

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on proposed amendments to Assessment Law and on other matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 18th, 1904.

To 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 were present Alderman Geldert (Chairman), Doyle, Rogers and Hayward.

Your Committee had under consideration the letter of Messrs Lyons & Tobin in re W. L. Eaton's claim, reported on by the Public Accounts Committee on 14th July last, on which date His Honor the Recorder was instructed, by resolution of Council to prepare an Act to borrow the amount recommended in said report. Your Committee beg to report that the Recorder has this matter in hand and will prepare an Act in accordance with said resolution.

Your Committee had also under consideration the matter of interest on Common Commutation Fund and rents due on Common Lots, and have directed the Assistant City Clerk to prepare a statement showing number of lots uncommuted and rents due and submit same to the Council.

Your Committee had also under consideration the proposed new scheme of assessment for the City, submitted to the Council by the Ratepayers Association. Your Committee beg to report that a public meeting was held on the 12th December to give ratepayers an opportunity to express their opinion on the merits of the proposed new scheme. Messrs. William Roche, James Morrow, Alfred Whitman, R. Carter, Isiah Mosher and a number of others spoke against the adoption of the proposed new scheme, and Messrs. Clayton, Hart and Wood spoke in favor of it. Communications were received from D. Budge, Superintendent of Bermuda Cable Co., and S. S. Dickenson, Superintendent of Commercial Cable Co., against the proposed tax on Cable Companies; also from G. H. Merlin, Secretary of the Halifax Typographical Union, enclosing a resolution of that body asking that before the proposed new tax scheme is adopted a plebescite be taken on it.

On motion of Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Committee the scheme submitted to us is unfair and inequitable and bears hard on the middle class and smaller tax payers; that the present scheme of taxation is much fairer than the scheme submitted; that if any change is to be made it should be in the direction of an income tax; but no such scheme as that submitted should be passed until the people have an opportunity of approving of it by a plebescite first submitted to them at the next civic election.

Alderman Doyle voted against the resolution, he being the only other member of the Committee present, besides the Chairman.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman*.

Read Minority report of Laws and Privileges Committee in re new Assessment Law.

MINORITY REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 16th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that in compliance with your instructions they called a public meeting of citizens for the purpose of giving those interested in the new scheme of assessment presented to the Council by the Ratepayers'

Association an opportunity of being heard as to the merits and demerits of the measure. The public meeting referred to was held in the City Council Chamber on the evening of the 16th December last. There was a very fair attendance, and your Committee gave the interested parties a very full hearing, as is evidenced by the fact that we were in session nearly four hours. After carefully weighing the reasons advanced, both for and against the scheme, your Committee has come to the conclusion that the promoters of the same made out the better case, and we are therefore, of opinion, after giving the matter full investigation and consideration that the measure so proposed (with the recommendation we hereafter make) is one that will ensure to the benefit of the community as a whole without doing injustice to any individual. We feel the persons instrumental in bringing forward this scheme are sincere in their convictions as to its merits, and we consider they are entitled to a great deal of credit for their work and public spirit. They should not be looked upon as public enemies, as in our opinion the scheme referred to is not introduced for the purpose of evading taxation. The bill as laid before your Committee, is divided into five sections, as follows, viz :

No. 1 deals with real estate, which is to be assessed in the same manner as at present.

No. 2 imposes a household tax of 1-5th the assessed value of the house in the case of the owner, and 1-5th the annual rental multiplied by ten in the case of the tenant. This plan is substituted for the former method of assessing furniture. No tax, however, is to be levied on owners occupying dwellings valued less than \$500.

No. 3 imposes a business tax of 75 per cent. of the assessed value of the premises occupied by the owner, except where stocks exceed said 75 per cent. value, when the assessment is to be made as at present, viz., 75 per cent. of the actual value, less tools and machinery in operation. In the case of tenants the method of computing the value of real estate is 10 times the annual rental, and the assessment calculated as in the case of the owner given above.

No. 4 provides for a poll tax of \$5 on persons not otherwise taxed, and in receipt of an income of \$400.

No. 5 provides for special taxes as per list attached hereto.

As regards No. 1, that is the real estate tax, as there is no change to be made in the method of assessment, there will be, in our opinion, a decided improvement in this particular class of property, as if the business tax brings in an additional \$3,000,000 for assessment, and we feel that it will, the rate will naturally fall and real estate owners be very materially benefited thereby. As they have been bearing the burden in the past this measure of relief ought to be appreciated by them. We recommend, however, in the case of private dwellings only that no dwellings should be assessed more than \$15,000, so that the citizens will not be discouraged from erecting costly residences.

As regards No. 2, that is the household tax, we are of opinion that the method proposed is a fair one, as it fixes a standard and does away with any reason for intruding on the privacy of a man's home for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the contents of same. We think the standard proposed, 1-5th of the assessed value of the house occupied an equitable one, as we have found on investigation that this is about the relative proportion as between house and furniture that a citizen usually insures against fire. There may be a few cases where the value of furniture is greater than this proportion, but we feel that a man should not be penalized for beautifying his home. On the contrary, he should be encouraged to do so, as he benefits the business community by making purchases of articles which are not to be held for sale. As no tax is to be imposed in the case of the owner, where a house is worth less than \$500, the man who has purchased a little home is not interfered with. We recommend, however, that in the case of a weekly tenant only, paying \$2 a week or less, that no tax be imposed. In the case of weekly tenants only, paying more than \$2, but not exceeding \$3, the limit of assessment to be \$200. This, we feel, will relieve the poor man from paying anything beyond his means.

As regards No. 3, that is the business tax, we are of opinion that the method proposed is a fair and equitable one, and will, if adopted, realize the expectations of the promoters of this scheme by adding about \$3,000,000 to what was formerly obtained by

the personal property assessment, and it will do this, we think, without unloading from one class to another. It is true some people will pay more and some people will pay less, but as a result of our investigation we are of opinion that those who will be called to pay more, have every reason to do so, as they have been paying too little in the past, while those who will pay less, due to the lowering of the rate, will only have a long-standing grievance removed. By the latter class we mean those who from the nature of their business have to keep large stocks on hand and replenish them quickly, and thus are always stocked up when the assessors call; and by the former class we mean those who by the quick turnover of their stocks will do as large a business, if not larger, taking it in the aggregate, as the class first referred to, but only have a few thousand dollars' worth when the assessors visit them. We could mention a number of cases where this occurs, but it would be invidious to make comparisons, and we therefore refrain from doing so. Nevertheless, we have examined enough cases to warrant us in stating that they exist in sufficient numbers to increase the assessment by nearly \$3,000,000, as already stated. It will be conceded, we think, that the old system is faulty, as the assessment on personal property is left to the accident of chance; but by this method a standard is fixed, that is, 75 per cent. of the assessed value of the real estate as a minimum (and we think the percentage a fair one) and 75 per cent. of the actual value of the stock itself when it exceeds in value the value of the real estate containing it. The alternative we think a good provision, as it removes any incentive to do business in poor quarters. We think also the exemption of machinery in operation and tools of trade a good one, for reasons that are apparent to everybody. To prevent any hardship on small shopkeepers we recommend that no tax be imposed where the rent paid is \$100 per annum or less.

As regards No. 4, that is the poll tax, we recommend that the amount should be \$4 instead of \$5, and the limit of income raised to \$500 or more, instead of \$400; and that the said tax should not apply to weekly tenants and small shopkeepers exempted in preceding sections; also, that any person may have the right to demand that he or she be assessed for \$200 on personal property in lieu of said poll tax—notice of such intention to be given the assessors within five days after receiving the poll tax notice. As the poll tax itself is to be paid by the 1st December in each year it leaves no room for bribery in case of civic elections. With the recommendations we have made we feel that only those who can afford it will have to pay this tax, and they will be chiefly unmarried people, who now pay nothing. At any rate they have the alternative of becoming regularly assessed for \$200.

