

Co., \$12.74. Geo. Gregoire, 37.70 P. T. Shea, \$137.01. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$59.98. Blackadar Bros., \$4.26. Chronicle Pub. Co., Ltd., \$5.58. Victoria General Hospital, \$125.39. William McFatrige, \$19.25 T. Larsen & Co., \$16.20. A. J. Grant & Co., \$7.13. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd. \$8.91. Farquhar Bros., \$3.35. T. C. Allen & Co., \$2.70. Longard Bros., \$11.85. David Roche, \$3.00. Dillon Bros., \$4.50. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$795.44 W. N. Brown, \$11.35 B. Mulcahy, \$3.75. John F. Outhit, \$3.00. Fleischman & Co., \$4.05. Pay Sheet for January, \$766.83. Total—\$3,109.55.

N. V. GASTONGUAY, *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 Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Powell, and passed.

Read report Tenders Committee re tenders for printing list of voters.

PRINTING LIST OF VOTERS.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, Jan. 26th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Tenders Committee held this morning, tenders from MacAlpine Publishing Co. and T. C. Allen & Co. for printing list of voters were opened.

The tender of MacAlpine Publishing Co., at three cents per name, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Public Accounts Committee covering accounts, etc.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 6th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held on this date, there being present Alderman Johnson (Chairman), Doyle, Cawsey and Hawkins, the following accounts, amounting to \$1584.75, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Dr. W. D. Finn, Med. Exam., certificates of death of M. Clayton, \$4.00; S. Publi-cover, \$4.00; S. S. Scott, \$4.00; J. Eastman, \$4.00; Wm Gray, \$4.00; L. Little, \$4.00. Total, \$24.00. A. M. Fraser, 1 dupligrph, \$11.00. Canada Law Book Co., Can. Criminal Code, Vol. 10, \$6.50. Canada Law Book Co, Can Annual Digest, \$3.65. A. & W. Mackinlay & Co., blank books, City Clerk's Dept., \$6.25; City Assessors, \$34.00; City Treasurer, \$4.00; Police Dept., \$8.40 Total, \$52.65. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, Recorder's Dept., \$5.00; City Auditor, \$21.00; Mayor's Office, \$3.00, 65c.—\$3.65; License Inspector, \$4.50, \$6.60—\$11.10; Assessors, \$9.75; City Clerk, \$13.00, \$13.25—\$26.25; City Collector, \$3.00, \$21.70—\$24.70. Total, \$101.45. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$141.00, \$5.00, \$11.25—\$157.25.; Sub. to Recorder, 1905,

City Clerk, \$6.00, Herald, City Collector, \$6.00. Total, \$169.25 Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c., \$47.90, \$14.40—\$62.30. Chronicle Pub Co., advertising, \$175.30, \$31.35, \$6.12, \$8.76—\$221.53. Herald Publishing Co., \$4.59, \$16.11—\$21.80. Industrial School, maintenance of boys for quarter ending January 31st, 1906, truants, \$219.96; petty offences, \$252.50—472.46. St. Patrick's Home, maintenance of boys for quarter ending January 31st, 1906, truants, \$110.20; petty offences, \$198.68—\$308.88. Religious of the Good Shepherd, maintenance of girls for quarter ending January 31st, 1906, \$129.38 Grand Total, \$1584.75.

Your Committee had under consideration the matter of furnishing ratepayers with duplicate tax bills so that they may retain a copy of their account when paid to the City. The Chairman intimated that he would bring up the matter in the Council and also have the report of the special committee on this subject laid on the table.

[See printed minutes of Council December 10th, 1903].

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 Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and passed.

Read notice of action and writ of summons in suit E. L. Fenerty and other mill owners against the City of Halifax in connection with the City Water Works.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and the Acting-Recorder. Motion passed.

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re proposed visit of H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught to Canada and requesting the appointment of a special committee to prepare an address.

VISIT OF H. R. H. PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 8th, 1906.

Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I have to transmit herewith letter received by me from the Private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor-General stating that H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught is expected to pass through Canada on returning from Japan, and asking that a copy of any address to be presented to him by the corporation of Halifax should be forwarded as soon as possible.

In order that the request of His Excellency may be complied with, I would be glad if you would appoint a committee to prepare such address and also to make arrangements for a reception on his arrival and the presentation of such address.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that such committee be appointed and that it be composed of Aldermen

Geldert, Murray and Campbell and the Acting-Recorder. Motion passed.

Read letter Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis re annual meeting at Ottawa March 26th, 1906

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

Read petition of Ex-Fireman James A. Gibbons for pecuniary assistance.

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

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

SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE. Feb. 8th, 1906.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act, I beg to report the following named persons as having been reported to me since last meeting of Council:—

Mary Haley, Gottingen Street, unlicensed, reported on 14th. Fined \$20.00 and costs—\$1.75—on 17th January.

Mary McKinnon, 46 Cornwallis Street, unlicensed, reported on 21st. Fined \$20.00 and costs—\$1.75—on 24th January.

