

## IN RE FERRY DOCK.

Recorder's Office, City Hall Halifax, N. S., March 2nd, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—A Bill has been introduced in the House of Assembly relative to the Ferry Dock, which is the property of the City of Halifax, declaring it to be held in trust by the City for the benefit of all the subjects of His Majesty, and that the charges made by the City for the use of the dock for the last fifty years by the Halifax and Dartmouth Steamboat Company have been unlawful and that no charge shall hereafter be made by the City for its use. As the Town of Dartmouth has not thought proper to send a copy of the Bill to the Council, I now enclose one for your information.

The Ferry Slip never was held in trust by the City as a public landing place for the public throughout the Province of Nova Scotia ; but it was given to the City as its private property the same as other properties, and is now the property of the citizens of Halifax. One would imagine that after the Ferry Co. paid the City of Halifax rental under a lease for fifty years, if they had any rights in the dock they would have applied to the Courts to have their rights settled ; but as they must have been aware that the Town of Dartmouth had no such rights, they adopted the recommendation of their Solicitor to apply to the Legislature to give them rights which they never possessed, as they considered that "a more excellent way," as was stated in the report, of confiscating the City property for the Town of Dartmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY,  
*Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that a Special Committee, to consist of His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder and three Aldermen, be appointed to watch the said Bill and all other measures affecting the City of Halifax before the Legislature, and to protect the interests of the city. Motion passed.

His Worship nominates the following as the Aldermen to serve on said Committee:—Aldermen MacIlreith, Taylor and Doyle.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Read letter from Council of the Ratepayers' Association *re* waste of water.

## WASTE OF WATER.

Halifax, N. S., 2nd March, 1903.

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

At a meeting of the Council of the Ratepayers' Association, held this afternoon, it was resolved—

"That the Secretary write the City Council requesting that prompt measures be taken to stop the waste of water in the city."

In accordance with the resolution, I beg to request your attention to the matter.

Yours truly,

H. MCC. HART,

*Secretary of Ratepayers' Association*

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read monthly report of Coal Weighers for January. Filed.

Read report Committee on Works in answer to Alderman Hawkins' questions as to reductions made in water rates of the People's Heat and Light Company.

WATER RATES PEOPLES' HEAT AND LIGHT CO.

City Works Office, Feb. 20th, 1903.

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission, held this day, the attached report *re* Ald. Hawkins' resolution *re* rebate on water rates to People's Heat and Light Co. was read and ordered to sent to the Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. CROSBY,

Mayor and Chairman.

MINUTES OF CITY WORKS COMMISSION.

Tuesday, June 17, 1902.

The City Works Commission met this day.

Present, His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Rogers, also Alderman MacIlreith, the City Engineer and City Collector, and Messrs. George E. Boak, B. F. Pearson and Geoffrey Morrow, representing the People's Heat and Light Company.

The representatives of the People's Heat and Light Company asked that a reduction be made in their water rates for the years 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, claiming that they had not used the quantity of water charged for.

The statement of water rates due is as follows :

1899 .....	\$1,672.16
1900 .....	2,214.95
1901 .....	1,299.33
To May 1902 .....	782.64
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	\$5,969.08

After discussing the matter, it was decided to accept the sum of \$4,500.00 in settlement of the bill, and the City Collector was instructed accordingly. Commission adjourned.

The amount of water rates due by the People's Heat and Light Company to the City at the date of the said reduction was \$6,580.53.

There was no interest due.

The amount of the reduction was \$1,469.08.

The amount received by the City from the Company was \$5,111.45.

The amount so received was in full of all water rates.

The reduction was made by the Board of Works at a meeting held June 17th, 1902, under the powers given them by the City Charter.

The following list of reductions in water rates has been returned by the City Collector:

	Amt. of Bill.	Reduced to	Equal to
Post Office Building, April, '99, to October, '99	\$ 233.39	\$ 52.77	77%
Murdoch's Nephews, October, '97, to April, '98	354.88	66.95	81%
“ “ April, '98, to October, '98	262.51	116.62	55%
H. B. Plant, April, '91, to October, '91	542.89	139.22	74%
F. D. Corbett & Co., May, '99, to October, '99	179.89	49.70	72%
W. & J. A. Scriven, April, '98, to April, '99	56.89	10.57	81%
H. W. Barnes, October, '99, to October, 1900	65.77	10.00	84%
Queen Building, April, 1900, to April, '01	129.60	5.15	96%
E. K. Sutcliffe, April, '99, to October, '99	95.73	5.50	94%
J. P. May, May, '98, to May, '99	112.00	77.40	30%
Est. of W. Lawson, R. Bauld & Co., May, 1900, to May, '01	434.40	104.76	75%
People's Heat and Light Co., 1899, to May, 1902	6,580.53	5,111.45	22%

The following resolution is submitted :

*Resolved*, That the report *re* action of Works Commission in reducing water rates of People's Heat and Light Company be referred to His Honor the Recorder to give his opinion as to the legality of the action.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Robertson,

On motion of Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Robertson, the report was ordered to be placed on the Order of the Day until the Recorder's opinion is given.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for street lighting.

#### STREET LIGHTING.

City Works Office, Feb. 20th, 1903.

To the Members of the City Council :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission, held on the 17th inst., the attached bill of the Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., for street lighting, was read, examined, found correct and referred to the Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CROSBY,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read petition of Robert Creer and others for sewer Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read application of Thomas Elford for position of coal weigher. Filed.

Read letter Moir, Son & Co. asking the City to guarantee \$100,000 of four and a half per cent. bonds to enable them to rebuild and equip their factory, which was destroyed by fire February 28th last.

## MOIR'S FIRE.

Halifax, N. S., March 2nd, 1903.

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

By the fire of Saturday we have lost a large portion of our capital, and we are not in a position to rebuild or equip our factories to equal in size and efficiency those destroyed by this last fire.

We want \$100,000 to rebuild and equip our factory.

The object of this letter is to ask the City through your body, to guarantee \$100,000 of 4½% bonds secured by a mortgage on all our property and assets, including the factory and plant which will be equipped with this money. It is our idea to build on a larger scale, and with more modern equipment than that of the factory just destroyed. This would necessitate the employment of more people.

During the last year we have had about 350 names on our pay roll. About 15 being in our bread baking, the balance in our general manufacturing business. Our business has grown steadily for the past ten years, particularly in the manufacture of confectionery and biscuits for the Canadian and West Indian trade, and there are opportunities for greater extension if we had the necessary factory room and machinery.

Yours respectfully,

MOIR, SON & Co.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that No. 13 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 13 viz., (a) Report Board of Fire Wards *re* appointment of Acting Chairman, fines imposed on members of Fire Department, and amendment to Department Rules; (b) Alderman Hubley's notice of motion *re* fines imposed on firemen.

Moved by Alderman Hubley that said resolution (as follows) be now adopted:

*Whereas*, This Council, at a meeting held on 26th January last, adopted a report of the Board of Fire Commissioners fining seventeen men of the call force \$5.00 each for neglecting to attend the annual drill on November 10th last;

*And whereas*, Sec. 34 of the Rules and Regulations governing the Department enables the Board to fine the men only fifty cents for neglecting to attend drill;

*Therefore resolved*, That the clause of the report fining the men \$5.00 each be and is hereby rescinded, and the men so mentioned in the report be refunded \$4.50.

The resolution was seconded by Alderman Campbell, and being put was passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the report of the Board of Fire Wards be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit Alderman Campbell to move a resolution. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the thanks of this Council be tendered the Dartmouth Fire Companies and the Military authorities, including the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and Royal Garrison Regiment, for the valuable services rendered by them at the fire at Moir's factory on February 28th last.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

By leave of Council, Alderman MacIlreith submits three Acts for consideration before being presented to the Legislature.