It is also proposed to retain such portions of section 303 as are not dealt with under the several headings now proposed to be adopted, and in order that these may be made more explicit we recommend adding the following clause to the bill, which we feel will carry out the idea, viz.: "That personal property other than merchandise and household goods, moneys in possession or in bank, not on deposit receipt, ships and vessels at home or abroad, or shares or interest therein, and moneys invested in the city other than on mortgage or exempted investments, shall be assessed as at present on such persons as in the judgment of the assessors should be assessed by reason of being possessed of the property enumerated above, except that ships and vessels, or shares or interest therein, shall only be assessed at 1-4th their actual value. As regards the special taxes, we will leave those to be discussed by the Council but we would recommend that the tax on cable companies be reduced to \$50, as they do not do much business here, but on the contrary spend a lot of money for supplies, etc. We recommend, also, that the tax on insurance companies, other than fire, life and marine, be reduced to \$50, as the business in these lines is small. We also recommend that the tax on resident brokers be \$20 instead of \$120, as we do not think it wise to drive the business into the hands of commercial travellers. In the case of express companies, we think the tax should remain as suggested, viz., \$500, as we find the greater part of their receipts is derived from charges on goods imported into the City from Toronto, Montreal, Boston, New York and other cities. They thus act as agents for concerns who pay nothing to the revenue of the City, but compete with our merchants. They also sell money orders and exchange, and thus compete with our banks. We think, also, that the tax on telegraph companies is too small, and we suggest \$600 as a fair amount, considering the business they do. We think, also, that the items \$5 single team, \$10 double team for delivery purposes should be struck out, unless said team or teams are driven by a person under 18 years of age, when they are to be imposed. We also think that non-resident

mechanics should pay \$10.00 per head as they compete with our own men. This clause, however not to apply to any resident of the county. We also that city contractors should pay a special tax of 1 per cent. on contracts secured by them within the City, that is on every contract exceeding \$20,000.

In closing, we may say that we have endeavored to place our conclusions fairly before you, and we feel that with the recommendations and restrictions we have made that the measure is one that we can safely advise you to adopt. We do not say it is a perfect one, but so far as the peculiar conditions of this City are concerned, it is in our opinion, the best scheme that has yet been advanced. We recommend, however, that the legislation at present in force regarding liens, exemptions or partial exemptions from taxes, as to persons and property and investments, fixed taxation, special licenses, not affected by this measure, and the penalties for non-compliance with the same, also the laws for collecting taxes be retained, and that the Recorder be instructed, if this bill passes the council, to see that this is done. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. F. DOYLE.
J. A. JOHNSON.

Alderman Rogers submits a petition signed by a large number of merchants and others against the proposed measure. The same is read.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that all the papers on this subject be discussed simultaneously. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report of the Minority of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Majority report of the Laws and Privileges Committee in re proposed amendments to the Assessment Act be adopted.

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

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft amendments to the Liquor License Act,

DRAFT ACT TO AMEND LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 27th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Johnson, Doyle, Rogers and Hayward.

Your Committee recommend that the enclosed draft of an Act to amend the Liquor License Act as far as concerns the City of Halifax be adopted and sent to the Legislature for concurrence.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Acting Chairman.*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

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

1. When an applicant for an hotel or shop license has obtained the certificate mentioned in sub-section 1 (a) of section 17 of said Act and a license has been granted thereon, the City Council of Halifax may, if it see fit, continue, for the period of three years to grant him a license thereon each year without the production of any new certificate, provided the applicant has not been convicted of violating any part of said Act.

2. In case he has been so convicted he shall forfeit his license and shall not again be entitled to a license until he shall have obtained a fresh certificate, as required by sub-section 1 (a) of section 17 of the Liquor License Act.

3. Sub-section (1) of section 7 is repealed and the following substituted :—“ An ‘ Hotel License ’ shall authorize the licensee to sell and dispose of liquor on the premises in quantities not exceeding one quart at one time to one person.”

4. Sub-section (2) of said section is repealed and the following substituted :—“ A ‘ Shop License ’ shall authorize the licensee to sell and dispose of any liquor on the premises not exceeding two gallons sold or disposed of at one time to any one person.”

5. Sub-sections (a) and (b) of section 40 of said Act shall not apply to any applicant for an hotel license or any license granted therefor. This section only to apply to hotels of twenty-five rooms and upwards.

6. Section 9 of said Act is repealed and the following substituted :

“ 9. The following license duties shall be payable and shall be in lieu of all other Provincial or Municipal duties and fees :—

For each hotel having under twenty-five rooms	\$200 00
For each hotel having twenty-five rooms, but not exceeding fifty	300 00
For each hotel having fifty rooms, but not exceeding seventy-five	500 00
For each hotel having seventy-five rooms or over	750 00
Each shop license	200 00

7. This Act shall only apply to the City of Halifax and any Act or part of Act inconsistent with it is repealed.

The said draft Act is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Signatures to License Applications.

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

Read clause 2 re forfeiture of License.

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

Read clause 3 permitting liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises (hotels).

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

Read clause 4 permitting liquor to be consumed on the premises (shops).

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 exempting hotels of twenty-five rooms and upwards

from the operation of sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 40 of the Liquor License Act (in re distance from railways; churches, &c.)

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

Read clause 6, sub-clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4, in re fees for hotel licenses.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the same do now pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 sub-section 5 in re fees for shop licenses.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the fee for shop license be placed at \$150.00. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Campbell, Lamphier, Hayward—3.	Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday, Johnson, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Cawsey, Rogers, Hawkins—9.

Alderman Hubley excused from voting.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that a clause be added to the Act amending section 51 of the Liquor License Act so that hotels before they may be granted an hotel license in the City of Halifax shall have ten rooms for guests instead of the six rooms now required. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the Recorder be instructed to draft Acts in compliance with the resolutions adopted at this meeting with respect to the Liquor License Act and also upon the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and submit the same to the Legislature at its present session. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the Committee on Works notify the Lessee of the Old Exhibition Building that his lease will expire on the first day of May next and that previous to the said date that the Committee on Works advertise for tenders for the lease of the building. Motion passed.

Read report special Committee on pensioning firemen, covering schedule.

PENSIONING FIREMEN.

1. That a Superannuation Fund be formed for the benefit of the permanent men employed by the Fire Department.

2 That a deduction be made from the pay of each permanent, employee equal to four per cent. per annum of such pay towards the Superannuation Fund, payable in monthly instalments

3. All deductions from the pay of the force, all fines and all gratuities and donations to the force shall be paid into the Superannuation Fund.

4. The City shall contribute five hundred dollars per annum for ten years.

5. The sums of money derived from above sources are to be allowed to accumulate at compound interest for ten years.

6. After ten years a retiring allowance may be granted to any qualified employee of the department who has served in an established capacity for ten years or upwards and has attained the age of fifty-five years, or is incapacitated by infirmity from properly performing his duties, calculated on his average yearly salary for the then past three years, and not exceeding the following rates, viz:— $1/35$ of such annual salary for every year he has contributed to the fund, not to exceed in any case $25/35$ ths.

Retirement shall be compulsory on every person to whom superannuation is offered.

7. A refund equal to the amount paid in, without interest, shall be paid to any employee obliged to quit the service on account of infirmity before becoming entitled to allowance.

The same refund shall be made to the representatives of any person dying in the service. But employees discharged for cause or resigning voluntarily shall not receive any refund, nor shall employees who may be retired on account of age and entitled to a pension as hereinafter provided.

8. Hereafter no person shall be appointed a member of the Fire Department who is more than thirty years of age at the time of application or less than five feet nine inches in height and thirty-eight inches chest measurement.

9. No applicant shall be appointed until satisfactory certificate of birth and a certificate from the City Medical Officer that he is in good health, and in full possession of all his faculties, and complies with the preceding regulation, have been laid before and approved by the Board of Fire Wards. In the absence of any church or official registry of the birth of the applicant, the Committee may receive the statutory declaration of the parent or other person having personal knowledge of the date of birth of the applicant in lieu of such certificate.

