

dirt in the tub. I then took my engine back to the engine house and refilled with fresh water and started the fire. Some time after I was called to go again. I went and put the fire out. District Chief Washington stated that if No. 5 had been supplied with fresh water, which could easily have been obtained, when requested, they could have saved the barn.

The Chief, in his last annual report, after giving an account of the loss for the year, says: "Much of the loss was caused out of town, on account of water being hard to get," and instancing Mr. Anderson's barn, which as a matter of fact is not correct, as the steamer was pumping water from the Arm, but was entirely the fault of the men, if they were there, in not attending to the requirements of the engineer.

Your committee also found that there was inefficiency at the fire at Willow Park. The alarm rang in from box 9 at 7.20 on Saturday night and the Chief did not arrive at the fire until 8.05. This is the time stated by the chairman and corroborated by Policeman John Nickerson. The Chief's excuse was that he was on Jacob Street and did not hear the alarm. At that fire No. 5 Steamer attached to the hydrant and after working for a while was allowed to run out of coal. Mr. Young, the engineer, says he carried enough coal to last half an hour. If two lengths of hose are attached, the steamer will work steadier and consume less coal. On this occasion there was only one length. He says: I blew three times for coal before I got an answer. It was about two or three minutes between each call. After I blew first I had enough coal for ten minutes. My engine stopped when the fire went down, and it was about ten minutes before I got up steam again. During this time the fire was gaining headway. My engine was doing good work within three minutes of the coal running out. It was about 15 or 16 minutes that the steamer was not doing efficient work on account of lack of fuel. The other steamer which was not in use was brought up and I was supplied from her. This disabled her in case of another alarm ringing in. It was fifteen minutes after first calling that I received coal from the other engine.

This evidence was given by Mr. Young, and he subsequently sent in a copy of his statements, declared to before a Commissioner of the Supreme Court, which is herewith submitted.

Mr. Egan, the driver of No. 2 hose waggon, stated that it was his duty to attend to the engine if she required coal. He says it was the duty of the officer attached to No. 5 to give him orders; that he was not near the engine, but was near the house by the fire. He said: I never was notified to bring coal. The chairman told me to go for it. Mr. Egan said he went to Isleville Engine House, but Mr. Johnston, the janitor in charge, says there was no coal taken from there. If the latter statement is correct, then there was greater delay in going to West Street instead of the nearest house. Chief Connolly stated positively when first questioned that the water was not turned off during the progress of the fire, while as a matter of fact the engine was stopped for ten minutes; and at the next meeting admitted that the water was off for a short time on account of the patent nozzle striking against the eave of the house. It was admitted by other witnesses that it was wrong to use a stop nozzle when a steamer was working, as it was liable to burst the hose when shut off, which is just what occurred at that fire and caused a further delay to connect another length. This statement of the Chief cannot be correct, as it would only be a matter of a second with the man holding the branch to turn the water on again if the nozzle did strike.

Your committee found that there was inefficiency shewn at a fire in the cellar of a house on Gottingen Street on 13th Sept., 1902, the Chief being present. Mr. McKenzie, the driver of No. 2 Chemical, stated that they were the first to arrive at the fire. The cylinders were not charged and the hose was knotted up, and before Mr. Fidler, the engineer, could get ready there was a stream of water on. They actually put on two streams to extinguish the fire. He says the contents of the cylinders were not used, but were emptied in the gutter. Mr. McKenzie says the stream from the chemical could easily have put out the fire if it had been handled by a competent engineer. The loss in this case was only \$20.00, which shows the extent of the fire.

On two other occasions when the Chemical was called out for a fire on North Street and another on Macara Street, Mr. McKenzie says he drove to the fire without the

engineer, who was at meals. He rang the bell three times. This appears to be a private bell to Mr. Fidler's house. Mr. Fidler admitted that the bell had been out of order for over a year and he had not notified the driver or the Chief of the fact. The driver says he thought the bell was all right until this committee found out about it.

Your committee also found that the Chief, instead of enforcing the rules, violated them himself, in getting permission from the Chairman to have liquor at Grafton Street Chemical House. Rule 6 Sec. G of the Regulations says that no spirituous liquors shall be used in any building occupied by any company connected with the Department. Michael Murphy, the Chemical Engineer, stated (and it was not denied by the Chief) that there was liquor there when the visiting firemen were here and that he saw liquor at other times in the Chief's office, and was asked on one occasion by the Chief to have a drink. We also find that the Chief had liquor at the Exhibition grounds when the men were having their annual drill. This was admitted by the Chief, and that he supplied it and paid for it with assistance of others. This, we consider, is a very bad example, especially when the men are called together to show their very best, to give them a chance of getting muddled with liquor. The rules governing the Department say: The men recommended by the Chief for appointment shall be of strictly temperate habits, and yet the Chief places the temptation before the men, which tends to demoralize them and the Department and which is the cause of a great deal of the inefficiency of the Department.

We find that rule 10 says that persons not members of the Department shall not be permitted to loiter around the houses. According to Michael Sullivan's evidence, he says that previous to January, call men were coming in drunk night and day; that the men and outsiders were playing cards on Sunday and the Chief was there and saw them. He said that he saw one of the men drunk on a recent Sunday and one of the Captains was present. When we visited the engine houses we found two men, not members, playing cards. We questioned the Chief about it and he stated that the rule was not enforced.

Chief Connolly and some of the men were charged by several witnesses with being under the influence of liquor. Mr. McKenzie stated that he saw William White and Captain Thos. Byrnes drunk in the engine house; also saw the Chief under the influence of liquor on New Year's Day and that he saw him about a month before in the same condition. These statements were denied by several witnesses. Mr. McKenzie subsequently sent in a statement declared to before a Commissioner of the Supreme Court, and is herewith submitted.

Your committee visited all the engine houses, including the U. P. C. hall, and found the apparatus in good order, and they found the permanent men attentive and ready to respond to duty. We regret that we cannot report in such favorable terms of the call men. There are about forty men of the call force who are a credit to the Department; the balance, about thirty men, should, in our opinion, be removed as totally unfit, on account of their dissipated habits. We regret that there does not appear to exist the harmony between the Chief and the men that should exist among a body of men engaged in such an important service.

In thus summarizing the evidence, your committee's only object was to put the facts before the Council in as brief a manner as possible, and so as not to interfere with its fulness or reliability.

The work assigned the Committee was of the utmost importance, as the efficiency of the Fire Department should be a prime consideration with every citizen. The investigation was begun without malice and conducted without prejudice, and was by no means pleasant, as irregularity after irregularity was developed involving to a greater or less extent gentlemen with whom your Committee were brought in contact in both public and private life.

Whether intentionally or unintentionally, obstacles to a full and free investigation were placed in the way of the Committee, and at times very one-sided statements were put before the public. Your Committee, however, feeling that they were acting in the interests of the city and that those interests were paramount to the interests of individuals, proceeded with their investigation, and they feel that on a calm review of all the circumstances the citizens will come to the conclusion that a Department which

costs the city so much money as does the Fire Department cannot be too carefully supervised, first, to the end that its efficiency shall be properly maintained; and second, that the patronage of the Department shall not be made use of for personal purposes.

Your Committee are reluctant to make recommendations which may seem harsh; but feel that they are called upon to do their duty without favor or affection. They therefore respectfully recommend as follows, believing that if adopted the Fire Department will be improved and made more efficient:—

1. That Alderman Martin be censured by the Council.
2. That Alderman Campbell be reprimanded by the Mayor for allowing matters to drift into the condition they are in, he having the long experience that he had as a member of the Board.
3. That Alderman Rogers be reprimanded by the Mayor for his complicity with Alderman Martin in manipulating accounts to cover up irregularities.
4. That Chief Connolly be asked to send in his resignation, to take effect on the first day of May next.
5. That the services of John T. Murpby, the storekeeper, be dispensed with after the first day of May next.
6. That W. B. Fidler, the engineer of No. 2 chemical engine be notified that his services will not be required after the first day of May next.
7. That the Chief of the Department be required in future to file in the Auditor's office not later than five days after the usual quarterly pay day of the call force, the original list signed by the men who have received their pay, and the balance of money, if any, which shall then be paid by the Auditor.
8. That the amounts paid in annually for hose, etc., and placed to the credit of the Fire Department, in future, be paid to Unexpended Balance Account of the City.
9. That His Honor the Recorder be instructed by the Mayor to take proceedings to collect the several amounts due for hose, etc.