Read an Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Maintenance of Bastard Children."

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 OF THE REVISED STATUTES, "OF THE MAINTENANCE OF BASTARD CHILDREN."

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

In the poor district for the City of Halifax no proceedings shall be taken, had or initiated, or any action brought against the putative father of any bastard child under the first part of the chapter hereby amended, except at the instance of or by the overseers of the poor for the City of Halifax ; and the said overseers of the poor for said City shall not be liable for any costs, charges or expenses unless such proceedings or action shall have been instituted by them or by their authority.

The word "ratepayer" in the third line of section eight and in the fifth line of section thirteen of said first part of said Act shall, so far as the City of Halifax is concerned, mean the overseers of the poor for said City.

The words "costs of defence" in sub-section six of said Act shall not include solicitor or counsel costs or fees.

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

Read "An Act to transfer the duties of the Medical Examiner to the City Medical Officer, in so far as the same relates to the City of Halifax."

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO THE CITY MEDICAL OFFICER, IN SO FAR AS THE SAME RELATES TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

All the powers, duties, authority and obligations of the Medical Examiner conferred on that officer or imposed by Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the City of Halifax, are hereby transferred to and vested in the City Medical Officer for said City, and he shall do and perform all the duties, and have all the powers and authority, now vested in said Medical Examiner, in so far only as the same relates to the City of Halifax ; and the said City Medical Officer shall, in addition, have all the powers and privileges of a coroner, except as in said Chapter otherwise provided.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that said Act be approved of and forwarded to the Legislature for concurrence. Motion passed.

Read "An Act relating to the City of Halifax, and to amend the City Charter and Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1897, and Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1900."

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX AND TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER AND CHAPTER 44 OF THE ACTS OF 1897, AND CHAPTER 51 OF THE ACTS OF 1900.

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

1. Section 25 of Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1897 is amended by adding the following words at the end of said section, and shall be taken and read as part of, and shall be construed as if originally enacted in said section : "But the imposition of said sum shall not prevent the said City recovering in its own name the license fee mentioned in section 24 of said Act, and any person who has heretofore or shall hereafter make any such contract, shall pay to said City the said license fee."

2. Insert the word "Penalty in " between "a " and "sum " in the second line of said section 25.

3. Add at the end of section 2 of chapter 44 of the Acts 1900, the words "and shall be known as the 'Committee on Works'."

4. Instead of the bonds referred to in section 125 of the City Charter remaining in the personal custody of the Mayor for the time being, the City Council shall, by resolution, regulate and direct how and where said bonds shall be deposited for safety.

5. The City Council is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Maintenance Account for Water to Construction Account of the Water Service, which sum may be used in Water Construction.

6. All sales of property for non-payment of taxes heretofore made by the City Collector for the City of Halifax, and all deeds executed by the Mayor of said City and said Collector of land so sold, are hereby legalized and confirmed, and shall have the effect of vesting said land in the grantee or purchaser, his heirs or assigns, in fee simple, free and discharged from all encumbrances whatsoever, whether registered or not.

7. Section 67 of the City Charter is amended by striking out the words "the election" at the end of the section and substituting therefor the words "he is sworn into office."

8. When in and by any act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia the Corporation of the City of Halifax is bound to contribute any sum of money towards the support and maintenance of offenders sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City to any reformatory in the City of Halifax, the City Council of said City shall, by resolution, fix the number of boys for each institution for which they are to pay.

9. The County Rates and School Rates assessed and collected by the City of Halifax are declared to be the property of the City of Halifax, and the City Treasurer shall pay out of the general funds of the City the amount due the Municipality of Halifax County, by monthly instalments, and the amount due the Commissioners of Schools for said City shall be paid as now directed by law.

10. Any police officer who has served twenty-five years as such, shall on resignation or being retired by the Police Commission, be entitled to receive a sum equal to five-sevenths of the salary he is then receiving as a pension, to be paid him in quarterly instalments. The difference between the amount he would be entitled to from the Superannuation Fund and the above amount as pension shall be paid out of the revenues of the City, which said last mentioned sum shall be a special assessment under the provisions of Section 291 of the City Charter.

The superannuation amount now paid to Bartholomew Dillon, late sergeant of police, and Ruben Shaw, late a police officer for said City, are hereby legalized and confirmed, and the said City is authorized to pay the same during their lives.

Said Act is read and approved of clause by clause.

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Barry, that Alderman Doyle be placed on all the Committees of the Council of which Alderman Ryan was a member at the time of his resignation. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit Alderman Hubley to submit a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is presented :

*Resolved*, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to amend the oath of voters at civic elections, by incorporating the words "That I am a British Subject."

Also that agents of candidates for Mayor and Alderman be required to be qualified electors.

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

Read letter from Rev. W. J. Armitage *in re* claim of Mrs. Ruth Gill for recompense for loss sustained through quarantine regulations of the Board of Health during outbreak of small-pox.

On motion the letter was filed.

Moved by Alderman Barry, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

MARCH, 9th, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Hawkins, Adams, Taylor, MacIlreith, Robertson, Spry, Hubley, Barry, and Doyle.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, 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 and Aldermen Cawsey, Rogers, Lithgow, Campbell, and Mahoney.

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

The following papers are submitted :—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* H. B. Bigney's taxes, by Alderman MacIlreith.

Report Laws and Privileges *re* School Rates on property of non-residents, by Alderman MacIlreith.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* form of tax bills, etc., by Alderman MacIlreith.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* guaranteeing Moir, Son & Co's bonds, by four members of the Committee.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* railway crossing to cold storage property, by Alderman MacIlreith.

Report Charities Committee covering accounts, by Alderman Barry, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report Committee on Works *re* appraisalment of damage by fire to the City Hall.

Report Committee on Works *re* sewer Shirley Street, covering report City Engineer.

Report Special Committee on Lockman Street lots.

Report City Engineer *re* cross-over track Lockman Street.

Report City Engineer *re* paving double track Spring Garden Road.

An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1899 "of the Compulsory education of children."



An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes "of public instruction."

Letter His Honor the Recorder covering amendments of City Charter.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* borrowing money to pay debts of Fire Department and to purchase hose.

Letter His Honor the Recorder relating to Ferry Dock.

Opinion His Honor the Recorder *re* reduction of water rates People's Heat & Light Co., Limited.

Letter Retail Merchants' Association *re* guaranteeing Moir's Bonds.

Letter Board of Trade *re* guaranteeing Moir's Bonds.

Notice of action for \$5,000 damages by Ada Broodie against the City of Halifax.

Petition of Steamship Agents against license fee of \$100,00 on Steamship Companies

Petition of Sailor's Home for relief from taxation.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* railway crossing to cold storage property, Upper water Street.

#### RAILWAY CROSSING TO COLD STORAGE PROPERTY.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Laws and Privileges Committee, at a meeting held on the 5th inst., at which there were present Aldermen MacIlreith, (Chairman) Geldert, Spry, Hubley and Rogers, had under consideration a letter from H. McC. Hart in *re* railway crossing to cold storage property, Upper Water Street, asking that an extension of time be granted within which to lay track across said street. After consideration your Committee recommend, Aldermen Rogers and Spry dissenting, that an extension of time of six months be granted to Mr. Hart, and an Act granting this extension is being prepared and will be submitted to you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH.

*Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* form of Tax Bills, &c.

#### IN RE FORM OF TAX BILLS, ETC.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges, at a meeting held on the 10th day of February, at which all the members were present, had under consideration a letter from the City Assessors *re* form of tax bills, etc., and they now beg to report that they have fully investigated the matters referred to by the Assessors and find :

First—That the Assessors when levying the assessment enter the same on the street in the stub book and also in the street book. Later when they go into the office, they make an exact copy of the street book. They then make another exact copy of the street book in what is termed the "general" book and add thereto the amount due for liens on the different properties. This book, which is the assessment roll, is sworn to by the assessors and returned to the Collector on the 15th of March. As it would appear, and as it is a fact that the first copy which the Assessors make of the street book is never used and can be done without, your Committee recommend that hereafter the making of such a book be dispensed with.

