

were present and prepared to submit certain amendments to the assessment laws and invited the representatives of the Association to lay the same before the Council.

Mr. W. J. Clayton submitted "An Act to amend law respecting assessment in the City of Halifax."

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING ASSESSMENT IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX

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

1. Sections 303 and 304 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the City of Halifax," commonly known as the City Charter, are repealed, and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

303. The assessment shall be rated by an equal dollar rate as hereinafter provided upon individuals, estates, firms, joint stock companies and corporations.

2. It shall be rated on the owners of real estate within the City at the cash value thereof, at the time of the assessment, so far as such value can be ascertained, and it shall be known as the "Real Estate Tax."

Persons seized of real estate in fee simple, for life or for a term of not less than twenty-one years, and mortgagees thereof in possession shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be the owners of such real estate respectively; but, when the mortgagee of real estate is not in possession, the person entitled to the equity of redemption shall be deemed the owner of such land.

3. It shall be rated upon twenty per cent. of the value, ascertained as above mentioned, of real estate within the City occupied for residential purposes and shall be rated to the occupiers of such real estate. The assessment so rated shall be in addition to that mentioned in sub-section 2, shall be in lieu of the existing assessment on personal property situate on such real estate, shall be payable by the occupants of such real estate and may be known as "Household Tax." Where a portion of the real estate occupied by an owner or tenant is used for other than residential purposes, the rate shall be only on the portion of such real estate occupied for residential purposes; and, where the value of real estate occupied for residential purposes is less than Five Hundred Dollars, no "Household Tax" shall be rated or levied in respect thereof.

4. It shall, subject to the qualifications, hereinafter set forth, be rated on seventy-five per cent. of the value, ascertained as above mentioned of real estate within the City occupied for the purpose of trades, manufactures, occupation, business, arts, professions or means of profit or livelihood.

The assessment so rated shall be in addition to that mentioned in sub-section 2, shall be payable by the occupants of such real estate, shall be in lieu of the existing assessment on personal property situate on such real estate, and may be known as the "Business Tax."

Provided, however, that where seventy-five per cent. of the value of the goods, wares and merchandise or other personal property situate on any such real estate, exclusive of tools and machinery in actual use, is greater than the value for assessment as fixed in this sub-section, such seventy-five per cent. of such value of such goods, wares, merchandise or other personal property, (exclusive of such tools and machinery), shall form the subject matter and the basis of the assessment, instead of the valuation based on the real estate as above provided in this sub-section.

5. For the removal of doubt, it is declared that, where only a portion of any land or premises is occupied for the purpose of a trade, manufacture, business, art, profession, occupation or means of profit or livelihood, a separate valuation and assessment shall be made of that part.

304. Where real estate is leased the cash value thereof shall, unless the assessors

see good cause to the contrary, be deemed for the purpose of assessment to be ten times the amount of the rent which it produces in a year.

2. Among the causes which may induce the assessors to adopt a different valuation are :—

- (a) Their belief that the rental is too low.
- (b) Where the tenancy is for less than a year, their belief that a valuation based upon the rental received during the year would be excessive.
- (c) That the lessor supplies the tenant with heat, light, furniture or other conveniences in addition to the demised real estate, in which case it is the duty of the assessors to make such deduction from the valuation based upon rental as shall be fair and reasonable.

2 The assessors, or any of them, may require the owner of any real estate in the City to give a written statement showing the nature of the tenancy thereof, the name of the tenant, and the amount of rent, within five days after request, under a penalty of ten dollars.

3. The Household Tax, and the Business Tax and the Tax on Personal Property other than that the taxation on account of which is provided for by section 303 of the City Charter as enacted in the first section of this Act, shall continue to be assessed and assessable, as if this Act had not been passed

5. Section 349 of the City Charter, respecting Poll Tax, is amended by striking out all the words between "year" in the seventh line thereof as printed and "dollars" at the beginning of the tenth line, and substituting the following words: "In receipt of an income of Four Hundred Dollars a year or more, and not having been assessed in that year on property within the City shall be liable to pay a poll tax of five," and by adding to such section the following sub-section :—

(2) Payment of such a poll tax, on or before the first day of December following the date on which it becomes due, shall entitle such person to vote at any civic election held before the thirty-first day of May in the next ensuing year.

6. Chapter forty-four of the Acts of 1895, amending the City Charter and so much of section 306 of such Charter and of any other enactment as is inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

Special Taxes.—The following special taxes are also recommended :—

Any Telegraph Company	\$ 400 00
" Cable Company	200 00
" Insurance Company other than fire, life or marine	75 00
" Life Insurance Company or Agency	200 00
" Fire " "	200 00
" Marine " "	200 00
" Railway Ticket Office	100 00
" Mercantile Agency	200 00
" Trust, Loan or Building Society or agencies thereof	200 00
" Private Banker and Stockbroker	150 00
" Person peddling on foot who has not been a resident of the City 6 months.	15 00
" " " " resident of City	5 00
" " " with hand cart or barrow	10 00
" " " with a team	15 00
" Coal Hawker per team	5 00
" Oil waggon, single team	5 00
" Delivery oil waggon, double team	50 00
" Ice dealer, each team	20 00
" Public Bowling Alley	50 00

Any Public Billiard Hall or Cippi Room, 1st table	§ 50 00
Each additional table	25 00
Any Shooting Gallery	10 00
" Junk or Marine Store	100 00
" Second-hand dealer	25 00
" Bumboat	10 00
" Night Cart	5 00
" Chimney Sweep	4 00
" Tugboat, lighter, water boat or steamer for excursion hire	20 00
" Circus or Menagerie	200 00
And for each day's performance (providing that the Mayor of the City may in his discretion reduce such tax in case of exhibitions and performances of minor character and importance)	200 00
Any Milk waggon owned by a non-resident	10 00
" " " a resident	5 00
Each working single team for trades delivery, not elsewhere specified	5 00
" " double team	10 00
LIQUOR LICENSES :	
Shop	§ 200 00
Hotel (20 rooms and under)	300 00
" (over 20 rooms and under 50)	500 00
" (over 50 rooms and under 100)	700 00
" (100 rooms and over)	1000 00
Wholesale Liquor License	500 00
Breweries	500 00
Distilleries	500 00
Bottlers of Beer and Porter	100 00
Express Co's	500 00
Telegraph, Telephone, Electric Light and Tram Poles	25c. each.
Each Hearse	10 00
" Horse kept for hire	5 00
" Bill Board and no advertisements to be placed elsewhere	5 00
Theatrical performances each night	
Concerts and minor entertainments each night	
Street Musicians	
Savings Banks	
Every Agency of Non-Resident Merchants	120 00
Every Life, and, or, Accident Insurance Agent or Solicitor	15 00
That a Market be provided for sale of Country Produce, and every person be required to take out a license to sell therein, and no person be allowed to sell outside of said Market Building	
Any Non-Resident selling goods directly to Consumers either by Sample or Catalogue	200 00
Non-Resident Book Agents	10 00

Messrs. W. J. Clayton, H. McC. Hart, J. Johnston Hunt and A. L. Wood addressed the Council in favor of the proposed measure and Messrs. Alfred Whitman, Frank Eden and J. F. Corston against it.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the proposed amendments be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to afford citizens interested an opportunity to be heard for or against the same and that when the Committee reports that a special meeting of Council be held to deal with the subject. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor announced that Alderman Foster had resigned as a member of the Committee on Works and nominated Alderman Campbell to fill the vacancy.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the nomination made by His Worship the Mayor be confirmed. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
DECEMBER 30TH, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Lithgow, Geldert, Barry, Campbell, Johnson, Mahoney, Taylor, Hubley, Lamphier, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for the Civic Year 1904-5, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Chairman of Public Accounts Committee covering Estimates 1904-5 by Alderman Lithgow.

