

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the report be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report Common Commissioners *re* accounts.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC GARDENS.

AUGUST 14th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commission held this day they had before them the following named accounts. The same were approved and passed for payment and the Secretary requested to forward them to the City Council for their information and concurrence :

Electric Light Co., 56c. Robert Merlin, \$26.10. Melvin & Co., \$4.55. Kelly & Glassey, \$12.90. Crump & Perrier, \$3.18. Total, \$47.29.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the Report of the Gardens Commissioners be concurred in and warrants drawn for payment of the accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report Police Commission *re* accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

SEPTEMBER 1st, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Police Commissioners beg to recommend for payment the following accounts :

W. F. Pickering, Police Clothing, \$319.00. W. & C. Silver, Carpet, &c., \$40.71. Gordon & Keith, Chair, &c., \$18.00. Total, \$377.71.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Police Commission be received and concurred in and the accounts paid.

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

Read report Charities Committee for August.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

September 4th, 1903.

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

Members present, the Chairman, Aldermen Halliday, Barry, Mahoney and Hubley.

The Superintendent's report for August shows that during the month there were 30 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 23 discharged and 2 died. Total number of inmates August 31st, was 313, made up of 177 men, 132 women and 4 children.

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

Dillon Bros., \$509.24. E. & A. Thompson, \$285.16. Smith Bros., \$83.54. W. & A. Maling & Co., \$47.88. Geo. Gregoire, \$24.00. J. S. Cashen, \$8.75. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$69.75. Fleischman & Co., \$3.90. T. C. Allen & Co., \$6.95. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$21.70. B. Mulcahy, \$65.25. T. H. Carroll, \$53.33. Brookfield Bros., \$40.15. J. Henry Barnstead, \$10.20. H. L. Hart, \$6.60. John Foley, \$18.00. Pay Sheet, \$579.33. V. G. Hospital, \$115.81. H. S. Jacques, M. D., \$5.00. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$11.89. Total, \$1,966.43.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is presented :

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 Halliday, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed.

Read letter City Clerk covering accounts Industrial School, St. Patrick's Home and Monastery of the Good Shepherd.

ACCOUNTS.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, Sept. 22nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to enclose herewith the following named accounts for the quarter ending July 31st, 1903 :

Religious of the Good Shepherd	\$ 120 00
Industrial School, (Offences)	190 00
" " (Truants)	124 98
St. Patrick's Home (Offences)	384 50
" " (Truants)	265 99
Total	\$1085 47

The said accounts have all been certified as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the accounts be paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. The amendment being put is lost, 4 voting for the same and 7 against it, the names on demand being recorded as follows:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Halliday, Taylor, Hubley, Adams.—4.	Aldermen Johnson, Barry, Doyle, Martin, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins.—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the accounts be paid on the same being signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The amendment being put is passed, 6 voting for and 5 against it, as follows:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Halliday, Johnson, Taylor, Hubley, Rogers, Adams.—6.	Aldermen Barry, Doyle, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins.—5.

Read report Committee on Works *re* accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, September 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached bills for the several services were submitted, examined, found correct and referred to the Council for payment.

Street Lighting, \$1451.68 Sewerage, \$715.56. Streets, \$657.78. Streets, \$241.30. Water Maintenance, \$247.05. Water Construction, \$146.46. Teams and Stables, \$135.18. City Property, \$117.36. City Hall Lighting, \$36.91. Internal Health, \$15.31. Public Baths, \$1.48. Total, \$3766.07.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

The following resolution is introduced:—

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, September 4th, 1903.

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

F. P. Hayden, dry goods, \$7.41. Robt. A. Croucher, oats, \$44.50. Lange & Reynolds meal, &c., \$34.95. A. McDonald, groceries, \$12.10. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$9.05. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$9.00. Total, \$117.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that the accounts therein recommended be paid.

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

Read recommendation of Board of Health that William Johnson be recompensed for loss sustained during outbreak of Small-pox.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said report be referred back to the Board of Health for further report. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges on petition of Carritte-Paterson Co. for permission to erect boilers and stills on their property Campbell Road.

CARRITTE PATERSON TAR WORKS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, August 14th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor City Cou. cil :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, at which there were present Alderman Geldert, (Chairman), Doyle, Johnson and Rogers, they had under consideration the application of the Carritte-Paterson Company for permission to erect a factory for the manufacture of tar paper, &c., on Campbell Road.

Mr. Saunderson, representing the Company, appeared before the Committee and submitted plans of proposed buildings.

Mr. J. A. Turnbull, Manager of Acadia Sugar Refinery ; W. W. Walsh, President of Lorne A. A. Club ; James Hillis, Constant Upham and Edward R. Wright, were also present and protested against permission being given to erect the factory, on the grounds of the inflammable nature of the product and of the obnoxious odor arising therefrom, which would be very objectionable to residents and property owners in the vicinity.

After careful consideration by your Committee, it was

Resolved, That this Committee recommend to the City Council that the Carritte Paterson Co., Ltd., be granted permission to erect their buildings for the manufacture of tarred paper on the premises owned by them on Campbell Road, provided the buildings are of standard construction, approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters, the buildings to be built of brick with metal roofs, the boiler house and still not to exceed

20 ft. in height and the other buildings not to exceed 15 ft. in height. No building to be erected nearer the building of any person or persons than 40 feet.

Aldermen Doyle and Johnson voting for the resolution and Alderman Rogers against it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

Filed.

Read report City Engineer *re* site for Carritte-Paterson Co's factory.

SITE FOR CARRITTE-PATERSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept 3rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—With reference to the application from the Carritte-Paterson Manufacturing Company asking the City to sell a piece of the Works Department yard, between Kempt Road and Longard Road, I beg to report :

Alderman Adams and myself measured the property yesterday with Mr. Carritte and Mr. Saunderson and found that the pipe crosses the field at a distance of about 225 feet from the north side. No proposition should be entertained that would approach nearer than 25 feet to the pipe, as we require ample room on both sides in case of trouble.

The Company purchased a property on Campbell Road on which they intended to erect their buildings and plant. Objection was taken by the property owners in the neighborhood and they have abandoned the proposal to build there. The total area of that property was 28,000 square feet. A frontage of 75 feet on Kempt Road would give the same area, and yet the Company insist that they require 200 feet—almost three times the area that they had bought for their purpose on Campbell Road.

As there seems to be a feeling in the Works Commission in favor of selling to the Company a portion of the Works Department area, I feel that it is my duty to point out as strongly as I can the necessity for the city retaining the land in the interests of the Works Department I am quite as anxious to keep the Carritte-Paterson Manufacturing Co. in the city as any other citizen of Halifax can be, and I would also advocate some sacrifice, if necessary, to keep them ; but it does not need the sacrifice of city interests or city property to give them a site. There are several sites available, and they have already entered into negotiations for at least two of them. In both cases the Inter-colonial Railway guarantee to put in a siding. The only disadvantage they claim for one site is the price, which they say is too high, and in order to offset that they ask the city to enter into competition in real estate and prevent a private citizen from selling a piece of property by disposing of a piece of land the city owns. If it were absolutely necessary for the city to help them to get any particular site, there is nothing to prevent the city contributing towards the purchase so that the cost would be reasonable ; but I must urgently protest against parting with any portion of the only piece of property of any value which the Works Department owns, when it is not necessary. And further, the price of which they complain is only about half of what they had already paid for the property on Campbell Road. Several years ago the piece of property in question was purchased by the then Board of Works on the ground that in the future it would be absolutely necessary to own such a property. Every argument that can be used by the Carritte-Paterson Co. in favor of handing the site over to them is equally strong in favor of the city holding it and shows the wisdom of the Board which purchased the land. It is the only property owned by the city into which a railway siding is run or can be run. It affords facilities for landing bricks, water pipe, drain pipe, coal, lumber, cement, sand and flag stones which are delivered by rail in the city yard without extra handling or truckage. At present we are using a part of the Common, under protest from the Military Authorities and the public, for the storage of supplies. The City Supply Yard should never have been located there and is a blot on the landscape for every tourist or citizen visiting the Citadel ramparts, and there is no question that its occupation as a supply yard cannot be continued indefinitely. The city stables, workshop, store houses and supply sheds are located on the old Exhibition Grounds. There

is no question that that land will be sold sooner or later and when that time comes a new location must be found. The Committee on Supplies, of which one of the present Board was a member, came to the unanimous conclusion that it would tend to the economical working of the Department if the workshop and supply yard were together, and there is no question that it would undoubtedly reduce the staff and cost of maintenance. The property at Kempt Road is the only property which is available or in any way suitable, and if the yard, shops and store houses were located there with the railway sidings delivering supplies at the door a considerable saving could be effected annually. Any person looking over the ground now occupied by the city yard stables, workshops and store houses will see at a glance that there would be no spare room on the Kempt Road property, and we cannot therefore afford to dispose of any of it.

When plans were made for the proposed electric light plant a short time ago this ground was selected as one suitable for the location because coal could be delivered by rail. The buildings, coal sheds, etc., would take up a considerable area.

There are other schemes in view which in the near future may require similar locations, and in my opinion it would be folly for the city to dispose of the only land suitable for the location of such city institutions, especially when there is no necessity for it.

I would again strongly urge that the Company be left to purchase the other sites available, or, if it is considered by the Council necessary to help them, that a contribution be made towards the purchase, and that the piece of property which is so much more valuable to the city be retained.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works on petition of Monastery of the Good Shepherd to be relieved from payment of Water Rates for at least one year.