Second—As to the practice of requiring the bills and books to shew the proportions of taxes assessed for City, poor, county and school rates, your Committee has reached the conclusion that such is unnecessary. At the present time the three columns shewing these different taxes appear first in the general book returned by the Assessors to the Collector; appear in all the bills rendered; appear in the Collector's ledger and cash book and later in the Treasurer's ledger. It would appear sufficient to shew on the tax bill the total amount of taxes assessed upon each property, and then any person anxious to discover what proportion of such total amount is levied for any particular rate, would be able very quickly to figure out from the memorandum which appears at the top left hand corner of all bills, just what such assessment for such particular object amounted to. By doing away with these three columns, a very large amount of altogether unnecessary labor will be saved and the necessity of appointing an extra clerk in the City Collector's office, will in a corresponding degree be avoided.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. MACILREITH,  
*Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on H. B. Bigney's taxes.

#### H. B. BIGNEY'S TAXES.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held on the 5th inst. at which all the members were present, they had under consideration a letter from H. B. Bigney asking to be relieved from certain taxation.

Your Committee conferred with His Honor the Recorder and in line with His Honor's opinion beg to report that the City has no power to relieve Mr. Bigney from the payment of the taxes which he seeks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. MACILREITH,  
*Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee re School Rates on property of non-residents.

## SCHOOL RATES ON PROPERTY OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Laws and Privileges Committee beg to report that at a meeting held on the 5th inst., at which all the members were present, they had under consideration a letter from His Honor the Recorder in *re* School Rates on property of non-residents and beg to report that they have prepared an Act to so amend the law as to remove the grievance complained of.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH,  
*Chairman.*

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

Read draft Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes "of Public Instruction" (*re* school rates on property of non residents.)

## AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 52 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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

Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Act or any general, private or local Act in force in this province, all property in the City of Halifax, no matter where the owner thereof resides, shall be liable for School rates for the support of Schools in the said City, and shall be rated and assessed for the support of said schools and not elsewhere, and property situate outside of the City of Halifax owned by persons residing in said City shall be rated for school rates in the school section in which such property is situate.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Act be approved of and sent to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read the following named papers *re* Moir, Son & Co.'s petition asking the City to guarantee  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  bonds to the extent of \$100,000.00. Letter Board of Trade; letter Retail Merchants Association; majority report Laws and Privileges Committee.

## MOIR'S BONDS.

Halifax, N. S., March 4th, 1903

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

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed to forward you enclosed copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of this Board held on 3rd inst., and to ask for same your kind consideration.

CHARLES M. CREED,  
*Secretary.*

Copy of resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade held on March 3rd, 1903.

*Whereas*, Messrs Moir, Son & Co. have met with serious loss and have peculiar claims on the City of Halifax; and

*Whereas*, The loss of an industry of such magnitude would be severely felt by the whole community;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the Board of Trade recommend the City Council to favorably consider the request of Messrs. Moir, Son & Co., to guarantee their bonds, providing an adequate sinking fund be arranged for. A true copy.

CHARLES M. CREED,  
*Secretary.*

Halifax, N. S., March 9, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Executive of the Retail Merchants Association, it was resolved to recommend the City Council to favorably consider Messrs. Moir, Son & Co.'s proposal

G. H. MAXWELL,  
*Secretary.*

RE GUARANTEEING MOIR SON & CO.'S BONDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges, at a meeting held on the 5th inst., at which all the members were present, had under consideration an application from Moir, Son & Co. asking that the City should guarantee \$100,000 20 year 4½% bonds of Moir, Son & Co., to be secured by a mortgage on all their property and assets. The undersigned members of the Committee recommend that the prayer of Messrs. Moir, Son & Co.'s request be granted on condition that a first mortgage on all their property and assets is made to the City to secure such bonds issued and that their buildings are erected within the City limits; also that a sinking fund is established for the redemption of the bonds at maturity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. HUBLEY,  
W. S. ROGERS,  
THOS. SPRY,  
JAMES ADAMS.

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

The motion being put the names on the division were recorded as follows:

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Campbell, Spry, Mahoney, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams.—8.	Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Hawkins.—6.

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost as it required a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council to pass it.

Alderman Hubley submits the following notice of motion:

*Resolved*, That His Honor the Recorder be and is hereby instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature to suspend the operation of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1902 in order to enable the City of Halifax to assist Moir, Son & Co.

Read report Committee on Works covering award of appraisers of damage to City Hall by fire February 28th last.

## FIRE CITY HALL.

March 9, 1903.

*To the Members of the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission the following appraisal of the damage to the City Hall and its furniture, fittings, etc., by the late fire, was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be accepted and that the City Works Commission be empowered to go on with the repairs.

On the building.....	\$1575 00
On furniture fittings, fixtures, etc .....	150 00
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	\$1725 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the report and award be adopted and that the Committee on Works be authorized to take tenders and award contracts to effect the necessary repairs in a sum not to exceed the award of the appraisers and to proceed with the work. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for month of February.

## POORS-ASYLUM ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, March 4, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

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

Members present—The Chairman, Aldermen Mahoney, Hubley, Cawsey and Hawkins.

The Superintendent's report for February shows that during the month there were 23 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 4 born, 24 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Inverness County, 1 to Richmond County and the remainder to the City. The total number of inmates, February 28, was 374 made up of 231 men, 140 women and 3 children.

The following accounts, chargeable to maintenance, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:

Dillon Bros., \$574.80; Smith Bros., \$113.34; E. & A. Thompson, \$302.67; W. A. Maling & Co., \$45.80; Estate Arthur Fordham, \$21.96; Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$63.00; Geo. Gregoire, \$30.40; Fleischman & Co., \$7.95; B. Mulcahy, \$51.74; Victoria General Hospital, \$86.67; T. C. Allen & Co., \$2.25; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$95.55; Blackadar Bros., \$8.07; Halifax Herald, \$5.00; John Davison & Son, \$1.63; A. J. Grant & Co., \$15.48; Wm. McFatridge, \$31.50; Baldwin & Co., \$7.50; W. S. Craig, \$6.08; Holland & Kuhn, \$8.40; William Roche, \$63.37; Pay Sheet for February, \$581.84. Total, \$2,129.00.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARRY,  
*Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read Recorder's opinion in *re* borrowing money to pay debts of Fire Department and to purchase hose.

IN RE BORROWING MONEY TO PAY DEBTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AND TO PURCHASE HOSE.

Recorder's Office, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR.—By an Act passed last year the City Council is prohibited from borrowing any money which requires an Act of the Legislature unless the same shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the City Council taken by yeas and nays and approved by the Mayor.

In my opinion it is competent for the City Council to pass a resolution to incur a debt as long as the same is passed by the City Council and approved by His Worship the Mayor ; but the amount when borrowed is subject to the terms of the Act passed last session and must be approved of by the Legislature. The Act itself is very stringent as regards borrowing beyond the amount authorized by it, and it will be for the Legislature to decide whether they approve of such a course in view of the Act which emanated from the Council and received the approval of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. MACCOY,

Recorder.

Placed on Order of the Day for consideration with No. 17, thereon, viz: Alderman Campbell's notice of motion to apply for Legislative authority to borrow \$3,000.00 to pay over-expenditure in Fire Department.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder covering amendments to the City Charter.

IN RE AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER.

Recorder's Office, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR.—I enclose herewith amendments to the Charter ordered by the Council which can, if approved by them, be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, with a request that they be added to the Bill which is now before the House.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY,

Recorder.