Milledge V. Ruggles, Windsor Street, unlicensed, reported on 23th January. Fined \$20.00 and costs—\$1.75—on 1st February.

N. POWER, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read resolution of public meeting held in Northern Star Hall against the granting of any new liquor licenses in the City. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for December. Filed.

Read application of John T. Murphy for refund of deposit made by him with application for liquor license.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards re accounts and other matters.

FIRE WARDS ACCOUNTS, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 8th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

The following appointments are recommended:—

1. That Arthur MacKenzie, Callman on No. 2 steamer, be driver, vice J. Honey, dismissed.

2. That George Branch, Supernumerary on No. 2 steamer, be appointed Callman on No. 2 steamer, vice Arthur MacKenzie, appointed Driver.

3. That William Broderick, Supernumerary on No. 4 steamer, be appointed Callman on No. 4 steamer, vice M. Supple dismissed.

4. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Farquhar Bros., tappers, &c., 1,302.85. John Starr, Son & Co., automatic repeater, &c., \$906.60; battery cells, &c., 163.—1.069 60. Blackadar Bros., adv. forage, \$2.84. W. S. Craig, plumbing work, \$1 90, 90c.—\$2.80. Imperial Oil Co., oil, \$9.00. Cragg Bros. & Co., door bolt, 35c. J. F. Crowe & Co., soap, &c., \$3 80. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$21.20. Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., light, \$46.62. J. S. Cashen, feed, \$239.15. H. Schaeffer & Son, solder, \$1.00. Globe Steam Laundry, laundry, \$3.37. Victoria Steam Laundry, laundry, \$2 67. John F. Kelly, harness work, \$6.55, \$18 70—\$25.25. Jas. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$10.07. J. Quigley & Co., lumber, \$2.65. O'Brien, Mont & Co. carriage reps., \$4.70. W. B. Fidler, washing, 50c. T. A. & E. Hubley, rent Bedford Row engine house, \$112.50. A. J. McNutt, tire hose waggon, \$2.50. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$3.22, \$14.94—\$18.16. Frank Reardon, glass, \$8.50. William Roche, coal, \$13.50. Freeman's Dept. Store, beds, &c., \$28 00. Wm. McFatridge, covering roof (Central), \$94.00. Thomas Forhan & Co., cover for horses, &c., \$7.75. J. E. Myers, repairs, &c., \$28.45. David Roche, paint, \$1.17. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$1.50. Mrs. D. Power, vinegar, 25c. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, 85c. Horseshoeing, T. Robinson, \$1.88. Wm. Kline, \$3.13. P. Porrier, \$6.34. Meagher & MacKenzie, \$6.39. Robert Horner, \$5.15. O'Connell Bros., \$7.16. Total, \$3095.60.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 8th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day the following accounts, amounting to \$224.25, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :

Halifax Electric Tram. Co., electric light, \$2.10. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$5.40. Black & Flinn, oats, \$135.11. Black & Flinn, bran, \$21.50. R. N. McDonald, groceries, \$7.25. E. W. Crease, groceries, \$11.30. R. B. Adams Co., groceries, \$7.90. Jas. Davidson, horseshoeing, \$8.10. John F. Kelly, rep. reins, 50c. D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, \$25.09. Total, \$224.25.

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

ANDREW HUBLEY, P. F. MARTIN,
N. V. GASTONGUAY, W. C. MURRAY.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay.

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. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters and covering an Ordinance relating to the removal of snow and an Ordinance relating to electric wiring.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 10th, 1906.

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) Johnson and Hawkins, they had under consideration a number of matters which have been referred to them for consideration, and report as follows :

1. Petition of Edward Deal in re expropriation of land for right-of-way Halifax and South-Western Railway.

Your Committee have gone carefully into this matter and from the evidence of the arbitrators, Messrs Bishop and Carmichael who appeared before your Committee, they find that there was an error of \$75.00 made in copying the award filed in Mr. Deal's case. Mr. J. A. MacKinnon, the City's Arbitrator, being unable to attend the meeting, wrote a letter to the committee corroborating the statement of the other arbitrators.

Your Committee recommend that under these circumstances the City Clerk be instructed to pay into court an additional amount of \$75.00 making the total award to Mr. Deal \$250.00 as agreed upon.

Your Committee further recommend in this connection that the City Clerk request Mr. MacKinnon to deposit at his office all the minutes, papers, notes and proof sheets in connection with the said arbitration.

CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR'S BOND.

2. Your Committee report that the City Auditor had written to the committee in reference to the bond of the Chief Inspector of License that the receipts of this department in future would be double the amount heretofore received and that under these circumstances the amount of the bond required should be increased.

Your Committee recommend that the Chief Inspector of Licenses be required to furnish the City with a Guarantee Company's bond for \$10,000.00, this being double the amount now required of him.

LETTER M. CARNEY, ESQ., AS TO LOT OF LAND AT ESPLANADE.

