

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder re Robie St. sewer and John F. Kelly's claim.

IN RE JOHN F. KELLY'S CLAIM.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Sept. 2nd, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Mr. Kelly claims that the City is bound by law to build, keep, control, and maintain a public sewer on Robie Street in a reasonable state of efficiency, and that the Council unlawfully neglected to build, keep, control and maintain a sewer on Robie Street in a reasonable state of repair and efficiency, and to properly construct the same, by which omission he sustained loss.

There are no facts in this notice of action which show any negligence on the part of the City and upon which I could advise. In the first place, the City is not bound to build any sewer.

The Engineer informs me that the Robie Street sewer at the time it was built was well suited for the purpose for which it was intended, and was properly constructed, and that it is now in a good state of repair and efficiency. The Engineer informs me that at the time this Robie St. sewer was built, as also all the sewers of the City built at that time by Mr. Keating, the capacity of the sewer was measured by the then previous fifteen years rainfall. Since these sewers were built in this district there have been a larger number of houses draining into them as well as the surface water of the district. The Engineer states that the rainfall within the last seven or eight years has increased, and is very much heavier than it was during the previous fifteen years, and this fact, coupled with the number of drains from new houses draining into this sewer, has made the sewer insufficient to carry off the water during heavy rainfalls, at which time only any trouble occurs. This being the fact, I am of opinion that the City is not liable. It having built a proper sewer, and maintained it in good order and efficiency, it is not responsible for the subsequent drainage of houses into it, or for the increased rainfall.

W. F. MacCoy, *City Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the opinion be filed and a copy sent to Mr. Kelly. Motion passed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder covering draft Ordinance re Shows and Exhibitions.

IN RE ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 25th, 1904.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—When this matter was referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, who referred it to me to draw an ordinance, I stated to the Committee, and I think I subsequently informed the Council, that any ordinance drawn under the present law would be a comparative nullity, and that the law would be altered in the new Charter and ordinances made thereunder to meet the wishes of the Council, and that is the reason why this ordinance has not been submitted before.

I now enclose an ordinance, as the Council seems to be anxious to have it at once, but I may say for the information of the Council that it must of necessity remain a nullity inasmuch as after it goes into operation, every time a gentlemen wants to deliver a public lecture, or an exhibition is held, or a concert or any musical exhibition is given, the Council will have to be called together for the purpose of granting or refusing the request. In the meantime the parties applying will either have to abandon their request or hold the performance without the necessary license.

W. F. MacCoy, *Recorder.*

A BY-LAW OR ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PUBLIC LECTURES, THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL EXHIBITIONS, PUBLIC SHOWS AND ALL EXHIBITIONS TO WHICH ADMISSION IS OBTAINED BY PAYMENT OF MONEY AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DECORUM THEREAT.

Be it enacted and ordained as follows :

1. No owner, agent, manager or proprietor of any theatrical or musical exhibition, or public show, or of any exhibition of whatever name or nature to which admission is obtained on payment of money shall hereafter hold, or permit the same to be held, in the City of Halifax, without having first obtained a license therefor, and paying the license fee hereinafter mentioned.

2. The application for such license shall be made to the City Council, and shall state :—

- (1) The name, occupation, and address of the applicant ;
- (2) The nature of the license applied for ;
- (3) The place where the same is to be exercised, or where carried on ;
- (4) The period for which the license is required ;

(5) The nature and description of the theatrical or musical exhibition, or public show, and the nature of all other exhibitions of whatever kind or description for which a license is applied for.

PUBLIC LECTURES.

3. The owner, agent, or manager of any building in the City of Halifax shall not permit or allow any public lecture to be delivered in any building in the City of Halifax of which he is the owner, agent or manager, until he shall first have obtained a license therefor from the City Council, and paid the license fee therefor hereinafter mentioned.

FEES.

4. Every person applying for a license fee under this by-law or ordinance shall at the time of his application pay to the City Collector of Rates and Taxes the following license fee, viz. :—

5. For a license for a travelling circus or menagerie, hippodrome or other like travelling public show, for each day \$200

6. For a license fee to exhibit wax works, menageries, circus-riding, rope-walking, dancing, tumbling, or other acrobatic or gymnastic performance, wild animals or hippodrome, sparring, boxing, sleight of hand, legerdemain, jugglery, or other like tricks, pictures, painting, statuary, works of art, natural or artificial curiosities, tableaux, wonderful animals or freaks of nature, or any other exhibition kept for hire or profit when the same is exhibited elsewhere than in a theatre, music or concert hall, or other building or place duly licensed, for each day of such exhibition, a fee of \$20

7. For an annual license to keep for hire or profit a theatre, music or concert hall, or other building or place which is used for theatrical, dramatic or other like amusements \$250

8. For a license for the performance of any troupe or company of actors, musicians or dramatic or musical performers, not being residents of the City, when such performance is given elsewhere than in a licensed theatre, music or concert hall, building, tent, or other place, for each performance a fee of \$10

9. For a license for keeping any other place of amusement or entertainment when an admission fee is charged, an annual fee of \$50

10. Any charitable, religious or temperance society giving any theatrical or musical exhibition when an admission fee is charged, shall pay for each performance a fee of \$2 00

11. Each license shall be signed by the Mayor, and shall specify the object and the length of time for which it has been issued.

12. No drunken or disorderly person shall be allowed to enter any building where any exhibition, public show, or public lecture, is being exhibited or delivered.

13. It shall be the duty of every person obtaining a license under this by-law or ordinance to keep good order in and about his theatre, music or concert hall, exhibition, show or public lecture, or any place of public amusement, for which a license is required by this by-law or ordinance at his own expense, and shall keep a sufficient force of servants for that purpose.

14. Any person present at any exhibition, public show, lecture, or any show or exhibition for which a license is required, who uses insulting, offensive or abusive language, or in any way disturbs the peace and quiet of the persons present thereat, may be removed from said building, and any person so offending shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding thirty dollars, and in default of immediate payment he shall be imprisoned in the city prison for a period not exceeding thirty days.

15. Any policeman shall have the right at any time during any exhibition or public lecture, to enter any building in which the same is held, and assist in keeping order or enforcing this by-law or ordinance.

16. Any person violating any of the provisions of this by-law or ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty of thirty dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment in the city prison for a period not exceeding thirty days.

17. Nothing in the next preceding section shall be taken or construed to relieve any person from the payment of the license fee required by this by-law or ordinance.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report City Engineer re cost of paving Gottingen Street.

PAVING GOTTINGEN STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Aug. 22nd, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving Gottingen St., between Cornwallis St. and Cunard St., is \$2950.00.

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

Filed.

Read letter re Claim of Edward Ward against the City of Halifax.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Sept. 28th, 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 being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Gastonguay, Doyle, Johnson and MacKenzie, they had under consideration a number of matters, as follows :—

1st. Application of George Harris for refund of money deposited by him for liquor license ;

2nd. Letter Ratepayers' Association re information on assessment ;

3rd. Report Committee on Works and City Engineer on claims of Chris. Connolly and Frederick Parsons for damages to their carriages through cave-in on Barrington Street ;

4th. Report of His Honor the Recorder covering judgment of Mr. Justice Graham in re Halifax Electric Tramway Company's assessment ;

5th. Resolution of City Council of the 2nd inst. in re Halifax Electric Tramway Company's Charter-so far as it affects the City's interests.

Your Committee recommend :

1st. That Mr. Harris be refunded five-sixths of the amount deposited by him for license, he having sold liquor for two months of the license year.

2nd. Referring to the letter of the Ratepayers' Association, your Committee think that while it may be desirable to procure the information asked for, in the opinion of His Honor the Recorder the duties of the Assessors and the manner in which their books are to be kept being fixed by statute, the Council has no power to vary the manner in which the work is now done without an amendment of the law.

Your Committee refer in this connection to the report of the Special Committee presented Dec. 8th last on same subject.

3rd. RE PARSONS AND CONNOLLY CLAIMS :

Your Committee recommend that the claim of Mr. Parsons, \$35.70, and that of Mr. Chris Connolly, \$11.50, be paid out of street appropriation account. The Chairman dissenting from this clause.