Alderman Cawsey dissents from recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Alderman Barry dissents from recommendations 1, 2, and 3.

The evidence taken is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*
W. H. CAWSEY,
JAMES ADAMS,
T. J. BARRY.

Also read Minority report of said Committee signed by two members of the Committee.

MINORITY REPORT.

Halifax, N. S., March 10, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned members of your committee appointed last November to investigate the affairs of the Fire Department beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee has given its best care and attention to this matter and has made as far as possible a thorough examination of the affairs of the Department, and all the evidence taken at our meetings is herewith submitted to the Council, a perusal of which will show :

1st. That the Fire Department of this City has been conducted in a most extravagant manner; that there has been an almost reckless expenditure of the amount voted by this Council for the maintenance of the Department; and that this extravagance has led to the over expenditure of the appropriation to the amount of somewhere in the vicinity of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00); and that this extravagance and over expenditure is largely due to the fact that the Fire Commission has left matters almost entirely in the hands of the chairman, and that very little, if any, enquiry has been made by them regarding the disbursement of the funds to the credit of the commission.

2nd. That work involving large expenditure was ordered by the chairman without the knowledge or consent of the Board.

3rd. That such work was subsequently ordered to be paid for by the Board without due inquiry as to the proper cost of such work. That repeatedly bills have been paid on the signature of the chairman without having been first submitted to and passed by the commission.

5th. That altogether the affairs of the department have been conducted in a loose and unbusinesslike manner.

6th. That Chief Connolly, at the direction of the Chairman, has certified bills supposed to cover goods obtained by the Department, whereas as a matter of fact such goods were never ordered or never delivered to the City. That the Chief has evidently made little effort to carry out the rules of the department, for it has been shewn that at the annual drill held at the Exhibition Grounds a considerable amount of liquor was there for the use of the men. It has also been shewn that card playing is common at the engine houses, and that it is not confined to games among members of the department, nor to week days; but that it has been the custom to play poker, cribbage, etc., on Sundays as well as week days, and that young men from the districts round about certain of the engine houses have been either playing or spectators, and that the Chief too has witnessed these games on Sunday evenings without protest. We consider these very grave charges against the Chief.

7th. That the management of certain fires, notably the recent fire at Willow Park, Box 9; and at Mr. Anderson's barn, May 5th, 1901, was of such a nature as to lessen the confidence of the public in the ability of our Chief.

8th. That there is apparently very little harmony among the members of the Department and that it appears to be divided into sets, whose antagonism to each other tends greatly to weaken the efficiency of the Department.

9th. That Storekeeper Murphy has evidently been guilty of the same misdemeanour as charged to the Chief in the first part of Clause 6, i. e., certified bills under the direction or the Chairman (Murphy's evidence) for goods which were never ordered and never received; also that he either had or attempted to have certain articles added to a bill to cover goods received at Central Engine House of an entirely different nature and for a different purpose.

10th. That the above irregularities on the part of the Chief and the Storekeeper are calculated to destroy confidence in the Department and in the honesty of the officers referred to.

In conclusion:—The evidence herewith submitted will, we think, fully substantiate the above findings, and we would recommend that although the officers above referred to have been long in the service of the city, and as far as would appear from the evidence submitted to your Committee have performed their duties faithfully, except in the instances above referred to, your Committee would strongly recommend that these officers be tried by a further special committee, and that they be given a full and fair hearing,

and if the charges as here set forth are proved, that they be dismissed from the service.

In regard to the management of the Department by the Commission, and especially by the Chairman, we would recommend that the Council deal with the matter on the evidence submitted, but that no action be taken in regard to the Chairman until he returns to the city, and if he is then unable to refute the charges made against him, that he be severely reprimanded by the Council.

We would further recommend that hereafter no bills be paid unless they are certified by the Secretary of the Commission as having been presented at a regular meeting of the Board, and approved by them.

That this Council should make further rules and regulations, if necessary, for government of the Department and for the enforcing of discipline and economy in the Department.

W. G. ROBERTSON,
G. A. TAYLOR.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said reports be placed on the Order of the Day, and that a special meeting of the Council be held some day next week to consider the same. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act enabling the City of Halifax to borrow \$1000.00 to pay to the widow of the late Michael Sullivan.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to permit Alderman Adams to move a resolution. Motion passed, and the following resolution is presented and read.

Resolved, That Moir, Son and Co. be exempt from taxes and water rates for twenty years ;

Provided, That they erect factories for the manufacture of biscuits, confectionery, chocolate, prepared cocoonut, boxes, etc., in the City of Halifax, and invest \$150,000.00 in the erection of buildings and machinery for the above purposes.

The exemption not to apply to the part of the factory, stock, machinery and plant used in the manufacture of bread and not to apply to retail shop or stock in retail shop.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Robertson.

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

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

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That a light be placed between Rector and Gerrish streets on Brunswick street.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

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

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

MARCH 20TH, 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, Doyle, Geldert, Lithgow, Mahoney, and Cawsey.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor introduces to the Council Mayor Shaffner, of Bridgewater, and Mayor Smythe, of Port Hood, C. B., both of whom take seats beside His Worship.

The following papers are submitted :

Report Board of Fire Wards *re* grant to widow of Michael F. Sullivan, a fireman.

Report Special Committee *re* County Assessment, covering Agreement, by Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman.

Report Special Committee *re* Water Supply, by Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman.

Report *re* Special Commission to revise City Charter and Ordinances, by Alderman MacIlreith.

Two reports Committee on Laws and Privileges, on various matters, by Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Two reports Special Committee on Lockman Street Lots.

Report Acting City Engineer *re* Water Extension Beech Street.

Report Acting City Engineer *re* test of water meter People's Heat and Light Co., Ltd.

Invitation to Mayor and City Council to attend a meeting in *re* Good Roads.

A draft Act to enable the City Council to refer charges to the County Court Judge for inquiry and report.

Letter City Assessor *re* rent of hatchways.

An Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money.

Application N. S. Telephone Company, Limited, for permission to lay cables underground.

Report Coal Weighers for month of February.

Application of Simon Cummins for the appointment of a Coal weigher.

Alderman Geldert submits a draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to appoint Fence Viewers.

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits report Public Accounts Committee.

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

Read report from Laws and Privileges Committee *re* A. P. Calnen's application for refund of deposit for Liquor License, and petition of Sailors' Home for exemption from taxation.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall,

March 18, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee, held this day, at which there were present Aldermen MacIlreith (Chairman), Rogers, Spry and Hubley, they had under consideration a letter from A. P. Calnen, asking for a refund of deposit paid by him with an application for liquor license, which application was refused.

Your Committee recommend that such sum be refunded to Mr. Calnen, less the usual cost of advertising.

Your Committee had also under consideration a petition from the Seaman's Friend Association, asking that the property occupied by them be exempted from taxation.

As the Society is not the owner of the property, the exemption cannot be granted under the law as it stands at the present time. The Society asked, in view of this fact, that the law be so changed as to enable them to obtain the exemption sought ; but your Committee do not deem it advisable that this request be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH,

Chairman.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* Steamship Companies' license fee ; taxation of Dry Dock and exemption of Messrs Moir, Son & Company from taxes and water rates.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 20th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES' LICENSE FEE.