WATER RATES MONASTERY GOOD SHEPHERD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept. 22nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached letter from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd was read and referred to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MONASTERY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

HALIFAX, Sept. 18th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax:

DEAR SIR,—We, the Religious of the Good Shepherd, in our present affliction, earnestly beg Your Worship and the City Council to exempt us from water rates for, at least, one year.

The Laundry having been the only means of maintaining the numerous poor inmates of the Monastery, they are in consequence of the fire left without any resource but public charity.

Trusting that our appeal may not be in vain, and assuring you of our sincere gratitude in the event of our request being granted, we remain,

Dear Sir,

Respectfully yours,

SR. M. DE ST. ALPHONSE DE SIGNOIE, *Sup.*

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

Read report Committee on Works *re* asphalt sidewalk Fawson Street.

FAWSON STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept. 22nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to recommend that an asphalt sidewalk, which the City Engineer estimates to cost \$90.00, be laid on Fawson Street.

Respectfully submitted

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the report be placed on the Order of the Day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the report be adopted.

The amendment being put is passed.

Read requisition of Board of Health for \$354.00 for the purchase of an ambulance for the conveyance of patients to Infectious Diseases Hospital.

REQUISITION BOARD OF HEALTH FOR \$354 00 FOR AMBULANCE.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD,

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 1st, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the City Health Board to call the attention of your Council to the very urgent necessity which exists for an ambulance for the conveyance of cases of contagious and infectious sickness. The City Health Board is put to very great inconvenience, and the citizens immediately interested to much danger and discomfort, through the lack of a proper vehicle. Patients have now to be conveyed in open carriages.

Your Council has been repeatedly urged by recommendation of the Board to grant the necessary amount asked for, but hitherto such recommendation has not been acted upon.

The present need of a proper ambulance is urgent and great.

Yours Respectfully,

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

Cost of Ambulance, \$354.00.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be granted. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley asks to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Read petition of residents Lockman Street for removal of Trachoma Hospital from 147 Lockman Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Board of Health for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Chief of Police, September 4th and September 14th of violations of the Liquor Licence Act on Sunday.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Sept. 4th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report one violation on Sunday last, viz : John F. Doneaghey, hotel keeper, 26-28 Upper Water St.

September 14th, 1903.

In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report one violation on Sunday, Sept. 13th, viz. : Thomas A. Rogers, shop license, 86 Cornwallis St.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report License Inspector *in re* P. J. Broderick's license.

PATRICK BRODERICK'S LICENSE.

OFFICE OF LICENSE INSPECTOR, August 13th 1903.

In response to resolution of the City Council dated August 8th 1903, I beg to report as follows :

That Patrick Broderick is a holder of an hotel license in Sec. G Ward 2 for the sale of liquor.

That a license holder cannot transfer his license.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. McLELLAN, *Chief License Inspector.*

To the City Council of the City of Halifax.

Also read Recorder's opinion *in re* transfer of Liquor License, &c.

IN RE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL. Aug. 20th, 1903.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the request of Alderman Hawkins' resolution, I beg leave to report.

First. That a liquor license holder cannot transfer his license to any person and if such a transfer has taken place and the person to whom it is transferred sells liquor he is liable to be prosecuted for breach of the Liquor License Act for selling without a license.

Second.—I am not aware of any Act that prohibits a City Official from selling liquor under a license in case he obtains one; but by section 127 of the City Charter the Council is empowered, when they think it necessary that any officer of the City shall be restricted from being engaged in business of any kind which they conceive incompatible to the efficient and satisfactory performance of his office, to impose conditions to prevent engagement or connection of his office with any business or occupation they think objectionable, and to annex fines, suspension or forfeiture of office for any disobedience thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCox, Recorder.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That P. J. Broderick, Chief of the Fire Department, be requested to surrender the hotel license he holds in Section G, Ward 2 for the Sale of Liquor.

Further Resolved, That in the event P. J. Broderick does not surrender the license to sell liquor above referred to within ten days he be requested to hand in his resignation as Chief of the Fire Department forthwith; the holding of said license being inconsistent with his duties as Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Barry, that this matter be placed on the Order of the Day.

The amendment being put is lost, 4 voting for the same, and 7 against it. The names being called for, there appeared:—

For the amendment.

Aldermen Barry, Doyle, Martin,
Adams—4.

Against.

Aldermen Halliday, Johnson,
Taylor, Hubley, Rogers,
Hayward, Hawkins—7.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read report License Inspector *re* penalties for Sunday violations of the Liquor License Act.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

OFFICE OF LICENSE INSPECTOR, August 13, 1903.

In response to resolution of the City Council dated August 6th, A. D., 1903, I beg to report as follows:—

The sections of the Liquor License Act under which I can proceed for Sunday violations are Nos. 69, 72 and 74, according to the available evidence in the individual cases.

There is no distinction recognized by the Act between minimum and maximum penalty for the respective offences. The different sections of the Statute creating the offence in most cases specify the penalty applicable to that particular offence; but in the absence of that a general clause fixes the amount from \$20.00 to 50.00, and His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate, who tries the case, is the sole judge and fixes the amount in all cases.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. McLELLAN, Chief License Inspector.

To the City Council of the City of Halifax.

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works covering report City Engineer
re Town Clock Citadel Hill.

TOWN CLOCK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached minute of Council *re* Town Clock Citadel Hill and City Engineer's report thereon were read and referred to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CITADEL CLOCK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 2nd, 1903.

SIR,—The report on the Citadel Clock submitted by the Committee on Works was referred back to ascertain whether the clock could be operated by electricity or not. It has been examined by the City Electrician, who reports that it cannot be operated by electricity and that the cost of a new electric tower clock with striking attachment for hours and a master clock and battery in the City Hall would be \$860.00 and the cost of operation would be about \$50 00 a year for battery maintenance.

Respectfully submitted

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read petition for Sewer on Gottingen street between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets.

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

Alderman Adams, and Mahoney, retire from the meeting.

Read petition of W. B. A. Ritchie for water extension to his property "the Bower".

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

Read letter S. Cunard & Co. and petition Insurance Agents *re* encroachment foot of Morris street. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read circular invitation to City Council to send representatives to Convention of League of American Municipalities to be held at Baltimore, October 7th, 8th and 9th. Filed.

Read petition for Sewer and Water extension on Lawrence Street to Harvard Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that

the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition for granite curb and gutter on Green Street.

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

Read letter J. J. Power, Solicitor for Edward Brennan, claiming damages for loss sustained through overflow of sewer.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* G. P. Henry's claim and on system of book keeping in City Assessors' office.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Sept. 18, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert, (Chairman), Johnson and Hayward, they had under consideration the claim of Mr. G. P. Henry for services rendered.

Your Committee are of opinion that Mr. Henry's liability for taxes is a matter purely for the Collector to deal with; and with respect to the other matters mentioned by him, viz. his claims for collection of license fees and house-to-house water inspection your Committee recommend that these matters be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report as to the liability of the City.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the letter of the Rate-payers' Association *re* system of book-keeping in Assessors' Department. With reference to this matter Messrs. Clayton and Hart appeared before the Committee and explained that they had no fault to find with the Assessors personally; but were of the opinion that the system of making the assessment can be materially simplified and improved. They furnished the Committee with a draft form of assessment which they thought it desirable to adopt with such amendments as may be found necessary.

It was moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, and resolved, that the Council be recommended to appoint a Committee with power to employ an accountant, if necessary, to investigate the present system of keeping the books of the Assessors' office with the view of recommending, if possible, a more expeditious and a cheaper way of doing the work, and at the same time giving the information to the public that they desire.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The same is on motion considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 *re* G. P. Henry's claim for remuneration for services.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said clause be referred back to the Committee together with His Honor the Recorder for further report. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 *re* system of book keeping in City Assessors' office and recommending appointment of a special Committee.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that a special Committee consisting of Alderman Johnson, Doyle and Cawsey be appointed to investigate and report on the system of book keeping in City Assessors' office. Motion passed.

Read report Police Commission covering Annual Report Chief of Police, 1902-3. Filed.

Read Annual Report City Auditor, 1902-3. Filed.

Read letter Secretary Exhibition Commission *re* proposed lease of race track. Filed.

Read monthly reports of Coal Weighers for July and August. Filed.

Read petition for water extension Longard Road.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* sidewalk Bedford Row.

BEDFORD ROW SIDEWALK.

August 26th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer *re* Bedford Row Sidewalk was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that the work be done as it is badly needed.

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

BEDFORD ROW SIDEWALK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 25th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Several requests have been made for the reconstruction of the sidewalk on the west side of Bedford Row, from George Street north. The property owners are desirous of having the bricks relaid. The estimated cost of relaying the sidewalk, resetting curb and putting down granite gutter is \$250.00. The estimated cost of relaying the sidewalk is \$95.00, half of which would be paid by the property owner. I would recommend that the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read opinion W. B. MacCoy, Acting Recorder, *re* Arbitration South Shore Railway right-of-way.

RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH SHORE RAILWAY.

HALIFAX. August 31st, 1903.

To His Worship Mayor Crosby :

DEAR SIR,—In the absence of His Honor the Recorder, I have been asked whether the time was now opportune for the taking of such steps as set out in Chapter 75 of 1903 for the appointment of an arbitrator by the owners of those lands through which the right-of-way for the Halifax and South Western Railway passes, as also the Arbitrator to represent the City.