## AMENDMENTS TO BE ADDED TO BILL No. 91 NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE

Sub-section 2 of section one of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1902 is amended by adding at the end of said sub-section the words "if the Stipendiary Magistrate for the said City shall by "order require the said deposit to be made."

Schedule "D" to Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1902 is amended by inserting the words "a British subject and" between the words "am" and "duly" in the third line from the top of said Schedule.

Sub-section 3 of section 14 of said Act is amended by adding at the end of said sub-section the words "and the agent of such candidate shall be a duly qualified elector in the ward in which he acts as agent."

Section 807 of the City Charter is amended by inserting the words "either or" between the words "two" and "both" in the second last line of said section.

All rules, regulations now or hereafter made or consents given by the City Council Board of Works or City Engineer under or by direction of any Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall have the same force and effect as if the same had been assented to by the Governor in Council.

The said amendments are considered and severally adopted clause by clause.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the draft Act as a whole be approved of and sent to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to amend Chapter 56, of the Acts of 1899, "of the Compulsory Education of Children," (in *re* parents contributing towards maintenance of truants when sentenced to reformatories.)

## AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 56 OF THE ACTS OF 1899 OF THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.

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

Sub-section two of section 18 of said chapter is amended by striking out all the words after the word "charged" in the third line from the bottom of said section and adding thereto the following: "And such order shall be final and conclusive as to the amount named in said order and of the ability of the parent, guardian or person having charge of such child, to pay the same, and in case the amount named in said order is not paid at the time or times mentioned therein, an execution may be issued by the said Magistrate thereon at the request of the City Collector in the form now used in the City Court or any form necessary to enforce said order, and the officer to whom said execution is directed, may enter in and upon any premises of said parties and seize and sell any personal property for the purpose of satisfying said execution and any costs and charges incurred under and by virtue of said execution and sale."

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

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* sewer Shirley Street.

## SHIRLEY STREET SEWER.

City Works Office, March 9, 1903.

*To The Members of the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City works commission held this day the attached report of the City Engineer *re* Minute of Council on the petition for a sewer on Shirley Street from Louisburg to Maple Street was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation of its acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

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

City Engineer's Office, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for the construction of a sewer in Shirely Street.

The petition asks for the construction of a sewer from Louisburg Street to Preston Street. The west block from Chestnut Street to Preston Street falls toward Preston Street and it is not practicable to drain it to Louisburg Street. This block is short, however, and the construction of a sewer to Chestnut Street would accommodate nearly all the properties on the street except the corner properties on Preston Street. The estimated cost of the construction of a sewer from Louisburg Street to Chestnut Street is \$4800.00; estimated assessment \$2325.00. I would recommend that the sewer be constructed in Shirely Street from Louisburg Street to Chestnut Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter City Engineer in *re* paving proposed double tramway tracks, Spring Garden Road.

## DOUBLE TRACK SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The Halifax Electric Tramway Company have written asking what the nature of the permanent pavement would be if they laid double track on Spring Garden Road, as it will have some bearing on the projected work for this spring. The Charter provides that the Council shall decide what the material shall be, and I therefore submit the matter for instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.



Alderman Rogers gives notice of reconsideration of the matter of Moir Son & Co's application for the City to guarantee bonds of the Company.

Read letter City Engineer *re* application of Halifax Electric Tramway Company for permission to lay cross-over track on Lockman Street near North Street Railway Station.

CROSS-OVER TRACK LOCKMAN STREET.

City Engineer's Office, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR, --The Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company provides that details of construction of the road shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Engineer after permission has been obtained for the location of track on any street which they are not authorized to use by their Charter. They have applied for permission to place a cross-track in their track on Lockman Street on the north side of North Street. In accordance with your instructions, I beg to ask that the Council will direct me whether they desire me to approve of the proposed construction or not. It will be a convenience to the travelling public as well as to the Company, and I know of no objection to its installation if it is properly located.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. W. DOANE,  
City Engineer.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* reduction in water rates of the People's Heat & Light Company.

IN RE PEOPLE'S HEAT & LIGHT CO.'S TAXES.

Recorder's Office, City Hall, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR, --In this case the City had a claim against the People's Heat & Light Co. for water supplied through a meter for \$5933.08. It appears that representatives of the People's Heat and Light Co. appeared before the Board of Works and claimed that they had not used the quantity of water charged for and the Board took \$1439.08 off the amount claimed by the City, leaving a balance of \$4500.00, which was paid by the Company. I am now asked if the Board of Works had power to make such reduction.

Section 514 of the City Charter reads as follows : "In case a meter shall fail to register correctly the Board of Works shall determine the probable amount of water used and make an equitable charge for the same." It will be seen that under this section it is only where the Board of Works is satisfied that the meter has failed to register correctly the quantity of water used that the Board has power to make an equitable charge for the amount of water actually used. It is not in the power of the City Council or of the Board of Works to reduce or remit any debt which is due to the City ; but in this case if there were a bona fide claim on behalf of the Company that the meter did not register correctly and the Board after investigation were satisfied that the meter did not correctly register the quantity of water actually used by the Company then the Board had the right to determine the probable amount of water used and to make an equitable charge for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY,  
Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, that the Recorder's opinion be placed on the Order of the Day and that the City Engineer be instructed to report as to the correctness of the meters through which the People's Heat & Light Company were supplied with water. Motion seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and being put is passed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder *re* Ferry Dock.

IN RE FERRY DOCK.

Recorder's Office, March 9, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR.—The bill to confiscate the above dock and hand it over to the Dartmouth Ferry Commission as a private corporation was defeated in the House of Assembly. The Dartmouth Ferry Co., is a private corporate body the members of which are appointed by the Dartmouth Town Council, the Government and the Chief Justice; and the Town Council of Dartmouth has been assessing them on their real and personal property including the ferry boats and they have paid in to the Town of Dartmouth the sum of \$1921.00 as taxes last year, which relieves the taxpayers of Dartmouth to that extent. The Committee of Private and Local Bills recommend that the Dartmouth Ferry Co. should not pay this tax to the Town of Dartmouth and that the City of Halifax should only charge the Ferry Co. a nominal rental and that if this were done the fares on the boats should be reduced for the benefit of the people of Dartmouth, Eastern Passage and elsewhere; but this, I think, does not refer to those who have commutation tickets. I have no doubt that if Dartmouth were to give up this tax the City Council would be prepared to meet them and reduce the present rent to a nominal one and carry out the wishes of the Committee, which is approved of by the House of Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MACCOY,

*Recorder.*

Filed.

Read petition of Steamship Agents asking that Steamship Companies be exempt from the payment of the \$100.00 license fee they are now called upon to pay.

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

Read report (March 6th, 1903), of Special Committee on Lockman Street Lots.

LOCKMAN STREET LOTS.

March 6, 1903.

*The City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to dispose of the City property on Lockman Street, beg to recommend that the lot No. 157 be sold to S. A. Heisler for two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars and the sidewalk assessment, eight dollars and sixty-eight

cents (\$8.68) and that the lot No. 163 be sold to Mr. S. A. Heisler for seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars, and the sidewalk assessment, eighteen dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$18.29) subject to the usual condition that any buildings erected shall be subject to approval of the City Council.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be referred back to the Committee for a general report on Lockman Street Lots. Motion passed.

Read letter James Morrow, President Seamen's Friend Society, asking that the Sailors' Home be exempt from taxation.

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

Read notice of action in the Supreme Court by Ada Brodie, against the City of Halifax, for \$5,000.00 damages. Filed.

By leave of Council, Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman of Special Committee on Cunard Street Tram Line, submits two letters from the Manager of the Street Railway re running of cars on Cunard Street.