Report Tenders Committee, re Tenders for Printing, by Alderman Campbell.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Street Lights.

Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Stone for Stone Crusher

Greetings from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia with the Compliments of the Season.

Letter Lyons & Tobin in re W. L. Eaton's claim.

Letter Commercial Cable Co. re special taxes.

Coal Weighers' report for November.

City Treasurer's Cash Statement for November.

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

Read Greetings from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia with the Compliments of the Season to His Worship the Mayor and City Council. Filed.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30th, 1903.

Your Worship and Gentlemen :

In placing the estimates for the coming year before you, I will occupy but a few moments in directing your attention to the Sinking and Reserve Funds, and to our Civic Debt.

At the present time our Civic Debt is \$3,376,190.00, of which amount \$1,086,600.00 has been incurred for water purposes, leaving a debt for other purposes of \$2,319,590.00, which amount is fully covered by civic property, as shown by the Auditor's statement of October 10th, 1902.

While on this subject I will, with the Council's permission, finish this portion of the estimates, although it is dealing first with the latter part. For interest on the Consolidated Fund we provide in this estimate \$135,076.50, less \$47,142.00, which is chargeable to Water Department. To the balance we add the amount called for under the Acts "Sinking Fund 1898," \$200 00 ; "Sinking Fund, 1902," \$3,000.00 ; also interest \$2,125.00 on City Hall Debentures, and provide \$12,998.25 to cover interest and instalments payable on temporary loans, making a total charge of \$106,257.75.

The temporary loans require this year, as I have already stated, \$12,998.25, which includes the amount of \$5,864.81 for the loan authorized by the Legislature last spring for the Fire Department and Poor's Asylum. But as the \$10,859 loan has matured and been paid \$2,000 previously provided for is now dropped from the estimates.

There is in the "Reserve Fund, 1902," at present.....	\$ 33,000 00
do " \$1,000,000 Sinking Fund ".....	\$103,036 46
do 1901 do	1,940 78
do 1898 do	1,094 80
do \$15,000.00 do	13,197 70
	119,269 74

Making the total of Reserve and Sinking Funds \$152,269 74

Now to deal with the salaries list, as it comes first on the General Assessment. Your Committee have increased salaries by \$450.00, \$75.00 of which is chargeable to Water and Sewerage Departments. The Police Department ask for an increase in their appropriation of \$921.50, Rockhead Prison remains, as for several years past, at \$5,900. Department of City Works calls for an increase of \$523.00. Fire Department an increase of \$450.00. Miscellaneous amounts are reduced by the sum of \$2,500, provided last year for revising City Charter, and are increased by \$485 00 to provide for the payment of \$70.00 to Mr. Henry for services in License Department and \$415.00 to settle with Mrs. Gill and Mr. Johnston for damage in *re* Smallpox Epidemic. The estimated probable income has been increased by \$250 00 over last year, and in this connection your Committee make a recommendation, which I trust will be acted upon by this Council. The principal changes in the amounts for Extra Assessments (\$181,090.25) are an increase in the amount required for Public Schools of \$7,850.00 ; increase in the amount required to meet Exhibition Deficit of \$956.51, and an increase in appropriation for the Poor's Asylum of \$960.00. While there is a saving over last year's estimates of \$657.00 in the amount to provide for the County charges, also some minor changes in connection with the School for the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb Institution, the Industrial School and St. Patrick's Home. The Board of Health required last year \$10,640 00, while this year their requisitions are for \$5,225.00, a decrease of \$5,415.00.

Finally, the Extra Assessments call for \$3,168.81 more than last year.

To recapitulate :—

The General Assessment as presented is	\$129,965 04
Extra Assessment, including short loans, interest and Sinking Funds	287,348 00
Total	\$417,313 04
Add 1 per cent. for short collections	4,172 96
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	\$421,486 00
Less from unexpended balances	5,000 00
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	\$416,486 00

Being an increase over last year's estimates of \$6,261.00.

I would also place the following recommendations from the Committee before the Council, and trust that they will give them careful consideration, and take the necessary action in the various matters.

The Public Accounts Committee recommends :—

1st That Legislation be obtained fixing the sum of \$1,500 as the maximum limit for the salary of the City Auditor.

2nd. The Committee recommends—That Legislation be obtained making it compulsory that all electric wiring in the City, whether in buildings or on the street, be placed under the direction and supervision of the City Electrician, and that an Act on the lines of the *Plumbing Regulations* be enacted to govern his duties

3rd. The Committee recommends—That the Police Commission detail a special officer to look after the violators of the Hack, Truck and Pedlers ordinances, believing that a considerable increase in revenue can be obtained from these various sources if placed in the hands of a careful and vigilant man.

3th. The Committee recommends—That Legislation be obtained limiting the amount to be assessed by the City of Halifax for the support of Public Schools to \$110,000.00, and that in view of the fact that out of a total expenditure of \$125,000.00 the City provides \$110,000.00 (one hundred and ten thousand) that the City's representation, appointed by the City Council, shall consist of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of School Commissioners, and that the Governor-in-Council shall not appoint over one-third of the members.

5th. The Committee recommends—That Legislation be obtained to amend Section VII of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903, so that the amount to be assessed in any one year for Sinking Fund, for re-payment of bonds to be issued in payment of the South Shore Railway Damages Award, shall not exceed \$5,000, and that the term of issue of the bonds shall be proportionate to the said amount of \$5,000 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. LITHGOW, *Chairman.*

Read Estimates for Civic year 1904-5.

The same are considered clause by clause.

SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor	\$ 1000 00	Passed.
His Honor the Recorder	1200 00	do
The City Treasurer	1500 00	do
The City Clerk	1200 00	do
Assistant City Clerk	925 00	do

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this item be placed at \$900.00.

Motion put and lost, three voting for the same and nine against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Mahoney, Lamphier, Adams.—3.	Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Johnson, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers.—9.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this item be placed at \$925.00. Motion passed.

Item	\$ 925 00	Passed.
Stipendiary Magistrate	2000 00	do
City Engineer	2400 00	do
Assistant Engineer	1400 00	do
City Auditor	13 0 00	do
Collector of Rates & Taxes and 4 sub-collectors..	4000 00	do

Read City Collector's statement of amounts paid by him to his staff.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Barry, that this item pass at \$4000.00. Passed.