4th. RE JUDGMENT OF MR. JUSTICE GRAHAM ON HALIFAX TRAM. COMPANY'S ASSESSMENT :

Your Committee recommend that the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to be submitted to the Legislature to amend the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company to compel said Company to pay to the City of Halifax the taxes and license formerly paid by the People's Heat and Light Company previous to its transfer to said Halifax Tram Co., and also that the said Halifax Tram Co. be compelled to place lights on all street corners where car tracks are laid where the City does not deem it necessary to light the streets for City purposes.

5th. IN RE HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY COMPANY'S CHARTER, IN SO FAR AS IT AFFECTS CITY'S INTERESTS :

Your Committee consider it inadvisable to carry out the substance of the resolution.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter J. M. Chisholm, attorney for Miss Catherine Ryan, and Dr. P. M. Ryan, naming William T. Horton as their arbitrator re expropriation of land for widening Upper Water Street. Filed.

Read letter W. F. O'Connor re expropriation of land for widening Upper Water Street. Filed.

Read letter Dr. F. U. Anderson re sickness Harvard Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the same be referred to the Board of Health. Motion passed.

Read letters Wm. Roche et al. acknowledging receipt of resolution

of Council rescinding resolution re removal of Marine and Fisheries wharves and stores. Filed.

Read letter A. G. Morrison, solicitor for Peter Allen, re action for damages to be brought by said Allen against the City.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the receipt of the letter be acknowledged by the City Clerk, and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter Provincial Exhibition Commission re holding Dominion Exhibition in Halifax in 1905, and asking for the appointment of a Committee of the Council.

RE DOMINION EXHIBITION 1905.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

City Hall, City.

SIR,—At a meeting of the N. S. Provincial Exhibition Commission, held on the 14th inst., it was resolved to make application to the Dominion Government for the special grant of \$50,000 toward holding a Dominion Exhibition at Halifax in 1905. At the same time it was felt that if the application was to be successful, it would be necessary that special efforts be made to so increase our building accommodation and improve our facilities as to ensure the success of such an important undertaking. In furtherance of this aim it was resolved to appoint a committee consisting of three members of the Exhibition Commission, and to ask the City Council, the Board of Trade of the City of Halifax, and the N. S. Branch of the Canadian Merchants' Association to each appoint a committee of three members to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Nova Scotia Exhibition Commission in placing the Commission in a position to provide ample facilities for the successful holding of the Dominion Exhibition. I am, therefore, instructed by the Commission to ask you to request the City Council to appoint such committee of three, and I will be pleased if you will have notice of the appointment of the Committee forwarded to me in due course.

J. E. WOOD, *Manager and Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that Aldermen Rogers, Taylor and Hubley, be appointed the Committee asked for in the letter. Motion passed.

Read letter Rev. E. Dixon re expropriation of land for right-of-way for Halifax and South-Western Railway.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the letter be acknowledged and filed. Motion passed.

Read invitation to attend American Mining Congress at Portland, Oregon, August 22-27, 1904. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk Argyle Street, corner of Bell's Lane.

ARGYLE STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Aug. 24th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held 17th inst., the attached report of the City Engineer on the petition of Wm. Drake re sidewalk corner Argyle St. and Bell's Lane, was read and referred to Council, with a recommendation that the report be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 17th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Wm. Drake asking for a new sidewalk on Argyle St., at the corner of Bell St.

The old sidewalk is worn out, and the estimated cost of a new brick sidewalk is about \$52.00. I would recommend that it be laid.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk Campbell Road.

CAMPBELL ROAD SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Aug. 24th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of Constant Upham for a brick sidewalk in front of his store, was read and referred to Council with a recommendation that said report be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 22nd, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—I beg to report on the petition of Mr. Upham for a brick sidewalk on Campbell Road.

The estimated cost of laying in front of Mr. Upham's property is about \$50.00. I would recommend that the sidewalk be laid.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

PRINTING CITY CHARTER.

Alderman Johnson asked that the Council determine upon the number of copies of the City Charter to be printed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that 1500 copies of the Charter be printed; that a copy be furnished free to the Mayor and each Alderman, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the

heads of the Civic Departments, Members of Parliament for the County of Halifax and to the different Libraries and Cities with which the City of Halifax exchanges, and that a charge of \$1.00 per copy be made for all other copies. Motion passed.

Read report committee on Works in re land at North end of Lorne Terrace, covering opinion of His Honor the Recorder, deed of the land and draft resolution:

LORNE TERRACE

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Aug. 24th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of His Honor the Recorder on the deed for land at the northern part of Lorne Terrace (deed also attached), was read and referred to Council, with a recommendation that the report be adopted, and that His Honor the Recorder draft resolution for Council's action thereon.

A. B. CROSEY, Mayor and Chairman.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Aug. 24th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In 1877 the late Chas. M. Black and wife conveyed to the City the street known as Lorne Terrace, running north from North Street about 351 feet, and the remaining portion of the street was opened by the executors of the late William Black, and has been opened to the public for about fourteen years. Lots have been sold to various persons on either side of this latter portion of the street, and houses built thereon, and the deeds of these lots have been bounded on this street. This street has been ever since used by the public, and the City has kept the same in repair. This, in my opinion, is a complete dedication of the street to the City, and the public has the right to use the same. In other words, the conveyance of the lots according to the plan implied a grant or covenant to the purchasers that the streets and other public places indicated on such plan shall be forever open to the use of the public free from all claim or interference of the former owner inconsistent with such use, and the use of it by the citizens, and the repairing of it by the City is a complete dedication.

Under these circumstances, I cannot advise any amount being paid Mr. Black for this piece of street so dedicated to the public; but would recommend that the Council pass a resolution approving of the dedication and accepting the street on behalf of the public, as required by law. In this way the City would thereafter be bound to keep the street in repair.

I return herewith Mr. Black's deed.

W. F. MacCoy, City Recorder.

Said resolution is now submitted and read as follows:

Whereas, the North end of Lorne Terrace in the City of Halifax, a street running northwardly from North street in prolongation of Brunswick Street, has now been open for many years to the public and dedicated to them as a street, and it is desirable that the City of Halifax should take over this portion of the said street, the same being of a continuous width of not less than sixty feet;

Therefore resolved, that the City Council of the City of Halifax hereby accepts the dedication of the said portion of the said street for public purposes, and hereafter the said street shall be known as Lorne Terrace and as one of the accepted streets of the said City as a public street, which said portion of the said street is described as follows:—

All that lot, piece or parcel of land at the North end of Lorne Terrace in the City of Halifax, and described as follows:—

Commencing at a point in line with the west line of Lorne Terrace at the South line of the Admiralty property, thence southerly in line with said west line of Lorne Terrace forty feet, more or less; thence at right angles sixty feet, more or less, till it strikes the east line of said Lorne Terrace; thence northerly in line with said eastern line of Lorne Terrace forty feet more or less till it strikes the said south line of the Admiralty property; thence westerly along said southern line of said Admiralty property sixty feet to the place of beginning.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Consulting Engineer for Water Works system.

CITY WATER SUPPLY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept. 21st, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—The accompanying report of the City Engineer re water supply, covering letters from F. A. Barbour and Dr. Murphy, were read at a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, and ordered to be forwarded to the Council.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 16th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to submit herewith letters received from Mr. F. A. Barbour, of the firm of Snow & Barbour, Boston, and Dr. Martin Murphy, formerly Provincial Engineer, in answer to enquiries sent to them.

For the information of your Board, I may say that a thorough investigation, exhaustive study and report cannot be completed in less than one month.

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

Also read letter Charles Hogan, C. E., on the subject.

At request of Mr. Hogan, and on motion, Mr. Hogan is permitted to address the Council.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that Dr. Martin Murphy be engaged for the sum of \$1000.00 to investigate and report upon the water supply of the City of Halifax and suggest improvements.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the City Clerk acknowledge receipt of Mr. Barbour's letter and ask him, according to the suggestion in his letter, to visit Halifax and state the amount he would require for investigating and reporting upon the City Water Supply.

The amendment is put and passed.

Read letter Secretary of the Board of trade covering resolution passed at a meeting of the merchants re a fire boat.

RESOLUTION OF MERCHANTS IN RE FIRE BOAT.

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1904.

HIS WORSHIP A. B. CROSEY, ESQ.,
Mayor, City of Halifax.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find copy of resolution passed unanimously by a meeting of merchants, held at the Board of Trade rooms on the 16th inst.

