Hosterman for position of Second Assistant City Clerk.

City Treasurer's and City Collector's Cash Returns for the month of July.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Council adjourn. Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the consideration of the matter of the Library Building site be deferred, and that all the papers in connection therewith now upon the Order of the Day be referred to the Library Committee for report. Motion passed.

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

Read report of the City Assessors in re petitions for the enactment of an Ordinance to enforce the early closing of shops.

## EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

Assessors' Office, 28th August, 1902.

*To the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to return the lists of " Early Closing Association " sent to this office for examination, and to report thereon.

We have carefully examined said lists and find that those having the required  $\frac{2}{3}$  No. of signatures are as follows :—

- Mercht. Tailors & Clothiers.
- Booksellers & Stationers.
- Boot & Shoe Dealers.
- House Furnishing & Carpets.
- Haberdashers and Hats & Caps.

In our opinion Dry Goods & Millinery, Grocers & Provisions Dealers have not the required  $\frac{2}{3}$  No. of signatures.

We have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obdt. servants.

S. R. PHELAN, C. A.

J. P. CAIRNS, A. A.

F. C. STEVENS, A. A.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the petitions from Merchant Tailors and Clothiers, Booksellers and Stationers, Boots and Shoe Dealers, House Furnishing and Carpets and Hats, Caps and Haberdashers be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to prepare an Ordinance, and that the petitions from the Dry Goods, Millinery, Groceries and Provision Dealers, not having the required number of signatures be returned to the Early Closing Association. Motion passed.

Read report Public Accounts Committee *re* Sewerage Loan, Dry Dock Subsidy and Water Department Sinking Fund.

SEWERAGE BONDS, DRY DOCK SUBSIDY, WATER DEPARTMENT  
SINKING FUND.

Committee Room, City Hall, Aug. 28th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report as follows :

The City Treasurer having called the attention of your Committee to the necessity of retiring \$30,000 Sewerage Bonds bearing 6% interest, falling due September 19th next and of paying \$5,000, the amount of one-half of one year's subsidy for Graving Dock, beg to recommend that Consolidated Fund Debentures bearing interest at the rate of 4% be issued to the extent of \$35,000 for the purposes above named, and that the said debentures be awarded to the Sinking Fund at par.

Section 6 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1901, having required the City Council to provide a Sinking Fund for debentures issued for Water purposes under Section one of the same Chapter, your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to deposit to the credit of such Sinking Fund from Water Maintenance Account the sum of \$1250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolutions are now introduced :—

*Resolved*, That Consolidated Fund Debentures bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum be issued to the extent of \$35,000 for the purpose of retiring \$30,000 old Sewerage Bonds falling due on September 19th next, and to pay one-half subsidy to the Graving Dock, \$5,000: and that the said issue of Consolidated Fund Debentures be awarded to the Sinking Funds at par.

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

*Whereas*, by section 6 Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1901, the City Council is required to form a Sinking Fund for Debentures issued for water purposes under authority of section one of the same Chapter;

*Therefore resolved*, That the City Treasurer be instructed to deposit to the credit of such Sinking Fund the sum of \$1250.00, being for two years' instalments, and that such instalments be a charge on Water Maintenance Account.

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

Read letter of Supervisor of Coal Weighers asking for the appointment of another Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day until the Committee on Laws and Privileges report upon the matter of Coal Weighing now under consideration by said Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that the appointment of a Coal Weigher, temporarily, if necessary, be left with His Worship the Mayor and the Supervisor. Passed.

Read application of Robert Story for position of Coal Weigher. Filed.

Read petition of Fred T. DeWolf for an electric light Chebucto Road.

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

Read letter, Jones C. Smith asking for Water Extension Roome Street. Placed on Order of the Day with No. 1, (2) thereon viz. Reports City Works Commission and City Engineer *re* Water Extension to Richmond School.

\* Read letter City Clerk asking for assistance in his office.

#### STAFF CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Office of City Clerk, Halifax, N. S., Aug. 25th, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully submit to the City Council the necessity of providing adequate assistance for the City Clerk's department.

From 1864 to September 1899, a period of 35 years, the staff of the City Clerk's office was never less than three, and from May 1890 to August 1893, a period of over 8 years, the staff consisted of the City Clerk and three assistants.

From March 1898, when Mr. Wm. J. Nisbert became ill, the office has been shorthanded, and since September 1899, the time of Mr. Wm. R. Hamilton's death three years ago, the work devolving upon the remaining staff has been greater than could be satisfactorily performed, and has been gradually going behindhand.