3. Your Committee had under consideration a letter from M. Carney, Esq., offering to lease to the City the lot of land adjoining the Esplanade.

Your Committee recommend that the offer of Mr. Carney be accepted and that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary papers conveying said lot under a lease to the City on the terms mentioned in said letter

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 79 RELATING TO SNOW.

4. Your Committee had under consideration an amendment to said ordinance which

has been read a first and second time before the Council and recommend its third reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ELECTRIC WIRING AND THE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

5. Your Committee report that they have gone very carefully over this ordinance and recommend its third reading and adoption.

LETTER HALIFAX COUNTY CONSERVATIVE CLUB PREFERRING CHARGES AGAINST REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

6. Your Committee had under consideration the charges preferred against Mr. Monaghan, Registrar of Voters, by the Halifax County Conservative Club. The Committee heard Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie, who made a statement, and called and examined Mr. F. W. Hetherington and Ex-Mayor Crosby. After carefully considering the evidence submitted (not taken under oath or subject to cross-examination by counsel on behalf of Mr. Monaghan) your committee are of the opinion that the charges made have not been sustained

PETITION CHAS. PUTMAN FOR THE LICENSING OF BILL-POSTERS, &C.

7. Your Committee had under consideration the petition of Mr. Chas. Putman for the licensing of Bill Posters and recommend that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to draft an Act to be submitted to the Legislature authorizing the City to pass an ordinance to meet the wishes of petitioner.

WIDENING OF LOWER WATER STREET AT PROPERTY L. A. GRAVES.

8. Your Committee recommend that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act authorizing the City to borrow one thousand dollars the amount required to reimburse Mr. Graves for the portion of his land taken for the widening of Lower Water Street on bonds to run for thirty-five years.

REPORT CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR OF CERTAIN ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

9. Your Committee had under consideration the report of the Chief License Inspector re certain violations of Liquor License Act.

Your Committee recommend that the Inspector should promptly investigate all charges reported by the police and prosecute in all cases unless satisfied as the result of his enquiries that no offence has been committed or that no conviction could be obtained.

(See Revised Statues Chapter 100, sec. 99).

REPORT CITY ENGINEER RE REMOVAL OF SNOW.

10. Your Committee had under consideration the report of the City Engineer re removal of snow by the City.

Your Committee recommend the carrying out of this idea and that the report be amended to include the whole of the snow district and that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary Act for the Legislature.

11. Your Committee further recommend that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act fixing the fees to be charged by the City Collector for furnishing statements or certificates of taxes, water and sewerage or other rates due on property.

12. Your Committee had under consideration the matter of contractors from outside of the Province doing business, taking contracts and performing work within the City.

A number of large contracts have been performed by the contractors from the upper

provinces who do not come into the City at all; but send a foreman to look after the work and thereby escape the action of the law in paying the license fee for such work.

Your Committee recommend that the Acting-Recorder draft an Act protecting the City's interests and the interests of our contractors in these cases.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the report be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read Clause 1 re petition of Edward Deal in connection with the award of arbitrators Halifax and South Western Railway.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 re License Inspector's Bond.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that this matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report as to the advisability of abolishing the office of License Inspector as a separate office.

Amendment put and passed.

Read Clause 3 re lot of land at Esplanade owned by Michael Carney.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 recommending the third reading and adoption of ordinance relating to snow.

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

Read clause 5 recommending the third reading and adoption of ordinance relating to electric wiring and the use electricity.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 re charges preferred by the Halifax County Conservative Club against the Registrar of Voters.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that this clause be referred back to the Committee. Motion passed.

Read clause 7 recommending the draughting of an ordinance to regulate bill posting and clause 8 re widening Lower Water Street at property of L. A. Graves.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said clauses be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 9 relating to report of License Inspector on certain alleged infractions of the Liquor License Act.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the recommendation in said clause be amended to read as follows :—

“That the Inspector be instructed to carry out the provisions of the Act relating to intoxicating liquors section 99, chapter 100 Revised Statutes, viz. :—To institute a prosecution whenever he has reason to believe that this chapter has been violated and that such prosecution can be successfully maintained.” Motion passed.

Clause passed as amended.

Read Clause 10 on report of City Engineer re removal of snow.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that this clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the clause be placed on the Order of the Day.

The amendment is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 8 against it on a show of hands.

The original motion is put and passed on the following vote :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Powell, Gastonguay, Campbell, MacKenzie.—8.	Aldermen Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey.—4.

Read Clause 11 re fees for certificates given by the City Collector.
Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 12 re non-resident contractors.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Read an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 79 relating to the removal of snow.

Said Ordinance is now read a third time.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SNOW ON SIDEWALKS AND GUTTERS IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

1. It is hereby ordained and enacted that Section 1 of Ordinance No. 79, entitled “An Ordinance relating to snow on the sidewalks and gutters in the City of Halifax” is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: “and also

including the properties on both sides of Carleton Street lying to the north of Spring Garden Road."