By order,

A. T. WELDON, *Secretary.*

Whereas, The desirability of the City of Halifax providing suitable Water Front Fire Protection by either having a fire boat, or arranging with some tug or water boat to attend fires and co-operate with the Fire Department has for many years been discussed but no definite action resulted ;

Resolved, That this meeting protests to the City Council against the important matter being delayed any longer, and that, as representing the commercial interests of the City, they agree to endorse any action which the Council may adopt towards having some immediate arrangement made in line with the preamble of this resolution.

On motion the same is ordered to be acknowledged.

Read offer of H. DeB. Parsons to draft a specification for a fire boat
Filed.

Read application of Wm. J. Heenan for position of Coal Weigher
at Deep Water Terminus. Filed.

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

Council adjourns 11.55 o'clock.

(APPENDIX.—See printed minutes of Council Sept. 2nd. 1904).

PAVING GRANVILLE STREET.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Sept. 1st, 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 being present Aldermen Rogers (Acting Chairman), Gastonguay, Doyle and MacKenzie, with His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer, they had under consideration the accompanying draft of an agreement prepared by His Honor the Recorder between the Granville Street Merchants' Association and owners of real estate and the City of Halifax in re paving of the two blocks between George and Buckingham Streets

Your Committee have gone carefully over this agreement, and recommend its adoption by the Council

Your Committee also recommend that application be made to the Legislature that Section 8 of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1900, be amended by substituting a license fee of \$200.00 instead of \$50.00, and that a clause be inserted in the Act stipulating that any patent or other medicine offered for sale as expressed in Section 7 of said Act be first submitted to the City Medical Officer for his inspection to see that no injurious or deleterious substances are contained therein, expenses of said inspection to be borne by the City.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Sept. 1st, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I enclose herewith, for the information of the Council, a draft agreement to be made between the City and the Granville Street merchants relative to the paving of that street. As the matter is of considerable importance, I think it better that it should be at once referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for their consideration, and if they met at once they could hand in their report for Friday's meeting.

I have placed every clause in the agreement that I could think of to protect the City's interests, but it would be well for the Committee to scan it carefully, looking to any possible dispute after the street is paved.

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, between the parties signing this agreement, and called the parties hereto of the first part, and the City of Halifax, a Municipal Incorporation incorporated under the laws of Nova Scotia of the other part:

Whereas, The parties hereto of the first part, doing business, or being the owners of the real property on either side of that portion of Granville Street hereinafter mentioned, have petitioned the City Council of the City of Halifax to pave with such materials as the City Council shall determine, that portion of Granville Street between George and Buckingham Streets, in the City of Halifax, and which is two feet outside of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company's (Limited) tracks on said street, and that the parties hereto of the first part doing business, or being the owners of the real property on either side of that portion of Granville Street above described, have proposed and agreed with the said City that if it, the said City, would pave, or cause to be paved, or contract with any person, company, or corporation, to pave that portion of said Granville Street above mentioned, they would each pay to the said City the sum of seventy-five cents (75c.), for each running foot of the property owned or occupied by them fronting on either side of that portion of Granville Street above described, which said City has in consequence of such offer and agreement agreed to do, or cause to be done, or contract with some person, company, or corporation to do

And whereas. The said City has by resolution of its Council agreed to enter into a contract with the Warren Bituminous Paving Company for paving that portion of Granville Street aforesaid with Bitulithic, and to require from said Company a guarantee that said pavement will be kept and maintained by said Company in good condition for the space of ten years from the completion of said pavement.

Now this Agreement witnesseth, That each of the said parties hereto of the first part, their and either of their executors, administrators or assigns, agree to pay on the completion of said work by the City the sum, and at the rate of seventy-five cents (75c) for each running foot of the property owned or occupied by him on either side of that portion of said Granville Street above described, and that the City Engineer's certificate filed in his office that that portion of Granville Street above described has been paved with the material approved of by the City Council, and that said pavement and work were properly and carefully done, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein contained, and binding on the parties hereto.

And it is further agreed, by the parties hereto, that the said City, or any of its officers or employees, shall in no way be liable for any loss, damages, costs or expenses sustained, or to be sustained, by either of said parties of the first part, their or either of their executors, administrators or assigns, by reason of the doing of said work, or the depositing any materials for doing said work on said street, or the closing of said street to the public, or any part thereof from time to time, or from any cause connected with or relating to said work.

But it is understood and agreed, and this agreement is upon the condition that the City of Halifax will require the said Warren Bituminous Paving Company to enter into a guarantee to keep and maintain said pavement so laid down by them in good condition for the period of ten years from the completion of said work, which said time shall be commenced from the filing of a certificate by the City Engineer in his office that said pavement has been done to his satisfaction

And the City of Halifax, in consideration of the parties of the first part agreeing to pay the said sum of seventy-five cents (75c.) as aforesaid, hereby undertakes and agrees to, and with the said parties of the first part, to pave, or cause to be paved, or contract with some person, company, or corporation, to pave that portion of Granville Street, between George and Buckingham Streets, and which is two feet outside of the rails of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company's (Ltd.) track and sidings.

It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the said parties of the first part, jointly and severally promise and agree to pay the City of Halifax the whole cost of paving that portion of Granville Street aforesaid and described at the rate of seventy-five cents (75c.) per running foot on each side of said street, notwithstanding all the owners or occupiers of real property on both sides of the street have not signed these presents.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have their hands and seals set and affixed the day and year first above mentioned, and the said City hath caused its seal to be affixed and signed by its Mayor and City Clerk.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Martin, Hubley, Archibald.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, 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, Campbell, Barry, Gastonguay, Doyle, Taylor, Cawsey, Rogers, Hawkins, and MacKenzie,

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 Hubley, Chairman.

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Doyl, Pro-Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Rogers, Chairman.

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Barry, for the Chairman.

Report Special Committee on Fountain, head of Cogswell Street, by Alderman Hubley.

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

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :—

Eight reports Committee on Works, as follows :

Peter Allen's claims for damages.

Sidewalk Argyle Street.

Curb and Sidewalk Robie Street Methodist Church.

Plans for New Engine House, Bedford Row.

Bridges Jubilee and Quinpool Roads.

South Bland Street, Water Extension.

Edward Ward's claim for damages.

Monthly accounts.

- Report Coal Weighers for September.
 Cash Statements City Treasurer for September.
 Report Chief of Police on Liquor License Violations.
 Report City Engineer re curb and gutter Artz Street.
 Report City Engineer re paving Street Railway.
 Letter Warren Bituminous Paving Co. re Granville St. Paving.
 Application of Tram Co. for permission to double track Granville Street.
 Proposal of Snow & Barbour re report on Water System.
 Letter Board of Fire Underwriters re Brick Building District.
 Letter Board of Fire Underwriters re Insurance Rates.
 Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Membership Fees.
 Application of John H. Simons for return of Liquor License Fees.
 Letter Provincial Secretary re appointment of Arbitrator Water Street properties.
 Petition of property owners, Dutch Village, on line of South Shore Railway, for additional compensation.
 Petition Immigration Department for water extension to proposed Tracoma Hospital at Rockhead.
 Resolution Board of Health re sewer Harvard Street.
 Letter J. K. Munnis re Maitland Terrace Extension.
 Letter "Canadian Manufacturer" re advertising the City of Halifax.

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

Read report Charities Committee re accounts and tenders for supplies.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE RE TENDERS, ACCOUNTS, ETC.

OCTOBER 26th, 1904.

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

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

Members present, the Chairman, Aldermen Archibald, Barry and Cawsey.

The Superintendent's report from October 1st to date shows that during that time there were 25 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 12 discharged, and 3 died. Of the number admitted 9 were chargeable to the Province, 15 to the City and 1 to Hants County. The total number of inmates at this date is 331, made up of 182 men, 146 women, and 3 children.

Tenders for supplies to the Poor's Asylum for one year from November 1st were received and contracts awarded as follows:—

Groceries	A. L. Doyle & Co.	Only tender received.
Butter	P. T. Shea.	Only tender received.
Hay, Bran, Oats and Straw . . .	E. J. Fenton.	Lowest tender.
Fresh Fish	George Gregoire.	Only tender received.

Beef	W. A. Maling & Co.	Lowest tender.
Pork	"	"
Leather	A. Fordham & Co.	Only tender received.
Dry Goods	J. & M. Murphy.	Lowest tender.
Milk	Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd.	Lowest tender.

The increased cost of groceries, exclusive of flour (as per contract awarded) from now until April 30th, 1904, as compared with the corresponding month last year, will be about eighty-four (\$84 00) dollars.