10. Any employee having contributed to the fund for twenty-five or more years^s shall be entitled as of right to retire from the service at the maximum rate of allowance. All employees appointed after the establishment of the fund shall be compulsorily retired on reaching the age of fifty-five years.

11. Men at present in the Department may at the discretion of the Committee be continued in the service for a further period of five years notwithstanding the age limit of fifty-five years. At the end of such period, or if retired previously, on account of incapacity, they shall receive out of the revenue of the City a pension equal to one-half of their average yearly salaries for the three years previous to retirement.

12. Any permanent employee who has contributed to the fund for ten or more years shall, on being retired from the service on account of having reached the age limit, be entitled to receive the maximum allowance as in Section 6, and the difference between the amount he would be entitled to from the Superannuation Fund and the above amount as pension shall be paid out of the revenue of the City.

13. The sums mentioned in sections 4, 11 and 12 shall be special assessments under the provisions of section 291 of the City Charter.

FIREMEN'S SUPERANNUATION SCHEME.

On basis of $25/35$ ths of present pay.

21 men—11 of whom will reach age limit (55 years) in from one to eight years from date.

COST EACH YEAR 25-35ths BASIS.

1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	11th.
\$1874.40	\$2245.80	\$2245.80	\$2942.25	\$2942.25	\$3573.75	\$3573.75	\$3859.55	\$4588.85

COST EACH YEAR—HALF PAY.

1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	11th.
\$1315.00	\$1575.00	\$1575.00	\$2043.00	\$2043.00	\$2485.00	\$2485.00	\$2706.00	\$3435.30

The above amounts to be paid out of assessment each year.

REVENUE EXPECTED.

4% on pay roll, \$10.934.00.....	\$437 26
Fines and lapsed pay say.....	112 74
Per annum.....	\$550 00
\$550.00 per annum compounded @ 3½% for 10 years =	\$6452 00

Income of Fund at end of ten years :—

Payment from men and fines	\$550 00
Interest on Capital, \$6450 @ 3½%	225 75
	<u>775 75</u>

Claims to be expected at end of 10 years :—

1 @ 5-7 of \$1000 00	\$715 00
1 @ 5-7 of 700.00.....	500 00
	<u>1215 00</u>
Pay out of Fund Income 2-7 of \$1700.00	\$485 70
Pay out of Taxes 3-7 of \$1700.00.	729 30
	<u>\$1215 00</u>

Placed on Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the next meeting of this Council be held February 9th instead of February 4th. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

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7. Section 51 of said Act is amended by striking out the words “ six bedrooms ” in the fifth line from the top of said section and substituting therefor the words “ ten bedrooms.”

8. This Act shall only apply to the City of Halifax and any Act or part of Act inconsistent with it is repealed.

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 an Act of the Present Legislature on the same subject.”

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

1. The sum required by the City of Halifax to pay the railway damages, costs and expenses for land in the City and County of Halifax taken by the Halifax and South-Western Railway Company for the railway track and the bonds authorized by law to be

issued therefor shall be payable at such time to be fixed before the bonds are issued as shall be sufficient to pay for the same with the sum of five thousand dollars a year and its accumulations.

2. The said sum of five thousand dollars a year shall be assessed for by said City under the provisions of section 7 chapter 51 of the Acts of 1902, and paid into the Sinking Fund for the repayment at maturity of the bonds mentioned.

3. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

An Act to Amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, known as the
"City Charter."

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

1. The salary of the Auditor of the City of Halifax shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500 00) per annum.

2. (1) No person, company or corporation shall put or place in or on any building in the City of Halifax any electric wire, fitting, fixture, apparatus or attachment without first having obtained a permit therefor to be issued by the City Electrician of the said City upon such terms and conditions as he may deem proper.

(2) The City Council are authorized to make Ordinances for compelling the registration and licensing of electrical wire men in the office of the Committee on Works, the manner and mode of installing wiring and apparatus for electric light, heat and power, telephone, telegraph, call bell and other signalling circuits and all similar systems in or on any building in the City of Halifax ; the manner and mode of doing all work in connection with the same ; the kind and quality of materials to be used ; the manner and mode of connecting with the main electrical distribution systems ; the manner of fastening locating and conducting said wires in or on the building ; the testing and inspection of the same ; and to prescribe the fees to be paid for registration and to impose penalties for the breach of said Ordinances and of this Act and terms including imprisonment for non-payment of said penalties. Said Ordinances to be subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

3. In case of any installation of electric wiring, conductors, fittings, fixtures or apparatus or any electric wiring system now or that may hereafter be in operation or any generating plant, motor, wires or other electrical apparatus located in any building or premises becoming defective to such an extent, in the opinion of the City Electrician, as to threaten immediate danger to life or property, the City Electrician having notice thereof shall have immediate power to suspend the operation of such, pending the necessary repairs

4. The City Electrician shall at proper hours have the right to enter any dwelling and at any time to enter any public building or any building used for the purpose of entertainment or amusement or premises where electric power or light is being used to inspect all electrical wires or apparatus in order to ascertain if the proper regulations have been complied with, and no person shall refuse to allow such inspection.

5. No alteration or change shall be made in the plan of wiring any building without first notifying the City Electrician, and obtaining a permit therefor.

6. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Feb. 9th, 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, Doyle, Lamphier, Taylor, Lithgow, Halliday, Campbell, Hayward, Cawsey and Geldert.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Doyle, 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 Rogers and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider applications for liquor licenses, to proceed with the business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted:

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

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

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Lithgow, Chairman.

Report Cemetery Committee, by Alderman Campbell, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, covering report City Engineer in re Building Act and Draft Act re Dry Dock.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Committee on Works re accounts.

Report Police Commission, re accounts.

Report City Engineer on cost of telephones, covering schedule.

Letter G. M. Acklom re Harrow House School.

Draft Act in re Commissioners County Court House.

Letter Moral Reform Association re certain applications for liquor licenses.

Application of W. W. McLellan for reappointment as License Inspector.

Report License Inspector covering applications for Liquor Licenses.

Letter John T. Woods asking for an investigation into certain statements made by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that

the Order of the Day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Public Accounts covering accounts for payment.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 9th, 1904.

To 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), Doyle, Hubley and Rogers, the following accounts, amounting to \$1,647.73, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

W. D. Finn, death certificates, Boutilier, \$4.00; Gates, \$4.00; Connors, \$4.00; Mullins, \$4.00; Martin, \$4.00; Hare, \$4.00; F. Smith, \$4.00; A. Smith, \$4.00—\$32.00.

Halifax Herald, subscription to Herald, 1903, City Clerk and City Collector, \$12.00.

James Bowes, printing Bill for Legislature, \$3.00.

Newsome & Gilbert, repairs to typewriter, \$10.00.

Halifax Herald, advertising New Year's reception, \$3.13.

Chronicle Publishing Co., adv. City Collector, \$9.75; general, \$53.75; Police Department, \$3.75—\$67.25

Blackadar Bros., Subscription to Recorder, 1903, \$5.00; advertising, \$6.53—\$11.53.

T. C. Allen & Co., printing Bills for Legislature, \$18.00; stationery, License Inspector, \$29.25; do., revising City Charter, \$6.75; do., Recorder's office, \$14.15; do., City Treasurer, \$5.45; do., City Collector, \$3.50; do., City Auditor, \$12.00; do., City Clerk's department, \$11.10—\$100.20.

A. & W. Mackinaly, stationery, \$13.50.

Home of the Good Shepherd, \$116.29; Industrial School, truant account, \$80.01; do., criminal account, \$292.50; St. Patrick's Home, truant account, \$278.66; do., criminal account, \$368.46; Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm, \$259.20. Total \$1,647.73.