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said Ordinance be now adopted and forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for concurrence. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor here vacates the chair which is taken by Alderman Johnson, Deputy-Mayor.

Read an ordinance to regulate electric wiring and the use of electricity. Third reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ELECTRIC WIRING AND THE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Aldermen in City Council, assembled :—

- 1 No electric current shall be used for illumination, decoration, power or heating except as hereinafter provided.
- 2 Every person, firm or company desiring to instal wires or other apparatus for the transmission or use of an electric current for any of the purposes mentioned in the next preceding section of this Ordinance, before commencing any electrical construction work of any kind whatever, either installing new electrical apparatus or repairing or altering apparatus already in use in any building on, over or under any street or any public or private property, shall file an application for a permit therefor with the City Engineer, which application shall specify in detail such material and apparatus as it is desired to use with a full description of the same, giving the location of the place where such installation is proposed, by street and number, and without a permit no such work shall be done.
- 3 Every such application shall be examined by the City Electrician and a permit shall not be issued thereupon until he reports in writing that the same should be issued.
- 4 A permit shall be valid only for the time named therein.
- 5 The City Electrician shall be notified when any work is ready for inspection and all work must be left uncovered and convenient for examination until inspected and approved. The inspection shall be made within two working days after receipt of notice and without any unnecessary delay.
- 6 The owner or occupier of any building shall not use any wires, fixtures or apparatus for carrying or using electric current until such wires, fixtures or apparatus have been finally certified as correct by the City Electrician.
- 7 No company supplying electric current shall connect its wires with the wires on or in any building until a permit is obtained from the City Engineer for such connection.
- 8 The City Electrician may issue a temporary permit for the use of electric current during the course of construction or alteration of buildings, which permit shall expire when cancelled by the City Electrician.
- 9 The City Electrician shall, whenever he deems it necessary so to do, carefully inspect any installation for which a permit is issued previous to or after its completion, and if such installation has been constructed according to the rules and regulations contained in this Ordinance he shall issue a certificate to that effect.
- 10 A preliminary certificate may be issued by the City Electrician in the case of completed installations, but upon which no lighting or power current will be used in the immediate future. Such preliminary certificate shall show that at the date of inspection the installation was completed in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance. But before the introduction of electric current into the premises a second or final inspection

shall be made, when, if the installation is still in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance a final certificate shall be issued.

11. The said City Electrician shall inspect all overhead, underground and interior wires and apparatus conducting electric current for light, heat or power, and when any such wire or apparatus is found to be unsafe for life or property he shall notify the persons, firms or corporations owning, using or operating the same to put the same in a safe and secure condition within forty-eight hours. Any person, firm or corporation failing to comply with such notice within forty-eight hours after the receipt thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

12. In case of emergency where the necessary delay in obtaining a permit would be dangerous to life or property temporary repairs may be made without a permit, but in any such case an application shall be made for a permit within twenty-four hours after the temporary repairs have been commenced and the application shall state the nature of the work done.

13. In any work performed under the provisions of this Ordinance the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shall be strictly observed.

14. A Board of Wiring Examiners is hereby constituted, to consist of the City Engineer and City Electrician. The Board shall be called together by the City Engineer (who shall be Chairman of the Board) at such times as he considers necessary.

15. No person shall carry on the business of interior wiring unless he is duly licensed to carry on the same and is registered as such in the office of the Clerk of Works. The person obtaining such license shall pay to the Clerk of Works the sum of ten dollars for the same.

16. To entitle any person to a license under the next preceding section of this Ordinance he shall be of the full age of twenty-one years and have a place of business as an electric wireman in the City of Halifax, and shall agree as a condition of obtaining such license to carry on business in compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of this Ordinance.

17. Every person before doing any interior wiring for or on account of himself or any licensed wireman shall be a practical and experienced wireman and furnish the Board of Wiring Examiners sufficient evidence that he is capable of properly doing and performing interior wiring work, and if the Board is satisfied of his competency to perform such work it shall cause his name to be registered in the office of the City Electrician and the City Electrician shall give him a certificate of competency as a journeyman wireman, after which he shall be at liberty to do such wiring work, but not before.

18. Every person desiring a license as a licensed wireman or a certificate as a journeyman wireman shall file a petition in writing with the Clerk of Works, giving the name of the applicant, and if the applicant is applying for a licensed wireman's license he shall state in his petition his age and place of business in the City and such petition shall be accompanied with the bond hereinafter referred to.

19. Any change in the location of the business of any licensed wireman shall be promptly reported to the Clerk of Works.

20. Any journeyman wireman desiring to become a licensed wireman shall first comply with these rules and regulations as to licensed wireman, and no journeyman wireman shall do business as a licensed wireman until he has obtained a license, notwithstanding anything in these rules and regulations.

21. Any journeyman wireman who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the Board of Wiring Examiners that he has been engaged as a practical and experienced journeyman wireman for four years next previous to January 1st, 1906. shall be entitled to receive registration without examination.