The Committee considered the price asked for flour was too high, and felt that the time was not opportune to make a contract; we therefore reserved the right to purchase flour wherever we find it in the best interest of the City to do so. At the present time we are paying one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per barrel more than was paid under the contract just expired. There will be about two hundred and seventy five (275) barrels used during the balance of the civic year, and if the present prices continue will mean an increased expenditure for this article of three hundred and eighty-five (\$385.00) dollars.

The following accounts, chargeable to Maintenance, are recommended for payment, viz. :—

Dillon Bros., \$413.71; J. & M. Murphy, \$89.16; F. H. Longley & Co., \$312.21; W. A. Maling & Co., \$52.08; P. T. Shea, \$93.42; Joseph S. Cashen, \$19.57; Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$69.75; George Gregoire, \$20.60; Arthur Fordham & Co., \$14.77; L. W. Dixon, \$25.00; J. Henry Barnstead, \$7.75; John McFatrige, \$12.25; Crowell Bros., \$7.98; Baldwin & Co., \$7.50; B. Mulcahy, \$82.68; W. I. Hubley & Co., \$21.50; Fleischman & Co., \$3.90; Farquhar Bros., \$85.50; Pay sheet, \$738.33; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$37.44; Faulkner & Co., \$31.50; Nova Scotia Hospital, \$698.71; Total \$2845.31.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *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 Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts, etc.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, ETC.

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

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 Alderman Taylor (Chairman), Halliday, Barry, Lamphier, and Cawsey, the following accounts, amounting to \$92.14, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz. :—

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., lighting, \$2.79; J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$9; J. J. Carnell, \$2.00; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, \$1.50; Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.85; W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$36.79; E. J. Fenton, hay and straw, \$16.10; Thos. Booth, dry goods, \$2.97; A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$1.49; C. R. Hoben, stove fittings, \$17.65; Total, \$92.14.

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 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 Barry and passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

BOARD OF FIRE WARDS ACCOUNTS, ETC.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

1. It is recommended that Rule 33 of the Rules and Regulations governing the Fire Department be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

33. Any member of the Department not responding to an alarm of fire and failing to report to his Company Officer or Officer in charge of his Company one quarter an hour after the alarm sounds (excepting sickness certified to by the City Medical Officer, leave of absence, or "all out" on the bells is sounded), shall be liable to the penalty in the following schedule applicable to the case, viz:—

For absence when the alarm (first alarm) is not in his district.....	\$1 00
For absence when such alarm is in his district	2 00
For absence upon a second alarm.....	3 00

For absence upon a third alarm, suspension, unless he shall show cause for absence. Any member suspended under this rule shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Fire Wards may determine.

2. Richard J. Anderson and Gregory Thomas, No. 2 Hose Co., and Edgar Cruickshanks, No. 5 Steamer Co., having resigned, it is recommended that their respective resignations be accepted

The following appointments are recommended:—

3. That William Foster, Call-man No. 2 Engine, be appointed spare driver, vice A. Galloway, dismissed.

4. That Vincent Brunt, Supernumerary, be appointed Call-man on No. 2 Engine vice Foster, promoted.

5. That Albert Carnell, Supernumerary, be appointed Call-man on No. 2 Hose Co., vice Richard Anderson, resigned.

6. That James Cody, Supernumerary, be appointed Callman on No. 2 Hose, vice Gregory Thomas, resigned.

7. That Harry Wright, supernumerary, be appointed callman on No. 5 Engine vice E. Cruickshanks, resigned.

8. Your Board have considered the resolution of Council directing the purchase of 2000 feet of fire hose, but find that circumstances do not warrant them in departing from the recommendation made to the Council in their report dated October 3rd, 1904.

9. Your Board have considered the petition of Edward Healey for recompense for loss sustained by him through fire, and have to report that, while sympathizing with Mr. Healy for his loss, there are no funds out of which the City could pay for losses of this kind.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :

Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$59.54; Robert Merlin, lumber, \$3.17; Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$8.40; A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$7.39; Hattie & Mylius, medicine, 45c.; estate T. A. & E. Hubley, rent, \$112.50; N. S. Telephone Co., cross arms, rent of phones, \$175.03; Victoria Steam Laundry, laundry work, \$2.90; horse-shoeing—Robert Horner, \$1.36; J. R. Purcell, \$2.83; O'Connell Bros., \$3.86; Thos. Robinson, \$2.80; Peter Poirrier, \$4.15; Wm. Kline, \$4.65; Meagher & McKenzie, \$6.08; J. S. Cashen, forage, \$230.66; Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., lighting and motor, \$28.66; Wm. Roche, coal, \$300.85; Joseph Foley, wood, \$2.00; J. F. Kelly, harness work, \$17.70; John Davison & son, lumber, 89c.; Macdonald & Co., furnace, \$258.00; James Myers, repairing coats, \$2.10; O'Brien, Mont & Co., carriage work, \$5.90; W. B. Fidler, turn buckles, \$1.20; Bauld Bros. & Co., soda, \$2.80; Stairs, Son & Morrow, oils, etc., \$34.88; Cragg Bros. & Co., varnish, 75c.; Brown & Webb, acid, etc., \$11.82; Farquhar Bros., wire and supplies, \$74.11. Total, \$1370.43.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report Committee on works covering monthly accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council:

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

Water Maintenance	\$ 791 80
Water Construction	645 78
Street Lighting	1483 31
Fuel	352 75
Streets	560 12
City Property	123 55
Teams and Stables	550 36
City Hall Lighting	63 70
Internal Health	44 59
Sewerage	27 60
	\$4643 56

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

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

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, SUPERINTENDENT'S COTTAGE, PUBLIC GARDENS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 8th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this day at 7.30 p. m. Present, Chairman Rogers, Commissioners Taylor, Hayward, Barry, Messervey, Kelly, Duggan, Pickering and the Superintendent.

They had before them the accompanying bills, of which the following is a summary. The same were approved and passed for payment, and the Secretary instructed to forward them to the City Council for their information and concurrence:

Halifax Elec. Tramway Co., \$8.21; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$131.35; A. H. Buckley, 30c.; J. A. Simmers, \$65.26; N. S. Fertilizer Co., \$9.00; R. J. Farquhar & Co., 50c.; Austin Bros., \$1.00; J. E. Myers, \$26.30; James Dempster & Co., \$166.53; John Davison & Son, \$4.53; Brookfield Bros., \$3.80; O'Connell Bros., \$6.70; A. M. Bell, \$40.53; Baldwin & Co., \$25.70; Richard Power, \$2.35; John MacInnes & Son, \$150.57; S. Cunard & Co., \$229.77; E. J. Fenton, \$27.08; James Umlah, \$14.00; Longard Bros., \$21.00; Daniel Devaney, \$36.00; Longard Bros., \$157.00 Total, \$1127.48.

W. F. PICKERING, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:

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

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

Read report Library Committee covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 24th, 1904

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizen's Library beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert, Barry and Martin, the following accounts, amounting to \$689.39, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:

C. D. Cazenove & Sons, £133 17 2=\$651.43; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$7.30, \$3.30, \$10.60; McAlpine Pub. Co., Directory, \$2.00; A. & W. Mackinlay, \$1.50, \$1.00, \$2.50; T. J. Jackson, cotton, \$3.43; W. H. Guild & Co., magazines, \$2.00, \$2.05, \$4.05; Publishers' Weekly, \$5.38; Kelly Publishing Co., 1904 Directory, \$10.00. Total, \$689.39.

T. J. BARRY, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:

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

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

Read report Public Accounts Committee re Dry Dock subsidy, accounts, etc.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, NOV. 8th, 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 Alderman Johnson (Chairman), Archibald, Gastonguay and Doyle, the following accounts, amounting to \$1297.42, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:

Dr. W. D. Finn, certificates of death of Wm. Langton, \$4.00, Maud Myers, \$4.00 Charles J. Carten, \$4.00—\$12.00; Halifax Industrial School, Criminal Account, \$316.25, Truant Account, \$133.35; St. Patrick's Home, Criminal Account, \$302.50, Truant Account, \$271.31; Religious of the Good Shepherd, \$140.13; A. & W. Mackinlay, books, \$20.00; Library Bureau of Canada, index cards, \$7.25; Imperial Pub. Co., envelopes, \$2.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, Recorder's Office, \$12.25; Assessors Office, \$10.00; Treasurer's Office, \$3.63; City Clerk's Office, \$27.75; City Clerk's Office \$22.80; City Collector's Office, \$16.20—\$92.63. Total, \$1297.42.