1st Clerk in Collector's office \$ 725 00

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that this item be placed at \$700.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the item pass at \$725.00.

The amendment being put is passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it.

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Johnson, Campbell, Taylor, Doyle. Rogers.—7.	Aldermen Barry, Mahoney, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, Adams—6.

Item	\$ 725 00	Passed.
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	\$725 00	

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that this item be placed at \$700.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this item pass at \$725.00.

The amendment being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Johnson, Campbell, Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle, Rogers.—8.	Aldermen Barry, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, Adams, Hawkins.—6.

Item \$ 725 00 Passed.
City Assessor\$1250 00

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the Chief Assessor's salary be placed at \$1300.00.

His Worship the Mayor declined to receive the motion.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the item be placed at \$1200.00. Motion passed.

Item \$ 1200 00 Passed.
2 Assistant Assessors at \$1050.00 each.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that \$1000.00 be estimated for each Assistant Assessor. Motion passed.

Item \$ 2000 00 Passed.
Registrar of Voters 200 00 do
Janitor City Hall 800 00 do
City Medical Officer..... 1000 00 do
Clerk Works Department.....\$1150 00

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that this item be placed at \$1100.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that \$1150.00 be estimated for this item.

The amendment being put is lost, 6 voting for and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Johnson, Mahoney, Doyle, Rogers.—6.	Aldermen Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, Adams, Hawkins.—8

The original motion is put and passed.

Item \$ 1100 00 Passed.
Stenographer\$575 00

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that this item be placed at \$550.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that this salary be placed at \$575.00.

Amendment put and lost. Original motion put and passed.

Item	\$ 550 00	Passed.
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers.....	1000 00	do
Superintendent of Water Department.....	1200 00	do
Water Inspector.....	676 00	do
License Inspector	\$1000 00	

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the item pass at \$1000.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this item be placed at \$100.00.

Amendment put and lost. Original motion put and passed,

Item	\$ 1000 00	Passed.
Librarian Citizen's Library.....	450 00	do
Assistant Librarian.....	300 00	do
2nd Assistant Librarian	200 00	do
Plumbing Inspector	800 00	do
Electrician	1000 00	do
Total Salaries.....	\$31901 00	

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Charged to Water Department.

Assistant City Engineer.....	\$1400 00	do
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	725 00	do
Superintendent Water Department	1200 00	do
Water Inspector	676 00	do
Part Salary Clerk of Works.....	750 00	do
	<u>4751 00</u>	do

Charged to Sewerage.

Part Salary Clerk of Works.....	\$350 00	do
Half Salary Superintendent Streets and Sewers.....	500 00	
	<u>850 00</u>	do

Charged to Various Appropriations.

License Inspector (License Fund)	\$1000 00	Passed.
Librarian and Assistants (Library)	950 00	do
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health)	800 00	do
Half Salary Supt. of Streets and Sewers (Streets)	500 00	do
	3250 00	do
	\$8851 00	do
Net total Salaries	\$23050 00	do

Police Department.

Chief of Police and Men	\$30421 00	do
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Rockhead Prison.

Governor and Matron	1200 00	do
Underkeepers and Officials	2144 00	do
Maintenance	2556 00	do
	5900 00	do

Department of City Works.

Streets	\$25000 00	do
Internal Health	14000 00	do
Teams and Stables	4500 00	do
Fuel	850 00	do
Telephones	253 00	do
Lighting City Hall	750 00	do
Lighting Streets	19750 00	do
Insurance	\$800 00	do
City Property	2000 00	do
Maintenance of Baths	500 00	do
Preparing Official Plan	500 00	do
	68903 00	do

Fire Department.

Salaries and Maintenance	\$29000 00
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Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alder-

man Mahoney, that the appropriation for Fire Department be placed at \$28,550.00.

The amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney, Lamphier —3.	Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Johnson, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hawkins.—11.

Original motion is put and passed.

Item \$29000 00 Passed.

Miscellaneous.

Printing and Stationery	\$2500 00	do
Interest on Commutation Fund (Com- mon Lots)	330 54	do
Contingent.....	2000 00	do
Revising & Printing Juries List	200 00	do
G. P. Henry for services	70 00	do
Mrs Ruth Gill, \$200.00; Wm. John- ston, \$215.00; Board of Health....	415 00	do
	<u>5515 54</u>	do
	\$162789 54	

Less—Probable Income.

Liquor Licenses	\$14500 00	Passed.
Hacks, Trucks and other Licenses ...	2500 00	do
Fines & Fees Police & City Courts...	000 00	do
Rents City Property	2000 00	do
Dog Tax	1250 00	do
Current Interest	2000 00	do
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	5750 00	do
	<u>\$33000 00</u>	do

Total General Assessment.....\$129789 54 do

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter of "The Common Lots" and interest on Commutation Fund be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for enquiry and report. Motion passed.

Read report Public Accounts Committee in reference to the estimates and other matters. Placed on the Order of the Day.

Extra Assessments.

County of Halifax	\$ 11000 00	Passed.
Public Schools	110350 00	do
Bank—For interest on advances to		
Public Schools,	2500 00	do
Poor's Asylum	24760 00	do
Public Gardens and Common	5000 00	do
Point Pleasant Park	2000 00	do
Citizens' Library	2500 00	do
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue	750 00	do
School for Blind, 11 pupils at \$75 each	825 00	do
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 9 pupils		
at \$75 each	675 00	do
Industrial School, for boys, at \$60		
each, not to exceed	1000 00	do
St. Patrick's Home, for boys, at \$60,		
not to exceed	1600 00	do
Truants under Compulsory Act	1500 00	do
" Industrial School, 1902-3		
short paid	125 64	do
Truants St. Patrick's Home, 1902-3		
short paid	148 66	do
Infants' Home, Tower Road	300 00	do
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street	300 00	do
Court of Appeal from Assessments	300 00	do
One-half subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	do
One-half deficit Provincial Exhibition		
1903 (\$5,659 89)	2829 95	do
Protestant Home for Girls	300 00	do
Roman Catholic Home for Girls	600 00	do
Camp Hill Cemetery	500 00	do
Dalhousie University	500 00	do
County Rifle Association	1 00	do
Victoria School of Art and Design	500 00	do
Board of Health	\$4000 00	
do for deficits salaries 1903-4	1000 00	
do extra grant by Council		
for legal advisor, 1904,		
\$125.00, 1905, \$100.00.	225 00	
do Ambulance	354 00	
	<u>5579 00</u>	do
	<u>\$181444 25</u>	do

Temporary Loans and Interest.