Before these appointments can be made, there are, under the Act, certain necessary conditions to be done, such as the filing of the plans in the Registry of Deeds, showing the lands required for the right of way, station grounds and sidings and that the line adopted by the Company shall be substantially that laid down on plan submitted to City Council, and that said line is approved by the Governor-in-Council, and also that construction work shall be commenced within the City by July 1st, 1903.

The facts as I have to-day ascertained them are, that on June 29th, 1903, a plan showing from Halifax to Hubble's Lake was filed both in the Deeds office and with the Government. This plan was approved by Governor-in-Council on above date. But this approval only included from Halifax to the fifth mile, and from the tenth to the sixteenth mile. The intermediate five mile, i. e., between the fifth and tenth mile, as well as lands for stations, have not been approved.

The second plan from Hubble's to Hubbard's Cove, being the County line, has been filed and approved.

I read the Act to mean that the whole line must be approved before arbitrators are appointed. I therefore advise that nothing at this time be done towards nominating Arbitrators.

Yours respectfully,

W. B. MacCort.

Filed.

Alderman Doyle gives notice of reconsideration of resolution demanding the surrender of P. J. Broderick's licence.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that No. 16 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 16, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer extension Young Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now submitted by leave of Council:—

Whereas negotiations have been going on between the City of Halifax and the Imperial Authorities relative to obtaining the lot of land between Bedford Row and Water Street known as the "Large Fuel Yard" for the purpose of erecting thereon a public market, it being one of the most desirable lots and the one most centrally situated for that purpose;

And Whereas, This Council is of opinion that if proper representations were made and prosecuted said lot could be obtained for the purpose aforesaid;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to enter into negotiations on behalf of the City with the Imperial Authorities as to whether said lot could, and the terms and conditions upon which the same would, be transferred to the City, and report to this Council at as early a date as possible.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed unanimously.

The plan and specification for a new residence for the ferryman at Point Pleasant Park are now laid before the Council.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, second by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred back to the Point Pleasant Park Commissioners for further consideration. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Laws and Privileges be requested to frame an Ordinance to control and regulate the running of automobiles in the streets of the City, Point Pleasant Park and other places. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Taylor that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
OCTOBER 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 Johnson, Lithgow, Barry, Hubley and Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell 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 Halliday, Geldert, Mahoney, Lamphier, Doyle, Martin Cawsey, Rogers, and Adams.

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

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Public Accounts Committee by Alderman Lithgow, Acting-Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Barry, Acting-Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Cawsey, Chairman.

Reports (2) Board of Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

Report on Annual Convention of Union of Canadian Municipalities, by Alderman Campbell, Deputy-Mayor.

Annual Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

Annual Report Charities Committee 1902—3, by Alderman Barry, Chairman.

Annual Report Commissioners of Common, 1902-3, by Alderman Rogers, Chairman.

Petition for electric light Pepperell Street, by Alderman Mahoney.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Thirteen report Committee on Works, viz :

Accounts for September.

Curb and gutter Green Street.

Water Extension Bower Road.

Sewer and Water Extension Harvard Street.

Sewer Kings Place.

Sewer Gottingen Street.

Sewer Pepperell Street.

Water Extension Acadia and Duffus Streets.
 T. Pearson & Co's claim for damages.
 Water Extension to City Prison.
 Tenders for water valves.
 Tenders for old iron.
 Granite Curbing Cornwallis Street.

Recorders report *re* transfer of Little Fuel Yard to the City, covering draft Bond.
 Report Chief of Police *re* Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.
 Recorder's opinion *re* payment of Mrs. Gill's claim.
 Report of Board of Health *re* Recorder's account for Salary.
 Report Board of Health *re* William Johnston's claim.
 Annual Report Board of Health, 1902-3.
 Annual Report License Inspector, 1902-3.
 Petition in *re* sewer outlet South Hollis Street.
 Petition for electric light Pleasant Street.
 Recommendation City Health Board for sewer Gottingen St.
 Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities *re* Railway Lines.
 Monthly Cash Statments City Collector and City Treasurer for September.

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

Read report City Prison Committee *re* Accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 8th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison met this day at 3 p. m.

Present—Aldermen Taylor (Chairman), Barry, Lamphier and Cawsey.

The following accounts, amounting to \$82.50, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

J. A. Hancock, oil, \$10.80. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$9.00. A. Fordham, leather, \$7.56. McDonald & Morris, meal, \$10.05. D. L. Horne & Co., groceries, \$12.84. J. F. Kelly, harness supplies, \$6.70. I. H. Crowell, dry goods, \$9.25. Thos. Booth, dry goods, \$9.71. D. J. McIntosh, horse shoeing, \$6.59. Total \$82.50.

T. J. BARRY, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for September.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

September 29th, 1903.

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 Halliday, Barry, Hubley and Hayward.

The Superintendent's report from September 1st to date shows that during that time there were 33 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum 1 born, 13 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 7 were chargeable to the province and 26 to the city. The total number of inmates in the institution on this date is 324, made up of 189 men, 132 women and 3 children.

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

Billon Bros, groceries, \$163.50 E. & A. Thompson, meats, \$248.52 Smith Bros, dry goods, \$80.93. W. A. Maling & Co., pork, \$49.01. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd, milk, \$67.50. Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$12.31. Geo Gregoire, fish, \$18.10. J. S. Cashen, bran and oats, \$17.50. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd, gas, \$32.90. C. E. Puttner, dispensing medicine, \$37.50. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$7.62. John Davison & Son, roofing, \$46.93. James Hillis & Son, range, \$38.55. Bauld Bros & Co., herring, \$5.00. B. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$481.17. Fleischman & Co., yeast, \$3.90. Pay sheet, September, \$578.33. Total \$2,180.27.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the report of the Charities Committee be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein contained.

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

Read report Public Accounts Committee covering accounts.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 6, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Lithgow (Acting Chairman), Johnson, Doyle and Hubley.

The following accounts, amounting to \$249.92, were passed as correct and recommended for payment:—

Dr. T. J. F. Murphy, Deputy Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Wilkes, \$4.00; Thorborn, \$4.00; Byers, \$4.00; Murphy, \$4.00; Rogers, \$4.00; Morton, \$4.00; Foran, \$4.00; total \$24.00. W. D. Finn, M. E., certificates of death Walker, \$4.00; Foese, \$4.00; Blackburn, \$4.00; Poggs, \$4.00; Borden, \$4.00; total \$20.00. R. G. G. Dun & Co., Assessors', Legal Record, \$10.00. London Rubber Stamp Co. \$8.00. Holloway Bros, printing minutes, \$31.70. T. C. Allen & Co., City Treasurer's department, \$6.00; City Collector's department, \$6.10; City Clerk's department, \$12.71, \$4.00—\$16.71; total \$28.81. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$12.72. Herald Publishing

Co., advertising, \$16 00. A. & W. Mackinlay, books, City Clerk's department, \$1 25; City Assessor's department, \$59.40. Halifax Tramway Co., for light, Grand Parade, \$17.04. King's Printer, printing bills, \$6.00. Chas. Putman, bill posting, \$15 00. Total \$249 92.

WM. LITHGOW, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced:

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 the payment of Accounts therein contained.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards *re* application of Carritte-Paterson Manufacturing Company, appointments, &c.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Sept. 28th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this evening. Present Aldermen Hubley, (Chairman), Lithgow, Adams and Barry.

1. The Board had under consideration the application of the Carritte-Paterson Company for permission to erect their tar paper factory, boilers and stills on property owned by them on West Young Street. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Exhibition Commission, the President of the Board of Trade, His Worship the Mayor, and, in response to advertisement in the newspapers, by a number of property owners.

After due consideration the Board beg to recommend that the application of the Carritte-Paterson Co. be granted.

2. It is further recommended that John Sherlock be appointed a call man on No. 3 Steamer Company in place of Wm. Kline (left the City); and that John McGrath be appointed a call man on No. 4 Steamer in place of John Brooks.

3. The account of John Horne for \$170.00 and charges \$7.60 for a horse purchased for the Department was passed for payment.

4. It is recommended that John A. Moir be appointed Engineer of No. 3 Steamer in place of Michael Mulcahy resigned.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 *re* application of Carritte-Paterson Mfg. Co.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 recommending appointment as Callmen of John Sherlock and John McGrath.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3 *re* account John Horne, &c.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said accounts be paid. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4 recommending appointment of John A. Moir as Engineer of No. 3 Steamer.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be referred back to the Board for further consideration. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards *re* dismissal of Arthur Lownds, pensioning firemen, (covering letter Alderman Lithgow) and recommending accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, October 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN.—The Board of Fire Wards beg to report as follows:—

The Board recommend the dismissal of Arthur Lownds, callman No. 4 Steamer Co., for drunkenness on duty at a fire.

A letter from Alderman Lithgow in reference to pensioning firemen is submitted for the consideration of the Council.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

H. H. Fuller & Co., copper tubes, \$135.62. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$2.50. O'Brien, Mont & Co., carriage work, \$15.50. John O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$5.30. P. Porrier, horseshoeing, \$4.38. D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, 93 cents. J. R. Purcell, horseshoeing, \$1.90. David Power, horseshoeing, \$10.24. Wm. Kline, horseshoeing, \$1.71. John Foley, mason work, \$7.65. Patrick Dow, carriage work, \$10.75. Kenny & Co., bed clothing, \$31.35. Mrs. Egan, meals, \$6.25. H. M. Hilchie, varnishing, \$2.00. Day & Kinsman, plumbing, \$2.50. John F. Kelly, harness work, &c., \$8.40. Neil Fox, harness work, \$5.25. J. Quigley & Co., lumber, \$4.10. C. C. Morton, paper, 20 cents. J. J. Carnell, grinding axes, \$1.00. Mrs. Power, lard, 26 cents. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$6.94. Brown & Webb, acid, \$3.22. I. Sallis, night soil, \$5.00. Howard McFatrige, vet. services, \$45.00. Committee on Works, cleaning drains, &c., \$2.33. E. J. Fenton, forage, \$219.35. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$37.25. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$89.25. Total \$681.06.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

PENSIONING FIREMEN.