Your Committee further recommend that—

Whereas, The subsidy to the Halifax Graving Dock Co. of \$10,000 will be due on December 1st, one-half of which will have to be borrowed;

That the City Treasurer be instructed to issue Consolidated Fund debentures for \$5000 bearing interest at 4% per annum, and that the same be allotted to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund at par.

J. A. JOHNSON, *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 Doyle, seconded by Alderman Archibald and passed.

Read letter Warren Bituminous Paving Company offering to assume the frontage tax of all properties which do not sign for the paving of Granville Street.

PAVING GRANVILLE STREET

GLACE BAY, NOV. 10, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Halifax N S.

GENTLEMEN,—Understanding from Trustees that some of the property owners Granville Street object to signing clause making themselves liable jointly for frontage tax for improving Granville Street with permanent paving in front of their property, we hereby offer to facilitate matters (as the season is getting late) that we are willing to assume and collect the frontage tax for said properties, relieving the City from all responsibility for payment of said frontage tax.

Trusting this will be satisfactory to you.

THE WARREN BITUMINOUS PAVING Co.
per Robert S. Low.

Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the proposal of the Warren Bituminous Paving Company be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report City Engineer re Paving Street Railway.

PAVING STREET RAILWAY

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 8th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council I beg to report on paving material for the street railway tracks. The resolution asks for a recommendation for material for paving between all the tracks of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company. In deciding this question we must consider the whole area included in the track allowance, that is not only the space between the rails but the two feet outside the rails on each side as well.

The City requires a pavement that will be durable, smooth, noiseless and sanitary. The Tramway Co. whose interests must be subordinate to those of the City, but should not be entirely ignored, require a pavement that can be taken up and relaid without destroying it.

Experience in older cities has demonstrated that no bituminous or sheet pavement in use is suitable for paving along the rails of street railway tracks. It has become the universal custom to use paving blocks along the rail no matter what material is used on the rest of the street.

The materials available are wood, brick or similar artificial blocks and stone.

Wood used in Halifax will not stand the traffic; it is insanitary, absorbing filth and is more easily affected by frost than any other pavement.

Bricks and artificial blocks such as the "Metropolitan" block, asphalt block and scoria block are used in some cities and if we were deciding on a pavement for the whole width of the street the adoption of one of these might perhaps receive more favorable consideration. Practice in the large cities is tending towards stone pavement for the track allowance even where the rest of the roadway is asphalt. Instead of adopting one material for one street or district and something else for another, I would recommend that granite blocks be laid on the track allowance whenever and wherever the Council decide to have the tracks paved, no matter what material may be decided upon for the rest of the roadway. The first cost of granite is very little more than the quotations for artificial blocks. They are durable and sanitary and are used in Yonge St. and King St., the principal business streets of Toronto, St. Catherine and other important business streets in Montreal and on the principal business streets of all the large cities in the Northern States. They are made in Halifax, so that the whole expenditure would be among our own workmen.

I would recommend that they be laid on broken stone and gravel as it would not be wise to alter the grades until the City is prepared to pave the rest of the roadway. When the City paves the remaining portion of any street the tracks should be brought to paving grade and the same foundation laid on the track allowance as that adopted for the rest of the roadway.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read application of Halifax Electric Tramway Co. for permission to double track Granville Street between Buckingham and George Streets.

DOUBLE TRACK GRANVILLE STREET.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 10th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Halifax.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby beg to make application to extend our turnout on Granville Street, south, nearly to the curve entering George Street.

JAS. W. CROSBY, *Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the permission asked for be granted. *Motion passed.*

Read petition of Immigration Department for water extension to proposed Immigrant Hospital at Rockhead under certain conditions.

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

Read report City Engineer re Curb and Gutter, Artz Street.

CURB AND GUTTER ARTZ LANE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 8th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report that the cost of a curb and gutter on the north side of Artz Street is estimated at \$1498.50.

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

Placed on the Order of the Day.

Read letter James K. Munnis, re Extension of Maitland Terrace.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Hubley to wait upon General Sir Frederick Parsons and ascertain if the War Department will assist the City in the matter. *Motion passed.*

Read report Special Committee on fixing location for new fountain at the head of Cogswell Street.

LOCATION OF FOUNTAIN.

OCTOBER 19TH, 1904

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Your Committee to whom was referred the location of the drinking fountain to be placed at the head of Cogswell Street, have visited the locality, and have decided to recommend a location at the intersection of the different streets converging at the head of Cogswell Street, at a point on a line with the west curb line of Park Street, and the south curb line of Cogswell Street, this location being easy of access from all directions. We find, however, that the City has no authority to place the fountain on

the street, and we would further recommend that legislative authority be obtained for the location and erection of fountains on the streets and public places of the City

ANDREW HUBLEY,
E. F. DOYLE,
N. V. GASTONGUAY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read offer of Snow and Barbour in connection with investigation and report on the water system of Halifax.

WATER SYSTEM INVESTIGATION.

Boston, October 25th, 1904.

To the Honorable City Council :

Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GENTLEMEN.—In response to a letter received from Mr. Monaghan, City Clerk, we have visited Halifax and beg to make the following statement in regard to an investigation and report upon the water system of your City.

In the first place let me briefly preface my understanding of the conditions: Halifax is supplied by a high and low service. There is no question as to the capacity of the low service supply, but the distribution system is such that in case of fire the pipe system has to be manipulated by the closing of valves so that the necessary pressure can be obtained at the desired point. In the high service there is a district where the pressure is not sufficient for satisfactory domestic use; and there are other districts demanding water which cannot be supplied under the present conditions. The primary cause of the present intention to investigate the water system is, as we understand the matter, the dissatisfaction in the high service.

In neither the low nor the high service systems is the fire protection up to modern standards, and insurance rates are accordingly high.

From the very casual examination of the works which we were able to make, it would appear that the investigation might profitably in the first place be limited to a detailed study of the present system—examining it for capacity under present and possible development, and for pressure under the present pipe system and with such modifications as could economically be carried out. Such an investigation would necessitate accurate studies of the quantity used, with a view to the possibility of reducing the present extravagant waste of water, gaugings of the loss of pressure in the mains and at different points of the distributing system both under conditions of normal draft and with different numbers of hose streams—these studies of pressure to be made with a view to the determination of where the greater part of the loss of pressure by friction is located, and of the best means of improving the distribution system.

From such information and from the reports which have at various times been made by your City Engineer and other engineers, it will be possible to accurately determine the conditions of the present system and to suggest any economical improvement by the laying of additional pipes, the provision of storage near the point of consumption, or the reduction of the use of water by the installation of a system of meters.

All this should, in our opinion, be preliminary to any detailed study by surveys of a new source. If it should prove impossible to properly develop the present system, then the investigation of another source might be taken up.

Along the above lines we will examine your water system, collecting all the data either personally or by an assistant, and will report the result of our findings to you, analyzing present conditions and recommending such improvements as may appear necessary, with plans and estimates of cost of these improvements, and will make a preliminary study of new sources, with approximate estimates sufficiently accurate to compare with the cost

of improving the present system, for the sum of \$25.00 per day for personal services and \$10.00 per day for assistant, plus expenses—the cost to the City to be whatever the time necessary for an adequate study of the problem shall at these rates amount to; but we will agree that in no case shall the total cost of our work exceed the sum of \$2000—it being understood that all information and plans in the possession of the City shall be available for use during the investigation, and that all such work as excavating, tapping of pipes, construction of weirs, etc., shall be done by the City Department.

We believe that by a proper study of the present conditions and a clear, concise report, the water problem of Halifax can be rounded up in such a way as to make an investigation a profitable investment for your City.

F. A. BARBOUR,
for Snow & Barbour.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said firm be engaged to perform the services required by the City upon the terms submitted in their letter.

Motion put and passed unanimously, there being present Aldermen Archibald, Halliday, Taylor, Campbell, Barry, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Martin, Rogers, MacKenzie and Hawkins.

Read report Board of Health recommending construction of a sewer Harvard Street.

HARVARD STREET SEWER.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, November 9th, 1904

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Monday last, the following resolution was passed, and I am directed to transmit the same to you for your consideration:

Resolved, That as a public sewer is urgently needed in Harvard Street, the City Council be recommended, in the interest of public health, to have same constructed as soon as possible.