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 Police Commission recommending an account for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

CITY HALL, January 28th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission beg to recommend for payment the attached account of C. S. Lane for 45 helmet covers at \$1 00—\$45.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said account be paid. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee covering accounts, &c.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Members present—The Chairman, Aldermen Halliday, Barry, Mahoney, Hubley and Hayward.

The Superintendent's report for January shows that during the month there were 57 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 27 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted 34 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Halifax County and 22 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st was 384, made up of 239 men, 142 women and 3 children.

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

Dillon Bros, \$479.37. J. & M. Murphy, \$107.55. F. H. Longley & Co., \$336.08. P. T. Shea, \$113.67. W. A. Maling & Co., \$57.86. George Gregorie, \$28.40. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd, \$69.75. Arthur Fordham & Co, \$21.62. Joseph S. Cashen, \$24.21. Fleischmen & Co., \$4.50. Wm. McFatridge, \$43.00. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd, \$128.10. C. S. Lane, \$11 50. W. N. Brown, \$5 00. H. H. Fuller & Co., \$5.35. Chronicle Pub. Co., Ltd, \$12 50. Wm. D. Finn, M. D., \$5.00. F. W. Anderson, M. D., \$5.00. A. F. Buckley, M. D., \$5 00. A. A. Shaffner, M. D., \$5.00. Longard Bros, \$10.25. Pay sheet (January), \$756.83. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$808.70. B. Mulcahy, \$56.28. Victoria General Hospital, \$148 91. Total \$3,279.43.

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 Halliday, and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee, covering accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 8th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held

this day, there being present Aldermen Taylor (Chairman), Lamphier, Halliday and Cawsey, the following accounts, amounting to \$118.34, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :

Evangelical Alliance, cab hire, \$18.00. F R. Brown, stove supplies, \$12.85. W. T. Shortt, rep. clock, \$1.25. J. A. Leaman, 50 heads, \$9 00. W. D. Irwin, drugs, \$4.90. Black & Flinn, 1 ton bran, \$22.00. I. H. Crowell, dry goods, \$11.76. A. M. Bell, hardware, \$2.83. R. B. Adams, groceries, \$35.75. Total \$118.34.

Your Committee also submit the monthly reports of the Governor and Matron which were approved of.

WM. TAYLOR, *Chairman*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Halliday, and being put is passed.

Read report Camp Hill Cemetery Committee, covering account for payment.

CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

CITY HALL, February 9th 1904.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery beg to recommend for payment the following account which has been examined and found correct :—

Wm. Foster, rep. sills tool house, \$11 30.

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said account be paid. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters and covering draft Act *re* assessment Halifax Graving Dock Co., Limited, and report City Engineer in *re* Building Act.

DRY DOCK—BUILDING ACT—BRENNAN CLAIM.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 4th, 1904.

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 Alderman Geldert (Chairman), Doyle, Rogers and Hayward, the Committee had under consideration the report of City Engineer in *re* claim of Edward Brennan for compensation for loss sustained by overflow of sewerage in his cellar. Mr. Brennan and J. J. Power, his Counsel, were present, also the City Engineer. The matter was fully discussed, and, on motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hayward, it was decided to recommend that in the event of the Recorder's finding the City to be liable for the damage sustained by Mr. Brennan that he be paid the sum of \$100.00 in full compensation for his loss.

Your Committee also report that they had under consideration the claim of the Dry Dock Company *re* over assessment. Your Committee recommend that the Dry Dock Company be exempted from taxation for the years 1904-1905 instead of being compelled

to wait until 1909 and 1910 for such exemption, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act and submit the same to the Legislature in accordance with this recommendation.

Your Committee further recommend that in view of the agreement made with the Dry Dock Company with regard to their assessment that the license fee of \$100.00 now charged be cancelled.

Your Committee also had under consideration the Building Act submitted to and passed by the City Council in March last and referred to the Committee for further report.

It was Resolved, on motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this Committee recommend the Building Act presented last year be sent to the Legislature, with the addition of the scaffolding regulation to be prepared by His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer, and that the Engineer prepare a brief statement for the information of the Council of the important alterations in the law.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

DRY DOCK.

A Bill entitled "An Act relative to the Assessment of the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited

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

1. Section I of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1903, is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

1. The real and personal property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, in the City of Halifax, shall be exempted from assessment by the City of Halifax for civic purposes for and during the assessment years 1904-5 and 1905-6 and thereafter the real and personal property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, in the City of Halifax shall be permanently assessed, for civic purposes, at a fixed value of \$200,000.00 and shall be rated and taxed on the said amount by the City of Halifax.

2. Chapter 77 of the Acts, 1903, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:—

"4. That the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, shall not be liable for any assessment, tax, rate or license fee, other than mentioned in Section one of this Act, except for water rates."

"5. Provisions of Section 313 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, as amended by Section 21 of Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1897, are declared not to have applied to the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, and the said Company shall not be liable for any license fee under said Acts."

BUILDING ACT.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

CITY HALL, HALIFAX, N. S., February 9th, 1903.

J. M. GELDERT,

Chairman Committee on Laws and Privileges.

SIR,—In accordance with your request, I have gone carefully over the Building Act adopted by the Council last winter as it has been revised by Judge Graham and Mr. Bell. I had nothing to do with the revision last year as I was unfortunately absent from the City at the time, but in my opinion the new Act is a great improvement on the old one. The old Act is entirely out of date. It practically gives us no control over anything but the foundations and exterior walls of buildings. We cannot control the construction of doors, fire escapes and other modes of egress as they should be and have no means of properly protecting tenants and firemen from injury in case of fire.

In the proposed new Act the following changes are made in comparison with the old Act:—

The details in connection with permits, the information to be preserved in the Inspector's office and similar statistics in reference to buildings constructed are made more complete and definite;

Buildings are divided into three classes:

1st.—Fire-Proof;

2nd.—Buildings similar to the present brick and stone buildings;

3rd.—Wooden frame buildings such as are now constructed outside the brick district.

The changes in this respect seem to have frightened builders and property owners; but there is nothing in the Act to compel property owners to construct buildings for ordinary use in the fire-proof or first class, they may still construct them in the second class if they choose, and outside the brick district there is no compulsion.

A provision has been inserted in the Act permitting the moving of a wooden building in the brick district to another part of the same lot, provided it is in a satisfactory condition.

Observation stands on roofs are prohibited.

The numbering of buildings is provided for.

Every building over seventy feet in height must be of the first class.

The Inspector is given better control of dangerous buildings, chimneys, etc.

The Inspector is given power to protect the public during construction of buildings. Adjoining property Owners are given protection from injury by Work done by a neighbor

The proper ventilation of school houses, theatres and factories is provided for.

The Act will enable the Inspector to have the work done during the construction of buildings that is now being worked out by the Board of Fire Escapes.

Regulations are made for construction of tenement houses to insure proper lighting-ventilation and safety in case of fire.

The location of tenements over warehouses or stores containing wholly combustible material is prohibited.

Precautions are taken to prevent fire from ashes and waste.

Also, to give warning and directions for fire escapes from schools, churches, hotels, factories and tenements containing over fifty rooms.

And gives the Inspector power to order fire escapes and other safety provisions.

The standard of safety for floors of fire escapes is fixed.

Inspection of elevators is provided for.

Hearings must be held by the Inspector before boilers, furnaces, soap factories or similar installations are permitted.

The interior of brick buildings, bearing of columns, floor joists, protection of metal from fire, capacity and construction of floors and roofs, fire stops, construction of elevators and hoist ways is placed under the control of the City so that no builder will be permitted to put up work that will be a menace to the occupants and employees in buildings and that the life of firemen will not be in danger in case of fire.

It is provided that no nails or woodwork shall touch any chimney.

In order to prevent dispute as to the strength of materials schedules are inserted showing the standard strength for those materials commonly used in building. This seems to have frightened many people, but is really not so formidable as it looks.