One-fifteenth loan \$15,000, 11th year, Sinking Fund.....	\$ 1000 00		
Interest one year on \$15,000, at 4½ per cent., less interest on Sinking Fund.	235 00		
5th payment on loan for Public Baths (\$8,000)	800 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid at 4 per cent	144 00		
4th payment on loan for deficit Prov- incial Exhibition, &c., (\$11,500)...	2,000 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid at 4 per cent	120 00		
3rd payment on loan to purchase hose (\$2,200)	550 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid at 4 per cent	33 00		
3rd payment on loan Duke of Corn- wall (\$3,000)	500 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid at 4 per cent	70 00		
3rd payment on loan for deficit Prov- incial Exhibition, 1900, (\$3300) ..	550 00		Passed.
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 per cent	77 00		
Sinking Fund and Interest on loan (\$4343.94) Deficit Prov. Exb'n, 1901	548 99		
Sinking Fund and Interest on loan, (\$4000), House Public Gardens:...	505 45		
Principal Fire Dept. and Poor Asylum, (\$5520) and Interest, (344.81).....	5864 81		
	<hr/>	12998 25	do
City Hall Debentures \$25000 at 4½ p. c.; \$25000 at 4 p. c.		2125 00	do

Consolidated Fund.

\$805,000 at 5 per cent.....	\$40250 00	do
\$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent.....	51466 50	do
\$1,022,890 at 4 per cent.....	40915 00	do
\$67,000 at 3½ per cent.....	2345 00	do
\$5000 at 4 per cent. for broken periods	100 00	do
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	\$135076 50	

Less:

Charged to Water Department.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent.	\$ 7650 00	Passed.
\$679,600 at 4½ per cent. ...	30582 00	do
\$214,000 at 4 per cent.	8560 00	do
\$10,000 at 3½ per cent.	350 00	do
	47142 00	do
		87934 50

Sinking Fund.

Sinking Fund under Chapter 65, Acts 1898....	\$ 200 00	do
do Chapter 51, Acts 1902....	3000 00	do
	\$417491 54	do
Add 1 per cent. for short collection.....	4175 46	do
	\$421667 00	do
Less this amount from Unexpended Balances....	5000 00	do
	\$416667 00	do

The following resolution is now submitted:

Resolved, That the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$129,789.54, and the Extra Assessment, amounting to \$291,877.46, as per the yearly estimates for 1904-5, less \$5,000, to be taken from Unexpended Balances, be confirmed and do now pass, and that the inhabitants and the property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$416,667.00.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st December inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year, ending April 30th, 1905, on the basis of the said amount of \$416,667.00.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Johnson, and being put is passed unanimously.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of motion to rescind resolution passed April 7th, 1902, accepting the offer of Andrew Carnegie to furnish \$75,000.00 to erect a free library building in the City of Halifax.

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

Council adjourns 5.35 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
JANUARY 7TH, 1904.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Johnson, Taylor, Mahoney, Campbell, Geldert, Rogers and Lithgow.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed 8.30 roll called Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Barry, Lamphier, Doyle, Cawsey, 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, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Cawsey, Chairman.
- Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Lithgow, Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Rogers, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

- Mayor's disallowance of certain increases of salaries.
- Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* Margaret Phelan's water taxes.
- Monthly Accounts Committee on Works.
- Letter Hon. Attorney-General *re* Provincial Exhibition, 1903.

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

Read message from His Worship the Mayor informing the Council of his disapproval of certain increases of salaries.

VETO OF ESTIMATES.

JANUARY 7th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—In passing the Estimates for 1904-5 you increased the salary of the Assistant City Clerk from \$900 to \$925. You also increased the salary of the City Auditor from \$1,200 to \$1,350 and the salary of the first Clerk in the Collector's office from \$700 to \$725, also that of the second Clerk in the Collector's office from \$700 to \$725.

I beg to veto the above increases. My reason for doing so is that the City is not in a position at the present time to stand any increases in these salaries, owing to the fact that we have reached our limit, and are unable to give the streets and other public works of importance sufficient assistance to even cover the necessities that are required for the benefit of the general public. I therefore bring these vetoes to your notice and trust that you will be able to concur with me in them.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*

Alderman Rogers submits the following questions for His Honor the Recorder's opinion:—

"The estimates cannot be for more than is required; consequently if \$300.00 of the salary account is deducted by veto what is the amount to levy on the ratepayers; the whole or the amount less \$300.00? The law making the Estimates to be finally passed on December 31st, what effect does this veto have on the whole Estimates?"

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this Council concur in His Worship's veto.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers, Hawkins.—10.	Aldermen Lithgow, Johnson, Doyle.—3.

Read report Public Accounts Committee in *re* accounts.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 7th, 1904.

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, there being present Aldermen Lithgow (Chairman), Hubley, Johnson and Rogers, the following accounts, amounting to \$156 20, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Geo. H. Fielding, certificate <i>re</i> Gilfoy and Shorten	\$ 5 00
W. D. Finn, M. D., death certificates—Fraser, \$4; Adams, \$4; Kenefick, \$4; Carvery, \$4; Wignall, \$12; Clinton, \$4; Svegard, \$4; Bowes, \$12.	48 00
Chronicle Publishing Co., subscription 1904, City Collector, \$5.00; City Clerk, \$5.00	10 00

Holloway Bros., printing Minutes	\$ 38 70
A. & W. Mackinlay, blank books, City Collector \$42.00 ; City Clerk, \$5.00	47 00
J. Spencer, removal of bodies	7 50
	\$156 20

Your Committee further recommend that the account sent in by the S. P. C for cab hire be not paid by the City, and that the Society be notified to this effect.

WM. LITHGOW, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee covering accounts, &c., for December.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

January 6th, 1904.

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

Members present : The Chairman, Aldermen Halliday, Mahoney and Hubley.

The Superintendent's report for December shows that during the month there were 41 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 7 died and 28 discharged.

Of the number admitted 10 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Cumberland County, 1 to Halifax County and 29 to the City. The total number of inmates Dec. 31st. was 355, made up of 219 men, 135 women and 1 child.

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

Dillion Bros., \$450.82. J. & M. Murphy, \$130.64. F. H. Longley & Co., \$317.28. P. T. Shea, \$120.33. W. A. Maling & Co., \$45.24. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$69.75. Geo Gregoire, \$34.60. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$12.63. Joseph S. Cashen, \$38.81. Fleischman & Co., \$4.05. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd, \$111.83. H. D. MacKenzie & Co, \$201.80. B. Mulcahy, \$486.31. C. E. Puttner \$37.50. John McLellan, \$28.35. Farquhar Bros, \$10.15. Snow & Co., Ltd., \$17.75. Knight & Munro, \$9.60. Baldwin & Co., \$8.30. R. R. Kennedy, \$9.75. J. J. Doyle, M.D., \$5.00. Blackadar Bros., \$5.49. Geo. C. Cook, \$694.93. Pay Sheet, \$581.83. A. M. Bell & Co, \$24.67. Dr. T. A. Wallace, \$5.00. Total \$3462.41.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report of City Prison Committee covering accounts for December.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan 6th, 1904

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Taylor, (Chairman), Halliday, Barry, Lamphier and Cawsey, the following accounts, amounting to \$101 61, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Arthur Fordham, Leather, \$7.83. J. A. Leaman & Co., Ox Heads, \$7 20. Geo. C. Cook, Apples, \$2 25. John McCrow, Repts. Furnace, \$10.14. A. M. Bell & Co., Hardware, \$2.96. Moirs, Limited, Cake, &c., \$9.88. Mumford Bros, Provisions, \$20.34. C. E. Hamilton, Dry Goods, \$10.12. W. J. Hopgood, Groceries, \$30.89 Total \$101.61.