22. Every licensed wireman shall be held responsible for everything done by any person in his employ in connection with the wiring work in respect to which a license is granted.

23. Every licensed wireman shall employ only certificated journeymen wiremen to

do wiring work, but the work may be done and performed by any practical wireman under the guidance and direction of a certificated journeyman wireman then present directing the work.

24. Every wireman before obtaining a license shall file a bond with the Clerk of Works in the penal sum of two hundred dollars conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty as a licensed wireman and for his not permitting any wiring work that he may be called upon to do to be performed by any person in his employ, except by such persons as are authorized to do wiring work under these rules and regulations and for his not violating any of the terms and conditions of the said rules and regulations or any amendment from time to time made thereto.

25. No person shall carry on business as a licensed wireman unless he is the holder of the license herein mentioned, nor shall any journeyman wireman do or perform any wiring construction work or repairs to wiring installations until he has obtained his certificate under these rules and regulations.

26. The Board of Wiring Examiners shall have the power at any time to cancel any wireman's license or any journeyman wireman's certificate for cause and thereupon all rights of said wireman or journeyman wireman to do any wiring work under these rules and regulations shall cease and determine.

27. The license to licensed wiremen shall expire on the 30th day of April in each and every year, but it may be renewed by the Board of Wiring Examiners, and every licensed wireman shall pay one dollar (\$1.00) each for such renewal.

28. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than eighty (\$80.00) dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

Said ordinance is now read clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 13 are severally read and passed.

Read clause 14 re Board of Wiring Examiners.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this clause be amended by adding the Chairman of the Board of Fire Wards as a member of said Board.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray that the said clause pass as read. Seconded by Alderman Halliday.

The amendment being put is passed on the following vote :

For the Amendment. Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,	Aldermen Gastonguay, Lamphier,
Murray, Martin,	Doyle, Hubley.—4.
Cawsey, Mackenzie.—6.	

Clause 15 to 20 are severally read and passed.

Read clause 21 re registration of journeymen wiremen.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the words "that he has carried on the business as a practical and experienced journeyman wireman" be amended to read "that he has been engaged as a practical and experienced journeyman wireman" and that the clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Clauses 22 to 28 are severally read and passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the ordinance as amended be adopted as a whole and forwarded to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for confirmation. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor here resumes the chair.

By leave of Council, Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution :

Whereas, the Poor's Asylum, commonly known as the Poor House, occupies one of the most desirable residential districts of the City ;

And Whereas, surrounding properties are depreciated in value on account of its existence in that district ;

Resolved, That the Board of Works report to the Council the probable cost of erecting buildings on the farm at Rockhead to take the place of the present building ; said buildings to be erected in accordance with the most modern ideas now exercised in looking after the occupants of such an asylum.

Also, that the Board present to the Council a plan of the present Poor House site laid off in building lots and the probable value of such lots.

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

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re Terminal Facilities of the Intercolonial Railway at Halifax covering letter from the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals.

TERMINAL FACILITIES.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 8th, 1906.

Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In the report of the Commercial Committee made to the Council on May 26th last, among other matters attention was drawn to the necessity of removing the car and locomotive sheds from their present location at Richmond in order to provide additional track facilities. By resolution of Council the report of that Committee was forwarded to the Minister of Railways and Canals. The Railway Department has decided that in order to provide the additional accommodation required it will be necessary to remove the car and locomotive sheds as suggested and to locate them either within or just outside of the City limits, wherever the best site can be obtained. Considerable difficulty has been met with in the search for a desirable location within the City limits. I have all along endeavored since this matter has been under discussion to press upon the Minister and the officials of the department the desirability from a Halifax standpoint of locating the works in the City that the men employed in such works should not be compelled to move out of the City in order to reside in the vicinity of the car and locomotive sheds should they be located outside. I am in receipt of a letter from the Minister of Railways in reference to this question which I transmit herewith for your consideration.

I would suggest that the whole matter be now referred to the Committee on Works for investigation and report.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor.

OFFICE OF MINISTER OF RAILWAYS & CANALS,

Ottawa, 31st Jan. 1906.

HIS WORSHIP,

MAYOR R. T. MACLEITH,
Halifax, N. S.

DEAR MR. MAYOR—For some time my Department has been considering the advisability of purchasing additional property at Halifax to extend the terminal facilities of the I. C. R. and for the erection of car and locomotive sheds. It has been pointed out that a desirable location can be had at Richmond, extending from the old station house in a northerly direction a distance of about 1600 feet. The land available between the side line of Campbell Road and the present property of the I. C. R. is hardly sufficient for our purposes. If, however, the City would give to the I. C. R. that portion of Campbell Road extending from a point opposite the old station house at Richmond northwardly to where Campbell Road crosses the tracks this would give us sufficient room for our immediate requirements.

I should be glad if you would lay this matter before your Council and favor me with their views at an early date, so that my Department may take the matter into full consideration.