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, at which there were present, Aldermen MacIlreith, Chairman, Hubley, Adams Rogers and

Spry, they had under consideration a petition from the Steamship Agents, asking that the law which requires a \$100 license fee to be paid by such Companies be repealed, and that no license fee be hereafter charged.

Your Committee beg to report that they recommend that the prayer of this petition be not granted.

DRY DOCK.

Your Committee also had under consideration a request from the Halifax Graving Dock Company, asking that the valuation of the Dock for assessment purposes be fixed at the sum of \$70,000. This year the Dry Dock property has been assessed by Assessors at \$600,000, and as the rate has been struck, the Recorder rules that no reduction can be made applicable to this year.

Your Committee therefore recommends that legislation be sought at the present session of the Legislature, to enable the Council to fix the value of the Dock for the term of seven years at the sum of \$150,000.00.

RE MOIR, SON & CO.'S EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, WATER RATES, ETC.

Your Committee further beg to report that they had under consideration a resolution referred to this Committee at a meeting of the Council held on the 16th inst., to the effect that Moir, Son & Company should be granted exemption from taxation and water rates for a period of twenty years.

Your Committee recommend that this exemption be granted on the understanding, that Moir, Son & Company pay a fire protection rate on the valuation of the property to be fixed by the Assessors, and that the exemption from water rates for twenty years be granted for a quantity of water not exceeding 5,000,000 gallons yearly.

Your Committee further recommend that the necessary legislation to give effect to this recommendation be sought at the present Legislature, and that His Honor the Recorder and the Chairman of the Laws and Privileges Committee be instructed to draw the necessary Act and transmit the same to the Legislature for enactment as soon as such Act is prepared.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH,
Chairman.

On motion said report is considered clause by clause.

Read clause One *re* Steamship Companies license fee.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause Two *re* Dry Dock assessment.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said clause be referred back to the Committee for further information.

The amendment being put is passed.

Read clause Three *re* exemption of Moir, Son & Company from taxes and water rates; also read resolution submitted at last meeting of Council *re* exempting Moir, Son & Company from taxation.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said clause be adopted.

On motion it was unanimously resolved to add the word "Pastry" between the words "bu-cuits" and "confectionery" in the said original resolution.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the term of exemption be ten years instead of twenty years.

The amendment being put is lost.

The original motion is now put and passed (with the said word "pastry" to be added.)

Read draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to appoint Fence viewers.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO APPOINT FENCE VIEWERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

The City Council of the City of Halifax is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint two or more Fence Viewers in and for the said City, and to make Ordinances fixing and determining the duties to be performed by such Fence Viewers, the fees which may be charged by them, the height of fences to be erected within the City, and the materials of which they are to be constructed, the fines and penalties which may be imposed for violation of such Ordinances, to impose imprisonment for non-payment of fines and generally to make and provide for the enforcement of such Ordinances relating to the subject matter as said City Council may determine to be requisite and necessary.

Said Ordinances when approved of by the Governor-in Council, shall have the same force and effect as if the same were enacted by the Provincial Legislature and incorporated in this Act.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that said draft Act, having been drawn by the Recorder, and having been examined by the members of the Laws and Privileges Committee, be considered as the fourth clause of the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee just read. Motion passed.

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

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the report of the Committee, as amended, be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

* Read report Special Committee *re* County Assessment, covering Agreement.

Said Agreement is also read.

COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

Committee Room, City Hall,

March 20, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee appointed for the purpose of adjusting the proportion of County Assessment to be borne by the City of Halifax on expenditure for joint account, beg to report that several conferences were held with similar committees appointed by the Municipality of Halifax County and the Town of Dartmouth.

The result is embodied in the Agreement hereto attached, which is recommended to the Council for ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made the thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, on behalf of the Joint Committee on Arbitration respecting the Municipality of Halifax County, the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth.

Whereas, the Joint Committee of the said Municipality of Halifax County, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth met at the County Court House at Halifax on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1902, for the purpose of adjusting the proportion of the expenditure which, having regard to the uniform standard of assessment, shall be borne by the said Municipality, City and Town respectively, and also to adjust and determine the objects of municipal expenditure which are for the joint benefit of said Municipality, City and Town, under and by virtue of section 67 of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes;

And whereas, at the said meeting a sub-committee was appointed, to whom was referred the said objects, with instructions to consider and report upon the proportion of such municipal expenditure for the joint benefit to be borne by each municipal corporation;

And whereas, the said sub-committee, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1902, submitted a report to the Joint Committee fixing the values upon which said proportion of such municipal expenditure on account of joint benefit should be rated and assessed, and the sum was fixed as follows:—

That the valuations of the Real and Personal property of the several corporations, as a basis of calculation for apportioning the amount of the expenditure for the joint benefit, be fixed as follows:—

City of Halifax at	\$21,000,000
Town of Dartmouth at	1,650,000
Municipality of Halifax County at	3,350,000

Also, that the objects of the municipal expenditure on joint account be as follows:—

- For the County Jail.
- “ Court House.
- “ Yearly interest on Court House debentures and debentures issued in renewal thereof.
- “ Grand Jury and Secretary.
- “ Petit and Special Juries.
- “ Crown Witnesses.
- “ Sheriff's Accounts.
- “ Fees Clerk of the Crown.
- “ Criers and Constables of Courts.
- “ Printing and Stationery.

Also any amount payable under any future Act of the Legislature making the respective corporations jointly liable.

And that in addition to said objects, the City of Halifax annually pay the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars and the Town of Dartmouth the sum of thirty (\$30) dollars as their portion respectively of the salary of the County Treasurer, but only during the continuance of this Agreement, which said report was adopted by the Joint Committee, and that this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the period of ten (10) years from this date.

And whereas, by resolution of said Joint Committee Robert T. MacIlreith, Frank W. Russell and John McDougall were instructed to execute the said Agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of Halifax County, respectively ;

Now this Agreement witnesseth, that the said Robert T. MacIlreith, representing the City of Halifax ; Frank W. Russell, representing the Town of Dartmouth, and John MacDougall, representing the Municipality of Halifax County, do hereby agree on behalf of their respective municipalities that the valuations of the said corporations, in order to provide a basis of calculation for apportioning the amount of expenditure on joint account under and during the continuance of this Agreement for said corporations be and the same are hereby fixed, in pursuance of said Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, section 67, as follows :—That the valuation of the

City of Halifax is hereby fixed at.....	\$21,000,000
The Town of Dartmouth at	1,650,000
And the Municipality of Halifax County.....	3,350,000

And that the said respective assessments shall form the basis of the amount upon which the joint expenditure of said corporations shall be based and ascertained, and that the City of Halifax shall pay $\frac{420}{520}$, the Town of Dartmouth $\frac{33}{520}$, and the Municipality of the County of Halifax $\frac{67}{520}$ of the amount when ascertained and based upon such valuation.

And it is hereby further agreed that the objects of the municipal expenditure on joint account in regard to which the said corporations shall pay in the proportions before mentioned shall be as follows :—

For the County Jail.
“ Court House.
“ Yearly interest on Court House debentures and debentures issued in renewal thereof.
“ Grand Jury and Secretary.
“ Petit and Special Juries.
“ Crown Witnesses.
“ Sheriff's Accounts.
“ Fees Clerk of the Crown.
“ Criers and Constables of Courts.
“ Printing and Stationery.

Also any amount payable under any future Act of the Legislature making the respective corporations jointly liable.

And also that the City of Halifax shall annually pay the sum of four (\$400) hundred dollars and the Town of Dartmouth the sum of thirty (\$30) dollars as their portion respectively of the salary of the County Treasurer.

And it is also agreed by and between the parties hereto that this agreement shall stand and remain in full force and effect for a period of ten (10) years from the date hereof, after which the said respective Municipalities shall have the right to have their liabilities readjusted both as regards the County valuations and the items contained herein as the objects of joint account.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have signed their names on the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
L. FRED. MONAGHAN.