October 8th, 1903.

The Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners, City:

DEAR SIR,—There is one question relating particularly to the future efficiency of the department to which I have given some considerable thought, and I would now like to draw the attention of the Board, and through it, of the City Council, to the matter, and believing it to be very essential, I would ask that it be carefully considered and a proper remedy applied.

I think no one will question the statement that fire fighters require to be young, active, strong, intelligent men, capable of putting forth their maximum efforts when necessity requires. They are exposed to dangers and hardships when engaged in their duties, such as fall to the lot of few others of our citizens. Be the weather what it may, they must be prepared to take a soaking and remain in their wet clothes, possibly

frozen on their backs, until their duties are over, they constantly run the risk of being half suffocated with smoke, and it is therefore necessary that they should have strong, vigorous constitutions, not liable to succumb to, and able to quickly throw off the effects of such hardships. Further, it is necessary that they be physically in condition to respond with rapidity to every alarm, as it is incontrovertible that the first fifteen minutes at a fire are the most valuable ones.

I think it will be admitted that after the age of forty-five men steadily lose that spring and snap which they enjoyed in previous years. They cannot wake from a sound sleep so readily, they are not prepared to jump and run as they used to, and they cannot maintain violent exercise as they could in former years.

Now, our department as at present constituted, consists of two classes:—"Permanent men" and "call men."

I will take up the "call men" first. The regulations of the department, very wisely, I consider, limit the age at which a man can join the department to not exceeding thirty years. The majority of the men join under twenty-five, and as these men are in no way dependent for their living upon the gratuity paid them by the city, it would be no hardship for them to be compelled to retire at the age of forty-five, on an average of twenty years' service. In the case of call officers, their experience being worth something, I would retain them to the age of fifty.

Now take the "permanent men." This is a more difficult matter to deal with. These men are steadily employed, and depend for their living upon the wages they receive from the city. That these wages are, and necessarily must be, too small to enable them to lay by sufficient for old age, I think cannot be gainsaid. By reference to the list attached, it will be readily seen that not a few of our "permanent men" are rapidly approaching an age at which they must become quite unfit for the arduous duties which they are expected to be prepared for at all hours. The question therefore is, what are we to do in the near future with these men? Turn them adrift as soon as they become so inefficient that it is useless to retain them any longer; after they have given the best years of their life to the city's service and are unable to turn their hand to other suitable employment? I do not think for one moment that any council would consider such a proposition. There is, therefore, in my mind, only one solution of the problem, and that is to arrange some system of pensions which will enable the Board to maintain the efficiency of the department by providing for those who, through age or injuries received in the line of duty, have become incapable of filling their positions as they should be filled. How this most important question should be dealt with I am not prepared to say; but I would suggest that a special committee should be appointed by the City Council to carefully consider and suggest a workable scheme.

I believe if some such system as above outlined is adopted, it will materially increase the efficiency of the Department in more ways than one. A supernumerary list could be maintained, as the young men joining same would feel reasonably sure that, owing to the regular retirement of members of the Call Force reaching the age limit, there would be vacancies every year to be filled from the supernumerary list, we could thus practically increase the strength of our Department by 30%.

WM. LITHGOW.

SCHEDULE

Showing ages at last birthday of members of the department at present time:—

Paid men—1 fifty-seven, 2 fifty-four, 1 fifty-three, 1 fifty-two, 4 fifty, 2 forty-eight, 1 forty-five, 1 forty-four, 2 thirty-nine, 1 thirty-eight, 2 thirty-three, 1 thirty-one, 1 twenty-seven, 1 twenty-one. Total 21.

Call men—1 fifty-six, 1 fifty-five, 1 fifty, 1 forty-nine, 3 forty-eight, 1 forty-seven, 4 forty-three, 2 forty-two, 2 forty, 5 thirty-nine, 1 thirty-eight, 3 thirty-seven, 2 thirty-six, 4 thirty-five, 1 thirty-four, 6 thirty-three, 5 thirty-two, 2 thirty-one, 4 thirty, 10 twenty-nine, 3 twenty-eight, 3 twenty-seven, 2 twenty-six, 4 twenty-five, 2 twenty-four, 1 twenty-one. Total 74.

From the above figures you will note that thirteen of the paid men are over forty-

four years of age at the present time. Of Call men twelve are upwards of 43 years ; thirty-one are upwards of thirty-five years ; and forty-three are under thirty-five years of age.

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 recommending dismissal of Authur Lownds.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be adoped. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 *re* pensioning fireman, covering letter from Alderman Lithgow.

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That a special Committee, to consist of three members of the Fire Commission, the Chairman Committee of Public Accounts and the City Treasurer be appointed to consider and report a scheme for carrying out the recommendations or suggestions *re* pensioning members of the Fire Department.

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

Read clause 3 *re* accounts.

The following resolution is presented :

Resolved, that clause 3 of the Report of the Board of Fire Wards be received adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein contained.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Caswey and passed.

Read report Library Committee *re* Account.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, October 6th, 1903.

At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day there were present Aldermen Geldert, Chairman, Barry, Cawsey and Martin.

The following bills were presented, and being found correct are recommended for payment, viz :

City Clerk, Expressage and Duty, \$6 97. W. L. Kane & Co., Cotton, \$1.68. Publishers' Weekly, \$3.50. MacAlpine Publishing Co., Directory, \$3.00. Library Bureau, \$16.58. Thos. C. Johnson & Sons, 75 cents. Mutual Sub. Agency, \$3.03. J. R. Findlay, Return Slips, \$5.00. J. R. Findlay, Book Marks, \$3.50. J. R. Findlay, Book Marks, \$9.51. J. R. Findlay, \$1.00. C. D. Cazenove & Son, £78. 18. 3., \$384.04. Total, \$438.56.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read Annual Report Library Committee, 1902-03 Filed.

Read report His Honor the Recorder *re* Transfer of "The Little Fuel Yard" to the City of Halifax, covering draft bond and certain correspondence.

RE TRANSFER "LITTLE FUEL YARD."

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Oct. 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The correspondence between His Worship the Mayor and the Military Authorities was handed to me to continue and to obtain a transfer of the Little Fuel Yard to the City. I have had various correspondence with the Minister of Militia at Ottawa and the Headquarters Staff here, including Lieut. Col. Connor, R. E., from whom I have received every courtesy and information on the subject.

The matter coming to a conclusion. I prepared a bond in accordance with the terms of a letter addressed by the General Officer Commanding the Regular Forces in Canada to the Hon. Minister of Militia, and sent the same to the Militia Department at Ottawa for its approval. A few days ago I received from the Deputy-Minister of Militia and Defence a letter stating that the form of bond is quite satisfactory, and I now forward the same to the Council for its approval and the passage of a resolution instructing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same on behalf of the City.

I return herewith all the papers on the subject, which consist of the following :—

Copy of letter from General Officer Commanding Forces in Canada to Hon. Minister of Militia and Defence, dated April 6th, 1903.

Letter from City Engineer to Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners, dated June 3, 1903.

Letter Deputy Minister Militia and Defence to His Worship the Mayor, dated April 14, 1903.

Letter Deputy Minister Militia and Defence to His Worship the Mayor, dated June 4, 1903.

Copy of letter from City Recorder to Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, dated June 29, 1903.

Letter Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence to City Recorder, dated July 9, 1903.

Letter from City Recorder to Minister of Militia and Defence, July 22 1903.

Letter Deputy Minister Militia and Defence to City Recorder, dated July 28, 1903.

Copy of letter City Recorder to General Officer Commanding Forces, dated August 13, 1903.

Letter Lt.-Col. Connor, R. E., to City Recorder Sept. 12, 1903.

Copy of letter City Recorder to Lt.-Col. Connor, Sept. 16, 1903.

Letter Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence to City Recorder, dated Oct. 8, 1903.

Form of bond.

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

DRAFT OF BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, a Municipal Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the said Province, is held and firmly bound unto His Majesty King Edward Seventh (represented herein by the Honorable Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence of Ottawa), in the sum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) dollars lawful money of Canada, to be paid

to His Majesty or his successors, for which payment well and truly to be made, the said City of Halifax binds itself firmly by These Presents.

Sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor of said City and its City Clerk, as required by law, and dated this _____ day of October, one thousand nine hundred and three.

Whereas, the said city is anxious to acquire the property belonging to His Majesty (represented by the War Department), known as "The Little Fuel Yard," in the City of Halifax, and the War Department have agreed to transfer the same to the Dominion Government in order that the same may be conveyed to said City on the condition that lands or buildings of an equivalent value which may be required hereafter for defence purposes by the Imperial Government should be provided by the Dominion Government; that "The Little Fuel Yard" should be valued by the Dominion and military authorities jointly; that no immediate payment be made, but the amount of the valuation be noted and deducted from the price of any future lands or buildings required by the War Department for defence purposes from the Dominion.