H. R. EMMERSON.

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

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

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

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Reported to Committee on Works for report

Read notification of Canadian Times and Canadian Municipal Journal for cuts of the City of Halifax

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

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 13th, 1906.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above hour. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday, Archibald, Johnson, Powell, Murray, Gastonguay, Taylor, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

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

Alderman Cawsey, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman, submits a report from the Gardens Commission.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report City Engineer re widening Jacob Street.

Report License Inspector covering applications for liquor licenses.

Applications of W. W. McLellan, W. E. Messervey and Fred Schwartz for position of License Inspector.

Applications of Canadian Times and Canadian Municipal Journal for cuts of the City of Halifax.

Notification by Provincial Secretary of confirmation of Ordinance relating to Camp Hill Cemetery.

Petition for a light on Plover Street.

Petition for improvement of Green Street.

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

Read petition for a light on Plover Street.

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

Read notification by Provincial Secretary of confirmation of ordinance relating to Camp Hill Cemetery. Filed.

Read petition for curb and gutter on north side of Green Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application of Canadian Times and Canadian Municipal Journal for cuts of the City of Halifax.

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

Read report Commissioners of Common recommending accounts for payment.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

FEBRUARY, 12th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held to-day at 4 p. m. Present, Chairman Taylor, Commissioners Hayward, Archibald, Kelly, Duggan, Messervey and Superintendent Power.

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

W. N. Brown, \$27.25. Donovan & Brennan, \$15.70. Brown & Webb, \$14.33. Halifax Cigar Co., \$3.75. John MacInnes & Son, \$3.02. Halifax Tram. Co., \$6.55. O'Connell Bros., \$6.86 Total, \$77.46.

W. E. MESSERVEY, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

FIRE WARDS REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 13th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Mr. John White having notified the Board of his intention to vacate the Gerrish Street engine house, it is recommended that the premises be advertised to be let by a placard on the building

Alderman Powell's notice of motion to rescind the resolution of Council fixing the corner of Robie and Morris Streets as a site for the proposed new west end engine house having been referred to the Board for consideration, the Board now beg to recommend that the said resolution passed by the City Council on the 8th June, 1905, be rescinded by the Council and the selection of a site left open for the present.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report City Engineer re Widening Jacob Street.

WIDENING JACOB STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 12th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the probable cost of widening Jacob Street on the south side from Brunswick Street to Barrington Street.

A survey and plan has been made shewing the property that would be taken to make the street a legal width between the points named. I have estimated the land damages taking into consideration the assessed value of the property, the quantity of land that would be left in each block and the cost of work to be done in widening. It is difficult to make an estimate of the land damages as the experience in city expropriations has been that the awards almost invariably exceed the estimate of experienced appraisers. I estimate the probable cost of widening Jacob Street on the south side between Brunswick Street and Barrington Street at \$35,425.00. The plan is submitted herewith as requested.

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

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

Read applications of W. W. McLellan, W. E. Messervey and Fred Schwartz for position of Liquor License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the appointment of a License Inspector be deferred until this matter is reported upon by the Laws and Privileges Committee.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Council do now proceed with the appointment of a License Inspector. Motion passed.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Messervey.	For McLellan.	For Schwartz.
Aldermen Archibald,	Aldermen Gastonguay,	Alderman Cawsey—1.
Halliday,	Doyle,	
Johnson,	Hawkins—3.	
Murray,		
Powell,		
Taylor,		
Lamphier,		
Hubley,		
Campbell,		
Martin,		
MacKenzie—11.		

His Worship the Mayor declares W. E. Messervey duly elected License Inspector.

Read report License Inspector covering all applications for Liquor Licenses. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that Mr. E. D. King, representing the Moral Reform Association be permitted to address the Council for ten minutes against the granting of certain licenses.

Motion put and passed on a show of hands, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it.

Aldermen Hayward and Geldert take their seats in Council.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the appointment of the License Inspector.

Mr. E. D. King here addressed the Council.

WARD NO. ONE.

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

John Courtney, shop, north side head Gas Lane.

David M. Finlay, shop, 17 Victoria Lane.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Martin, that that said report be adopted and the licenses referred to granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the application of David M. Finlay be deferred to be separately considered. Amendment lost.

Original motion put and passed unanimously.

WARD NO. TWO.

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

William P. Graham, shop, 8½ Rottenburg Street.

R. T. Forristall, shop, 12 Rottenburg Street.

A. J. Finlay, shop, 13 Rottenburg Street.

Thomas Major, shop, 62½ Dresden Row.

Mont Lanigan, shop, 100 Lower Water Street.

A. P. Calnen, shop, 104 Lower Water Street.

A. Keith & Son, wholesale brewers, 88 to 94 Lower Water Street.

John D. Burns, hotel, 30 to 34 Salter Street.

Richard Cahill, shop, 126 Lower Water Street.

Mary O'Brien, shop, 52 Sackville Street.