In addition to this there is a very great amount of work, the accumulation of many years, which has never been properly attended to and requires immediate attention.

The records, and more particularly the documents of the City Council, are in a state of chaos which will take the utmost efforts of the City Clerk a considerable time to put in order and which cannot be delegated to a person unacquainted with the work. The City Clerk cannot do the routine work of the office, a large part of which can be performed by a junior, and also overtake the important work above referred to.

I do not consider that the amount of work required of the Department can be efficiently carried on with a staff of less than three, and I therefore respectfully recommend the appointment of an Assistant City Clerk and a Junior Clerk. It is essential that the latter especially should be a good penman, and in my opinion the interests of the Department would be better served if he could also operate a typewriter.

Without making further comment than to say that the conditions have not changed since 1893, excepting in the reduction of the number of officials, I beg to make the following quotation from a report made to this Council nine years ago by the Committee on Public Accounts:—

“Mr. Trenaman has three Assistants. The work of the City Clerk’s office has about doubled in recent years. Nevertheless, the same system, or rather want of system, in the division of the work and in the running of the department prevails that has been in operation for a quarter of a century. There is no proper method. Each of the four officials does a little of all the work of the office, and the head of the department, at \$1,200 a year, does a large amount of purely routine and clerical work that could be just as well done by a girl at \$250. Mr. Trenaman should appoint the work of his subordinates, and see that each does his work: he should be the superintendent, and instead of spending a portion of his time on mere routine, should devote himself to the more profitable work.”

I have tabulated a statement, which is attached hereto, giving the names of the City Clerks and Assistants from 1864 to date, the period covered by the foregoing references, and the salaries paid each from 1871 to the present time.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.* X

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to the special Committee on Duties of City Officials. Motion passed.

Read applications for the position of Assistant City Clerk from W. F. Symons, A. N. Brennan, A. M. Hoare, John A. Rudland, James A. Miller, Earle McPherson and H. M. Dunbrack; also read application of Charles Hosterman for position of third clerk in City Clerk’s office. Filed.

Read City Treasurer’s and City Collector’s cash returns for the month of July. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, four voting for the motion and nine against. The names being called for there appeared:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Robertson, Campbell	Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Huble, Martin.—4	MacIlreith, Barry,
	Taylor, Lamphier,
	Ryan, Rogers,
	Hawkins.—9.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that No. 1 (2) on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 1 (2), viz: Reports City Works Commission and City Engineer *re* water extension to Richmond School (See printed minutes May 21st, 1902); also read petition of James C. Smith for water extension to Roome Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Aldermrn Lamphier, that the water extension be made as petitioned for on the special rate named in the report of the City Engineer. Motion passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against. Names being called for there appeared:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,  
Lamphier, Ryan,  
Martin, Rogers,  
Hawkins.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry,  
Taylor, Hubley.—6.

Read No. 1 (1), Report City Engineer *re* High and Low Service Water Supply. (See printed minutes Dec. 3rd, 1901.)

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the City Engineer's report be adopted and the recommendations contained therein carried out.

At 9.45 o'clock, there being six members of the Council absent, Alderman Rogers moved a call of Council, which was seconded by Alderman Martin. The Chief of Police was instructed by His Worship the Mayor to notify the absent Aldermen to forthwith attend the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the Council adjourn. Motion lost, 4 voting for the motion and 8 against it. Names being called for on the division were recorded of follows:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Hubley, Ryan,  
Martin, Rogers.—4.

Against it.

Alderman Geldert, Lithgow,  
Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Barry, Taylor, Lamphier,  
Hawkins.—8.

Read No. 2 (1) Report City Works Commission *re* application of Halifax Coal Co. for permission to erect sheds on City lot, foot of Morris Street, (see printed Minutes Feby. 11th, 1902).

(2) Opinion of His Honor the Recorder (covering letter John E. Butler) *re* water lot foot of Morris Street (see printed Minutes Aug. 11th, 1902.)

Also read reports City Works Commission and His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer on same subject (see printed Minutes Dec. 3rd, 1901,) and letter S. Cunard & Co. on the matter, dated August 26th, 1902.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter be referred to the City Works Commission to reconsider and report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the report of His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer, dated November 18th, 1901, be adopted.

The ammendment being put is passed, 10 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:—



For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry, Taylor Hubley,  
Martin, Rogers, Hawkins,—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow,  
Lamphier,—2

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, That the Lessee of the property belonging to the City situated at the foot of Morris Street under Lease to Mr A. J. Grant be notified to remove within thirty days all buildings, obstructions or fences on said property, and that the said Lessee be notified that unless the terms of this resolution are complied with legal proceedings will be taken to enforce the same.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Barry, and being put is passed.