The thickness of all walls and parti walls for dwellings has been reduced to 8 inches, which will make the construction of dwelling houses cheaper while there will still be safe fire stops.

There are one or two provisions which might be considered objectionable which have been altered by the revisors :—

The Act provided that all tenements should be constructed of brick or stone. That has been altered to apply to the brick district only.

There are two provisions, however, which have not been altered and which I cannot approve of :—

The first provides that every permanent school house shall be of the first class. It would be wise to make the construction of every school house within the brick district first class : but the City cannot afford to erect thoroughly fire-proof school houses in the suburbs. While it would be very desirable if we could afford it, there is not the same necessity for it as they are surrounded by large school yards. I would therefore recommend that that provision be altered to apply to the brick district only.

The thickness of external and parti walls of the first and second class, except dwellings, is placed at 16 inches for the first storey. The old law requires only 12 inches, and I would recommend that the thickness of walls for buildings of the second class be only 12 inches as at present required.

I would strongly recommend that the Act be adopted with the changes suggested.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer and Building Inspector.*

The same are now read, the report of the Committee being considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 *re* claim of Edward Brennan for damages.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this clause be adopted subject to the opinion of His Honor the Recorder. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 in *re* Dry Dock Assessment, covering draft Act.

Objected to and placed on Order of the Day.

Read Clause 3 *re* Building Act covering report City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that said clause be adopted and that the recommendations made by the City Engineer be incorporated in the Act. Motion passed.

Read Draft Act in *re* Commissioners of County Court House.

COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1881, entitled, "An Act to vest the Court House of Halifax in Commissioners and for other purposes," and Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1899, in amendment thereof.

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

Sub-section 2 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1899, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor :—

The Governor-in-Council shall annually appoint one commissioner, the Town of Dartmouth one commissioner annually, the Municipality of Halifax County shall annually appoint two commissioners and the City Council of Halifax shall annually appoint five commissioners, consisting of the Mayor for the time being and four Alder-

men. The commissioners so appointed shall, for the purposes hereinafter declared, form a body corporate and politic under the corporate name of "the Commissioners of the Court House at Halifax." The said Mayor shall be chairman of the said corporate body.

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

Read report City Engineer in re cost of telephones, covering schedule.

TELEPHONES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, February 5th, 1904.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The Committee on Works, with Alderman Hawkins, have had several conferences with the Manager of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company with the view of reducing the cost to the city of the telephones in use by the different departments. The accompanying statement shows in detail the proposition made by the Manager of the Company, which I am instructed by the Committee on Works to send to the Council to be dealt with.

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

City of Halifax.

	PRESENT PAYMENT.	PROPOSED PAYMENT.
<i>Works :</i>		
City Clerk's Office	\$ 40 00	\$ 35 00
City Collector's Office	40 00	35 00
City Engineer's Office	35 00	35 00
" " (Desk)		Free
City Work Shop	35 00	35 00
Aldermen's Room	30 00	Free.
Mayor's Office	18 00	"
Stipendiary's Residence	25 00	30 00
Clerk of Works Office	35 00	35 00
Reservoir—Chain of Lakes)	100 00	121 00 (\$55 × \$66
Pipe House—Spruce Hill (Mileage)
Supt of Water Works' Residence	25 00	30 00
City Engineer's Residence	25 00	30 00
	\$408 00	\$386 00
<i>Police :</i>		
Police Station	35 00	35 00
Detective Power's Residence	25 00	30 00
	60 00	65 00
<i>Board of Health :</i>		
Board of Health Office	15 00	Free.
Small Pox Hospital	25 00	25 00
Diphtheria Hospital	25 00	25 00
	65 00	50 00
<i>Prison :</i>		
Rockhead	40 00	54 00
		(\$30 × \$24 Mlge.)
<i>Poor Asylum :</i>		
	35 00	30 00

Fire Department:

Central Engine House	38 00	30 00	
No. 7 Engine House	38 00	30 00	
Queen Street Engine House	38 00	30 00	
Isleville Engine House	44 00	36 00	(\$30 × \$6 Mileage.)
West Street Engine House	41 00	33 00	(\$30 × \$3 Bell.)
Grafton Street Engine House	41 00	33 00	(\$30 × \$3 Bell.)
Chief's Residence	30 00	30 00	
Chairman's Residence	33 00	33 00	(\$30 × \$3 Bell.)
Electrician's Residence	30 00	30 00	
	<u>333 00</u>	<u>30 00</u>	285 00
Exhibition Commission	45 00		35 00
School Board	40 00		35 00
	<u>\$1026 00</u>		<u>\$940 00</u>

Cost present instruments at regular rates.....\$1197 00
 Amount now paid by City for present instruments 1026 00

Amount of discount now received by City..... \$171 00

Cost present instruments at regular rates \$1197 00
 Cost proposed extra service 70 00

Amount of rates as offered by Company \$1267 00
 Amount of discount to be received by City 940 00

Amount paid by City at present.....\$1026 00
 Amount proposed by Company..... 940 00

Amount of actual cash saving \$86 00

And in addition extra service, new instruments and four free instruments Average rate per instrument, \$26.93, plus mileage and extra bells.

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

Read letter G. M. Acklom asking for tax exemption Harrow House School.

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

Read application of W. W. McLellan for re-appointment as License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that Mr. McLellan be re-appointed License Inspector. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 3rd, 1904.

To the City Council:

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

Water maintenance	\$ 471 25
Water construction	2 58
Street lighting	1433 30
Fuel	342 75
Streets	290 89
Sewerage	166 90
Rents City Property	104 68
City Hall lighting	102 55
Insurance, ad. tenders	7 50
Internal Health	5 11
Teams and stables	4 44
City Property	75
Public baths	25
Total	\$2932 95

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said accounts be paid, Motion passed.

Read letter John T. Woods, asking for an investigation into certain statements made by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Laid over for consideration with report Board of Firewards.

Read report Board of Firewards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIREWARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 5th, 1904.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Firewards met this day; present, Aldermen Hubley (Chairman), Barry and Taylor.

Your Board beg to recommend as follows:—

1. That Arthur Quinn, call man No. 4 hose company, be dismissed for missing 7 alarms out of 11
2. That Samuel Trenaman, call man No. 4 hose company, be dismissed for missing 8 out of 11 alarms.
3. That the resignations of Robt. Isnor, No. 2 steamer, and David Irons and Thomas Leary, call men No. 3 steamer, be accepted.
4. That Capt. Brunt, No. 2 steamer Co., be appointed District Chief, vice John Washington dismissed.
5. That Richard Stone be promoted to Captain No. 2 steamer, vice Brunt, promoted.
6. That Michael Maltus be promoted to Lieutenant No. 2 steamer, vice Wells, promoted.

7. That Frank Regan, Arthur McKenzie and George Myers, Supernumeraries on No. 2 steamer, be appointed call men, vice Capt. Brunt and Lieut. Wells, promoted and Robt Isnor, resigned.

8. That Lieut Wells, No. 2 steamer be promoted to Captain No. 4 Hose Co., vice Capt. Trenaman.

9. That Wm. Irons, Thomas Martin and Michael Murphy, Supernumeraries on No. 3 steamer, be appointed call men on No. 3 steamer, vice P. Dwyer, dismissed and D. Irons and Thomas Leary, resigned.