Annie Cahill, hotel, 25 to 29 Argyle Street.
 William Glawson, hotel, 51 Granville Street.
 David Edwards, hotel, 30 to 32 Sackville Street.
 Richard Shepherd, shop, 140 Hollis Street.
 E. L. MacDonald, hotel, Hollis Street (Halifax Hotel).
 John McGrath, shop, 6 Sackville Street.
 John Frain, shop, 149 Lower Water Street.
 James E. Ryan, hotel, 157 Lower Water Street.
 William Neville, shop, 117 Hollis Street.
 James P. Fairbanks, hotel, 109 to 115 Hollis Street (Queen Hotel).
 Peter C. Fleming, hotel, 156 Lower Water Street.
 John W. Naylor, hotel, 20 to 22 Sackville Street (Albion Hotel).
 Edgar D. Blair, shop, 21 Sackville Street.
 Dillon Brothers, wholesale, 69½ to 73 Sackville Street.
 Lawrence J. Redmond, hotel, 155 Hollis Street.
 Thomas P. Leahy, shop, 199 Lower Water Street.
 Simon Fraser, hotel, 43 Argyle Street.
 James Hogan, shop, 62 Grafton Street.
 John T. Murphy, shop, 5 Sackville Street.
 Nathan Cornfoot, shop, 65 Granville Street.
 Catherine Doran, shop, 5 Bedford Row.
 Catherine Dillon, shop, N. E. cor. Sackville and Albemarle Streets.
 Patrick Ryan, hotel, 204 to 206 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Powell, that all of said licenses be granted with the exception of that of Mont Lanigan and that his application be separately considered. Motion passed.

WARD NO. THREE.

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

E. W. Wright, hotel, 8 to 10 Duke Street.
 Thos. W. Hardy, hotel, 100 to 102 Granville Street.
 Edward J. Quirk, shop, 217 Lower Water Street.
 Jeffery Terric, hotel, 13 Upper Water Street.
 John Glassey, shop, 196 Hollis Street.
 James T. Hogan, shop, 143 Albemarle Street
 John S. Power, shop, 36 George Street.
 Thos. H. Renner, hotel, 1 Upper Water Street
 Catherine Coleman, hotel, 33 to 35 Upper Water Street.
 Susan C. Fiske, hotel, 88 Granville Street (Acadian Hotel).
 David Fraser, hotel, 78 to 80 Bedford Row.
 David Andrews, hotel, 82 to 84 Granville Street.
 H. W. Brown, shop, City Wharf, foot George Street.
 James P. Mackasey, shop, 7 Upper Water Street.
 Charles Hamm, shop, 136 Grafton Street.

John Tobin & Co., wholesale, 15 to 21 Upper Water Street.
 Kelley & Glassey, wholesale, 196 to 204 Hollis Street.
 Halifax Breweries, Ltd., wholesale brewers, 50 Duke Street.
 James M. Power, shop, 13 Buckingham Street.
 David F. Hogan, shop, 50 Upper Water Street.
 James M. Allen, shop, 180 Granville Street.
 Daniel Connors, shop, 63 Duke Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 Annie Wilson, hotel, 102 and 104 Upper Water.
 Peter Hartry, shop, 1 Bell's Lane.
 James W. Salterio, shop, 14 Bell's Lane.
 Ellen Meagher, shop, 144 Argyle Street
 Daniel Morrissey, hotel, 211 to 213 Barrington Street.
 Edward Donahoe, shop, 53 Buckingham Street.
 Charles AuCoin, shop, 46 Upper Water Street.
 William Glassey, shop, 234 Hollis Street.
 Wm. S. Quigley, hotel, 94 to 98 Upper Water Street.
 R. N. McDonald, shop, 152 Barrington Street.
 John Neville, hotel, 37 Buckingham Street (Farmer's Hotel).
 Grace & Gastonguay, wholesale, 73 Upper Water Street.
 Bigelow & Co., Ltd., wholesale, 79 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that said report be adopted and the licenses referred to granted. Motion passed unanimously.

WARD NO. FOUR.

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

Michael P. Inglis, shop, 2½ Starr Street.
 Michael Goulding, shop, 176 Upper Water Street.
 Charles A. Norton, shop, 146 Upper Water Street.
 Edward Coleman, shop, 184 Upper Water Street.
 William P. Duggan, shop, 93 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Ferguson, hotel, 200 to 202 Upper Water Street.
 James Campbell, shop, 97 to 99 Upper Water Street.
 Louis M. Young, shop, 174 Upper Water Street.
 Stephen Mitchell, shop, 159 Upper Water Street.
 Thos Killeen, shop, 87 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney, shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 N. A. Ross, hotel, 212 to 214 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney & Co., wholesale, cor. Jacob and Brunswick Streets.
 Thos. O'Malley, shop, 16 Cornwallis Street.
 George A. James, hotel, 290 to 292 Upper Water Street.
 Thos. D. Chalmers, hotel, 183 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnston, shop, 270 to 272 Upper Water Street.
 Felix J. Quinn, hotel, 288 Upper Water Street.