Witness to signatures of John
McDougall and Frank W.
Russell,

PARKER ARCHIBALD.

ROBERT T. MACILREITH, [L. S.]
FRANK W. RUSSELL, [L. S.]
JOHN MCDUGALL. [L. S.]

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that report be adopted and that the agreement be ratified and confirmed by this Council. Motion passed. X

Read report Committee on Public Accounts *re* Accounts.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE IN RE ACCOUNTS.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 18th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen MacIlreith, (Chairman), Lithgow, Taylor, Hubley and Rogers, they had under consideration the account of W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, for furnishing a certificate of death of the child of John R. Matheson and recommend that as this case does not come under the provisions of Sec. 6, Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, that this account be not paid.

Your Committee also had under consideration the letter of Messrs Lyons & Tobin, Solicitors for W. L. Eaton, in re the payment of his claim for damages to stock. Your Committee know of no fund from which this amount could be taken, and if it is to be paid, the Council will have to provide the necessary funds.

The following accounts, amounting to \$597.32, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz;—

Geo. H. Fielding, Certificate re Fenerty, \$5.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re Condon, \$4.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re Flinn, \$4.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re Duggan, \$4.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re Symons, \$4.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re O'Hearn, \$4.00 ; W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificate of death re Reilly, \$4.00 ; T. C. Allen & Co., City Treasurer's Office, \$1.25 ; T. C. Allen & Co., City Auditors Office, \$16.00 ; T. C. Allen & Co., Mayor's Office, \$13.75 ; T. C. Allen & Co., Registrar of Voters, 170.71 ; T. C. Allen & Co., City Clerk's Office, \$78.10 ; T. C. Allen & Co., City Collector's Office, \$18.30 ; T. C. Allen & Co., City Assessor's Office, \$2.55 ; King's Printer, Blackadar Bros., \$3.00 ; King's Printer, T. C. Allen & Co., \$3.00 ; Royal Bank, for City Treasurer, \$20.00 ; Halifax Herald, City Clerk & City Collector, paper for 1902, \$12.00 ; Blackadar Bros., Adv. License notice, \$70.11 ; Halifax Herald, Adv. License notice, \$102.60 ; Chronicle Pub. Co., Adv. Ward 4 Election, \$9.00 ; Blackadar Bros., Adv. \$5.04 ; Blackadar Bros., Adv. \$9.60 ; C. R. Hoben, 50cts. ; Halifax Herald, Adv. \$15.31 ; A. & W. MacKinlay, Blank Books, City Treasurer, \$3.50 ; A. & W. MacKinlay, Blank Books, City Treasures, \$12.25 ; Hattie & Mylius, for Police Dept. 75cts.—Total \$597.32.

The Committee also had before them a bill from Messrs T. C. Allen & Co., amounting to \$20.90 for printing appeal in Attorney General vs. City of Halifax, and as there does not appear to be any authorization for such appeal by the Council, the Committee does not see its way clear to recommend the payment of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH,
Chairman.

The following resolution is submitted.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be received and adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein recommended for payment.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow.

Alderman Rogers asked who ordered the appeal in the case of the Attorney General vs. the City of Halifax *et al.*

The Recorder stated that he had ordered the case to be printed and taken the appeal, because he thought the case too important to be decided against the City by one Judge, without appealing from the Judgment. If the Council now decided not to pay the bill for printing the appeal case, he would instruct the Chief Justice not to hand down the Judgment on the appeal.

The resolution to adopt the report of the Committee, being put, is passed.

Read draft Act to enable the City to borrow money to pay debts of the Fire Department and to purchase hose.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO BORROW MONEY.

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

1. The City of Halifax is authorized to borrow two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700) to pay the liabilities of the Fire Department in excess of the appropriation for the civic years 1901-2 and 1902-3, and for the purchase of hose. The said sum, when borrowed, shall be appropriated for the above objects, and for no other purpose whatever.

2. The said sum, and interest, shall be included in the next December estimates for the civic year 1904-5, and shall be assessed on the real and personal property of the ratepayers of the City of Halifax liable to assessment, and shall form a lien and charge on the real estate, revenue and property of said City, and shall be levied and collected in the same way, at the same time, and with the same rights, liens and remedies as the ordinary general assessment of the said City.

Moved by Alderman MacIreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Act be approved of and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion put and passed upon the following vote :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Robertson, MacIreith, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hayward, Hawkins—14.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier and Hubley—2.

Read report Special Committee in *re* water supply.

RE WATER SUPPLY.

Committee Room, City Hall,

Halifax, N. S., March 18, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—The Special Committee appointed under resolution of City Council to investigate the cause of the almost total lack of water in some portions of the City, and the low pressure in other portions, and to make recommendations for the improvement of the service, beg to report that they have gone into the whole matter very carefully, and at a meeting held this day, at which there were present Aldermen MacIreith, (Chairman), Lithgow and Hubley, adopted the following report :

That the many and frequent complaints respecting the poor pressure or the entire absence of water supply in portions of both the high and low service districts, which have been coming in for years, have now reached such a volume as to require that some action be taken at once to remedy the condition of affairs which exists.

Admitting as we must, and as the Engineer does, that these complaints are well founded, the three questions which naturally present themselves for consideration are these :

1. Is the amount of water being supplied to the city through the mains sufficient to meet all the legitimate demands of a population of 45,000 persons?
2. If so, what is the cause of the scarcity of water—waste or leaks, or both?
4. What is the remedy to be applied?

As to the first question—In 1847, with a population estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000, a 12 in. main delivering 700,000 per day was found to be sufficient. To-day the supply is made up as follows:—Upper and Lower Chain Lakes and Long Lake which furnish the water for the low service are 206 feet above sea level and supply all streets on a level below that of the southern end of Creighton Street and Tower Road, the highest point, supplied, being 171 ft. above sea level. The water is brought in from these lakes to the City in two mains—one 24 inch via Quinpool Road and one 27 inch to the north end. The two mains deliver about 8,000,000 gallons per diem.

Spruce Hill Lake, which is the source of supply for the high service, is 363 feet above sea level and the highest point it supplies is about 225 feet above sea level. The water is brought in through a 15 inch main and passes 2,000,000 gallons per day, making the total water supply 10,000,000 gallons daily, equal to about 225 gallons per head of population. Since 1847 the population has about doubled, while the water supply is fourteen times as great. The only way to judge as to the adequacy of the supply is to compare it with other towns.

In England the consumption is very low, averaging about 25 gallons per head of population.

Providence, R. I., a city which requires a large quantity of water for manufacturing purposes, uses 84 gallons per head.

Fall River, another manufacturing city, of 102,281 population, uses 3,477,554 gallons per day—over double the population of Halifax and using only one-third the water.

Many other similar examples could be given like the above; but it would seem to be unnecessary to refer to them.

In the face of these comparisons, we must conclude that the capacity of the mains is more than ample for all legitimate requirements, and that therefore we must be using more water than we need. This was the unanimous conclusion of Mr. E. H. Keating, C. E., of Robert Howe, Engineer of the Underwriters' Association, and is the opinion of our present City Engineer. Having reached the conclusion that our supply is adequate, we come to our second question,—What is the cause of the scarcity of water—waste or leaks, or both?

No doubt in the low service underground leaks are responsible for a portion of the very high consumption, as much of the old work is wooden joints which fail as the wood gets bad. To remedy this a systematic inspection and examination of the whole low service will sooner or later have to be made at a considerable expenditure. This criticism does not apply to the High Service.

Now, as only a portion of the heavy consumption is accounted for by leaks, and those in the low service, what becomes of the enormous quantity of water brought into the City?

Let Mr. Keating, who studied this question for years and whose opinion is entitled to great weight, answer. In his first report in reference to this subject he says:

“It is needless for me to say much on the evils attendant upon the profligate waste, as I am aware that you are already well informed on the subject; but this I would say, that it is quite practicable to put a stop to the great bulk of it, though probably it will be found a difficult and tedious undertaking. Stringent laws of course will be required, but they have become a necessity, that is, unless the City is contented to tolerate such a state of things and to tax itself with the cost of increasing the extent of the works, which is most unnecessary.”