10. It is recommended that Maltese Cross badges be purchased for the members of the Department; and

11. That tenders be called for fifty rubber coats for the use of the men at fires; also

12. That a new Gamewell fire alarm box be installed at the foot of Cunard street on Gottingen street.

13. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for January, \$34.58. J. S. Cashen, feed, \$205.28. Brown & Webb, chloride of lime 72 cents. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, soap, etc., \$10.67. Knight & Munro, harness work, \$4.00. Neil Fox, do., 75 cents. J. F. Kelly, do., \$5.50. T. H. & W. T. Francis, spring mattress, \$2.50. I. B. Shaffner & Co., rat poison, \$1.00. Kenny & Co., bedding, \$4.62. G. C. Bateman, locksmith work, \$15.50. Geo. Spruin, labor fire alarm, \$12.00. Thos. Spelman, ice wheel, \$75.00. Brander & Morris, furnishings, \$5.05. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$34.76. Macdonald & Co., do., \$15.20. J. J. Carnell, carriage work, \$3.75. O'Brien, Mont & Co., do., \$36.28. Patrick Dowd, do., \$10.61. N. F. Sutherland, truckage, \$1.50. W. B. Fidler, do., 25 cents. Wm. Roche, coal, \$37.50. Thos. Forhan & Co., duck, \$1.26. Estate T. A. & E. Hubley, rent, \$112.50. War Department, rent, 48 cents. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$4.50. Stairs, Son & Morrow, pliers, \$6.00. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$18.01. Geo. E. Smith & Co., do., \$1.17. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$4.83. Rhodes, Curry & Co., do., \$27.96. T. D. Schrage, horseshoeing, \$2.20. Peter Poirier, do., \$4.63. Wm. Kline, do., \$5.64. Thos. Robinson, do., \$1.85. J. R. Purcell, do., \$1.46. O'Connell Bros., do., \$4.22. David Power, do., \$5.41. Robt. Horner, do., \$3.54. W. S. Craig, plumbing, \$1.50. John McFatridge, do., \$4.85. Farquhar Bros, wiring, etc., \$89.52. Total \$867.93.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1, dismissing Arthur Quinn, call man No. 4 Hose Co., for neglecting to attend fires.

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

Read Clause, dismissing Samuel Trenaman, call man No. 4 Hose Co., for neglecting to attend fires.

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

Read Clause 3, accepting resignations of Robert Isnor, No. 2 steamer and David Irons and Thomas Leary, No. 3 steamer.

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

Read Clause 4, promoting Captain Brunt, No. 2 steamer, to District Chief, vice John Washington, dismissed.

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

Read Clause 5, that Richard Stone be promoted to Captain No. 2 steamer, vice Brunt promoted. Also read letter John T. Woods.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause and letter be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for further report. Motion passed.

Read Clauses 6, 7 and 8. On motion the same are referred back to the Board for further report.

Read Clause 9, appointing William Irons, Thomas Martin and Murphy call men on No. 3 steamer Co., vice P. Dwyer dismissed, Michael and D. Irons and Thomas Leary resigned.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clauses 10 and 11 *re* purchase of badges and rubber coats.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 12 *re* installing a new Gamewell Fire Alarm box on Gottingen Street.

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

Read Clause 13 *re* Accounts.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That Clause 13 of the report of the Board of Fire Wards covering accounts be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for 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 a whole as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter Citizen's Moral Reform Association against the granting of certain Liquor Licenses. Laid over for consideration with the licenses objected to.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce a resolution. Motion passed and the following resolution is submitted:

FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

Whereas, under the provisions of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1903, the City Council, in case it sees fit to cause enquiry to be made into, or concerning any matter connected with the good government of the said city, or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof, may pass a resolution requesting the Judge of the County Court to make the enquiry;

And Whereas, the conduct of the Fire Department business is a matter of the utmost importance and should be placed in a clear manner before the citizens;

And Whereas, for some time past the meetings of this Council have been largely taken up with the discussion of Fire Department matters during which discussion the past and present efficiency of the department have not only been called in question, but serious reflections have been cast on the manner in which business has been done, and motives other than in the public interest have been attributed to members of the Board of Fire Commissioners;

Therefore Resolved, that the Judge of the County Court for the County of Halifax be requested to make a full investigation, under the provisions of said Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1903, into the management of the Fire Department of Halifax, for the four years next preceding the date of this resolution to the date thereof embracing in such investigation all matters affecting the efficiency of the department and the conduct of its business;

And further resolved, that the County Court Judge be respectfully requested to commence the investigation at the earliest possible moment, and pursue the same with the least possible delay, as it is essential to the welfare of the department that the citizens should be placed in possession of all the facts to be thus officially ascertained by a tribunal above the suspicion of malice or personal interest;

And Resolved, that the City Clerk, the City Auditor, City Treasurer, Fire Chief, the caretakers of engine houses and all other officials who may have papers relating to the Fire Department during the period covered by this resolution, be instructed to have the same in readiness for the Judge of the County Court, so as to expedite the investigation by providing against unnecessary delay.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

The vote being taken, and names being demanded by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, there appeared:—

For the Resolution.

Against it.

Aldermen Lithgow, Taylor,
Lamphier, Hubley,
Cawsey.—5.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,
Campbell, Doyle,
Rogers, Hayward.—6.

His Worship the Mayor declares the resolution lost.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read petition for an electric light on Quinpool Road.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Committee on Works report on the advisability of placing an electric light on Creighton Street near North Street. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Committee on Works report on the advisability of placing an additional light on Oxford Street. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector submitting the various applications for liquor licenses.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES.

LICENSE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

CITY HALL, February 9th 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully submit for your consideration the applications for license to sell intoxicating liquors for the license year 1904-05, under the provisions of the Liquor License Act.

There are 124 applications, viz.:

2 in Ward 1. 42 in Ward 2. 36 in Ward 3. 23 in Ward 4. 16 in Ward 5. 5 in Ward 6. Of these 8 are new applications.

I have divided the applications into Wards and kept the new ones separate from the others.

W. W. McLELLAN, *License Inspector.*

Filed.

Read report License Inspector recommending the granting of the following named licenses in Ward No. 1, viz.:

John Courtney, shop, North side, head Gas Lane.
David M. Finlay, shop, 17 Victoria Lane.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector recommending the granting of the following named licenses in Ward No. 2, viz.:

Wm. P. Graham, shop, 8½ Rottenburg Street.
R. T. Forristall, shop, 12 Rottenburg Street.
A. J. Finlay, shop, 13 Rottenburg Street.
Thomas Major, shop, 62½ Dresden Row.
A. Keith & Son, wholesale brewers, 58 to 94 Lower Water Street.
John D. Burns, hotel, 30 to 34 Salter Street.
Richd. Cahill, shop, 126 Lower Water Street.
Johanna Purcell, shop, 52 Sackville Street.
Annie Cahill, hotel, 25 to 29 Argyle Street.
Wm. A. Glawson, hotel, 51 Granville Street.
David Edwards, hotel, 30 to 32 Sackville Street.
David Andrews, shop, 140 Hollis Street.
George Waugh, hotel, 11 to 13 Granville Street.
Edwin Kenward, hotel, 33 Granville Street.
Lewis J. Hesslein, hotel, Hollis Street, (Halifax Hotel.)
John McGrath, shop, 6 Granville Street.
Richard O'Neil, shop, 149 Lower Water Street.
Norah Robinson, hotel, 157 Lower Water Street.
William Neville, shop, 117½ Hollis Street.
James P. Fairbanks, hotel, 100 to 115 Hollis Street, (Queen Hotel.)

Peter C Fleming, shop, 156 Lower Water Street.
 Edward Rolston, hotel, 20 to 22 Sackville Street, (Albion Hotel.)
 Louis A Gastonguay, shop, 189 Lower Water Street.
 Edgar D. Blair, shop, 21 Sackville Street.
 Dillon Bros., wholesale, 69 to 73 Sackville Street.
 Chas. Woolnough, hotel, 153 Hollis Street.
 Catherine Bates, shop, 197 Lower Water Street.
 Thomas Larder, shop, 50 Prince Street.
 Simon Fraser, hotel, 43 Argyle Street.
 James Hogan, shop, 62 Grafton Street.
 Agnes Cahalane, shop, 5½ Sackville Street.
 Nathan Cornfoot, shop, 65 Granville Street.
 Catherine Doran, shop, 5 Bedford Row
 Catherine Dillon, shop, S. E. corner Sackville and Albemarle Streets.
 Joseph G. White, hotel, 57 Sackville Street.
 Patrick Ryan, hotel, 204 to 206 Lower Water Street.
 John Simmons, hotel, 191 to 193 Lower Water Street

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the said licenses be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the application of Edwin Kenward be referred back to the Inspector for further report.