#### CUNARD STREET TRAM LINE.

Halifax, N. S., February 26, 1903.

*R. T. MacIlreith, Esq., Deputy Mayor. Halifax, N. S.*

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 12th inst., was duly received, and agreeably to your request its contents were brought to the consideration of our Board of Directors. I may say that the Directors, after some study of this matter, decided that it would be most convenient to re-open Cunard Street; but, in order to meet your alternative suggestion, they propose to run extras from the Post Office to Willow Park, via Buckingham Street, etc., during the heavy hours of traffic, and also during inclement weather to operate extras from the Post Office to Willow Park southward along Hollis Street and Spring Garden Road, as an experiment. Should this arrangement prove satisfactory and meet the requirements of this particular section of the City, it will probably be made permanent. I may say in this regard, that the Board is most anxious to meet the requirements of the travelling public of the City wherever it is practicable.

Trusting that this plan will meet with your approval, I remain,

Yours truly,

F. A. HUNTRESS,  
*Manager.*

The said two letters are now read and ordered to be placed on the Order of the day.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to submit two resolutions. Motion passed.

The following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer be instructed to make a survey through the several blocks of land from the north-west corner of Argyle and Duke Streets to the south-east corner of Jacob and Brunswick Streets.

And give an estimate of the probable cost of sufficient property to open a street 60 or 70 feet in width from point to point.

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

The following resolution is now submitted :

*Resolved*, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the present session of the Legislature, enabling any standing or special committee of the Council, when authorized by them, to enquire into any matter affecting the City service, to compel witnesses to attend and give evidence under oath if authorized so to do by resolution of the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, the division being.

For the Resolution.

Against it.

Aldermen Robertson, MacIlreith,  
Campbell, Barry,  
Taylor, Spry,  
Hubley, Doyle.  
Cawsey, Rogers,  
Adams.—11.

Aldermen Lithgow, Mahoney,  
Hawkins.—3.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith that No. 17 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz: Alderman Campbell's notice of motion to apply for Legislative authority to borrow \$3,000.00 to pay over expenditure in Fire Department.

*Resolved* that the report of the Board of Fire Wards be received and concurred in and His Honor the Recorder authorized to draft an Act for presentation at this session of the Legislature to enable the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 to pay the liabilities of the Fire Department in excess of the appropriation for the civic years 1901 2 and 1902-3, the said sum when borrowed to be assessed for in next year's assessment and repaid.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow that said resolution do now pass.

(See printed Minutes of Meeting of Council of March 2nd, 1903, for report Board of Fire Wards).

Read Recorder's opinion in *re* borrowing money to pay debts of Fire Department and to purchase hose.

The vote being taken on the resolution there appeared:

For the resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson, MacIlreith,	Aldermen Hubley,
Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Spry,	Doyle,
Mahoney, Cawsey, Rogers,	Adams.—3.
Hawkins.—11.	

His Worship the Mayor declares the resolution lost, it not having received a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council.

Alderman Hubley asked if Aldermen Lithgow and Campbell could legally vote on the resolution just passed upon.

His Worship said the question was a little late as the Aldermen named had already voted.

Alderman Lithgow here verbally tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Fire Wards.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that Alderman Lithgow's resignation be accepted.

Alderman Campbell now verbally tenders his resignation as a member of the Board of Fire Wards.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that Alderman Campbell's resignation be accepted.

By leave of the mover and seconder and the Council, Aldermen Lithgow and Campbell are permitted to withdraw their resignations.

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

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

MARCH, 16th, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Lamphier, Robertson MacIlreith, Cawsey and L thgow.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the time of meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Hayward, Barry, Campbell, Spry, Mahoney, Taylor, Doyle, Rogers, Hawkins and Adams.

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

The following papers are submitted :—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* water debentures covering draft Act.

Report Library Committee *re* award of Arbitrators Fire in Library February 28th, 1903.

Report Board of Fire Wards covering account of E. J. Fenton.

Report Board of Fire Wards covering accounts and recommending an additional grant of \$3000.00.

Report Special Committee appointed to investigate Fire Department, by Alderman Hubley, *et al* (Majority report).

Report Special Committee appointed to investigate Fire Department, by Alderman Robertson, *et al* (Minority report).

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :—

Letter His Honor the Recorder covering copy of an Act *re* County Court House debentures.

An Act to amend the Act relating to Cold Storage Railway Siding.

An Act to enable Committees of City Council to compel attendance of witnesses and to take evidence under oath.

An Act in *re* guaranteeing Moir's Bonds.

Petition William Jackson for water extension Beech Street.

Letter Lyons & Tobin *re* W. L. Eaton's claim for damages.

Letter Dartmouth Protection Company *re* aid at fires.

Petition W. H. Fulton *et al* *re* Wool Pulling Factory Fenwick Street.

Application of Mortimer Dwyer for position of Coal Weigher.

Thanks of Dalhousie A. A. Club for use of Old Exhibition Grounds.

Letter A. P. Calnen *re* returns of \$10.00 deposited for Liquor License.

Cash Statements City Treasurer for February.

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

Read application of Mortimer Dwyer for position of Coal Weigher. Filed.

Read letter Colins Elliot, Captain Dartmouth Union Protection Company *re* aid at fires. Filed.

Letter of thanks from Dalhousie A. A. Club for use of Old Exhibition Grounds. Filed.

Read petition W. H. Fuller *et al* *re* Wool Pulling Factory Fenwick Street.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers that the same be placed on Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read letter Lyons & Tobin in *re* W. L. Eaton's claim for damages.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards recommending account of E. J. Fenton for payment.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 16, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to recommend for payment the following named account.

E. J. Fenton, Forage ..... \$157.08

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL,  
*Acting Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the report be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign a warrant for the payment of the account. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor here introduces to the Council Mr. Wilson, Mayor of Bridgewater, who takes a seat beside His Worship.

Read report Board of Fire Wards covering accounts amounting to \$1,957.81, recommending the purchase of 500 ft. of hose and asking for an extra grant of \$3,000.00.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 16, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them the following named accounts, all of which having been certified as correct, are recommended for payment: (The accounts will found in the text of the minutes below.)

In a previous report your Board asked that legislation be obtained to permit the borrowing of \$3,000.00 to meet the deficit of the Department.

This amount is made up as follows:—

(The figures will be found in the text of the minutes below.)

While your Board beg to report that they have made careful enquiries as to the correctness of the accounts herein recommended for payment, all of which, (with the exception of a portion of one contracted before the death of the late Thos. Spelman), have been certified to by officials of the Department, they do not hold themselves responsible for incurring the expenditure, not having been consulted before many of the bills were contracted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL,

*Acting Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the report be adopted.

Alderman Hubley asked for the opinion of the Recorder as to whether the members of the Board of Fire Wards could legally vote in Council for an extra appropriation to meet expenditures incurred by the Board in excess of the appropriation.

His Honor the Recorder states that members of Committees voting for expenditures in excess of the Committee's appropriation, rendered themselves personally liable for the excess, and that being interested they could not vote in Council to pay the bills incurred in excess of the appropriation.

Alderman Lithgow, Campbell and Hayward here severally claim the right to vote on the subject before the Council on the ground that if any over-expenditure has been made in connection with the Fire Department, it was done without the knowledge or consent of the Board of Fire Wards.



Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the report be considered item by item. Motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson, MacIlreith, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Spry, Mahoney, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hayward.—13.	Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, Hawkins.—3.

The various items in said report are now read and considered separately, as follows :

CHARGEABLE TO 1899-1900.

Ungar's Laundry ..... \$6.28

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said bill be approved of. Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

CHARGEABLE TO 1900-1901.

Ungar's Laundry ..... \$9.01

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that this bill be approved of. Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

CHARGEABLE TO 1901-1902.