Read No. 3, viz: Report Laws and Privileges Committee and opinion of Recorder in *re* purchase of Wool Pulling Factory, Fenwick Street. (See printed minutes, March 11th, 1902.)

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Committee's report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the matter be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further report. The amendment being put is passed, upon the following vote :

For the amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Campbell,  
Barry, Taylor,  
Rogers, Hawkins.—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Lamphier, Hubley,  
Martin.—5.

A half-hour having expired since the call of Council was moved, the Chief of Police reported that the absent members could not be found, and the Council resumed consideration of the City Engineer's report upon the water supply.

Alderman Rogers moved in amendment to the original resolution that the City Engineer's report be referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Hubley, MacIlreith, Martin and Lithgow for consideration and report.

Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called were recorded thus.

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Robertson,  
Taylor, Lamphier,  
Hubley, Martin,  
Rogers, Hawkins.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen MacIlreith,  
Campbell  
Barry.—3.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.  
Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen MacIlreith, Rogers, Spry, Taylor, Martin, Hubley, Barry, Cawsey, Adams, and Lamphier.

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

8.30 o'clock, Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Robertson, Campbell, Ryan, and Hawkins.

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

The following papers were submitted by the Aldermen named:—

Alderman Adams—Report City Prison Committee.

Alderman Hubley—Report Tenders Committee.

Alderman Barry—Report Charities Committee.

Alderman Martin—Report Board of Fire Wards.

Alderman MacIlreith—Three Reports from Public Accounts Committee.

Alderman MacIlreith—Two Reports from Laws and Privileges Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Eight Reports City works Commission.

Report Committee on Duties of City Officials.

Bond of L. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk.

Letter City Clerk in *re* deposits for mileage in certain civil actions.

Petition for an electric light on Compton Avenue.

Coal Weighers' Returns for August.

Petition of Coal Weighers asking that Supervisor Cummins be not suspended.

Bill of costs taxed in suit Hart *vs* City of Halifax.

Resignation of George Musgrave as a School Commissioner.

Resolution of Canadian Manufacturers' Association, thanking the City Council.

Letter Trustee of late P. Moran *re* lot of land for extension of Sarah Street.

Application of Edward Mulcahy for position of Assistant City Clerk.

Applications of H. W. Wood and T. C. Sullivan for position of Junior Clerk City Clerk's office.

Application of Thomas Sunderland for position of Caretaker of City Property.

Application of P. P. Ryan for position of Coal Weigher.

Cash Statements of City Collector and City Treasurer for August.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit of the reading of the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* fees for Coal Weighing and charges against Simon Cummins, Supervisor of Coal Weighers.

#### COAL WEIGHING.

Committee Room, City Hall, Sept. 24, 1902.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges, at a meeting held on the 23rd inst., at which there were present Alderman MacIlreith (Chairman) Aldermen Geldert, Rogers, Spry, Hubley and Adams, had under consideration a petition from the Weighers of Coal and Coke asking that the fee for weighing coal be increased from five cents per ton to seven cents per ton; and also had under consideration the charge of W. P. Buckley, of the firm of H. D. McKenzie & Co., against S. Cummins, Supervisor, to the effect that said Cummins had left signed certificates in blank in the office of H. D. McKenzie & Co. and in the Dominion Coal Co. on the understanding that they should be filled in by the clerks at the scales in these two places and they were so filled in.

Your Committee heard the evidence of Mr. Buckley in support of his charge and the evidence of Mr. Cummins also, all of which, together with blank certificates, etc., are hereto annexed. Mr. Cummins admitted leaving signed certificates in blank at the offices above named.

Your Committee are of opinion that this being a flagrant violation of the Coal Weighing Ordinance and an utter neglect on the part of Mr. Cummins to carry out the Ordinance which he under oath undertook faithfully to perform, Mr. Cummins should be suspended during the pleasure of the Council.

As to the increase in fees asked for by the Coal Weighers your Committee does not at the present time see its way clear to recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report of the Committee be adopted and that Mr. Cummins be suspended for one week.

Moved in admendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that Mr. Cummins be not suspended; but that he be reprimanded by His Worship the Mayor.

The last amendment being put is lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Barry, Spry,  
Lamphier, Hubley,  
Cawsey, Martin.—6

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Robertson,  
MacIlreith, Campbell,  
Taylor, Rogers,  
Adams, Hawkins.—8.