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that a special meeting of Council be called for Wednesday evening next to consider matters on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that Dr. Bryce of the Immigration Department be permitted to address the Council on the subject of the water extension petitioned for by the Department at this meeting. Motion passed.

Dr. Bryce addresses the meeting, strongly urging the water extension applied for, and stating that it is not an essential condition that the Department should at present obtain possession of the piece of land adjoining the proposed site of the Hospital belonging to the City Prison.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters asking that brick district limits be extended, particularly along the water front.

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

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re proposed increase in fire insurance rates.

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

Read Cash Statements City Treasurer for September. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Edward Ward's claim for damages.

EDWARD WARD'S CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held this day, the attached Minute of Council with City Engineer's report thereon re claim of Edward Ward, were read and referred to Council.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 29th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying unsigned letter referred by the Council for report, which purports to be a claim for damages by Mr. Edward Ward for alleged flooding from the sewer in front of his premises.

With the Foreman of Streets and Sewers I visited the house and examined the cellar and premises accompanied by Mrs. Ward. The house is situated at the corner of Charles Street and Clifton Streets, fronting on Charles Street. The bottom of the cellar is about 5 feet above the sewer. The drain goes out of the front of the house to the sewer in Charles Street. Mrs. Ward informed me that the water during heavy rains runs in at the back of the house in a stream that can be easily located. It is evident, therefore, that it does not come from the house drain or along the house drain. The evidence is all against the probability of its coming from the sewer, and in my opinion it does not come from the sewer at all. There are three rain water leaders on the house—one on the north-west corner, one at the middle of the east side and one at the middle of the back of the house, all three emptying at the foundation of the house. The ground is low around the house, and I have no doubt that the surface water when the ground becomes saturated runs in through the filling around the foundation into the cellar and soaks away again gradually after the storm is over. I instructed the Foreman of Streets to put some material on the side walk to raise it so that there will be no probability of the surface water from the street running in against the foundation. If it continues to run in after this is done there is not much doubt that it comes from the rain water leaders on the house which should be connected to the house drain.

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on Mrs. Kate Lawson's letter re bridges Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road.

BRIDGES JUBILEE AND QUINPOOL ROAD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on the letter of Mrs. Kate Lawson re Bridges Jubilee and Quinpool Roads was read and referred to Council.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, October 25th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—In accordance with your request, I have examined the bridges at the entrance to "Jubilee" on Quinpool Road and Jubilee Road.

The wooden bridges crossing the gutter are in a bad state of repair and need immediate attention. I have consulted His Honor the Recorder in reference to them and he instructs me that the City has nothing to do with any private bridges crossing a gutter. These bridges were placed there by the owner of the property and are at his risk. No permit has been issued for them. The Recorder is of opinion that it would be a dangerous and expensive responsibility for the City if they undertook the care of these structures and a dangerous precedent would be established which might affect the City's liability in future.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension South Bland Street.

WATER EXTENSION SOUTH BLAND STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on the petition of Godfrey J. Artz for water extension South Bland Street was read and referred to the Council for adoption.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 24th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from G. J. Artz asking for water extension to the house he is erecting on South Bland Street.

The district is low service, length 150 feet, size of pipe 6 in., excavation nearly all rock.

Estimated cost:

Pipe,	\$ 90.00
Excavation and pipe laying,	180.00
1 service pipe,	20.00
Lead and paint,	2.00
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	\$292.00

Interest on the estimated outlay at 5% \$14.60.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$14.60.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re granite curb and asphalt sidewalk Robie Street Methodist Church.

GRANITE CURB AND ASPHALT SIDEWALK ROBIE STREET
METHODIST CHURCH.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on the petition for a granite curb and asphalt sidewalk, Robie Street Methodist Church, was read and referred to Council.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 3rd, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of an asphalt sidewalk and the laying of a granite curb around the Church at the corner of Robie Street and Coburg Road.

The estimated cost of laying an asphalt sidewalk five feet wide is \$113.00. Estimated cost of laying granite curb on Robie Street and Coburg Road opposite the Church property is \$682.00. Work of this kind is always desirable for the improvement of the City, but with the present small street appropriation it is beyond our means to comply with the request of every citizen who asks for street improvement. We are therefore obliged to make the improvement in the older portions of the city first. This part of the City is comparatively new and work of this character should be paid for from some other fund beside the ordinary appropriation for street maintenance. The curb and sidewalk and other permanent work ordered this year from the street appropriation left us more badly off than ever and we were not able to complete the necessary repairs. If this is continued from year to year the condition of the streets must get gradually worse.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that said reports be adopted and a copy sent to the petitioners. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and Special Committee on plans of new Engine House, Bedford Row.

PLANS FOR NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held on the 19th ult., the report of the Special Committee on Plans for New Engine House, recommending

that of "Square and Compass" as the most suitable was read and referred to Council, the envelopes giving Architects names to remain unopened until Council meeting.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 19, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—Your Committee to whom was referred the competitive plans received for the new fire station at the corner of Bedford Row and Prince Street, beg to report that designs were received from: "Bluenose" "Como," "Salamanda," "Cambria," "Experience," "Square and Compass," and "Citizen."

Your Committee have carefully examined all the designs submitted and are unanimously of the opinion that the design submitted by "Square and Compass" is the best, the arrangements being most convenient and the exterior design being most effective and suitable for the locality. We therefore recommend this design for approval.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman Board of Fire Works.*

P. J. BRODERICK, *Chief Fire Department.*

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

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

The envelope of the successful competitor being opened contained the name of R. A. Johnson, 56 Barrington St., Halifax, N. S.

Read notification by the Provincial Secretary of the appointment by the Governor-in-Council of William Nisbet as the third Arbitrator in connection with the expropriation of lands for the widening of Upper Water Street. Filed.

APPOINTMENT THIRD ARBITRATOR WATER STREET WIDENING.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 11th, 1904.

Mr. L. F. Monaghan, City Clerk, Halifax.

Sir,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. William Nisbet, of this City, Builder, to be third arbitrator in connection with the widening of Water Street of this City.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Read report of Coal Weighers for the month of September. Filed.

Read report of Chief of Police on Sunday Violations of the Liquor License Act.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday, I beg to report the following violation on Sunday, November 6th, 1904 :

James Spears, Licensed Shop Keeper, 93 Upper Water Street.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read application of John H. Simmons for refund of certain moneys paid by him for a license to sell liquor.

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

Read petition of property owners at Dutch Village for additional compensation for lands taken for Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way.

Moved by Aldermen Hawkins, 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 covering reports City Engineer and His Honor the Recorder re Peter Allen's claim for damages.

PETER ALLEN'S CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held on 19th ult., the attached Minute of Council re action for damages by Peter Allen for his son falling into the unprotected opening of a catchpit, corner Maitland and Cornwallis Streets, with City Engineer's and His Honor the Recorder's reports thereon, were read and referred to Council.

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

OCTOBER 19th, 1804.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to repret on the accompanying letter from A. G. Morrison, notifying the City that he had been retained by Peter Allen to bring an action for \$500 damages. A similar letter was received at this office at about the same date, viz. : July, 1904. On receipt His Honor the Recorder and myself went to Mr. Allen's house to enquire into the claim. Mr. Allen was not at home, but the inmates said that a small child had been playing in the gutter in front of the catchpit and endeavored to crawl into the opening. It would be very difficult, if not impossible, for a child to fall into the catchpit through the opening in the gutter, and it is necessary to have the opening at least as large as that in use in the City otherwise they would not perform the work we require of them. The Recorder was of the opinion that the City was not liable for damages, and as far as we can ascertain no injury or loss has been sustained.

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

Approved—W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said reports be adopted, and copies forwarded to Mr. A. G. Morrison, solicitor for Mr. Allen. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk Argyle Street.

ARGYLE STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1904.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Commission held 19th inst., the attached Minute of Council re cost of an asphalt or concrete sidewalk on the East side of Argyle St., from Buckingham St. to Jacob St., with City Engineer's report thereon, were read and referred to Council.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct 19th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the cost of a new sidewalk for the east side of Argyle Street, from Buckingham to Jacob Street.