And whereas, the said property has been valued by Arbitrators appointed respectively by the Dominion and Military authorities and the said property has been valued at three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) dollars.

Now the conditions of the above obligation is such that in case the said Imperial authorities or the War Department shall request the Dominion Government to furnish them with lands or buildings required by them for defence purposes of an equivalent value, not exceeding the said sum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) dollars, then and in such case the said City of Halifax shall pay in to the office of the Honorable Minister of Militia and Defence at Ottawa the value of such lands so required but not exceeding the said sum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) dollars, in which case this Bond shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the report of His Honor the Recorder be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the bond according to law. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works *re* Accounts for September.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS

HALIFAX, N. S., October 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached bills for the several services connected with this department were submitted, examined found correct and referred to the Council for payment:

Water Construction, \$4,317.15. Water Maintenance, \$106.57. Streets, \$303.90. City Property, \$295.58. Teams and Stables, \$250.73. Sewerage, \$89.60. City Hall Lighting, \$47.60. Insurance, \$36.00. Public Baths, \$14.00. Internal Health, \$7.82. Fuel, \$2.79. Official City Plan, \$1.09. Total, \$5472.83.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* G. A. Cook & Co's. petition for granite curbing Cornwallis Street.

CORNWALLIS STREET CURBING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on the Minute of Council *re* petition of Geo. A. Cook & Co. for curbing on Cornwallis St was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from George A. Cook & Co. asking for a curb in front of their property on Cornwallis Street.

On principle it is not advisable to lay curb and gutter in front of single properties, unless the property owner is prepared to pay a portion of the cost. If a block is to be improved the whole block should get the benefit, not one property. Some repairs have been made to the sidewalk in front of Mr. Cook's property; and as the street fund is exhausted I would recommend that the laying of curb and gutter be deferred for the present.

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

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

Read monthly cash statements City Collector and City Treasurer for September. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and the City Engineer *re* petition for granite curbing and gutter Green Street.

CURB AND GUTTER GREEN STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached Minute of Council with Engineer's report thereon was read *re* granite curb and gutter Green Street, when it was referred to the Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 9th, 1903.

His Worship Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Green Street, asking for granite curb and gutter on the south side of Green Street.

The estimated cost of the work asked for is \$1,225.00. If the funds were available, I should like to see a curb and gutter on every street; but that, of course, is out of the question. We have been spending so much money during the last two years on sidewalks that we are obliged to neglect many streets where repairs are urgently required. There are two blocks on Pleasant Street just north of Green Street without a curb; and I think even the residents of Green Street will admit that Pleasant Street is a much more important street than Green Street. We should use any available funds to complete the laying of a curb and gutter on the principal streets before going to the less important ones. Green Street is a residential street only and cannot be considered as

among the list of more important streets. Our street fund is exhausted and under the circumstances I am obliged to recommend that this work be deferred for the present.

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works *re* tenders for water valves.

WATER VALVES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 14th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer verbally reported on tenders received from R. D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, Canada Foundry Co. and Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., Scotland, for water valves, stating that the valves of the first two named were not suitable for City work as the several parts were not interchangeable with those in use and recommending that the tender of Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., be accepted. Said report was adopted and referred to the Council for adoption.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works *re* tenders for old iron.

OLD IRON.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 14th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the following tenders for the old iron as per specification seen at City Engineer's office were opened.

Wm. McFatridge	\$ 7 00 per ton.
G. Fred S. Townsend	8 25 "
John Simon	11 60 "

It was decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender of John Simon, it being the highest.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on petition of W. B. A. Ritchie for water extension Bower Road.

WATER EXTENSION TO THE BOWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on the Minute of Council *re* water extension to W. B. A. Ritchie's property, "The Bower," was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 7th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto from W. B. A. Ritchie, asking for water extension to his property at "The Bower."

About 480 feet of 6 inch pipe is required. The estimated cost is \$887.00 The interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent. is \$44.35. The district is low service; and I would recommend that the extension be made, provided Mr. Ritchie will comply with the conditions on which water is extended, viz: give a bond to pay the interest on the outlay.

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

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on petition for sewer in Gottingen Street,

GOTTINGEN STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer *re* Minute of Council on petition for sewer on Gottingen St. between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 7th, 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 Gottingen St. between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets.

The estimated cost of a sewer in this block is \$1900 Estimated assessment \$830.00.

The construction of a sewer in this block is very much needed, and I would recommend that the work be ordered.

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

Also read report Board of Health on same subject.

GOTTINGEN STREET SEWER.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Sept. 29th, 1903.

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board held on Monday, Sept. 28th, 1903 :—

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas a public sewer is urgently needed in Gottingen Street, between Cornwallis and Falkland Streets, as several of the houses in that section have their cellars frequently overflowed for the want of proper drainage ;

Therefore Resolved, That in the interest of public health the City Council be recommended to have a sewer constructed in said section as soon as possible.

Moved by Dr. MacKay, seconded by Alderman Doyle, and on being put is passed.

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on petition for sewer King's Place.

KING'S PLACE SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMAN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re petition of residents of King's Place for a sewer was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 7, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for a sewer in King's Place.

The estimated cost is \$3,600.00. Estimated assessment \$1,900.00.

This street has been in an insanitary condition for some time, and a sewer has become an urgent necessity. I would recommend that the work be ordered.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on petition for sewer Pepperell Street.

PEPPERELL STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 7, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re Minute of Council for sewer extension Pepperell Street was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 7, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The estimated cost of this sewer is \$5,250. Estimated assessment \$2,800.

Pepperell Street, between Louisburg Street and Preston Street, is very flat and the water lies stagnant in the gutters. It is impossible to get it to run off without a sewer. The street has been in an insanitary condition ever since houses were constructed on it; and I would recommend that the work be ordered.

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

Moved by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on petition for sewer and water extension Harvard Street.

HARVARD STREET SEWER AND WATER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer's report *re* Minute of Council on Sewer and Water extension, Harvard Street, was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Harvard Street asking for the extension of the sewer from Duncan Street to Chebucto Road.

The estimated cost is \$850 00. Estimated Assessment, \$450.00. The construction of this short piece of sewer would not only enable us to drain several houses, but to carry off surface water which now has to run a long distance, and I would recommend that the work be ordered ; and, in order to save expenses, that the water pipes be laid in the sewer trench at the same time

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works, covering report City Engineer and opinion of His Honor the Recorder on claim of T. Pearson & Co. for damages.

T. PEARSON & CO.'S CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 14, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on the 7th inst., the attached reports of His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer *re* T. Pearson & Co.'s claim of \$93.00 damages for goods destroyed by a defective catchpit, was read and the City Engineer and Clerk of Works were instructed to visit the premises and see the goods, with a view of compromising said claim. At the meeting held on this date the Clerk of Works reported that in the absence of the City Engineer he and Assistant Engineer Johnston waited upon T. Pearson & Co., looked at the damaged goods and were of the opinion that \$43.00 were ample for damage besides the retention of the damaged goods. Referred to the Council with a recommendation that said report be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 7, 1903.

MR. W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder :*

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the accompanying claim from T. Pearson & Co., the cellar was flooded by a heavy rain, during which the outlet pipe from the catchpit became choked. The catchpit was cleaned a few days before the rain and was, as far as the workmen could ascertain, in good order. Immediately after the rain the foreman of streets offered to clean out the cellar ; but Mr. Pearson declined to accept his services. I know nothing of the damage that was done.

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

IN RE PEARSON & CO'S CLAIM.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Sept. 22, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Messrs. T. Pearson & Co. make a claim on the City for the sum of ninety-three (\$93.00) dollars for alleged damage through a defect in the catchpit which they claim was stopped up with sticks and rubbish, causing the catchpit to overflow and the water and dirt to run into their cellar.

It appears that on the 27th July this catchpit was thoroughly cleaned; that on the 29th of the same month a very heavy down pour of rain swept some debris and material off the street into this catchpit, which prevented the water from flowing from the catchpit into the sewer, whereby the catchpit became full.

I am of opinion, that under these circumstances, if the damage were caused in this way and the catchpit became full of water whereby the surface water of the street flowed over the sidewalk and into Mr. Pearson's cellar, the City would not be liable.

I have seen Mr. McDonald, the Foreman of Works, who informs me that on either side of the catchpit, about three feet from its bottom, there is a small pipe running in the direction of the curb for the purpose of draining any water at the bottom of the curb in order to prevent it from heaving, and he thinks that the water which went into the cellar must have forced its way through these pipes and through the sidewalk, which is built of rubble stone, and in that way into the cellar. If this is the case, I am of the opinion the City would be liable. When the City builds a catchpit or any other work it must be done in such a way as not to cause a nuisance or injury to the public.

The bill rendered, it seems to me, is very large; but this is a matter for the Committee on Works to investigate, if they find the injury was done in the way I have indicated.

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer, on petition for extension of water service on Acadia and Duffus Streets.

WATER EXTENSION ACADIA AND DUFFUS STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer *re* Water Extension Acadia and Duffus Streets was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners asking for the extension of the water from Roome St. along Acadia St. and down Duffus St. to Albert St. The district is high service. There are no houses on a portion of Acadia St. through which pipe would be laid and four houses to be supplied on Duffus St. The estimated cost is \$1422.50, which would make the special rate for each house, \$17.78. As this is probably more than the property owners will pay, I would recommend that the extension be deferred until there are more houses.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* water extension to City Prison, Rockhead.

WATER EXTENSION TO CITY PRISON.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, October 7th 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer's report *re* Minute of Council on Water Extension to the City Prison was read and referred to the Council.