Ungar's Laundry .....	\$ 1 13	Approved. .
Simson Bros., bluestone .....	43 20	"
Estate T. & E. Hubley, rent .....	112 50	

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Barry, that said account be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards for further report. Motion passed.

Howard McFatrige, Vet. services .....	\$115 00
Less part payment .....	15 00
	—————\$100 00

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that said account be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards for further report. Motion passed.

W. W. Howell & Co., No. 3 Steamer .....	\$99 08	Approved.
do No. 1 Steamer .....	34 35	"
Crowell Bros., hardware .....	29 91	"
Total .....	\$207 67	"

Alderman asked to be recorded as dissenting from each of the items approved of.

CHARGEABLE TO 1902-1903.

Ungar's Laundry .....	\$ 1 13	Approved.
C. R. Hoben & Co., ash barrels .....	24 00	"
Thos. Robinson, hack hire .....	3 00	"
David Power, horseshoeing, \$8.11, 7.16 .....	15 27	"
Wm. Kline, " \$2.20, 2.19 .....	4 39	"
T. F. Courtney & Co., salt .....	4 50	"
W. W. Howell & Co., No. 3 Steamer .....	373 36	"
" .....	81 42	"
J. E. Myers, plumbing .....	11 70	"
W. & A. Moir, No. 2 Steamer .....	27 80	"
C. W. Davies, repairing locks .....	2 75	"
Melvin & Co.' hardware .....	2 15	"
Farquhar Bros., plumbing .....	1 50	"
Macdonald & Co., repairs to apparatus .....	63 96	"
Starr, Son & Co., rubber gloves .....	4 80	"
James Dempster & Co., lumber .....	8 13	"
Neil Fox, harness work .....	1 00	"
Wm. Roche, coal .....	534 66	"
W. B. Arthur & Co., waste .....	4 50	"
Robt. Horner, horseshoeing .....	14 15	"
O'Brien, Mont & Co., repairs to apparatus \$816.13		
Less contra account for rent.....700.00		
	<u>116 13</u>	

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that this account be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards for further report. Motion passed.

Peter Perrior, horseshoeing .....	6 54	Approved.
Simson Bros., bluestone .....	7 50	"
Recorder, advertising .....	1 09	"
Crowell Bros., hardware .....	10 50	"
Estate John O'Connell, horseshoeing .....	62 07	"
Austen Bros., oil .....	9 59	"
W. S. Craig, plumbing .....	6 20	"
Troy Laundry .....	6 06	"

\$1293 72

T. & E. Hubley (acct. previously passed) rent to February 1, 1903 ... \$112 50

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that this item be approved of. Motion passed, 15 voting for the same and 1 against it. Names on the division being thus recorded :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson,  
MacIlreith, Campbell,  
Barry, Taylor, Spry,  
Mahoney, Lamphier,  
Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers,  
Adams, Hayward,  
Hawkins.—15.

Alderman Hubley.

Grand Total of Accounts.....\$1629 18 Approved.

Alderman Hubley dissenting from all accounts approved of.

## STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS MAKING UP THE \$3,000.00 ASKED FOR.

Accounts above named \$1957.81, reduced as shewn by being referred back to Committee to .....	\$1629 18	Approved
Horseshoeing, lighting, fuel, feed and other fixed charges to 30th April .....	1280 50	"
Other necessary expenses do .....	115 70	"
Salaries do .....	4237 64	"
500 feet new hose .....	550 00	"
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To meet contingencies and accounts that may be outstanding .....	\$7813 02	"
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Cash on hand .....	\$8061 12	"
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Estimated deficit \$3000.00 reduced as above to	5389 75	"
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	\$2071.37	"

Alderman Hubley recorded as dissenting from all items except \$550.00 for purchase of new hose.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved* That the report of the Board of Fire Wards be passed as amended and His Honor the Recorder authorized to draft an Act for presentation at this session of the Legislature to enable the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$2700.00 to pay the liabilities of the Fire Department in excess of the appropriations for the civic years 1901-1902 and 1902-1903, the said sum when borrowed to be assessed for in next year's assessment and repaid.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow.

The motion being put there appeared:

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson, MacIlreith, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Spry, Mahoney, Lamphier, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hayward, Hawkins.—15.	Alderman Hubley.

His Worship the Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Read petition of William Jackson for water extension Beech Street.

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

Read letter His Honor the Recorder in *re* Act of Municipality of County of Halifax to compel the City of Halifax to pay a proportion of indebtedness on Court house and Jail, covering copy of said Act. Filed.

## COUNTY COURT HOUSE BONDS.

Recorder's Office, City Hall, March, 16th, 1903.

In *re* Act of Municipality of County of Halifax, to compel City to pay its proportion of indebtedness on Court House and Jail.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

STR.—An Act was passed by the Municipality of Halifax County, to compel the City to pay interest upon debentures of the Court House outstanding, amounting to \$27,000.00, and also to compel the City and Town of Dartmouth to provide a Sinking Fund, for the payment of the debentures representing the debt for these institutions. This bill was passed by the Local House and had taken its second reading in the Legislative Council when I happened to hear of it, and at once went to the Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, and asked for a hearing with the Town of Dartmouth. The effect of this bill would be to compel the City of Halifax to pay 2/3rths of \$27,000 as their share of the indebtedness of the Court House. The City of Halifax has been heretofore disputing its right to pay either interest or principle on these debentures, and they were made a County charge. The Municipality contend that inasmuch as the County Jail is for the benefit of the three Municipalities, they all should contribute to pay the debt. After a great deal of difficulty and long debate, I induced the Committee to strike out the 6th, 7th and 8th clauses, making the City liable, and that these clauses should be taken into consideration and discussed between the three Municipalities. If the City is made liable, then the present Commission of the Court House should be abolished, and a new Commission appointed according to the respective interests, and the title and land be transferred to the new Commission, and be held by them as the property of the three Municipalities.

I enclose herewith the Act referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCoy,

*Recorder.*

Read draft Act to enable Committees of the Council to compel attendance of witnesses and to examine witnesses under oath.

AN ACT TO ENABLE ANY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HALIFAX TO EXAMINE WITNESSES UNDER OATH.

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

1. Any standing or special committee of the City Council of Halifax, when authorized by such Council to enquire into any matter affecting the city service, shall have power to summon witnesses, (which summons shall be signed by the chairman of the committee), to attend and give evidence before such committee at the time and place mentioned in said summons and answer any question put to him.

2. In case the person so summoned shall fail or neglect to attend before such committee at the time and place mentioned in said summons, then upon proof of the service upon him of such summons and the payment of his witnesses' fees, the committee by resolution may direct its chairman to issue a warrant signed by him directed to any police officer of the City of Halifax for the arrest of such person, who shall obey the same and bring such person before the committee, if it be then sitting, and if not, he shall be confined in the County Jail until brought before said committee by an order signed by the chairman.

3. If the person named in said summons or warrant, on appearing before said committee, refuse to answer all questions put to him, the committee by resolution may direct the chairman to issue a warrant to commit him to the County Jail, there to re-

main until he signifies to the chairman his willingness to answer any and all questions that may be put to him, and on the chairman being so informed, he shall issue an order to a police officer of said city to bring said witness before said committee at the time and place mentioned in said order, and the jailor shall deliver said witness to said officer upon the production of said order, and in case he refuses to answer all questions put to him he shall again be re committed to the County Jail until he is again brought before the committee, under the provisions of this section, and he shall only be discharged upon satisfying said committee that he has answered all questions asked him.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Act be referred back to the Recorder to insert a provision that all witnesses attending before Committees shall be examined by the Recorder.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the Act be referred back to the Recorder and that he be authorized to draft an Act in line with the Ontario Act, which provides for the holding of investigations before the County Court judge.