The monthly reports of the Governor and Matron were submitted and approved of and are hereto attached.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Commissioners of Common recommending accounts for payment:—

REPORT COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 6th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this 8 p. m. Present, Chairman Rogers, Commissioners Lamphier, Messervey, Taylor, Barry, Hubley and Pickering, when the accompanying accounts were approved and passed for payment (a summary of which follows), and the Secretary requested to forward the same to your Council for its information and concurrence:—

Macdonald & Co., \$48.10. Longard Bros., \$290.00. J. Davison & Son, \$98.01. John McInnes & Son, \$42.38. Melvin & Co., \$14.82. C. W. Davis, \$1.50. Brookfield Bros., \$4.65. O'Connell, \$4.08. Austin Bros., 50c. W. E. Crowe & Co., \$4.58. N. S. Fertilizing Co., \$6.00. Tram Co., \$5.01. Tram Co., \$2.07. J. F. Kelly, \$1.10. J. E. Meyers, \$21.00. E. J. Fenton, \$33.96. R. Magarell, \$7.00. S. Cunard & Co., \$20.94. J. A. Simmers, \$58.84. J. A. Simmers, \$3.40. R. & J. Farquhar & Co., \$19.61. S. A. Marshall, \$24.51. T. C. Allen & Co., \$6.53. Halifax Coal Co., \$200.00 \$918.59 to be paid out of General Account. J. C. Dumaresq & Son, \$231.70, to be paid out of concert funds, held for said purpose. Total \$1,150.29.

W. F. PICKERING, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT OF BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 7th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. Agreeably to resolution of Council, your Board have further reconsidered the matter of the diemissal of Driver Anthony Galloway, and beg again to recommend that he be dismissed.

2. Wm. Lownds, Driver of No. 2 Hose Waggon, having resigned, it is recommended that Welsford McDonald be appointed in his place.

3. It is further recommended that William Wells be appointed spare driver in place of A. Galloway, dismissed.

4. That A. Flinn be appointed call man on No. 2 Steamer, vice Welsford McDonald appointed driver.

5. That Albert Brunt be appointed call man on No. 3 Steamer, vice Chas. Pheeney dismissed.

That the following officers and men of the Department be dismissed for habitual absence from fires:—

6. John Washington, District Chief.

7. P. Dwyer, Call man No. 3 steamer.

8. D. Irons, " "

9. John Waugh, " No. 4 hose.

10. That Captain Samuel Trenaman be reduced to the position of an ordinary call man for non-compliance with Rule 11, page 6 of the Rules and Regulations.

11. Your Board have considered the letter of the Veteran Firemen's Association in reference to their occupancy of the Spring Garden Road Engine House and beg to report that the Board found it absolutely necessary to store spare apparatus on part of the lower floor of the building which apparatus would otherwise have to be exposed to the weather. The Board had no intention to dispossess the Veteran Firemen's Association of the building.

12. The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—

Joseph S. Cashen, Hay, &c., \$242 83. Halifax Elex. Tram Co., Gas—Guinpool Rd. House, \$5.76. West St., \$4 96. Gottingen St., \$3 33. Central Engine House, \$5 33. Grafton St., \$2.87. Queen St., \$3 15. Brunswick St., \$1.60. Bedford Row, \$3 40—\$30 40. John G. Colp, Carpenter work, \$1 84. P. J. Broderick, rent stable, &c., \$56.00. W. A. Maling, Turkeys, \$25.90. Victoria Steam Laundry, \$10 97. W. N. Brown, Reps. wagon, \$17.65. John Barry, Planks, \$2.50. Patk. Dowd, Reps. engines, \$25 15. War Dept., Hose, \$30.00. Robt Horner, Horseshoeing, \$5.61. David Power, Horse shoeing, \$6 36. J. R. Purcell, Horseshoeing, \$1.80. Wm. Kline, Horseshoeing, \$1.86. Geo. Spruin, Carrying blue stone to Batttery Room, 75c. Austen Bros., Reps hose, \$3.74. Rhodes, Curry & Co., Nails, &c., 15c. LeMonte Buskins, Sweeping chimney, 80c. N. S. Telephone Co., Bell at Chairman's residence, \$3.00. G. E. Smith & Co.,

Hardware, 48c. G. E. Smith & Co., Hardware 36c. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Hardware, 40c. Knight & Munro, Reprs. harness, 80c. Black Bros. Hardware, \$1.55. Neil Fox, Reprs. harness, \$4.25. John Cronan, Oil, 10.60. - J. A. Thompson, Weights, \$4.00. Day & Kinsman, Plumbing, \$63.96. Total \$542.77.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 *re* dismissal of Anthony Galloway.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Barry that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that said clause be not concurred in but that Galloway be reinstated in his position and notified that if he is reported and convicted again that he will be summarily dismissed from the Department.

The amendment being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Halliday, Johnson,
Campbell, Taylor,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers,
Hayward, Hawkins.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Barry Hubley.—4.

Read Clause 2 *re* resignation of William Lownds, driver of No. 2 hose waggon, and recommending appointment of Welsford McDonald in his place.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3 *re* appointment of William Wells in place of Galloway.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this clause be struck out.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said clause be referred back to the Board for further consideration.

The amendment being put is lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read Clause 4 *re* appointment of A. Flinn as call man No. 2 steamer vice Welsford McDonald, appointed driver.

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

Read Clause 5 *re* appointment of Albert Brunt in place of Charles Pheeny, call man on No. 3 steamer.

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

Read Clause 6 *re* dismissal of District Chief John Washington.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said clause be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it.

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Campbell, Taylor,
Mahoney, Hawkins.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Johnson, Barry,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Hubley, Cawsey,
Rogers, Hayward.—10.

Original motion put and passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 7 *re* dismissal of P. Dwyer, call man No. 3 steamer.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said clause be referred back to the Board.

Amendment put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it.

Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Campbell, Barry,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Rogers, Hayward,
Hawkins.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Halliday, Johnson,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Hubley, Cawsey.—8.

Original motion put and passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 8 *re* dismissal of D. Irons, call man No. 3 steamer.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this clause be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 9 *re* dismissal of John Waugh, call man No. 4 Hose Co.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said clause be adopted. Amendment passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 10 *re* reducing Captain Samuel Trenaman to the ranks.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that this clause be sent back to the Board.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be adopted. Amendment passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 11 *re* possession of Spring Garden Road Engine House by the Veteran Firemen's Association.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that the Veteran Firemen's Association be given the use of the Spring Garden Road Engine House and that the fire apparatus belonging to the City now stored there be removed from the building.

Read letters (2) Veteran Firemen's Association on the subject.

Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it, the names on the division being recorded thus :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Campbell, Mahoney, Lamphier, Hayward, Hawkins—8.	Aldermen Lithgow, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers—7.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 12 *re* accounts.

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That Clause 12 of the report of the Board of Fire Wards be concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein recommended.

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

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

Read report of Committee on Works, covering accounts for December.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 6th, 1904.

To the City Council:

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

Water Maintenance	\$ 450 01
Water Construction	972 01
Street Lighting	1426 80
Teams and Stables.....	1071 08
Internal Health	121 15
City Hall Lighting	78 46
Streets	14 09
City Property.....	15 05
Sewerage	12 30
Total.....	\$4160 95

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said report be adopted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re Stone for Stone Crusher.

STONE FOR STONE CRUSHER.

December 16, 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 stone for stone crusher was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Messrs. Nicholson and Weaver, to whom was awarded the contract for supplying stone for the crusher, have declined to enter into the contract, on the ground that the delay has prevented them from taking advantage of the mild weather to get the stone ready. They will not take the risk now of getting the stone out in the cold weather. We have a quantity estimated at about one thousand loads of stone in that neighborhood and have had several offers of stone from different persons. In fact, some of it has already been delivered at the crusher. I would therefore recommend that the Works Department be authorized to purchase stone required at two cents a bushel delivered at the crusher in accordance with the specification on which tenders were invited.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water tax on property of Mrs. Margaret Phalen, Barrington Street.

WATER TAX NO 345 BARRINGTON STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 23rd, 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 tax, 345 Barrington Street, owned by Mrs. Margaret Phelan, was read and referred to Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 23rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Some two or three years ago the building No 345 Barrington Street, owned by Mrs. Margaret Phelan, was reported as having water running to waste. An effort was made to have the waste stopped, but without success, and a meter was put on. For some time the meter failed to accomplish the object aimed at. This year the matter came to the notice of Mr. B. A. Weston, Manager of the Eastern Trust Co., and he had the plumbing altered so that the waste was stopped. The bill for one year to April 5th, 1902, is \$75.20. For the following year, to April, 1903, \$68.27. From April 16th to September 14th, 1903, \$15.56. This, of course, shows that the object of the Department has been accomplished and that the waste has been stopped. As it was not money that we were anxious to obtain but reduction in the consumption of water, and the payment of a large outlay would be a great hardship to Mrs. Phelan, who is a poor woman, I would recommend that the Council instruct the City Collector to accept the water tax based on the assessment up to September 14, 1903, and after that date the charge be according to the consumption.

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

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

Read letter Hon. Attorney-General in *re* Provincial Exhibition, 1903

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

4th January, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I have the honor to present to you the results of the Provincial Exhibition for the year ending October 31st, 1903. I may state that the Exhibition was held between the 9th and 17th of September. The total receipts amounted to \$27,526.23, derived from the following sources:—

Admission to grounds.....	\$12003 90
Admission to grand stand.....	9643 80
	\$21647 70
Special privileges.....	\$ 2145 48
Entries, general.....	873 80
Speed department.....	2259 25
Rents.....	600 00
	5878 53
Total.....	\$27526 23

These receipts are the largest of any Exhibition except the first. The total expenditure amounted to \$33186.10.

Prizes.....	\$13389 92
Amusements.....	4977 80
Printing and advertising.....	2578 90

Secretary's office	\$1934 92
Insurance	603 09
Police service	375 48
Judging	511 75
Lodging	60 25
Ticket department	728 70
Departmental expenses	2320 30
Commissioners' expenses, &c	543 84
Caretaking	365 00
Lighting	582 36
Maintenance	2198 86
Interest	523 49
Transportation	75 40
Water rates, 5 years	600 00
Miscellaneous	766 04
Total	\$33 86 10

The excess of expenditure over income amounts to \$5,659.81. One-half of this amount, \$2829 91, is the contribution required from the Provincial Government and the same amount from the City of Halifax. The excess of expenditure over the previous year was attributable to a larger item of maintenance, which is inevitable considering the fact that the buildings have now been in use for seven years; the payment of \$600 to the City of Halifax for five years' water rates, which have never been paid previously, and the larger sum given in prizes.

As in the case of 1902, the Commission were favored with excellent weather conditions in 1903. The attendance was large, the number of entries greater than ever before and the Exhibition may be regarded from every point of view as the best yet held.

J. W. LONGLEY, *President.*

Filed.

Read letter Lyons & Tobin, asking for payment of W. L. Eaton's claim.

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

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 10th, 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 Minutes of Council re Electric Lights, corner of Young and Albert Streets, and corner of Queen and Fenwick 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, December 9th, 1903.

His Worship Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for Street Lights:—

Corner Young and Albert Street.—There is no light in the immediate neighborhood and the location of one at this corner would be a great improvement to the lighting of this district. I would recommend that \$65.00 be provided in the Estimate for this light.

Corner Queen and Fenwick Street.—The petitioners ask for a light at this corner on the ground that the nearest light is insufficient as far as Fenwick Street is concerned. The south line of Fenwick Street is only about 75 feet distant from the north line of Kent Street. There is a light at the corner of Kent and Queen Street, and there are no houses intervening to cause a shadow. I do not feel justified, therefore, in recommending the placing of another light so near the Kent Street light until the south side of Fenwick Street is built up, as the appropriation is necessarily limited and the amount that it can be increased is also limited. I regret that I feel obliged to recommend that this petition should not be granted at present.

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

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

Read report Coal Weighers for November. Filed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements for November. Filed.

Read letter Commercial Cable Co. in *re* special tax on Cable Companies.

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

Read report Committee on Works *re* repairs Old Exhibition Building.

OLD EXHIBITION BUILDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE December 10th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached Minutes of Council on further report *re* Old Exhibition Building was read, and it was decided to recommend that work be commenced at once to put the building in suitable repair.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read letter from "The Motor Club of Nova Scotia" relating to Automobile Ordinance.

Placed on Order of the Day with No. 14, viz: Ordinance relating to Automobiles, on motion of Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Read letter Colonel Conner, C. R. E., in *re* Great Fuel Yard.

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

Read report Committee on Tenders *re* contract for Printing list of Voters 1904.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING LISTS OF VOTERS.

December 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, present Aldermen Campbell, (Chairman), Hawkins and Halliday, tenders for printing List of Voters 1904 were opened. The tender of McAlpine Publishing Co. Ltd., at 2½ cents per name, being the lowest, the Committee agreeably to resolution of Council awarded the Contract to them and recommend that the same be approved of by the City Council.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* certain sewer and Sewerage Funds.

SEWERS AND SEWERAGE ACCOUNT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 10th, 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* Sewerage Account was read and referred to the Council for its information.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on two petitions attached hereto asking for a sewer in Macara St. and Vernon St.; and also in accordance with resolution of Council on all sewers petitioned for and not recommended for construction because of lack of funds:

Macara Street Sewer.—In Macara St. a sewer has been constructed in each block except that between Islesville and Agricola St. The construction of a sewer in this block has been asked for, but it was opposed by several of the property owners. The work is needed, and would cost about \$1950.00.