The amendment being put is passed.

The original motion as amended is put and passed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Edwin Kenward.

Read report of License Inspector recommending the granting of the following named licenses in Ward No. Three, viz:—

E. W. Wright, hotel, 8 to 10 Duke Street.
 Thos. W. Hardy, hotel, 100 to 102 Granville Street.
 Edward J. Quirk, shop, 217 Lower Water Street.
 John Glassey, shop, 196 Hollis Street.
 James T. Hogan, shop, 143 Albemarle Street.
 Thos. H. Renner, hotel, 1 Upper Water Street.
 John F. Dennehy, hotel, 28 Upper Water Street.
 John Coleman, hotel, 32 to 35 Upper Water Street.
 Susan C. Fiske, hotel, 88 Granville Street (Acadian Hotel).
 David Fraser, hotel, 78 to 80 Bedford Row.
 William McDonald, hotel, 82 to 84 Granville Street.
 H. W. Brown, shop, City Wharf, foot George Street.
 James P. Mackasey, shop, 9 Upper Water Street.
 Chas. E. Neville, shop, 136 Grafton Street.
 John Tobin & Co., wholesale, 15 to 21 Upper Water Street.
 Kelley & Glassey, wholesale, 196 to 204 Hollis Street.
 Halifax Breweries, Ltd, wholesale brewers, 50 Duke Street.
 James M. Power, shop, 13 Buckingham Street.
 John L. Gooley, shop, 50 Upper Water Street.
 James M. Allen, shop, 180 Granville Street.
 Daniel Connors, shop, 63 Duke Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 Annie Wilson, hotel, 102 to 104 Upper Water Street.
 John Monaghan, shop, 1 Bell's Lane.
 James W. Salterio, shop, 14 Bell's Lane.

Ellen Meagher, shop, 144 Argyle Street.
 Daniel Morrissey, hotel, 211 to 213 Barrington Street.
 Edward Donahue, shop, 53 Buckingham Street.
 Thos. P. Leahy, shop, 174 Grafton Street.
 Chas. AuCoin, shop, 46 Upper Water Street.
 C. B. McDougall, shop, 234 Hollis Street.
 Wm S. Quigley, shop, 94 Upper Water Street.
 R. N. McDonald, shop, 152 Barrington Street.
 M. V. Ruggles, hotel, 37 Buckingham Street.
 Grace & Gastonguay, wholesale, 75 Upper Water Street.
 Bigelow & Co., Ltd, wholesale, 79 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the said licenses be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that a license be not granted John Coleman.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Geldert, Hubley, Cawsey—3.	Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday, Campbell, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that a license be not granted to John F. Dennehy.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Halliday, Hubley, Cawsey.—5.	Aldermen Campbell, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins.—7.

The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of J. F. Dennehy.

Read report License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. 4, viz:—

Michael P. Inglis, shop, 2½ Starr Street.
 Michael Goulding, shop, 176 Upper Water Street.
 Chas. A. Norton, shop, 146 Upper Water Street.
 Edward Coleman, shop, 184 Upper Water Street.
 James Spears, shop, 93 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Ferguson, hotel, 200 to 202 Upper Water Street.
 Mary Doneaghy, shop, 85 Upper Water Street.
 James Campbell, shop, 97 Upper Water Street.
 Stephen Mitchell, shop, 159 Upper Water Street.

Thos. Killeen, shop, 87 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney, shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 N. A. Ross, hotel, 212 to 214 Upper Water Street.
 Edw. Callahan, hotel, 353 to 355 Barrington Street.
 T. F. Courtney & Co., wholesale, 41 Jacob Street.
 Dawes & Co., wholesale brewers, 135 Upper Water Street.
 Thos. O'Malley, shop, 16 Cornwallis Street.
 Thos. D. Chalmers, hotel, 276 to 284 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnston, hotel, 286 to 288 Upper Water Street.
 R. M. Anderson, shop, 53 Creighton Street.
 Thos. A. Rogers, shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.
 Daniel Johnston, shop, 47 Maynard Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that a license be not granted to Mary Doneaghy.

Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
 Halliday, Doyle,
 Hubley, Cawsey,
 Rogers.—7.

Against it

Aldermen Campbell, Taylor,
 Lamphier, Hayward,
 Hawkins.—5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that a license be not granted to Joseph Ferguson, The vote being taken there appeared :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
 Halliday, Hubley,
 Cawsey, Rogers.—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Campbell, Taylor,
 Lamphier, Doyle,
 Hayward, Hawkins.—6.

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the motion and declares the motion lost.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report of the Licenses Inspector as amended be adopted and that each of said applicants be granted a license. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. 5, viz. :

Wm. Saunders, hotel, 346 to 348 Upper Water Street.
 Thos. Keating, hotel, 7 to 9 Cornwallis Street.
 Wm. T. Nott, shop, 420 Upper Water Street.
 Adam L. Miller, shop, 155 Gottingen Street.
 Dougald McDonald, shop, 101½ Gottingen Street.
 Michael McMahon, shop, 147 Gottingen Street.
 Gaetano Verdi, shop, 2 Cunard Street.
 Lawrence D. Murrans, shop, 94 Gottingen Street.
 John McIntyre, shop, 96 Gottingen Street.
 John Handley, shop, 91 Gerrish Street.

Chas. E. Rogers, hotel, 494 to 500 Upper Water Street.
 Simon Meaden, shop, 17½ Agricola Street.
 John Mullane, shop, 33 West Street.
 John Walsh, shop, 172 Gottingen Street.
 Alex. McDonald, shop, 174 Gottingen Street.
 George Harris, shop, 168 Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

Read License Inspector's report recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. Six, viz:—

J. J. Richards, shop, 5 Bilby Street.
 Thos. Pearson, shop, 6 Almon Street
 Thos. Devanney, shop, 43 Almon Street.
 L. A. May, wholesale brewers, premises Sullivan Street.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Aldermen Hawkins, that the said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on the application of A. P. Calnen for shop license, 104 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the license be granted. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Campbell, Taylor, Lamphier, Cawsey, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins.—9.	Aldermen Halliday, Doyle, Hubley.—3.

Read report License Inspector on the application of Wm. P. Hayden for shop license, 96 Hollis Street.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this license be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of James V. Sullivan for a shop license No 134 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of Patrick McTiernan for an hotel license 199-201 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that this license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of John T. Murphy for a shop license 62 Prince Street.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this license be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of Louis M. Young for a shop license 174 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of Felix J. Quinn for a hotel license 270-272 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the report of the Inspector be concurred in and the license not granted. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector on application of D. H. Doody for a shop license No. 33 Almon Street

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Hayward that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read letter Colonel Connor, C. R. E., in *re* Old Town Clock, Citadel Hill.

On motion the same is placed on the Order of the day for consideration with No. 9, viz:—Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* Town Clock.

Read cash Statements City Collector and City Treasurer for December. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the City Engineer report at next meeting of the City Council a scheme for improving the condition of the High Service water supply. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the Council do now adjourn until Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock, to then meet for the purpose of considering a measure to enable the City of Halifax to pave all or any portion of the streets through which the electric cars run and to compel the Electric Tram Co. to pay their proper proportion of such pavement. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Feb. 11th, 1904.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was called for this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Hubley, Lamphier, Rogers and Mahoney.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, 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 His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Campbell, Taylor, Doyle, Cawsey and Hayward.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Feb. 15th, 1904.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Campbell, Mahoney and Doyle.