"There will be found little use in cautioning people against the extravagant waste of water, or even in adopting the more arbitrary measures of turning off and exacting a fine in the case of offenders. The real causes of the evil lie in the insufficient depth of service pipes; the careless manner in which the plumbing is arranged; the cheap style of buildings—little better than mere shells—which have long since become prevalent among us; the cold and exposed positions in which pipes are laid; and the unprotected state of the pipes everywhere. So long as these things are allowed to continue unchecked, great waste must take place."

In a latter report Mr. Keating said:—"All this is owing to the extravagant waste of water which takes place throughout the City both in summer and winter, but the evil effects are most severely felt during the winter months, because the waste is then general, continuous and unchecked. While this state of things is allowed to continue it is useless to complain of the low pressure or for citizens to expect the water to rise to the upper stories of their houses. When a fire now breaks out one of the first things requiring attention is to concentrate the water as much as possible to that locality by shutting it off from other parts of the City, and in this way, the pressure can generally, in a short time, be run up to a satisfactory height. It is perhaps needless for me to say that this expedient would in most cases be unnecessary if the waste of water were stopped; and if not stopped, the majority of the citizens must be prepared before very long not only to submit to a short supply, but to increased rates of insurance, which will be the probable result."

In his last general report on this trouble Mr. Keating states that "The cause of the whole trouble and of the unsatisfactory condition of the water works is due to the lack of proper system in controlling the consumption and waste of water in the City, and until this is recognized, and stringent measures for the suppression of the extravagant use and waste of water are adopted and firmly enforced, without fear or favor, no improvement in the general supply within the City can be expected, no matter what amount of money may be expended in perfecting the head works or improving the principal reservoirs from whence the supply is drawn. In fact, matters will continue to grow worse and more unsatisfactory yearly."

That the low pressure is due to waste is also the opinion of Mr. Howe, and our present City Engineer has so stated it to be his opinion in several reports, the last one being made on January 20th, 1903. In this report he states: "To-day the Citadel, Artillery Park and the higher portions of Willow Park, North Street and Agricola Street are "without water entirely," which he says, "is caused solely by the cold weather and consequent waste of water." To prove this statement, he points out that the gauge in the superintendent's house, which showed 35 lbs. pressure before the cold snap in December, fell during the cold weather to 22 lbs. When the weather moderated the gauge rose again to 35 lbs., and remained at that pressure until the cold snap in January, when it again dropped to 22 lbs. The City Engineer points out in his report that as a result of this low pressure many hundreds of people are without water; that in case of fire there would be no water for the engines, to say nothing of hose streams; and that there is also the danger of hot water boilers bursting and causing considerable damage.

Being of opinion, as your Committee unanimously are, that waste is the cause of far the greater portion of our troubles, we reach our third question—What is the remedy?

Three remedies have been suggested:—

- 1st. House to house inspection.
- 2nd. Placing of meters where waste is detected.
- 3rd. Turning off the water in all cases where pipes are laid in cold and exposed positions.

Your committee finds that the first remedy suggested has tried and found wanting. That in bad cases all benefit ceases as soon as the Inspector leaves the premises. The Inspector himself states that house to house inspection is practically a failure.

The second remedy—placing meters where waste is detected—backed up by the third—turning water off where pipes are found exposed to frost—seems to be the only cure for the profligate waste of water now going on. The ability of the meter as a waste reducer is abundantly proved, as the following examples will show :

RESULTS OF METERS IN SAVING WASTE.

In New York.—“I am forced to conclude that the one efficient, economical and practical method for lessening the waste of water in New York begins with a water meter on every service pipe. And when you lessen the waste you have solved the water supply problem for many years. More than half the present supply is wasted.”—JOHN R. FREEMAN, C. E.

Woonsocket, R. I. Population 28,000.—All metered; 29 gallons per inhabitant per day.

Syracuse, N. Y., 124,856.—With 44 per cent. metered, uses 64 gallons and pressure has increased from 45 pounds to 95 pounds.

Worcester, Mass., 110,000.—94 per cent. metered; 59 gallons.

Newton, Mass., 30,000.—80 per cent. metered; 59 gallons.

Atlanta, Ga. No more water was pumped in 1895 than was pumped in 1885; upon putting meters in, pumping fell from 6,000,000 per day to 1,250,000 gallons.

The quantity of water used at a south end wharf was reduced by the meter from 1,400,000 the first month to 12,000 the second month. A stable using 40,000 gallons the first month got along very comfortably on 4,000 after the first meter reading.

A property owner on Cornwallis Street received a bill for \$126.00 for the first six months. The quantity consumed in the next six months cost \$2.00.

The consumption in a house on Carleton St.	for the first month was	23,300 gals.
“ “ “ “ “ “	subsequent month	1,800 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	first	29,100 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	subsequent	17,200 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	first	17,200 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	subsequent	1,400 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	first	44,400 “
“ “ “ “ “ “	subsequent	7,800 “

Your Committee begs to make the following recommendations :—

1. That whatever pipes are found laid in exposed or cold positions that the water be turned off until the pipes are located to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
2. That the City Engineer place a meter on the pipe supplying any property where waste has not been stopped on second inspection, provided that notice to stop waste has been served on the owner or agent after the first inspection; provided that not more than fifty meters shall be so placed in any one year.
3. That the owner of any property on which a meter has been placed under the second recommendation, on notifying the City Engineer that the tenant is a yearly tenant, and such tenant also acknowledging that he is a yearly tenant on or before the first day of June in each year, be relieved from paying the water rates, and that thereafter during such year such rates be collected from the tenant.
4. That in order to encourage citizens to minimize the waste of water as far as possible, meters be placed on the pipe of any property by the City Engineer, where the owner of said property requests that a meter be so placed.
5. That in all cases the owner, or occupant (being a yearly tenant) only be required to pay for the water actually passing through the meter and that such meter rate be in lieu of all rates except fire protection rate.

6. That all meters be read monthly, a slip showing reading being left with the owner, or occupant when yearly tenant, when meter is so read.

7. That the bills be rendered every three months, and if not paid within thirty days the water be turned off. This recommendation only to apply to yearly tenants using by meter.

8. In order that the recommendations contained in this report may be properly carried out, the Committee on works be required to furnish meters at once on the Engineer requisitioning for them, and at no time to have less than meters on hand.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH,

Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the report be placed on the Order of the Day, that a copy be furnished each Alderman, and that the same be considered at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Read invitation to the Mayor and Aldermen to attend a meeting to be held at Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, 24th inst., for the purpose of forming a "Good Roads Association" for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the invitation be accepted and acknowledged. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to enable the City Council to refer charges to the County Court judge for inquiry and report.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF HALIFAX TO REFER CHARGES TO THE COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR INQUIRY AND REPORT.

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

1. In case the City Council of the City of Halifax passes a resolution requesting the Judge of the County Court for the County of Halifax to investigate any matter to be mentioned in the resolution and relating to a supposed malfeasance, breach of trust, disgraceful, immoral or other misconduct on the part of any member of said Council, or officer of the corporation, or of any such member or any person having a contract therewith, in relation to the duties or obligations of the member, officer, or other person to the municipality, or in case the City Council sees fit to cause inquiry to be made into or concerning any matter connected with the good government of the said City or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof, and passes a resolution requesting the Judge to make the inquiry, the Judge shall inquire into the same, and shall for that purpose have the power of summoning before him any party or witness when requiring them to give evidence on oath orally or in writing (or on solemn affirmation if they are parties entitled to affirm in civil matters), and to produce such documents and things as the Judge shall deem requisite to a full investigation of the matters into which he is to examine, and shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel them to give evidence and produce documents and things as is vested in any court in civil cases; but no party or witness shall be compelled to answer any question by his answer to which he might render himself liable to criminal prosecution.