The brick sidewalk immediately north of Buckingham St. and the flag sidewalk immediately south of Jacob St., are in fair condition and would wear for some time longer. It will therefore not be advisable to do these portions at present. The rest of the sidewalk mentioned is in a bad state and is complained of particularly in wet weather. For an important business street like the one under consideration I would recommend a cement concrete sidewalk. The estimated cost of construction is \$706.50. The work cannot be done this year, but if the Council approve it might be passed to be done next year. If it meets with the approval of the Council, I would recommend that the sidewalk be laid next year and that the renewal of the brick sidewalk at the corner of Bell Street be cancelled and temporary repairs made until the new sidewalk is laid.

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter "The Canadian Manufacturer" re advertising the City of Halifax in said journal.

Moved by Aldermen Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Membership Fees.

It was unanimously agreed to authorize His Worship the Mayor to notify the Secretary of the Union that this City desires to adhere to the present scale of fees.

Read report Board of Fire Escapes on various buildings throughout the City.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 12th, 1904.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Fire Escapes met this day. Present: Aldermen Barry (Chairman), Halliday and Lamphier, together with City Engineer Doane, Chief Broderick and Chief Engineer Condon, of Fire Department.

We proceeded on our inspection and first visited the—

HALIFAX INFIRMARY

and were shown through the building by the Sister in charge.

Your Committee recommend that iron shutters be put on four windows on back of main building, a platform and fire escape be erected on south side of building, and a few other minor matters be attended to, which the Sister has promised to do.

We next visited the—

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

and were shown through the building by Manager Medcalfe. We pointed out a number of improvements which the Manager promised to have attended to at once. Amongst the improvements required will be an asbestos curtain and an iron railing from top gallery, a fire escape from the janitor's quarters, a door on south side of lower balcony and metal sheathing on back of stage, a fire escape on top gallery, south side, as there is only one exit from top gallery. The doors have been altered to open out.

Your Committee would recommend that the metal sheathing be taken off the centre window on top gallery on front of building.

HALIFAX HOTEL.

We were shown through this building by Proprietor Hesselein. Your Committee found everything satisfactory as regards fire escapes. The stairs and halls are wide and roomy, and there would be no danger whatever in case of fire. We recommend that notices be printed in large black letters, and put up on every landing pointing where the fire escapes are located, and that a red light be kept burning all night on every landing leading to the escapes and exits.

QUEEN HOTEL.

We were shown through this building by Proprietor Fairbanks. Your Committee found that Mr. Fairbanks has taken every precaution against fire. He has fire escapes on every landing, also life lines that can be removed to any window in a moment. He also has large printed cards on every landing pointing out where the fire escapes are located, and a fire alarm system connected with every room. Your Committee are well pleased with the precautions Mr. Fairbanks has taken as regards fire escapes.

We recommend that a red light be kept burning on every landing all night leading to fire escapes, and that a hand rail be put on fire escape on front of building.

We next visited the large tenement house directly opposite the hotel owned by the Collins estate. We are informed that when this house is fully occupied there are about three hundred people in it. Your Committee pronounce this a very dangerous building. There is no fire escape for people living in the north ell of building.

Your Committee would recommend that two fire escapes be put up immediately, one on the north ell to roof of building adjoining, and one on the south side of this ell leading to yard.

JANUARY 19TH, 1904.

METROPOLE BUILDING.

There are fire escapes on four floors, but none whatever on fifth and sixth floors.

Your Committee would recommend that a fire escape be put on top landing to adjoining roof. There is a length of hose on every landing, but it has not been in use for a number of years. Your Committee recommend that the hose be examined every month, and that two doors on first landing be changed to open out.

We were shown through

W. & C. SILVER'S BUILDING

by Mr. Silver.

Your Committee recommend that a fire escape be put on front of building, No. 7 George Street, to third floor, and that a few minor matters be attended to, which Mr. Silver will have carried out. We found the main stairway wide and roomy, and no danger whatever in case of fire.

CLAYTON & SONS'

is the most perfect building we have visited. Mr. Clayton has taken every precaution against fire. The doors all open outward, and are 8 ft. wide, and there is no danger whatever in case of fire.

We recommend that a metal ceiling be placed in furnace room in basement.

HOME OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.

The halls and stairs in this building are wide and roomy, and it would be very easy to escape in case of fire

We recommend that the wooden fire escape now on back and north end of building be replaced by iron.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE.

This building is well laid out as regards fire protection. The halls and stairs are wide and roomy.

We recommend that all external doors be changed to open outward, and that bolts be put on all such doors instead of locks, also that a fire escape be placed from top floor of main building to each ell in rear.

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

There is no fire escape whatever on any part of this building. There are ninety girls sleeping on the fourth story.

We recommend that two fire escapes be put on building—one on front and one on back of building immediately leading from dormitories.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Your Committee do not think there would be any danger from fire in this building as there are plenty of exits, but we would recommend that the two top galleries be closed as it would be impossible for people to get out of them in case of fire.

We next visited the

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Mr. Wilson took great pains to comply with the wishes of Committee, and has had fire escapes placed on north and west sides of building. The halls and stairways in this hotel are very roomy, and all appointments of hotel are up-to-date in regard to exit in case of fire and safety of guests.

JANUARY 26th, 1904.

We were shown through the

KEITH BUILDING

by Mr. Donald Keith. Your Committee recommend that an iron ladder be erected on north end of building to roof of building adjoining. The halls and stairways are wide and roomy, and, in the opinion of your Committee, there are plenty of exits in case of fire.

THE GLENDALE HOTEL

is an old wooden building. Your Committee recommend that a fire escape be placed on south side of building from top story to ground.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Your Committee were shown through this building by Architect Johnson. The building is well protected from fire. We would recommend that a platform fire escape be put on back of building from Janitor's quarters.

ALBION HOTEL.

Your Committee recommend that red lights be kept burning at night in all halls leading to exits and fire escapes.

We were shown through

ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL

by the Janitor. The halls and stairs are roomy. Your Committee would recommend that a fire escape be put on back of building leading from Janitor's quarters to yard in rear. There are plenty of exits from main hall. Your Committee also recommend that the ceiling in furnace room be sheathed with metal sheathing.

ROYAL HOTEL

Your Committee were shown through this building by the Proprietor. We recommend that the fire escape that is now on the building be put in order, and that notices be printed and put on each landing pointing to fire escapes, and that a red light be kept burning all night on each landing, also that the electric wires be inspected by the City Electrician.

We were shown through the

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION

by Mr. Fearon, and pointed out to him several improvements, amongst which were two fire escapes, one on north end and one on south end of building, with platform on top. The halls and stairs are wide and roomy.

We next visited the

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART

and were shown through the building by the Mother Superioress. Your Committee inspected every part of the building and found that there are about twenty-seven exits and no danger whatever from fire. We recommend that the ceiling in furnace room be covered with metal sheathing

THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

is one of the most perfect buildings in Halifax as regards exits and fire escapes. Your Committee are unanimous in opinion as to the perfect condition of the building. The corridors and stairways are wide and roomy. The ceilings of furnace rooms are about to be covered with asbestos to make it more fire proof.

In the

POOR'S ASYLUM

we found everything perfect as regards fire protection. The Superintendent has several lengths of hose on every landing, in case of fire. The corridors and stairs are wide and roomy. Your Committee would recommend that two fire escapes be put on front of building—one on men's ward and one on women's ward—leading from balcony.

We next visited

ST. PAUL'S HOME FOR GIRLS

on Tower Road. While there are plenty of exits from building, your Committee would strongly recommend that a man be appointed to take charge of furnace instead of girls, as they do not understand the furnace, and that the furnace room be sheathed with metal sheathing; also that a hand rail be placed on top of porch on front of building.

In the

INFANTS' HOME, TOWER ROAD,

we found everything perfect as regards fire exits and escapes. The corridors and stairs are wide and roomy. Your Committee would recommend that asbestos be put on the ceiling of furnace room. Your Committee would also recommend that a man, instead of a woman, be appointed to look after the furnace.

HALIFAX INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Your Committee recommend that life line hooks be placed on all windows in the main dormitories, also that a hydrant be attached to four inch service pipe in rear of main building. Your Committee are pleased to report that a fire escape is being placed on back of main building.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME.

The means of escape from this building are very satisfactory, and on account of construction of building your Committee do not consider it necessary to recommend any changes except that the ceiling of furnace room be lined with metal sheathing and that two or three hand grenades be placed in the dormitories.

AUGUST 23, 1904.

Your Committee inspected

MOIR'S BUILDING

We were shown through the entire factory by Mr. Ben. Moir. They have about 60 feet of hose connected with a four inch pipe on every landing, and concrete and asbestos on furnace room. They also have about a dozen buckets filled with water on every landing for fire purposes only.