The amendment being put is passed.

Read draft Act in re guaranteeing Moir's Bonds.

#### MOIR'S BONDS.

An Act to except Moir, Son & Co's request from the operation of Section 5 of Chapter 57, of the Acts of 1902.

*Whereas*, Moir, Son & Co. have applied to the City Council of Halifax, to guarantee their bonds to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), upon the terms and conditions mentioned in a report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges of said Council, and on motion to adopt said report in Council, it was defeated, said motion not being carried by a two-third vote of all the members of said Council, as required by Section 5 of Chapter 57, of the Acts of 1902, and it is desirable to alter the law in this instance, to enable said Council to carry the same by a majority vote of those present.

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

The City Council may by a majority vote of its members present, pass a resolution guaranteeing the bonds mentioned upon such terms as they may deem proper, but said resolution shall in no way bind said City until an Act of the Legislature has been passed, authorizing said City to give such guarantee, then only upon such terms and conditions as may be contained in said Act.

Said Act is now withdrawn.

Read application of A. P. Calnen for return of \$10.00 deposited by him with application for liquor license.

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

Read report of Library Committee in re award of appraisers of damage by fire, February 28th, to Library books, and fees of the City's arbitrator.

## FIRE IN LIBRARY.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 13, 1903.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that at a meeting held this day there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Barry, Taylor and Rogers, the award of the appraisers, Mr. W. T. Allen on behalf of the Insurance Company, and Prof W. C. Murray on behalf of the City, was submitted, allowing the City the sum of \$875.00 for the loss sustained to the books in the Library by the fire of the 28th February last.

It was resolved, on motion of Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Barry, to accept the award of the appraisers and to recommend to the Council that the amount of the award, \$875.00, together with the small balance remaining of the special grant, be placed to the credit of the Library Committee as a special account.

Your Committee would also recommend that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to the appraiser on behalf of the City for his services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. GELDERT,  
*Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted.

*Resolved* That the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign a warrant for the payment of the fees therein recommended.

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

Read draft Act in re Railway siding to cold storage property, Upper Water Street.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY CHARTER BY  
ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Section 4 of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1902 is amended by striking out the words "nine months" in the tenth line from the top of said section and substituting therefore the words "eighteen months."

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said Act be approved of and sent to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read letter Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman Public Accounts Committee, re Water Debentures falling due 1st July, 1903, covering draft Act. Said draft Act is now read.

## WATER DEBENTURES.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 16, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—On the first day of July next old water debentures, amounting to \$30,000 will mature and become payable. These debentures bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. I find on going over the matter with the City Engineer, City

Treasurer and Clerk of Works, that a sufficient sum will be on hand at that date to pay all interest charges, transfer \$10,000 ordered by the Council from Maintenance to Construction account, and also sufficient to pay off these old water debentures. I would therefore recommend that \$30,000 should be taken from Maintenance Account for this purpose, and in line with this suggestion His Honor the Recorder has prepared an Act to empower the Council to carry this recommendation into effect, which Act is submitted herewith.

R. T. MACILREITH,

*Chairman Public Accounts Committee.*

FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY CHARTER BY  
ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council shall take from the Water Maintenance Account the sum of thirty thousand dollars, and pay therefrom the water debentures falling due on the first day of July, 1903.

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

Read cash statements City Treasurer for February 1903. Filed.

Read majority report Special Committee appointed to investigate affairs of the Fire Department, signed by four members of the Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

(MAJORITY REPORT.)

Committee Room, City Hall,

Halifax, N. S., March 12, 1903.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed on the 28th November last to take into consideration the improvement of the Fire Department, its efficiency and economy, beg leave to submit the following report:

That they held twelve meetings, at which all the members were present, and at which a number of witnesses were examined; but not having the power to compel the witnesses to attend and give evidence under oath, we found it very difficult to get at the facts; but sufficient information was obtained to satisfy your committee that the Fire Department is not controlled with efficiency or managed with economy.

Your committee is satisfied that the Department requires a more efficient head and a Board of Commissioners who will pay more attention to the financial part of the Department, and prevent a repetition of the extravagant and reckless manner in which its affairs have been administered.

The records show that the Board of Fire Commissioners held their last regular meeting for the year 1901-2 on the 2nd December, and that at an informal meeting on 20th December, passed bills amounting to \$740.90, and in January of the same civic year, at an informal meeting, passed bills amounting to \$238.42, which were submitted to the Council and paid in the regular way. Those bills were not submitted to the Board, but a report simply signed by several members of the committee at a Council meeting, without any scrutiny whatever. Another bill amounted to \$656.98. Among those passed January 24th, 1901, were bills amounting to \$41.20 for light which do not appear to have been paid—at all events there are no regular vouchers in the Auditor's office for them.

Since this investigation closed, we found that on the 30th April, 1902, the Board owed the Tramway Company \$109.21 for light. According to Mr. Huntress's statement, that amount was paid by including an amount each month from 15th July to 16th February this present year. It appears the chairman arranged with Mr. Huntress to pay this amount in this way without acquainting the Board of his actions. When the chairman was questioned about those unpaid gas bills, he stated that he had no knowledge of any.

From the 24th January to 30th April, 1902, no bills were submitted to the Committee or Council, yet amounts aggregating \$740.61 were paid, exclusive of salaries.

We find that repairs to No. 5 steamer, amounting to \$1319.96, and repairs to No. 2 steamer, amounting to \$1036.12, also repairs to No. 3 steamer, amounting to \$1272.67, were done without any authority of the Board and without any tenders being called for, the boiler only in one steamer costing \$899.31.

We find that in the year 1884-5 practically the same repairs were done to No. 2 and No. 5 steamers by Barry & Evans, as per estimate, for \$700.00; but this time the Chairman appeared to assume all control and supervision. The firm who built the boilers charged \$5.00 first for inspection and then charged for breaking up the old and making the new. After two attempts, we succeeded in getting Mr. Hogan, who built the boilers, to attend a meeting. He could not, or would not, give any satisfactory information bearing on the subject. We also made two attempts to get Mr. Watters, his bookkeeper, who took the men's time, to attend. Mr. Watters on each occasion replied with a doctor's certificate saying that he was confined to his house. We offered to interview him at his house; but he did not accept our offer.

Mr. James Dow, who is a practical mechanic, appeared before your Committee and stated that there was no need of breaking up the old boilers. Any practical draftsman could easily take his measurements from the old boiler. Mr. Dow also stated that 128½ days for a boilermaker and 129 days for helper making one boiler was, he considered, an excessive charge.

Your Committee made enquiries of Messrs. Ferguson & Cox, boilermakers, of this city, and their reply was that the average cost of boilers in those steamers would not exceed \$575.00 each. They say it would take about three weeks for the construction of each boiler and all that would be required would be the size and plan for the execution of the work. It would not be necessary to break up the old boilers to get patterns for the new. The average number of days the city paid for each boiler was 110 days for mechanic and 109 days for helper, while the above named firm say about 36 days for each.

We also had a letter before us from Mr. John M. Parsons, Managing Director of the Canadian Fire Engine Co., calling our attention to the very high price this city was paying, as compared to the same work in Ontario. He says, we actually put in a 36x60 steel boiler, 360 copper tubes, etc., which he thinks is larger than any shell used in Halifax. We overhaul the engine from stem to stern and repaint the same for \$730.00, or about \$500.00 less than we paid for smaller boilers. The Board paid about \$100.00 in addition for painting these steamers.

Your Committee consider that the actions of the Board in allowing such extravagant expenditure by the Chairman, without any interference on their part, especially by those who served on the Commission for years, is inexcusable.

Your Committee found that for a number of years the Board has been supplying fuel and light for the Veterans' rooms on Spring Garden Road, which we consider they should not have done without authority from the Council, as the Board has given them the use of the building and keep it in repair.