Vernon Street.—There has been a petition in this office since 1900 which I have not reported on, as I expected long before this time to be able to report favorably on it. If I had reported before I must have reported unfavorably. The street runs from Coburg Road north about 600 feet and the grade falls to the north end of the street. It is a cul de sac and as the ground falls from Jubilee Road to the end of Vernon St. the present north end of Vernon St. will be the lowest point in the street when it is opened through. It will therefore be necessary, or at any rate very much cheaper, to carry the outlet from the lowest point to Henry St. At present the land through which this must pass is private property. We propose in making the official plan of this part of the City (the survey of which has been already completed and is now being plotted in the office) to lay down a street from the north end of Vernon St. to Henry St. It will then be possible to construct a sewer in Vernon St. draining through the proposed street to Henry St. and thence to Bliss St. and eastwardly on Bliss St. to the Edward St. sewer. The drainage conditions in Vernon St. are very unsatisfactory and I should be glad to recommend the construction of this sewer. Under the circumstances it cannot be carried out until we have a means of getting an outlet. The cost of this work is estimated at \$6,550.00, not including cost of land required for proposed street.

It is estimated that the following sewers on the Order Book can be completed without further appropriation, viz :

Birmingham St.....	\$ 500 00
Lumber Yard.....	1750 00
Harvard St.....	850 00
Gottingen St.....	1900 00
King's Place.....	3600 00
Total.....	\$8600 00

The following sewers ordered by the Council to be constructed when funds are provided are also on the Order Book, viz :

Pepperell St. estimated cost.....	\$5250 00
South Bland St.....	2450 00
Lawrence St.....	2925 00

The following sewers have been reported against, in consequence of lack of funds, otherwise they would have been recommended, viz :

Almon St. between Kempt Road and Windsor St....	\$ 8600 00
Windsor St.....	17215 00
Chebucto Road.....	5050 00

Making a total estimated cost unprovided for of....	\$41490 00
Not included the Common sewer, estimated cost....	33500 00

Which would bring the total up to.....\$74990 00

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report on Sewerage Funds. Motion passed.

Read report Chief of Police in *re* Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.

VIOLETIONS LICENSE ACT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, December 8th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

Joseph White, Hotel Keeper,	57 Sackville St.
John Coleman,	33-35 Upper Water St.
J. F. Doneaghey,	26-28 Upper Water St.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Chief of Police furnish, before applications for Liquor Licenses are brought up for consideration a tabulated report of violations of the Liquor License law. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* Grading Fenwick Street.

GRADING FENWICK ST.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 10th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer's report on Minutes of Council *re* Grading of Fenwick 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, December 10th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking that the grading of Fenwick St. be completed. This street has been under construction for a number of years. It had at first a deep hollow in it and a great portion of it was filled up with garbage mixed with ashes. This proved to be so offensive to the residents in the neighborhood that it was stopped. Subsequently the property required for widening the street was obtained and an effort was made to complete the widening of the street and raise it to the proper grade. If good material had been available the work would have been finished long ago; but it is impossible to get suitable material for this work without spending a great deal of money, and the funds are not available. We are therefore obliged to fill up the street as we can obtain material in our city work. On the first of January, 1903, we began to separate the ashes and garbage. We used the ashes to fill up Fenwick Street and were making good progress. One of the property owners on the street threatened an action for damages if we did not stop the work at once and we were obliged to make our place of deposit in Ward One elsewhere. Subsequently residents of Fenwick Street asked to have the ashes again deposited on the street. In the meantime property owners and tenants on Tower Road had requested the Department to use the ashes collected to make a much needed sidewalk on their street. The work is under construction, and it would not be fair to them to stop it in its unfinished condition and return to Fenwick Street. When the work on Tower Road is completed we can again begin the grading of Fenwick Street with the ashes collected. It would be a waste of money to do any permanent work until the street is brought up to the proper grade, and though it may be in a very unsatisfactory state, in the meantime, unless a special appropriation is made for the work we cannot do it more rapidly for want of material. If some of the property owners on the street had not stopped the work much greater progress would have been made, and it is not the fault of this Department that the work is not more advanced than it is.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* Street Lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 16th, 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* new light between Pleasant and Queen Streets was read and referred to Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for an additional light on South Street.

There is a light at the corner of South and Pleasant Streets and one at the corner of Queen and South Streets. The street between these two lights is bordered with trees and, especially in the summer time, is very badly lighted. I would recommend that a new light be placed between Pleasant Street and Queen Street, provided the appropriation for the light is included in the Estimates.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works on the application of Daniel McLeod for an increase of pay.

INCREASE IN PAY OF CITY BLACKSMITH.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 25th 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of Committee on Works held this day, a Minute of Council re application of Daniel McLeod, City Blacksmith, for an increase of pay was read and it was decided to not recommend the increase asked.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re LeMarchant Street water bonds.

LEMARCHANT STREET WATER BONDS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 25th, 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 Bonds LeMarchant Street was read and referred to Council for adoption.

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

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

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—When the water pipe was laid in the south end of LeMarchant Street a bond was required, in accordance with the regulations, and the amount required by the bond has been collected ever since. Last Spring a sewer was constructed in LeMarchant Street and the pipe was laid through the whole block. As the revenue from the north end of the block is greater than the interest on the outlay, I would recommend that the bond for this street be cancelled.

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

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

Read application of Strathcona Club, Hespeler, Ont., for views of the City of Halifax.

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

Read letter His Honor the Recorder covering draft Act in *re* Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way arbitration. Filed.

HALIFAX AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY ARBITRATION.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution passed by the City Council at its last meeting, I have prepared an Act and sent it to the Legislature to become law. I enclose a copy of said Act for the information of the Council.

W. F. MCCOY, *City Recorder.*

An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to enable the City of Halifax to contribute money towards the payment of damages for right-of-way taken by the South Western Railway Company in the City of Halifax to the boundary line between Halifax and Lunenburg Counties," and to amend Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to authorize the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow money to assist the Halifax and South-Western Railway Company to defray the cost of the right-of-way."

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

1. The title of the first mentioned Act is amended by inserting before the words "South Western" the words "Halifax and."

2. The first mentioned Act (Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903) is also amended by adding the following at the end of said Act:—"The Arbitrators and any Counsel appearing before them on behalf of the City shall receive two hundred dollars each for their services, to be paid by the City of Halifax, and said amount shall form part of and be included in the bonds to be issued by said City under the provisions of said Act."

3. The second Act (Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1903), above mentioned is amended by striking out section two of said Act and substituting the following:—

"2. The said money when borrowed shall be paid by the Municipality of the County of Halifax to the Treasurer of the City of Halifax, and said amount when paid in shall form an additional part of the amount to be paid by the City of Halifax into the Supreme Court under the provisions of said first mentioned Act, viz:—Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903."