A. B. CROSEY, *Mayor and Chairman*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 7th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

STR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council and report from the City Prison Committee, I beg to report on the proposal to extend the water service to the City Prison :

The end of the pipe at present is at Duffus St District high service. Length of the extension, 1650 feet. Distance from Gottingen St. to centre of City Prison Yard, 350 feet. There are three dwelling houses and a slaughter house on the land. The estimated cost is \$3803.04. The interest on the outlay at 5%, \$190.15. If the Council consider it advisable to make this extension on the high service, under existing conditions, I would strongly recommend that any service pipes to be put in private property be metered, as it is unjust to those who now have the water to supply the class of houses erected in this neighborhood in any other way but by meter. If meters are not put in there is certain to be a waste of water, which will still further reduce the pressure in the higher parts of the service; and further, a special rate would have to be made which would be prohibitive.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for report as to the feasibility of obtaining a supply of water for the Prison by boring and raising the water by wind power. Motion passed.

Read report of Alderman Campbell, Deputy Mayor, on the recent Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, held at Ottawa, which he attended, representing the City.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

HALIFAX, N. S., October 16th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The third Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities was opened in Ottawa on Wednesday, September 16th, with delegates present from far and near.

The Union exists for purposes of common interest, for mutual equity and benefit, for the purpose of uniting the representatives of the people and of having them act together in defence of public rights, and that municipal rights may be preserved from private corporations seeking to ignore municipal authority.

The Union now consists of one hundred and six members, divided as follows:—

Twenty-six cities, fifty-nine towns and twenty-one other municipalities. The membership has been considerably extended during the year.

A bureau of information has been established at the office of the Assistant Secretary, M. P. Cochran, Esq., Montreal, which has done good service during the year, and in which records, blue books, municipal and trade papers are kept, which enable valuable information to be given when requested. Members of the Association are invited to make complete use of the bureau.

During the year many amendments of the most important character to general laws and private bills have been obtained in the interests of the public, and the friends of the municipalities in the Federal and Local Legislatures have been enabled through the support given them by the Union to create a strong sentiment in favor of municipal rights.

Among the subjects in which the Association has taken a beneficial part have been improvement in railway and other Corporation Acts, where the municipal control of streets against companies of all kinds has been, the Association hopes permanently asserted in strong terms, so far as the Federal Parliament is concerned. In cities and incorporated towns the absolute consent of the municipal authorities has been made a condition.

Resolutions were unanimously carried requesting the Dominion Government to bring in a general telephone bill which will protect municipal rights; also requesting the executive committee of the Association to consider the rates required by the Fire Underwriters Association and report at the next meeting of the Association upon the advisability of a system of municipal insurance.

The work of the Association is not confined to any one Province or City, but extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and as a consequence it may fairly be said that such things as were possible to be effected by promoters against municipalities only a few years ago could now be accomplished only with extreme difficulty, if at all.

London, Ontario, was selected as the next place of meeting.

While deeply regretting the absence of His Worship the Mayor from this very interesting meeting, I beg to thank you for the opportunity given me of being present as your representative.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Deputy Mayor.*

Filed.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities *re* Railway lines.

LETTER CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES *re* RAILWAY LINES.

MONTREAL, 13th Oct., 1903.

His Worship Mayor Crosby:

DEAR SIR.—I send you the following resolution adopted by the Winnipeg City Council for your consideration, and would be pleased to have your views, with any suggestions in connection that you may think best.

W. D. LIGHTHALL,

Hon. Sec. Treas. U. C. M.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, WINNIPEG, Oct. 6th, 1903.

W. D. LIGHTHALL, Esq.,

Sec. Union of Canadian Municipalities, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—The following resolution was adopted by the City Council last evening, viz:

“That the Union of Canadian Municipalities be requested to get the necessary legislation to have Railway Companies advertising requisitions to the Railway Committee for spur or any other tracks in or through municipalities be required to notify “at the same time the municipality affected by letter.”

C. J. BROWN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this Council place on record its approval of the resolution passed by the Winnipeg City Council and authorize His Worship the Mayor to inform the Union of said endorsement by this Council. Motion passed.

Read report Chief of Police on violations of the Liquor License Law on Sunday.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Oct. 14th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report two violations on Sunday, October 4th, 1903, viz: Margaret McKinnon, "Revere" Hotel, North St., unlicensed. William Wilson, "King Edward" Hotel, North St., unlicensed.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read Annual Report Commissioners of Common, 1902-03. Filed.

Read Annual Reports Charities Committee and Superintendent Poor's Asylum, 1902-03. Filed.

Read Annual Report Board of Health, 1902-03. Filed.

Read Annual Report License Inspector, 1902-03.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the report of the License Inspector be referred back to him,

And that he be requested to report giving the number of cases, licensed and unlicensed, reported by his predecessor for the portion of the year during his tenure of office,

Also the number reported by himself and convicted and the number reported by the police and convicted, also the amount of fines collected.

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

Read petition for electric light on Pepperell Street.

Read petition for electric light on Pleasant Street.

Read petition in *re* sewer outlet South Hollis Street.

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

Read report Board of Health on Recorder's account for six months' salary for services to the Board.

RECORDER'S SALARY.

OFFICE CITY HEALTH BOARD, Sept. 29th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held last evening the enclosed

account of \$50.00 was submitted from His Honor the Recorder for six months' salary as legal adviser to the Board. On motion it was resolved to refer same to City Council, calling attention to a report of Laws and Privileges Committee which was adopted at a meeting of the City Council, held on the 20th day of February, 1903.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder re payment of Mrs. Ruth Gill's claim.

MRS. GILL'S CLAIM.

RECORDER'S OFFICE CITY HALL, Sept. 30th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

I was under the impression that any claim for damages caused by the Board of Health had to be paid out of the funds appropriated to the Board the same as all other claims, and advised the Council accordingly; but on looking at the law I find a clause in the City Charter which says that "the City Council may make, on the recommendation of the Board, compensation out of the *General Revenue* of the City to any person "whose property, goods or effects may be destroyed or who has suffered pecuniary loss "by the enforcement of the Act or any order or regulation of the Board made under the "Act," &c., &c. Under the Act referred to it is optional with the Council whether they will pay or not. In this instance, however, the Council have voted the amount should be paid.

WM. F. MACCOY, *Recorder*.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report Board of Health *re* William Johnson's claim for compensation for damages.

WM. JOHNSTON'S CLAIM.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Sept. 29th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the City Health Board held last evening an extract from Minutes of meeting of City Council was read, relating to a recommendation of the Board to recompense William Johnston for loss sustained during outbreak of small-pox, said recommendation having been referred back to the City Health Board for further report. On motion it was resolved to send same back to the City Council calling attention to Section 549 of the City Charter.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Alderman Hawkins takes his seat in Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman Doyle's notice of reconsideration of resolution demanding surrender of P. J. Broderick's liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that said resolution be now reconsidered.

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

<i>For Reconsideration.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Aldermen Lithgow, Campbell, Barry, Lamphier, Doyle, Adams—6.	Aldermen Halliday, Johnson, Mahoney, Hubley, Cawsey, Martin, Rogers, Hawkins—8.

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

The following resolution is presented :

Whereas, it is rumored that the Department of Marine and Fisheries proposes removing their quarters from this City ;

And Whereas, this Council believes that such a step is unnecessary and if carried out would be a decided injustice to this City ;

Therefore be it Resolved, that this Council do protest against any such removal as outlined above ;

And Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be wired to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Minister of Finance and to our Dominion representatives, Messrs. Roche and Borden.

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

Alderman Hubley asks that the Committee on Works report to the Council the cost of work done on Young Avenue this year, by whose authority the same was performed and out of what fund the same was paid.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the information would be provided.

Alderman Hawkins referred to the excessive rates charged to the City for telephones and asked if better terms could not be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Committee on Works and Alderman Hawkins be appointed a Committee to endeavor to secure from the Telephone Company a reduction in the rental of telephones leased to the various departments of the Corporation and report before the Estimates are prepared. Motion passed.

Alderman Johnston asked the Chairman of the Board of Health if any steps had been taken in the matter of removing the Trachoma Hospital from Lockman Street.

Alderman Hawkins replied that the Board had appointed a special Committee to report on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that

the City Engineer be requested to visit the Gas Works of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., and report to the Council upon the quality of gas manufactured and supplied to the citizens. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins asked why the Police Force had not been furnished with storm clothing, as ordered by the Council.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Commission had found it necessary to supply the men with an extra pair of pants and this had depleted the funds so that they could not provide the storm clothing.

Alderman Hawkins asked for a detailed statement of the Police Commission expenditure to date.

Alderman Cawsey stated that certain contractors with the City had complained to him because their accounts against the City were not paid early in the month. He thought if the Council did not meet early in the month to pass the bills the contractors should be paid without the accounts being submitted to the Council.

Alderman Campbell agreed with the present practice and said it would be a backward step to permit accounts to be paid without having been first submitted to the Council.

His Worship the Mayor explained that a recently enacted City Ordinance prohibited the payment of accounts before the same were submitted to the Council, but that there would be no delay in payment of bills if the Council met regularly in the early part of each month.

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

Council adjourns 11.05 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
OCTOBER 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 Halliday, Geldert, Barry, Campbell, Johnson, Mahoney, Taylor, Foster, Lamphier, Hubley, Doyle, Martin, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hayward and Hawkins.