The Chief stated that the Veterans' Association was formed as an auxiliary to the Department to assist in case of heavy fires. We consider the City is deeply indebted to the Veterans for the services rendered in the past, but a number of them are physically unable to attend fires and the balance are paid or call men of the Fire Department.



We find that in Chairman Campbell's time he certified bills in one year for \$24.15 for light, in addition to supplying fuel. When the Alderman was questioned he had no recollection of certifying bills for anything.

Your Committee found that on the 23rd June last two horses were sold by James Shand for the Department. The net proceeds of this sale were \$159.00 and were paid over to the Chairman on the above date. This amount was not paid over by him to the Treasurer to the credit of the Department. Alderman Rogers appeared before us and stated that the money was returned to him on the 10th January last, and that he made a duplicate sale bill and cheque for this amount and paid it over to the City Clerk. This was done at the request of Chairman Martin. The Chairman's explanation was that the Department owed H. McFatridge \$115.00 and Larder, Hubley & Co. an account for rent, and he took the money to pay on these accounts. He admitted that these bills were never submitted to the Board and that they knew nothing about them. Those bills were never filed in the Auditor's office, but kept in possession of the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that the amount of overdraft of last year was about \$295.00, but we found bills amounting to over \$380.00 unpaid, and have every reason to believe there were others and that excessive amounts were charged for supplies this year in order to raise funds to pay last year's accounts.

Your Committee further found that in August last a bill for feed had been falsified to the extent of \$15.00. The Chairman requested Mr. Fenton to include in the month's feed 30 bushels of oats and draw the money and pay it over to him. This was done by Mr. Fenton after having been assured by the Chairman that there was nothing wrong and that he wanted the money to pay an old account of previous year. Mr. Fenton stated that Alderman Martin had waited on him and requested him not to make any admissions and everything would smooth over. His reply was that if he was called before the Committee he would tell the truth. These 30 bushels of oats were never delivered to the City. Alderman Martin and Chief Connolly admitted that they certified this bill as correct, but that the City never received the goods. A delivery bill, which is usually signed by the man in charge of the stable receiving the feed, was in the Auditor's office and he chequed the bill by it before it was paid. When we tried to find it it had suddenly vanished. Just at that time the lock on the door of the Auditor's office had been tampered with.

Your committee also found that on the 27th May, 1901, the Board purchased what is their usual annual supply, viz: 4 doz. brooms, 1 box long bar soap, one box Eclipse soap and other articles, and on 26th July, 1901, issued an order for 12 kegs soda only. According to the evidence of John T. Murphy, this bill containing soda was evidently falsified to the extent of over \$17.00, as it calls for 12 kegs soda, 2 doz. brooms, 1 box long bar soap, and 1 box Eclipse soap, and for the latter three articles no order was issued. On former occasions soda was charged at \$1.85 per 100 lb. kegs. On this occasion it was charged at \$2.10 per keg of 112 lbs. On enquiry of the Chemical Engineer and the Storekeeper, Mr. Murphy, we find that all soda delivered was in 100 lb. kegs.

It appears when the visiting firemen were here Chief Connolly requested the chairman to allow him to have liquor at the Chemical House to entertain them, the payment of which the Chief says was borne by himself and others. The chairman says he has no knowledge of paying for any liquor, and denies that he instructed Mr. Murphy to falsify this account. Mr. Murphy says that he knew of Mr. Courtney's liquor bill for Fire Department entertaining and was instructed by the chairman to go to Messrs. T. F. Courtney & Co. and fix up this bill of soda, brooms and soap to cover charge for liquor, and that he did so; but the City did not receive the soda of 112 lbs. but 100 lbs. instead, and that he never received the two dozen brooms or two boxes soap. He said he was instructed by the chairman to certify this bill as correct, and it was also certified by the chairman. Mr. Courtney was notified on two occasions to appear before this committee to explain his position in connection with this account; but for reasons best known to himself, he failed to do so or even send an explanation for his non-attendance.

Your committee found that the chairman sold a length of suction hose to William McFatridge for \$15 00, which had never been condemned, but which is still in use on No. 1 Steamer. Mr. Murphy said an order came to him, signed by the chairman, to deliver the hose ; but he declined to do so, as it was in use, and that he considered it worth at least 50% of its cost, or about \$32 50, not including couplings, which were worth about \$20.00. This hose was not delivered, but a length of suction hose was delivered from the engine house on Quinpool Road last September, by order of the chairman, without any enquiry about its usefulness. The chairman admitted that he saw it in the engine house. He did not know if it was condemned, but gave an order for its delivery to Mr. McFatridge. Mr. Young, the engineer of the steamer, said this length of hose was in perfect order and he had it as a spare length to reach any deep well in the outlying district, and in case of a burst in one of the other lengths. This length was never charged to Mr. McFatridge. This \$15.00 paid by him for the first one was credited on an outstanding account, and the length delivered appears to have been given as a present.

There are a number of accounts due the Department for hose and other services, viz :

John Mullane, on order Alderman Ryan, Dec. 20, 1897, 100 ft. hose .....	\$25 00
W. B. Arthur & Co., order Alderman Lane, June 17, 1898, 100 ft. hose .....	25 00
Mr. Marsh, Gold L. Mines, order Alderman Lane, August, 1898, 1 length suction hose .....	5 00
Wm. Muir & Son, order Alderman Campbell, January 4, 1900, 149 ft. hose and 1 branch, \$37.25, 2.00 .....	39 25
Wm. McFatridge, order Alderman Campbell, February 28, 1903, 190 ft. hose .....	47 50

There was credited on the last account \$15.00, leaving a balance of \$32.50, exclusive of the length of suction hose delivered but not charged.

Your Committee also found that a large amount of painting was done at the several engine houses. The Board ordered the Chairman to call for tenders. If any tenders were submitted they certainly were not before the Board. The Chairman gave the work to William Judge and others. He admitted that he was not authorized to go on with the work, which amounted to between \$700 and \$800. One account for painting in Grafton Street Chemical House amounted to \$79.00. Alderman Barry, who is a practical painter, estimates that the work should not have cost over \$55.00, and says he considers that would give good profits.

There is another charge of \$31.25 for glazing 23 panes of glass, ranging in size from 16 x 40 to 12 x 16, the larger portion being of the latter size, and one pane only of 32 oz. glass 24 x 37 in the Chief's office door for which he charged \$9.00. Alderman Barry estimates the whole amount for glazing should not have exceeded \$15.00, which would be a high estimate. Your Committee notified Mr. Judge on two occasions to attend a meeting to explain this bill, but for reasons best known to himself, he failed to do so.

We also find that there were paid into the credit of the Department, 1899-1900, \$83.56 ; 1900-1901, \$274.55 ; 1901-1902, \$217.35 and at present date this year \$313.44. Mr. Colpitt, the Electrician, in his report for the year 1901-2 says " the expenditure for the year has been unusually small. " Yet with \$30,000 in the estimates last year and the same amount this year, in addition to monies paid in including rent of Gerrish Street House, and placed to credit of the Department, amounting to about \$780 00, your Committee is convinced that there has been gross extravagance when we consider that there is still a deficit of about \$2,200.00.

Your Committee also found what they consider inefficiency in the Fire Department. At the fire at Mr. Anderson's barn, May 5th, 1901, No. 1 and No. 5 steamers responded. No. 5 went to work and the Engineer, Mr. Young, stated that the cause of not being able to get water to keep his boiler supplied, was the fault of the men not attending to him when he requested them. He said he was pumping salt water and the water in the boiler ran out. I had to draw the fire when the engine stopped to save the boiler. No. 1 steamer then drew in and her pumps would not draw the water on account of