2. No action shall be taken against any person so charged founded upon evidence given by any witness unless it appears he had an opportunity of appearing before the Judge of the County Court and cross-examining the witness either at the time when he was examined in chief or subsequently, and that he had also an opportunity of calling witnesses on his own behalf.

3. The Judge of the County Court shall with all convenient speed report to the City Council the result of the inquiry and the evidence taken thereon, and shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid by the City Council for his services in holding such investigation the same fees as he would be entitled to receive if the matter had been referred to him as a referee under the provisions of the Judicature Act of Nova Scotia.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards recommending a grant of \$1000.00 to the Widow of Michael F. Sullivan, whose death resulted from exposure while on duty as a fireman at Moir's fire.

GRANT TO WIDOW OF MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 20, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this afternoon to consider the matter of the death of Michael F. Sullivan, a member of the Fire Department, which occurred on March 6th inst.

In connection with this matter, the Board examined Dr. Finn, who attended Mr. Sullivan in his illness, and also had a report from Chief Connolly on the subject.

After enquiring into the facts, your Board came to the conclusion that Mr. Sullivan's death was induced by over-exertion and exposure while on duty as a fireman at the fire at Moir, Son & Co.'s factory, on the night of February 23th last, and unanimously decided to recommend that legislation be applied for to enable the City to pay to the widow of Mr. Sullivan the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) upon the following terms:—

That the said sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) when borrowed be vested in the Mayor of the City as Trustee;

That when the said sum is borrowed the Mayor shall pay to the said widow the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), and the balance of said sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in six equal half-yearly instalments. Should the widow die before the whole sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or any of said instalments are paid her, then the said sum or the instalments remaining unpaid shall be paid in like manner to the daughter of the said Michael Sullivan.

It is also recommended that His Honor the Recorder prepare the necessary legislation to give effect to this recommendation, the said Act to provide that the loan be assessed for in the Estimates for the year 1904-5 and repaid.

The report of the Chief is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL,
Acting Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said report be adopted.

Motion put and passed unanimously, there being sixteen Alderman present.

Read report of Alderman MacIlreith, in *re* Revising the City Charter and Ordinances and Laws relating to the City of Halifax.

REVISING CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 16, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Under resolution of the City Council passed the 10th day of February last, authorized me to confer with Mr. Justice Graham, and ascertain upon what terms and conditions he would undertake the revision of the City Charter and Ordinances, and the consolidation of all Acts of the Local Legislature applying to the City of Halifax and report to the Council, I have to report that in conformity with said resolution, I met and discussed the matter with Mr. Justice Graham.

Mr. Justice Graham agreed to undertake the work, and at my request that he should name his co-revisionist, suggested that Mr. F. H. Bell should be appointed with him; that His Honor the Recorder should also be placed on the Commission for consultive purposes; and that in order to maintain a link between the Commission and the Council, a certain number of members of the Laws and Privileges Committee, say three Aldermen, familiar with the working of the Charter, should also be appointed as honorary members of the Commission. The system of revision and amendment to be followed would be similar to the course adopted in the revision of the Statutes of the Provinces in 1900. The Charter, all local Acts affecting the City and the City Ordinances, would be referred to this Commission with power to consolidate, revise and amend the same where they considered it necessary. An Act should be obtained at the present Session of the Legislature, by which the Charter when completed by the Commissioners, should be sent directly by them to the Governor-in-Council for the approval of that body, and on being approved by them, a proclamation should be issued in the Royal Gazette, proclaiming the City Charter, Acts and Ordinance to be in full force and effect.

In the matter of remuneration, Mr. Justice Graham states that an amount to be agreed on between His Lordship, Mr. Bell, and the Chairman of the Laws and Privileges Committee will be perfectly satisfactory to him. As to the remuneration of the Recorder, His Honor states that he is prepared to do the work required of him for the sum of \$400.00.

There is a small sum remaining to the credit of the last revision, which it would seem desirable to have transferred to account of this proposed revision, in order that there will be sufficient money available to pay for the large number of copies of the Charter which will require to be printed. In order to make this transfer it will be necessary to obtain Legislative authority, and I would recommend that such authority be sought.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH.

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

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that His Worship the Mayor nominate the consultative Committee recommended in the report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such Committee, Aldermen MacIlreith, Geldert and Hubley. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

Read report Acting-City Engineer *re* Water Extension, Beech St.

WATER EXTENSION, BEECH STREET.

City Engineer's Office, March 19, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from William Jackson, asking for water extension to his house, No. 56 Beech Street. The distance would be 100 feet. The estimated cost is:

6" pipe	\$ 60 00
Excavation and pipe laying	175 00
6" stopcock	20 00
6" double branch	5 74
Lead	1 00
1 service pipe	15 00
	\$276 74

The interest on this amount at 5 % is \$13.84, which would make the special rate for Mr. Jackson's house \$13.84.

This extension is on the high service district, and I regret, owing to the condition of this service, being unable to recommend any further extension on it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,

Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the water be extended to Mr. Jackson's house on Beech Street, upon that gentleman giving the usual bond for the payment of a special rate of \$13.84. Motion passed.

Read report Acting-City Engineer *re* test of water meter People's Heat & Light Company, Limited.

PEOPLE'S HEAT AND LIGHT CO.'S METER.

City Engineer's Office, March 20, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report as follows as to the correctness of the meter through which the People's Heat and Light Company have been supplied with water.

The 6" meter which has been on their premises at the N. W. Arm since the inception of their works in 1896 was removed on the 11th inst. and tested on the 13th inst., when it was found to register correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,

Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day with the papers relating to the reduction of water rates People's Heat and Light Company. Motion passed.

Read letter City Assessor in *re* bills for rent of hatchways.

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

Read reports February 20th, 1903, and March 19th, 1903, from Special Committee on Lockman Street lots.

LOCKMAN STREET LOTS.

City Hall, February 20, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed to deal with the matter of Lockman Street lots beg to report that the transfer of Lots Nos. 39 and 41, sold some time ago to Mr. G. B. Ternan for \$750, has never been completed. Your Committee have sold these lots to Mr. E. P. Allison for \$775, subject to the approval of the Council, and ask that their action in the matter be confirmed by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CROSBY,
Mayor and Chairman.
F. W. W. DOANE,
City Engineer.
W. F. MACCOY,
Recorder.

IN RE LOCKMAN STREET LOTS.

Halifax, N. S., March 19, 1903.

The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, the Committee having charge of the disposal of Lockman Street Lots beg to report that the following lots were acquired by the City in connection with the widening of Lockman Street, and were afterwards disposed of as shewn:—

No. on plan.	Owner.	Sold to.	Price.	Amt. received for old bldg.
1-3	J. R. Caldwell	Thos. P. Mulcahy	\$1000	\$ 5
7-9	Mary Roach	No land left		75
11	Simon Fitch	" "		75
13-15	James Crawford	James Davidson	825	13
21	Catherine Healey	Estate of P. Power	225	15
33	Mrs. John Hall			10
39	Heirs J. Mulcahy,			30
41	Miss Jennie Marshall,			
43-45	Thos. L. Kent	M. A. Kent	402	225
47	Misses Rigby,	Mrs. Mary Roach	300	105
49	Mrs. M. N. Moody,			
77-81	John Osman	John O'Sullivan	50	116
83	Arch. Mulvena	James Coolen	200	61
97	Daniel J. Smith,	George McKerron	300	125
99	George F. Fenton,			151
109	H. D. Blackadar	H. D. Blackadar	464	5
111	H. D. Blackadar	H. W. Trider	1000	20
151	Wm. Canavan	E. P. Allison	1750	Includes bldg.
157	Wm. Nisbet			75
163	E. M. Power			10
213-5	Thos. M. Power	Thos. M Power	450	355

As will appear from the above statement, the following lots have not yet been sold ; Nos. 39, 41, 157 and 163.