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

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Board of Fire Wards *re* Tenders for Forage, &c., by Alderman Hubley, Chairman

Petition for water extension Coburg Road and Oxford St., by Alderman Johnson.

Petition for sewer Chebucto Road, by Alderman Rogers.

Petition William Robinson for privileges on North West Arm, foot of South Street, by Alderman Cawsey.

Charge against Police Sergeant McNally, by Alderman Hubley.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Report City Engineer *re* Quality of Gas.

Report City Engineer *re* Cost of Work Young Avenue.

Report Chief of Police *re* Violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.

Letter His Honor the Recorder *re* Carnegie Library Suit covering Bond.

Report Committee on Works *re* Land at end of Lorne Terrace.

Petition for repairs to Livingstone Street.

Report Board of Health *re* Trachoma Hospital.

Report Coal Weighers for September.

Letters William Roche, M. P., and Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries *re* Marine and Fisheries wharves and stores.

Telegrams, &c., in *re* Federalizing Street Railways.

Report Police Commission in *re* Police Appropriation.

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

Read petition for repairs Livingstone Street.

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

Read report Committee on Works *re* Land at end of Lorne Terrace.

LAND AT END OF LORNE TERRACE.

OCTOBER 26th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer verbally reported on the attached letters from W. H. Huggins, Attorney for Estate of Late Mary Worrall, *re* a piece of land 40' x 60' situate at the end of Lorne Terrace upon which the City has located an electric light pole, stating that said Attorney would accept \$40 00 for same. It was decided to recommend that the Council accept the offer.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said report be adopted and that said property be purchased provided His Honor the Recorder certifies that the titles to the same are satisfactory. Motion passed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder *re* Carnegie Library suit covering agreement.

IN RE CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Oct. 26th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with terms of the resolution of the City Council agreeing to settle the suit Mackintosh vs. the City, I prepared, and have executed, an agreement in accordance with the wishes of the parties, which I now enclose for the approval of the Council.

W. F. MacCox, *City Recorder.*

THIS AGREEMENT,

made this first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, between James C. Mackintosh, of the City and County of Halifax, broker, of the one part; and the City of Halifax, a body corporate, and His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax, constituting the City Council of said City, of the other part.

Whereas, The Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, on the relation of James C. Mackintosh, brought an action against the above named City, its Mayor and Aldermen for an injunction to restrain them from taking certain proceedings in relation to what is called the "Carnegie Library" and said injunction having been granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Weatherbe, Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, an appeal was taken therefrom by said City to the full Bench of Nova Scotia, which said last mentioned Court were equally divided and the judgment of Mr. Justice Weatherbe thereby allowed to stand and remain in full force and effect;

And whereas, An appeal has been taken by the said City, Mayor and Aldermen from said judgment to the Supreme Court of Canada, and it has been agreed between the said parties that the said appeal should be dropped that the suit against the said City, Mayor and Aldermen be discontinued and that the Attorney-General and the said James C. Mackintosh should consent to the Writ of Injunction being dissolved and that each party should pay their own costs;

Now this Agreement witnesseth, That the said James C. Mackintosh by and with the consent of the Attorney-General for Nova Scotia (which consent is shown by his signing his approval to this Agreement), will cause said action to be discontinued on the terms of each party paying their own costs, and the injunction obtained therein dissolved, and said James C. Mackintosh agrees that the plaintiff's solicitor in said action will sign any document or paper that may be necessary to obtain the dissolution and the setting aside of said injunction and upon the discontinuance of said action and the dissolution and setting aside of said injunction then the said City and the Mayor and Aldermen agree to discontinue and drop the appeal taken by them to the Supreme Court of Canada, and to pay defendant's costs and expenses of said action and appeal and the said James C. Mackintosh undertakes to pay plaintiff's costs, charges and expenses of said action and appeal.

In witness whereof, The parties to these presents have hereunto affixed their hands and seals and the said City has affixed its seal and caused the same to be signed by its Mayor and City Clerk on the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

J. C. MACKINTOSH. [L. S.]

J. W. LONGLEY, *Attorney-General*. [L. S.]

JOSEPH P. FOLEY, *Plaintiff's Solicitor*. [L. S.]

J. M. DAVISON,

*Witness to signatures of J. C. Mackintosh,
J. W. Longley and Joseph P. Foley.*

A. CROSBY, *Mayor*. [L. S.]

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

H. S. RHIND,

Witness to signatures of Mayor and City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that said Agreement be ratified by this Council. Motion passed.

Read report Police Commission covering Statement of Police Department Accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS

OCTOBER 24th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with resolution of Council, the Police Commission beg to submit herewith a detailed statement of the expenditure for the department from May 1st, 1903, to date.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor*, *Chairman Police Commission*.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the same be laid on the table and a copy furnished to each Alderman. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Health *re* Trachoma Hospital.

TRACHOMA HOSPITAL.

OCTOBER 26th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In the matter of the petition of residents in the neighborhood of 147 Lockman Street *re* the Hospital for cases of Trachoma, referred by your Council to the City Health Board, for their consideration and action, I beg to say that the whole subject is now under consideration by the Board.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Filed.

Alderman Johnson asked that His Honor the Recorder report at the next meeting as to whether the Board of Health is now legally in existence.

Read letters William Roche, M. P., and the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries in *re* Marine and Fisheries Department wharves and stores.

MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, 21st Oct. 1903.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your telegram about the supposed removal of Marine and Fishery wharf and stores from Halifax. I was aware of the purchase of Troop's wharf for an oil store. It is not contemplated to remove the stores, &c., if suitable premises can be obtained in Halifax.

WILLIAM ROCHE.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES, OTTAWA, 20th Oct., 1903.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, ESQ., *City Clerk*

SIR,—I am, by direction of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 17th instant, communicating a resolution unanimously passed by the City Council of Halifax on the 16th, protesting against this Department removing their quarters from Halifax; and to state that the matter referred to has not been under consideration at all. The Department is at a loss to understand what gave rise to the report that any such action was contemplated.

F. GOURDEAU,

Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Filed.

Read report City Engineer on quality of gas supplied by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

QUALITY OF GAS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 26th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council, I beg to report on the quality of gas manufactured and supplied by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

The Company are now manufacturing gas at the old works. The works are still in a transition stage, and from what I could ascertain the quality of gas is not yet satisfactory to the Company themselves.

I also visited the office of the Gas Inspector. The Government regulations require that the gas shall be tested once a month. The result of this test is reported to Ottawa and was not available, as the Gas Inspector was out of town. The Company are obliged, however, to exhibit a certificate from the Department showing the average candle power of the gas for each two months. The last certificate was for the two months ending August 31st, and shows that the gas was above the standard.

I was informed at the office of the Inspector that a test would be made at any time on demand and payment of a fee of \$4.00, twenty-four hours' notice to be given before the test is made.

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

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder and the City Electrician for report at an early date. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer on cost of work Young Avenue.

Placed on Order of the Day.

WORK ON YOUNG AVENUE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 26th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on work done on Young Avenue this year ;

Last Spring Mr. G. S. Campbell, who was building a house on Young Avenue, wrote to the Board asking that the sidewalk in front of his property and that of the Bank of Nova Scotia should be graded in accordance with the custom followed in similar cases. This work was ordered by the Board of Works about the last of the civic year.

In June Mr. A. Hobrecker offered to deed to the City the land necessary to widen the street on the west side, provided that the Board would construct a sidewalk in front of his property, on the same conditions as had been done on the other side. The Board complied with his request, as the precedent in both cases had been already established.

The cost of the work done was \$1,885.82. The amount was paid from the street appropriation placed at the disposal of the Board. The rock excavation has cost much more than this work usually costs owing to the difficulty in the past season of obtaining men.

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

Read application of William Robinson for privileges on North West Arm, at foot South Street.

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

Read report Coal Weighers for September. Filed.

Read charge by Alderman Hubley against Police Sergeant McNally of neglect of duty.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby charge Police Sergeant Joseph McNally with neglect of duty in refusing to prevent a violation of the Liquor License Act, when his attention was particularly called to it, on Sunday, the 4th day of October, 1903.

ANDREW HUBLEY.

TENDER.

Article.	Measure.	J. S. Cashen.	E. J. Fenton.
Hay,	Per ton.	\$14 00	\$15 00
Oats,	Per bushel.	44	45
Bran,	Per ton.	23 00	24 00
Straw,	Per ton.	8 00	9 00

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey that the same be referred to the Police Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read petition for sewer extension Chebucto Road.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards re Tenders for Forage and nominating special committee re pensioning firemen.

TENDERS FOR FORAGE AND PENSIONING FIREMEN.

October 24th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this day and beg to submit the following report :—

Tenders from J. S. Cashen and E. J. Fenton for supplying forage, &c., to October 31st, 1904, were opened. The tender of J. S. Cashen being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

The appointment of Aldermen Hubley, Lithgow and Taylor as the representatives of this Board on the Special Committee in re pensioning firemen is recommended.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read petition for water extension on Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

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

Read report Chief of Police *re* Violations of the Liquor License Act on Sundays.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, October 26th, 1903.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act, on Sundays, I beg to report the following violations :—

Oct. 18th, 1903, Mrs. Annie Wilson, "Sarmation Hotel," 100 to 104 Upper Water St., Hotel License.

Oct. 25th, 1903, Peter Jackson, 65 & 67 Granville St., Shop License.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Alderman Hawkins asked if the liquor license held by P. J. Broderick had yet been surrendered as called for by resolution of the City Council.