We recommend that two iron fire escapes be put up immediately on two top flats of new building just finished. Your Committee are of opinion that there are sufficient exits on every part of these large buildings in case of fire.

We next visited

TAYLOR'S SHOE FACTORY.

We were shown through the building by Mr. Taylor. There are exits on every landing and no danger whatever in case of fire.

We would recommend that the elevator shaft be lined with tin and that hand grenades be kept on every landing.

THE HOME FOR THE AGED

is a wooden building very well constructed for the purpose, but the means of escape in case of a conflagration are very bad, and taking into consideration the age and infirmity of the inmates, unless something is immediately done it may lead to a serious calamity.

Your Committee recommend that the windows in the corridors be cut down to the floor and doors substituted for the windows and platform landings constructed of iron, that stairways leading to the ground be connected with each corridor, and that the ceiling of the furnace room be sheathed with metal sheathing.

Your Committee cannot close this report without returning their sincere thanks to City Engineer Doane, Chief Broderick, Chief Engineer Condon and Assistant City Clerk Rhind for the valuable assistance they have given your Committee all through their inspection.

THOMAS J. BARRY
JAMES HALLIDAY.
A. LAMPHIER.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said report be received and placed on file. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to permit the appointment of two School Commissioners and an Exhibition Commissioner. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and that Alderman Martin be appointed a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Doyle be appointed a Commissioner of Public Schools. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that Alderman Barry be appointed a Commissioner of Public Schools. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Gastonguay be a Commissioner of Schools.

The vote being taken, there appeared :—

For Alderman Barry	For Alderman Gastonguay
Aldermen Campbell, Lamphier,	Aldermen Archibald, Taylor,
Hubley, Rogers,	Doyle, Cawsey,
MacKenzie, Hawkins,—6.	Martin.—5.

Alderman Barry and Gastonguay excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Barry duly elected a Commissioner of Schools.

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

Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, November, 16th 1904.

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Doyle, 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 Aldermen Halliday, Campbell, Johnson, Barry, Hubley, Cawsey, Rogers, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

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

Read His Worship the Mayor's message disapproving of the vote of Council engaging the services of Mr. Barbour to report on our water service.

MAYOR'S VETO.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, November 16th, 1904.

To the Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I regret that I find it necessary to veto the vote of the Council engaging the services of Mr. Barbour to report on our water service, for the following reasons :

1st. Because Mr. Barbour is a resident citizen of the United States and at present residing in Boston.

2nd. Because I am of opinion that we have engineers in our own country, and within the Dominion of Canada, equally competent.

3rd. Because no such engagement could be made with any resident of this country to do work in the United States.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that

the resolution passed at last meeting referred to in His Worship the Mayor's message be now confirmed by this Council.

The motion being put there appeared :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Barry, Taylor, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—10.	Aldermen Halli ay, Campbell, Lamphier—3.

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of the Council.

The following named papers are submitted :

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Report Police Commission, covering accounts.

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

Letter City Clerk re printing City Charter.

Letter City Auditor re Exhibition Accounts.

Letter F. A. Barbour re Inspection of Water System.

Letter Board of Trade re Ship-building.

Petition for extension of Granville Street Paving.

Petition for Water Extension Yukon Street.

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

Read petition for water extension Yukon Street.

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

Read report Chief of Police re Violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.

SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Nov. 16th, 1904.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re violations of the Liquor License Act on Sunday, I beg to report that no violations have been reported to me since last meeting of Council.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read letter Board of Trade asking for the appointment of a Committee to take steps to organize a promoting Company for shipbuilding.

SHIPBUILDING COMMITTEE

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 7th, 1904.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, ESQ.,
City Clerk

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the President to notify you that at a meeting of the Shipbuilding Committees of the City Council and Board of Trade, held this morning, it was decided to appoint a Committee, composed of two members from the Board of Trade, two from the City Council, and two from the Town of Dartmouth, to take steps to organize a Promoting Company. Such Company to secure lands, capital, and complete arrangements generally, which are necessary before approaching the Government for assistance or making a bid for outside capital.

Will you be good enough to bring this matter before the Council at its first meeting and let me have the names of the gentlemen appointed.

It was also decided to invite His Worship the Mayor to accept the Chairmanship of the Special Committee referred to.

A. T. WELDON, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that Aldermen Johnson and Archibald be appointed as members of the Committee asked for. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards re Tenders for Forage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FORAGE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 16th, 1904.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to report that at a meeting held on the 14th inst., they received and opened tenders from F. W. Fraser, J. S. Cashen and E. J. Fenton for forage for Department horses to 30th November, 1905, and recommend the acceptance of the tender of J. S. Cashen, it being the lowest.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman*.

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

Read petition for extension of Granville Street paving to connect with block pavement on Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the prayer of the petition be granted provided the Warren Bituminous Paving Company will agree to the same terms regarding payment as apply to the other two blocks of Granville Street. Motion passed unanimously, the names on the vote being recorded as follows:—

For the Motion—Aldermen Archibald, Halliday, Campbell, Johnson, Barry, Taylor, Hubley, Doyle, Lamphier, Cawsey, Rogers, Martin, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

Read letter F. A. Barbour acknowledging receipt of letter from City Clerk announcing that his firm had been given the work of investigating the water service. Filed.

WATER SUPPLY INVESTIGATION.

BOSTON, Nov. 14, 1904.

Mr L. F. Monaghan, City Clerk, Halifax.

Sir,—Your letter of November twelfth announcing that we have been given the work to make the investigation of your Water Supply, received.

I shall probably leave here Wednesday night for St. John and will visit Halifax before the end of the week to arrange for the beginning of the work.

F. A. BARBOUR.

The City Clerk now sends the following telegram :

‘ HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 16th, 1904.

F. A. BARBOUR, Tremont Building, Boston.

Your employment for Halifax water system cancelled by City Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Read letter City Clerk re Tenders for Printing City Charter.

PRINTING CITY CHARTER.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, Nov. 16th, 1904.

GENTLEMEN,—The Revisors of the City Charter have informed me that the revision is now ready to be placed in the printer's hands as soon as the City makes a contract for the printing. They particularly desire that the whole work be kept in type until the book is completed in order to ensure against errors and omissions, and provision has been made in the specification and form of tender with this object in view. I would therefore ask the Council to authorize me to advertise for tenders for the printing.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the City Clerk advertise for tenders for printing the Revised City Charter. Motion passed.

Read report Police Commission covering accounts for payment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, November 16th, 1904.

To the City Council:

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

Colwell Bros., Helmets, \$6.55 ; G. M. Smith & Co., Ribbon and Crape, \$2.55 ; N. S. Telephone Co., Rent Telephones, \$30.00 ; Farquhar Bros., Electric Supplies, \$3.00 ; J. Whalen, Labor fitting up Lights for Police Wagon, \$3.00. Total, \$45.18.

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

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

Read letter City Auditor re Exhibition Accounts.

EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, November 16th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary and Manager of the Exhibition Commission, and find the expenditure exceeds the income for this year, 1904, by \$8,230.35, consequently the City will require to provide \$4,115.18 for its proportion of same.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that said letter be placed on the Order of the Day, and that each Alderman be furnished with a detailed statement of the Exhibition Accounts. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the following items be struck from the Order of the Day, viz. :

- No. 1. Recorder's opinion re mode of payment of Board of Health Accounts
- No. 2. Reports City Works Commission and City Engineer re Chestnut Street Extension.
- No. 3. (a) Report of Committee on Works re encroachment foot of Morris Street
(b) Letter S. Cunard & Co., and petition Insurance Agents, and letter John E. Butler, Harbor Master, on same subject.
(c) Alderman Lithgow's notice of motion to rescind resolution passed 28th August, 1902, ordering removal of encroachment foot of Morris Street. (Verbal).
- No. 5. Report City Engineer re Cost of Work Young Avenue.
- No. 6. Report License Inspector for ten months ending March 16th, 1904
- No. 7. Report Special Committee on System of Book-keeping in City Assessors' Office.

Motion passed.

Read No. 8, viz. : Report of City Prison Committee in re Water Supply City Prison.

Also read City Engineer's report of October 7th, 1903, re Water Supply City Prison.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the report of the City Prison Committee, December 8th, 1903, be adopted and that the water be extended to the Prison. The motion being put there appeared :—