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

8.30 o'clock roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday and Johnson.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Feb. 22nd, 1904.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Mahoney, Campbell, Doyle and Lithgow.

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

8.30 roll called. Present the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Jawsey, Johnson and Hubley.

There being no quorum the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 10th, 1904.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Johnson, Mahoney, Hubley, Barry, Cawsey, Doyle, and Mahoney.

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

8.30 o'clock roll called. Present the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday, Geldert, Campbell, Taylor, Lamphier, Rogers and Hayward.

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

The following named papers are submitted:

- Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Cawsey, Chairman.
- Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Acting Chairman.
- Report Board of Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.
- Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.
- Petition Retail Boot and Shoe Dealers in *re* Early Closing of Shops, by Alderman Taylor.
- Petition for Sewer Extension, Inglis Street, by Alderman Johnson.
- Petition for Water Extension, Inglis Street, by Alderman Johnson.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

- Alderman Lithgow's resignation as an Alderman for Ward No. 1.
- Report Police Commission.
- Four reports Committee on Works, viz:
 - Accounts for February.
 - Provincial Government Sidewalk Account.
 - Underground Telephone Conduits.

Water Supply to Intercolonial Railway.

Three reports City Engineer, viz :

Official City Plan.

Fuel Account Funds.

High Service Water Supply.

Letter Dartmouth Ferry Commission *re* Rent of Ferry Dock.

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

Report Coal Weighers for January and February.

Application of James V. Sullivan for return of deposit made with application for Liquor License.

Petition John Greenaway for Superannuation Allowance.

Petition James Dempster for Water Extension North George Street.

Letter Moirs, Limited, *re* Assessment on their Factory.

Cash Statement City Treasurer for January.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted at this meeting and at previous meetings remaining undisposed of. Motion passed.

Read report Public Accounts Committee covering accounts for payment.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, March 10th 1904.

To 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 Johnson, (Acting-Chairman), Hubley and Doyle, the following accounts amounting to \$667.67 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :

W. D. Finn, M. E., Certificates of Death of Isaac Norwood, \$4 00 ; Nichols, \$4 00 ; Forester, \$4.00 ; Barrett, \$4.00 ; Richardson, \$4.00 ; Drysdale, \$4.00 ; Martin, \$4.00 ; Graves, \$4.00 ; Shelly, \$4 00 ; Jackson, \$4.00—\$40.00 George H. Fielding, official inquiry *re* Martin \$5.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c , \$72.32. T. C. Allen & Co., printing bills for Legislature, \$78.00 and \$3.00, \$81 00. McAlpine Publishing Co., printing Electoral Lists, \$198 32 and \$48 51, \$246 83. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$12.25. Chas. McSweeney, hack hire, \$16 75. A. & W. Mackinlay, book City Collector, \$49.15 ; book City Clerk, 75c—\$49.90. Chas. Putnam, posting bills, \$7.50. W. R. McCurdy, writing booklet, \$10.00. Chronicle Publishing Co., engraving map, &c., \$3.45. A. & W. Mackinlay, Binding, \$42.67. —\$587.67.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for February.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS

HALIFAX, N. S., March 2nd, 1904.

To the City Council:

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

Street Lighting	\$1398 30
Internal Health	122 24
Rents of City Property	97 39
Fuel see Engineer's Report ..	91 33
City Hall Lighting	85 38
Sewerage	69 70
Teams and Stables	59 89
Water Maintenance	24 25
Total	\$1948 48

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

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

Read report City Prison-Committee covering accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 9th, 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), Cawsey, Lamphier and Halliday the following accounts amounting to \$47.87 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment :

J. A. Leaman & Co, ox heads, \$9.00. F. P. Hayden, dry goods, \$4.42. W. D. Irwin, drugs, \$7.75. R. B. Adams & Co., groceries, \$9.90. A. McDonald, groceries, \$10.30. J. F. Kelly, repairing saddle, &c., \$6.50. Total, \$47.87.

The monthly reports of Governor and Matron were approved of and are submitted herewith.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee covering accounts.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, March 2nd, 1904.

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

Members present : The Chairman, Aldermen Barry and Mahoney.

Read Superintendent's report for February which shows that during the month there were 55 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 35 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted 27 were chargeable to the Province, 27 to the City and 1 to Halifax County. Total number of inmates February 29th was 393, made up of 242 men and 148 women and 3 children.

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

Dillon Bros., \$465.78. J. & M. Murphy, \$165.11. F. H. Longley & Co., \$291.28. P. T. Shea, \$109.35. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$13.02. W. A. Maling & Co., \$49.26. Joseph S. Cashen, \$22.06. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$65.25. Geo. Gregoire, \$28.20. Fleischman & Co., \$4.80. H. L. Hart, \$6.90. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$74.73. Blackadar Bros., \$5.00. A. J. Grant & Co., \$4.65. Brookfield Bros., \$25.08. Alfred Carter, \$6.15. J. Henry Barnstead, \$6.00. Herald Publishing Co., \$5.00. B. Mulcahy, \$100.95. H. D. MacKenzie & Co., \$413.35. Pay Sheet, February, \$581.83. Total, \$2443.75.

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 Hubley and passed.

Read report Library Committee covering accounts.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, March 10th, 1904.

A special meeting of the Library Committee was held this day. Present the Chairman and Aldermen Barry, Cawsey, Hayward and Taylor.

The following accounts were submitted, and being found correct are recommended for payment :

W. H. Guild & Co., subscription, &c., \$5.22. Publishers' Weekly, balance, \$1.50. T. Lattimer, 1 markland, \$3.50. McAlpine Co., printing bulletins, \$27.00. G. N. Morang Co., Morley's Gladstone, \$10.50. T. C. Allen, books and supplies, (2 accts.), \$29.56. Herald Co., subscription to December 31st, 1903, \$6.00. Chronicle, subscription to December 31st, 1904, \$5.50. C. D. Cazenove, balance account, £6. 8. 8. C. D. Cazenove, account 15th January, 1904, £0. 13. 0. ; acct. 21st January, 1904, £0. 7. 0. ; acct. 6 February, 1904, £0. 15. 5.—£8. 4. 4., \$39.88. Total, \$129.16.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report Police Commission covering accounts for payment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 5th, 1904.

The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission beg to recommend for payment the following accounts, viz :—

Colwell Bros , 46 W. P. Coats at \$10.00	\$460 00	
“ 46 Caps at 65c	29 90	
		\$489 90
T. Larsen & Co., 46 pairs rubber boots at \$3.04½.....		140 07
		\$629 97

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

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to submit the following report :—

1. It is recommended that James McGuire, Driver No. 2 Ladder Truck, be suspended for a fortnight, dating from February 24th, for being asleep on duty and unfit to take care of his apparatus.
2. Your Board have considered the letter of John T. Woods, Lieutenant No. 4 Hose Co., referred to them by the Council, for report, relating to certain statements reported in the newspapers as having been made by the Chief. Mr. Woods and the Chief stated their cases at the meeting and your Board have to report that nothing was brought forward upon which any action could be taken by the Board.
3. Agreeably to resolutions of Council, your Board re-considered Clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 of their report of February 5th last and have found no reason to alter their original recommendations, which are again submitted to the Council for concurrence in Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 hereof.
4. That Richard Stone be promoted to Captain of No. 2 steamer, vice Brunt, promoted.
5. That Michael Maltus be promoted to Lieutenant No. 2 steamer, vice Wells, promoted.
6. That Frank Regan, Arthur McKenzie and George Myers, Supernumeraries on No. 2 steamer, be appointed call men, vice Capt. Brunt and Lieut. Wells promoted and Robt. Isnor, resigned.
7. That Lieut. Wells, No. 2 steamer, be promoted to Captain No. 4 Hose Co., vice Capt. Treaman.
8. The resignation of C. W. White, call man No. 2 steamer Co., is recommended for acceptance.