The Committee have recommended to the Council that Lots 39 and 41 be sold to Mr. E. P. Allison for \$775, and that Nos. 157 and 163 be sold to Mr. S. A. Heisler for the price of \$258.63 and \$93.29 respectively.

A. B. CROSBY,
Mayor.
W. F. MACCOY,
Recorder.
H. W. JOHNSTON,
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said reports be adopted, and that the offers respectively of Mr. E. P. Allison and Mr. S. A. Heisler be accepted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council do now adjourn to Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion put and lost, the division being as follows:

Fer Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, Doyle, Cawsey.—4.	Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins.—9.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that No. 22 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 22, viz: Petition W. H. Fulton *et al re* Wool Pulling Factory, Fenwick Street.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that Mr. Fulton being present, be given a hearing before the Council. Motion passed.

Mr Fulton addresses the Council at length, claiming that the City had made a contract over twenty months ago to purchase the property in question, and that they were thereby bound to take the necessary steps to complete the purchase.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the purchase made by this Council for public purposes, of the property between Fenwick and South Streets, from W. H. Fulton by resolution passed on the 27th day of June, 1901, be completed, and that the Recorder do forthwith prepare and have introduced at the present session of the Legislature, an Act enabling the City to borrow \$4,000.00, the purchase price, and ratifying such purchase.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on Monday evening next. Motion passed.

Alderman MacIlreith, having received permission of the Council, said he desired to make an explanation of certain reports in the newspapers that he would offer for re-election in Ward Two. He wished to publicly state that it was not his intention to offer for re-election in said Ward at the coming election.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the matter of issuing licenses be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Council do now adjourn until Monday evening next, 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.45.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

(ADJOURNED MEETING.)

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

MARCH 23RD, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, MacIlreith, Campbell, Robertson, Spry, Mahoney and Barry.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, 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 and Aldermen Lithgow, Taylor, Doyle Rogers, Cawsey and Adams.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Alderman Barry submits report Charities Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Petition Dana Hooper for re-instatement as a policeman.

Application of Simon Cummins for appointment of a Coal Weigher.

Report Coal Weighers for February.

Letter S. M. Brookfield *re* Graving Dock Assessment.

City Collector's returns 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 letter Simon Cummins asking for the appointment of an Additional Coal Weigher.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the Council do now proceed to the election of a Coal Weigher. Motion passed.

Read applications for position of Coal Weigher from Thomas Elford, Robert Story, Edward Dulhanty, P. P. Ryan, James Downie, Mortimer Dwyer.

The following are nominated for said position: John McLeod
Richard F. Wade.

On the first vote being taken there appeared:

For McLeod, 2; Wade, 3; Dwyer, 2; Downie, 1; Elford, 1; Story,
3; Dulhanty, 1.

Second vote—McLeod, 2; Wade, 4; Dwyer, 5; Story, 2.

Third vote—Wade, 6; Dwyer, 6; Story, 2.

Fourth vote—

For Wade.

Aldermen MacIreith, Campbell,
Barry, Spry, Lam-
phier—5.

For Dwyer.

Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Hubley, Doyle,
Cawsey, Rogers,
Adams—9.

His Worship the Mayor declared Mortimer Dwyer duly elected a
Weigher of Coal.

Read report Coal Weighers for month of February, 1903. Filed.

Read application of Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., for permission
to lay cables under ground.

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

Read letter S. M. Brookfield in *re* Dry Dock Assessment. Placed
on Order of the Day.

Read application of Dana Hooper for re-instatement as a policeman.

Moved by Alderman MacIreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell,
that the same be referred to the Police Commission. Motion passed.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for February. Filed.

Read report Charities Committee asking for a special grant of
\$600.00 to pay over-expenditure.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE OVER-EXPENDITURE.

Office of Charities Committee, Poor's Asylum, March 23, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

They had under consideration the accounts for the year, and find that on account of
the sum of \$600.00 having been taken out of this year's appropriation, (since the

estimates for 1902 and 1903 were made) by an Act of Legislature, and transferred to Construction Account to pay accounts contracted during the year 1901 and 1902, they therefore are compelled to ask the Council to provide them with said amount.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARRY,
ANDREW HUBLEY,
W. G. ROBERTSON,
W. H. CAWSEY,
WM. B. MAHONEY,

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Expended from May 1st to March 1st, 1903:

Interest.....	\$ 4,000 00	
General expenses.....	28,173 17	
Probable expenditure for March.....	2,729 53	
Probable expenditure for April.....	2,867 06	
		\$37,769 76
Transfer to Construction Account.....		483 04
		<u>\$33,252 80</u>

RECEIPTS,

Appropriation.....	\$24,300 00	
Collected and deposited with City Treasurer.....	9,682 02	
Probable income from date to April 30th, 1903.....	3,451 43	
		<u>\$37,433 45</u>
Probable deficit.....		<u>\$ 819 35</u>

LIABILITIES.

	March	April
Dillon Bros.....	\$ 550 00	\$ 490 00
E. and A. Thompson.....	335 00	280 00
Smith Bros.....	96 70	
Salaries.....	581 84	761 83
Maling & Co.....	46 17	40 00
Fordham.....	20 82	
Scotia Pure Milk Co.....	69 75	65 03
George Grigoire.....	30 40	36 00
Yeast, Fleischman & Co.....	4 20	4 20
B. Mulcahy, cash expended.....	290 03	40 00
Medicine V. G. Hospital.....	90 00	
Gas, Halifax Electric Tram Company.....	75 00	50 00
J. S. Cashen.....	13 00	
J. F. Kelly.....	8 75	
A. Graham & Co.....	12 50	
A. Austin.....	3 40	
Coal, H. D. McKenzie.....	496 97	
Charles Davies.....	15 00	
Maintenance of Insane, Mt. Hope.....		850 00
Wates Rates, 6 months.....		250 00
	<u>\$2729 53</u>	<u>\$2867 06</u>
		<u>\$2729 53</u>
		<u>\$5596 59</u>

ASSETS.

Amount on deposit with City Treasurer.	\$1325 81	
Probable income from date to April 30th.	3451 43	
		<u>\$4777 24</u>
Probable deficit		<u>\$ 819 35</u>
Received from Provincial Government for transient poor, 12 months, 1902-2		\$5259 12
1902 and 1903 to January 28, 1903	\$3512 88	
Three months ending April 30th, about	1200 00	
		<u>\$4712 88</u>
		\$ 546 24 .

RECEIPTS FROM CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT.

For concrete, 1901 and 1902	\$448 68	
This year the receipts will be about	120 00	
		<u>\$328 68</u>
		<u>\$874 92</u>

Amount expended on account wood yard, 1901 and 1902	\$1,423 58
" received for wood sales in 1901 and 1902	3275 63
" expended in 1902 and 1903 on account woodyard to date	2437 34
" received for wood sales to date	4628 29

Average inmates 1901 and 1902—339.
 " " 1902 and 1902—337.

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas, an amount of \$600.00 was taken from the Charities Committee account for the year 1902-1903 by an Act of the Legislature, Session 1902, and thereby placing said Committee in the position that they are unable to provide the necessary requirements for the institution for the year ;

Therefore resolved, that the City Council prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature to borrow the sum of six hundred dollars and place the said amount to the credit of Poor's Asylum Maintenance Account, 1902-1903, and that said sum be assessed in the assessment of 1904-1905, and repaid.

Moved by Alderman Barry, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report and resolution be referred back to the Charities Committee for further information and report.

The vote being taken, there appeared :

For motion to refer.	Against.
Aldermen Lithgow, MacIlreith, Campbell, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Adams—7.	Aldermen Robertson, Barry, Spry, Mahoney, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the motion to refer, and declares the same carried.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that No. 8 (b) on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 8 (b), viz., Report Special Committee in *re* Water Supply. (See printed Minutes March 20th, 1903.)