4. The Arbitrators shall give one week's notice by publication in the three newspapers published in Halifax of the time and place where they shall meet to hear the owners of property, and such notice shall be deemed sufficient notice to all such owners.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that Aldermen Taylor, Doyle and Johnson be a Committee to watch bills affecting the City of Halifax before the Local Legislature; that the Clerk of the House of Assembly be furnished with the names of the Committee and requested to notify the City Clerk when measures affecting the City are to be considered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that Aldermen Hubley, Rogers and Halliday be the Committee to prepare and revise the Juries Lists 1904. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Cawsey that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

JANUARY 28TH, 1904.

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

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

8.30 roll called Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Campbell and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider proposed amendments to present system of Assessment, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted:

Report Committee on Laws and Privileges covering Draft Act to amend Liquor License Act, by Alderman Johnson, Acting-Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on New Assessment System and other matters.

Minority report Laws and Privileges Committee on Assessment System, by Aldermen Doyle and Johnson.

Report Special Committee on Pensioning Firemen, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report Police Commission covering accounts.

Letter War Department *re* Town Clock.

Recorder's opinion in *re* Mayor's veto of certain increases of salary

Letter His Honor the Recorder in *re* South Shore Railway Arbitration.

Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities *re* Membership Fee.

Report Committee on Works *re* Street Lights.

Report Public Accounts Committee *re* Sewerage Funds.

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

Petition for electric light Quinpool Road.

Letter Department Inland Revenue in *re* quality of gas.

Report License Inspector for ten months
 Report Coal Weighers for December.
 Letter Henry Stawell *re* Truckmen Standing in Groups.
 Letter Board of Health *re* suit against City in *re* Gill.
 Cash Statements City Collector and City Treasurer for December.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 23 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 23, viz:—Report Public Accounts Committee December 30th, 1903, on various matters.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 fixing maximum limit of salary of City Auditor at \$1,500 per annum.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Barry, that said clause be laid over. Amendment put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Halliday, Barry,
 Mahoney, Lamphier,
 Hubley.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Johnson,
 Campbell, Taylor,
 Doyle, Cawsey,
 Rogers, Hayward.—8.

Original motion put and passed, 8 voting for and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Johnson,
 Campbell, Taylor,
 Doyle, Cawsey,
 Rogers, Hayward.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Halliday, Barry,
 Mahoney, Lamphier,
 Hubley.—5.

Read Clause 2 *re* electric wiring.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3 *re* detailing officer to enforce ordinances respecting licenses. Laid over.

Read Clause 4 Section (a) *re* limiting expenditure on public schools to \$110,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that

said section (a) be adopted. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday, Barry, Mahoney, Lampnier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers.—9.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Johnson, Campbell, Taylor, Hayward.—4.</p>
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Read Clause 4 Section (b) *re* increasing City's representation on School Board.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said section (b) be adopted. Motion passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Lithgow, Barry, Lampnier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers, Hayward.—8.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Halliday, Johnson, Campbell, Taylor, Mahoney.—5.</p>
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Read Clause 5 *re* loan for South Shore Railway right-of-way.

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

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that No. 19 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 19, viz:—Alderman Lithgow's notice for re-introduction of Building Act as submitted last winter.

Alderman Lithgow submits the said Act. (See printed Minutes of Council, March 26th, 1903).

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the Recorder be instructed to have the Building Act, introduced at the last Session of the Legislature, re-introduced and passed by that body, and also that said Bill contain a clause relative to scaffolding of buildings, if not already inserted.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said Act be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy. Amendment passed.

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

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of dismissal of District Chief John Washington.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins', seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said matter be now reconsidered.

Alderman Lithgow, rising to a point of order, claimed that the Council had no right to review the action of the Board of Fire Wards in the matter of dismissals, having delegated that power to the Board.

His Honor the Recorder, being asked his opinion, stated that the Council has the right to appoint and dismiss firemen, that power having been vested in the Council by an Act of the Legislature.

His Worship the Mayor rules Alderman Hawkins' motion in order. The vote being taken there appeared:

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Halliday, Johnson,
Campbell, Taylor,
Mahoney, Hayward,
Hawkins.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Barry,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Hubley, Cawsey,
Rogers.—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of reconsideration and declares the motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the matter of the dismissal of John Washington be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards for further consideration.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the clause of the report of the Board of Fire Wards in *re* Washington be adopted.

The amendment being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lithgow, Johnson,
Barry, Lamphier,
Doyle, Hubley,
Cawsey, Rogers.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Halliday, Campbell,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Hayward, Hawkins.—6.

Read No. 2, viz: Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of dismissal of P. Dwyer, Call man No. 3 Steamer.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this matter be now reconsidered.

Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 7 against it, His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for reconsideration, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Campbell, Barry,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Rogers, Hayward,
Hawkins.—7.

And His Worship the Mayor.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Johnson, Lamphier,
Doyle, Hubley,
Cawsey.—7.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the clause of the report in *re* Dwyer be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the dismissal of P. Dwyer be referred back to the Board.

The amendment being put there appeared :—

For the Amendment.

Alderman Campbell, Barry,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Rogers, Hawyard,
Hawkins.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Johnson, Lamphier,
Doyle, Hubley,
Cawsey.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read No. 3, viz: Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of motion referring back to the Board of Fire Wards the charge against D. Irons, Callman No. 3 Steamer. Withdrawn.

Read No. 4, viz: Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of dismissal of John Waugh, Callman No. 4. Hose Co.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that Waugh be reinstated. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins submits resignation of John Waugh as a member of the Halifax Fire Department. The same is read.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Read No. 5, viz: Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of of resolution reducing Captain Trenaman to the ranks as a call fireman.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the said matter be reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against, as follows :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney,
Rogers, Hayward,
Hawkins—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Johnson, Barry,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Hubley, Cawsey—8.

Read No. 6, viz : Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution giving the use of the Spring Garden Road Engine House to the Veteran Firemen's Association.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said matter be now reconsidered.

Alderman Hubley asks for the Recorder's opinion as to whether it is in the power of this Council to order the removal of the fire apparatus stored in the Spring Garden Road Engine House and to hand over the building to the Veteran Firemen's Association.

His Honor the Recorder ruled that unless the building was of no more use as a fire engine house and had been condemned for such purpose it could not be passed out of the hands of the Council unless to persons put in charge of it in the nature of caretakers.

The motion being put there appeared—

For the Reconsideration.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Barry, Doyle, Hubley,
Cawsey, Hayward—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Johnson, Campbell,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Rogers, Hawkins—6.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the report of the Board of Fire Wards on this matter be adopted.

Moved by Aldermen Campbell, seconded by Alderman Johnson, in amendment, that the resolution on the matter passed at last meeting be now adopted.

His Worship the Mayor ruled, in accordance with the Recorder's opinion, that Alderman Campbell's amendment was out of order.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the clause of the report be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards with the view of arriving at an amicable arrangement with the Veteran Firemen's Association on the subject.

The amendment being put is passed.

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

Read letter Trades and Labor Council in re Plebiscite on proposed new Assessment Scheme. Filed.