His Worship the Mayor stated that said license paper had been handed to him and that it is now in his office.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Whereas, This Council did on the 11th day of June last pass the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be ordered to instruct the policemen of the City to report to him all infractions of the license law on Sundays, and that he make a written report as often as the Council meets, said report to be read in public; the police to be held responsible if this order is not carried out ;"

And Whereas, It is desirable not only that full effect should be given to that resolution, but that other provisions of the Liquor License Act should be enforced ;

Therefore Resolved :—

1. That the Chief of Police be requested to instruct his deputy, the sergeants and men of the force that they are at all times to render assistance to the Inspector of Licenses, and that they are to exercise their vigilance in detecting and reporting violations of the Act by licensed and unlicensed dealers ;

2. That the Inspector of Licenses be instructed to report to this Council at each meeting thereof the instances in which he has called for the assistance of the police in the discharge of his duties and whether such assistance has been given in a satisfactory manner or otherwise ;

3. That the Inspector of Licenses be introduced to furnish this Council at its next, or subsequent meeting, with a statement of the number of license holders who have been prosecuted for violation of Sections 57, 58 and 60 of the Liquor License Act, and to report at future meetings all prosecutions subsequently instituted, with the result ;

4. That the Chief of Police and the Inspector of Licenses be instructed to confer from time to time as to the enforcement of the provisions of the Liquor License Act, and to satisfy themselves that the sergeants and men of the force have a correct understanding of the powers they possess under the Act and particularly under Section 95 thereof ;

5. That the Inspector of Licenses is hereby instructed to comply with Section 98 of the License Act and make a quarterly report to this Council.

6. That the Inspector of Licenses is hereby instructed that, in future, all reports made to him or reports of his own motion for violation of the License Act for selling or allowing liquor to be drunk in a license premises on Sunday the Inspector shall prosecute under Sub.-Sec. 4 of Sec. 74 of the License Act and shall lay his information accordingly under said Section.

And Resolved, That certified copies of the foregoing resolutions be immediately given to the Chief of Police and the Inspector of Licenses.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the said resolution be referred to the Police Commission and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said resolution be placed on the Order of the Day and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy.

The amendment being put is passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Hubley, Martin, Adams, Hawkins.—10.	Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney, Foster, Lamphier, Cawsey, Rogers, Hayward.—7.

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved. That hereafter meetings of the City Council be held on the first Thursday following the first Monday in each month for the purpose of passing accounts for payment and the transaction of other business.

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

Alderman asks that the City Engineer report at next meeting the reason why the sidewalk ordered to be placed at the County Academy had not been constructed.

Alderman Hawkins called attention to the poor supply of water at the Manual Training School, Cunard Street, and asked that the Engineer report on same at next meeting.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 4 (c) on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 4 (c), viz: Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re payment of Mrs. Gill's claim.

The following resolution is submitted:

Whereas. The City Board of Health has recommended to this Council that Mrs. Ruth Gill, who suffered loss and damage through the enforcement of the Act relating to Contagious Diseases, should be recompensed in the sum of two hundred dollars;

Be it Therefore Resolved, That the said Mrs. Gill be paid the sum of two hundred

dollars in full compensation for her claim, in accordance with Sec. 549 of the City Charter and that said sum be assessed for in the Assessment for 1904-5.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Johuson.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said resolution be amended by adding the name of William Johnston, and that his claim be paid in the same way.

It was agreed to again place the matter on the Order of the Day, His Honor to prepare a resolution for submission at next meeting covering both cases.

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

Read No. 1, viz:—

(a) City Engineer's report in re Common Trunk Sewer (see printed Minutes April 7th, 1892).

(b) Letters John F. Kelly and G. H. Maxwell and reports City Works Commission and City Engineer re complaints from Mrs. E. Maxwell, E. B. Elliott and John W. Austin re Robie Street and Common Sewer (see printed Minutes January 12th, 1903).

(c) Reports City Works Commission and City Engineer re water pipes in Common Sewer.

COMMON SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 12th, 1902.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The accompanying report of the City Engineer re Common Sewer was read at a meeting of the Works Commission held this day and it was decided to forward the same to your Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 12th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The accompanying resolution of Council instructs the City Works Commission to lower the water pipes crossing through the Common Trunk sewer in order to afford relief to the said sewer. The piers which were obstructing the sewer have been removed from under the water pipes, and I would respectfully suggest that a different course be followed to relieve the sewer of the obstruction caused by the water pipes passing through it. The proposed change would place the pipes so low that it would be impossible to empty those crossing the Common through the sewer and would perhaps prevent the scraping of the pipes unless that portion of them were pumped out, which would be a very inconvenient and unsatisfactory method of working. Further the solid rock would have to be excavated under the pipes in order to lower them and it is probable that considerable damage would be done to the pipes in blasting. If it were absolutely necessary it might be advisable to do the work in this way; but the same relief can be effected by increasing the sectional area of the sewer where the pipes pass through it. The pipes were there before the sewer was constructed and any work done should be charged to the Sewerage. I would respectively recommend that the Sewer be widened where the pipes cross it so that there will be ample sectional area to pass all the water that can flow from the rest of the sewer without obstructing the flow in any way.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that

the City Engineer's report dated April 5th, 1902, and submitted at the Council meeting April 7th, 1902, in *re* Common Trunk sewer be adopted, and His Honor the Recorder instructed to draft an Act for presentation at next session of the Local Legislature providing for the cost of the construction of said sewer. Motion passed.

Read telegrams and correspondence between His Worship the Mayor and the President of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, William Roche, M. P., and R. L. Borden, M. P., in *re* protest against federalizing street railway, &c. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that Mr. John A. McKinnon be appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City to value the lands taken for right-of-way for the Halifax and South West. rn Railway.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the matter be deferred until after the Arbitrator to be chosen by the land owners is appointed.

The motion to defer being put is passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against, as follows :—

To defer.	Against.
Aldermen Geldert, Foster, Lamphier, Cawsey, Martin, Rogers, Adams, Hayward, Hawkins—9.	Aldermen Halliday, Johnson, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle, Hubley—8.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the following named items, viz. :

No. 4. (b) Requisition of Board of Health for grant of \$1310.00 for Aubulance and Odorless Dump Cart ;

No. 6. Report City Works Commission *re* Sidewalks around Armouries ;

No. 7. Alderman MacIlreath's resolution to abolish Committees, &c., and to establish a Board of Control ;

No. 9. Report Laws and Privileges Committee *re* issuing bills for rents of hatchways and collection of same ;

No. 10. Alderman Campbell's notice of motion to rescind resolution passed April 21st, 1903, dismissing John Connolly, Chief of Fire Department (verbal).

No. 12. (a), Alderman Hubley's notice of motion to rescind the resolution fixing age limit (30 years) for appointments of District Chiefs Fire Department (verbal).

(b) Report Board of Fire Wards *re* age limit for appointments to Fire Department ;

No. 14. Report Joint Library Committee *re* Library Building Litigation ;

No. 15. Letter Eastern Ontario Good Roads Association *re* good roads ;

Be severally erased from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
NOVEMBER 5th, 1903.

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

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Martin, Rogers, Adams, Lamphier and Hawkins.

The meeting was summoned "to appoint School and Exhibition Commissioners and an Arbitrator on behalf of the City in *re* Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor stated that by kind consent of the Trustees the contest for the Single Scull Championship of Halifax Harbor has been confined to Amateurs and that this year the race for the Cogswell gift was rowed under the new conditions for the first time. This offered a stimulus to amateur aquatic sport which it was thought would have beneficial effects. The event was considered to be of sufficient interest to occupy a moment of the Council's time in the presentation of the Championship prize to the winner; and at the request of the Chairman of the Race Committee, Alderman Taylor, this pleasant duty had devolved upon him. His Worship called upon John O'Neil, the Harbor Champion, to come forward and presented him with the Championship medal and a gold locket. The winner of the second prize, Arch. R. Mosher, was not present.

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Acting Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Cawsey, Chairman.

Report Board of Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

Report Board of Health *re* Trachoma patients, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Letter J. W. Hamilton *re* Contract for Stone, by Alderman Hawkins.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Six reports Committee on Works, viz :

Sewer and Water Extension South Bland St , and Sewer and Water Extension, Lawrence St.

Water Extension School Street.

Repairs Livingstone Street.

G. A. Cook & Co's. petition for curb and gutter, Cornwallis Street.

Water Extension Longard Road.

Accounts.

Report Police Commission *re* Accounts.

Report Police Commission *re* charge against Police Sergeant McNally.

Recorder's opinion *re* Board of Health.

Report Chief of Police in *re* violations of Liquor License Act.

Petition Arthur Dumaresq *re* boat landing North West Arm.

Letter Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Lt., *re* account for street lighting.

Letters (2) R. L. Borden *re* Municipal Rights and Marine and Fisheries Department.

City Collector's cash statements for October.

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

Read letter Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., in *re* account for street lighting.

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

Read report Committee on Public Accounts covering accounts for payment.

ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 5th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, at which there were present Aldermen Hubley, (Acting Chairman), Rogers and Doyle, the following accounts, amounting to \$1238.97, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz :

Dr. W. D. Finn, certificates of death, Jas. W. Waldron, \$4 ; Williams, \$4 ; Williams, \$4 ; Bond, \$4 ; Power, \$4 ; Aikins, \$4—\$24.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., City Treasurer, 35c. London Rubber Stamp Co., City Collector, 55c. N. S. Telephone Co., Telephones Police Station and Detective's House, \$30.00. C. P. R. Telegraph Co.,