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the recommendations in said report be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read clause 1.

Your Committee begs to make the following recommendations:—

1. That whatever pipes are found laid in exposed or cold positions that the water be turned off until the pipes are located to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said clause be adopted.

Read clause 2.

2. That the City Engineer place a meter on the pipe supplying any property where waste has not been stopped on second inspection, provided that notice to stop waste has been served on the owner or agent after the first inspection; provided that not more than fifty meters shall be so placed in any one year.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the words "Committee on Works" be substituted in said clause for the words "City Engineer."

The amendment being put is lost, on the following vote:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lamphier, Hublev,
Doyle, Rogers, Adams—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Robertson,
MacIlreith, Campbell,
Barry, Taylor,
Spry Mahoney and
Cawsey—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that said clause be amended by adding at the end thereof the following words:

"Any complaint on the part of a ratepayer that he has been discriminated against by the City Engineer shall be dealt with by the City Council."

And that said clause as so amended do pass. Amendment passed.

Moved by Alderman Hublev, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the following sub-section be added to said clause 2:

"Provided, further, that of the 50 meters mentioned in the paragraph 2 (a) not more than 25 shall be placed on the high service and not more than 25 on the low service in any one year."

Read clause 3.

3. That the owner of any property on which a meter has been placed under the second recommendation, on notifying the City Engineer that the tenant is a yearly tenant, and such tenant also acknowledging that he is a yearly tenant on or before the first day of June in each year, be relieved from paying the water rates, and that thereafter during such year such rates be collected from the tenant.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that this clause be struck out. Motion passed.

Read clause 4.

4. That in order to encourage citizens to minimize the waste of water as far as possible, meters be placed on the pipe of any property by the City Engineer, where the owner of said property requests that a meter be so placed.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 5.

5. That in all cases the owner, or occupant (being a yearly tenant) only be required to pay for the water actually passing through the meter and that such meter rate be in lieu of all rates except fire protection rate.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said clause be amended by striking out the words "or occupant (being a yearly tenant)" and by adding the word "water" before the word "rates" and after the word "all" in the last line of said clause, and that said clause as so amended do now pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 6.

6. That all meters be read monthly, a slip showing reading being left with the owner, or occupant when yearly tenant, when meter is so read.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said clause be amended by inserting the words "or his agent" between the words "owner" and "or" in the second line thereof, and also by striking out of said clause the words following "when yearly tenant," and that said clause as so amended do now pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 7.

7. That the bills be rendered every three months, and if not paid within thirty days the water be turned off. This recommendation only to apply to yearly tenants using by meter.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said clause be struck out. Motion passed.

Read clause 8.

8. In order that the recommendations contained in this report may be properly carried out, the Committee on works be required to furnish meters at once on the Engineer requisitioning for them, and at no time to have less than meters on hand.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be amended by inserting the words "ten nor more than fifty" between the words "than" and "meters" in the last line of said clause, and that said clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that the matter of compensation to the heirs of Richard Supple be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for report, and that if said report is favorable that the recommendation of the Board in the matter be incorporated in the Act to pay \$.000.00 to the widow of Michael Sullivan and submitted at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the Council adjourn till 8 o'clock on Friday evening, 27th inst. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it.

The names being called for, there appeared :

For the motion.

Aldermen MacIlreith, Campbell,
Taylor, Hubley,
Doyle, Rogers.—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Barry,
Robertson, Spry,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Cawsey, Adams.—8.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, 26th inst. Motion passed.

Council adjourned 10.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

MARCH 26TH, 1903.

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

Moved by Alderman Barry, seconded by Alderman Hubley, 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, MacIlreith, Campbell, Rogers, Martin, Cawsey and Hawkins.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The following papers are submitted :—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, by Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft Act to amend the Building Act, by Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman.

Report Special Committee appointed to draft Act exempting Moir, Son & Co. from certain taxes, covering drafts of Acts, by Alderman MacIlreith.

Read report of Fire Wards *re* grant to widow of Richard P. Supple, by Alderman Campbell, Acting Chairman.

Report Charities Committee *re* over-expenditure, by Alderman Barry, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :—

Report Committee on Works *re* Library Room for Recorder.

An Act to amend the City Charter in *re* Water Meters.

An Act to enable the City to pay to the heirs of Michael F. Sullivan and Richard P. Supple, in each case, \$1,000.00.

Petition employees of Dry Dock *re* Assessment on Dry Dock.

Letter Builders' Association *re* License fee for non-resident Contractors.

Resignation of City Collector of his office of Clerk of Licenses.

Recorder's report on Bond of W. W. McLellan, License Inspector, endorsed on said Bond.

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

Read draft Act to amend the City Charter relating to Water Meters.

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 OF THE ACTS OF 1891, KNOWN AS THE "CITY CHARTER."

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

1. The City Engineer shall place a meter on any water pipe supplying any property where the waste of water has not been stopped after the owner, agent or occupier has been notified of such waste, provided the Engineer has a meter for that purpose, as mentioned in Section Six of this Act; but in case said Engineer shall discriminate against a ratepayer, he shall have the right to appeal to the City Council, who shall deal with the matter; and in case a meter is put on under this section, the property owner shall pay the rates fixed by the Board of Works.

2. It shall be the duty of the Engineer, whenever requested by the owner of any property, to place a meter on any pipe supplying said property with water, and the Committee of Works shall keep on hand a sufficient number of meters for that purpose.

3. Hereafter the owner of any property supplied with water through a meter shall only pay for the water actually passing through such meter, at the rates and rental now fixed by the Board of Works and approved of by the City Council; but nothing in this Act shall exempt the owner of property from paying the protection and pipe rate.

4. Every meter shall be read monthly by some city official, who shall leave a record of said reading with the owner agent, or occupier, showing the amount of water consumed since the last reading.

5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section One of this Act, the Committee of Works, on the requisition of the City Engineer, shall furnish at once and constantly keep on hand not more than fifty nor less than ten water meters.

6. The City Engineer, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section One, shall not in any year place more than fifty meters on service pipes, twenty-five of which shall be placed on pipes supplied with water from the low service system and twenty-five on pipes supplied from the high service system.

7. All bills for meters and for water used through meters shall be rendered on the first day of October and the first day of April in each and every year, and said amounts therefor shall be due and payable on said days.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said clause be amended by adding between the words "meter"

and "shall" in the second line the words "now or hereafter installed," also by adding between the words "meter" and "at" in the third line the words "and for meter rent," and in the same line between the words "rates" and "fixed" by striking out the words "and rental now," and that the said clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be amended by striking out the words "agent or" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words "or agent, or in the event of the owner or agent being out of the City, then with the occupier" and that said clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clauses 5, 6 and 7, which were on motion severally passed.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the said Act as amended do now pass as a whole and that it be forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read report His Honor the Recorder and Alderman MacIlreith, covering draft Acts in *re* exempting Moir, Son & Co. from certain taxes.

Draft Act marked No. B is now read.

Also read letter Moir, Son & Co., dated March 25th, 1903.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said draft Act "B" do now pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said Act be considered clause by clause. The amendment being put is passed.

Read clause 1.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO EXEMPT MOIR, SON & COMPANY FROM CERTAIN TAXES.

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

1. The firm of Moir, Son and Company are hereby exempt from the payment of taxes to the City of Halifax on any manufactory erected by them in said City and the plant and machinery therein for the manufacture of biscuit, confectionery, chocolate, prepared cocoanut and boxes and the stock kept for such purposes and the stock manufactured therefrom, except as hereinafter mentioned; provided said firm shall invest in grounds and buildings and machinery therein and sufficient stock costing not less in the whole than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the above purpose.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that this clause be amended by adding the words "of merchandise" after the word "stock" wherever the said word appears in said clause, and that said clause be further amended by striking out all the words after the word "provided" and substituting the following in lieu thereof :—