R. M. Anderson, shop, 53 Creighton Street.
 Robert A. Gibson, shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.
 Daniel Johnson, shop, 47 Maynard Street.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and the said licenses granted. Motion passed unanimously.

WARD NO. FIVE.

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

Thos. Keating, hotel, 7 and 9 Cornwallis Street.
 Adam L. Miller, shop, 155 Gottingen Street.
 William Parsons, jr., shop, 141½ Gottingen Street.
 Dougald McDonald, shop, 101½ Gottingen Street.
 J. P. O'Connor, shop, 147 Gottingen Street.
 Gaetano Verdi, shop, 2 Cunard Street.
 John Ford, shop, 89 Cornwallis Street.
 John McIntyre, shop, 96 Gottingen Street.
 John Handley, shop, 91 Gerrish Street.
 Charles E. Rogers, hotel, 494 to 500 Upper Water Street.
 Simon Meaden, shop, 17½ Agricola Street.
 John Mullane, shop, 33 West Street.
 John Walsh, shop, 172 Gottingen Street.
 Edward Rolston, hotel, 22 to 26 North Street.
 Mary Meagher, shop, 168½ Gottingen Street.
 Charles T. Kehoe, shop, 174 Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and the said licenses granted. Motion passed unanimously.

WARD NO. SIX.

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

Thos. Pearson, shop, 3 Almon Street.
 Thomas Foley, hotel, 2 Almon Street.
 W. L. Purcell, shop, 5 Bilby Street.
 D. H. Doody, shop, 33 Almon Street.
 William Wilson, hotel, 222 to 226 Lockman Street (King Edward).
 Thos. Devanney, shop, 43 Almon.
 L. A. May, wholesale brewers, premises Sullivan Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and the said licenses granted. Motion passed.

LICENSES SEPARATELY CONSIDERED.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Edwin Keuwar for hotel license No. 33 Granville Street.

Also read petition against the granting of said license.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said license be not granted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report License Inspector covering application of George Waugh for a hotel license No. 11 and 13 Granville Street.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the license be not granted. Motion put and passed on a show of hands, 12 voting for the same and 2 against it.

Alderman Martin gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Joseph A. Stafford for a shop license 75 Buckingham Street.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this license be not granted.

Motion put and lost 8 voting for the same and 9 against it on a show of hands.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said license be granted.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it on a show of hands.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Willoughby Smith for a shop license, 174 Grafton Street.

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

Motion put and passed 12 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Johnson, Powell,
Taylor, Gastonguay,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Campbell, Martin,
Cawsey, MacKenzie,
Hayward, Hawkins.—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Halliday, Murray,
Hubley.—5.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Elizabeth Yetman for a shop license, 85 Upper Water Street.

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

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hayward Hawkins.—10.	Aldermen Archibald, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Powell, Gastonguay, Hubley.—7.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Thomas Ellis for an hotel license 183 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said license be granted.

Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Johnson, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—9.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Halliday, Murray, Powell, Gastonguay, Hubley, Hayward.—8.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Geoffrey Meagher for a shop license No. 20 West Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that said license be not granted. Motion lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Halliday, Murray, Powell, Hubley.—6.	Aldermen Johnson, Taylor, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Doyle, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—11.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said license be granted. Motion put and passed.

Read report License Inspector covering application of Mont Lanigan for a shop license 100 Lower Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this license be not granted.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 13 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.
Aldermen Archibald, Murray,
Powell, Hubley.—4.

Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,
Johnson, Taylor,
Gastonguay, Lamphier,
Doyle, Campbell,
Martin, Cawsey,
MacKenzie, Hayward,
Hawkins.—13.

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

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

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

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the Minutes of meeting of Council held January 4th be amended by inserting the following paragraph, which was omitted by an error in transcribing :—

“ Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the resolution passed by the Council, June 8th, 1905, fixing the corner of Morris and Robie Streets as a site for the proposed new west end engine house be and is hereby rescinded. Motion passed.”

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

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

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, that the Board of Works be instructed to take into consideration the advisability of expropriating the land on which the Pentagon Building, corner of Water and Granville Streets, stands and to report to this Council as early as possible as to the terms on which said property can be secured, so that steps may be taken, if agreeable to this Council, to obtain the necessary legislation at the next session of the Legislature.

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

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, there is a large number of men out of employment at present, and the weather being favorable for sewer work, such work being started would relieve a considerable amount of distress that at present exists;

And whereas there are about four hundred feet of blocks ready for the sewer on Bell Road and a considerable amount in the moulds which will be in condition to lay in a few days;

Therefore resolved, that the Works Commission be and is hereby instructed to commence the work on the sewer on Bell Road immediately.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the matter of proceeding with the construction of the sewer in Bell Road during the winter be referred to the Committee on Works for their favorable consideration.

Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Halliday, Johnson,
Murray, Powell,
Taylor, Cawsey,
MacKenzie, Hawkins.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Gastonguay, Lamphier,
Doyle, Hubley,
Campbell.—5.

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

Council adjourns 10.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 8th, 1906.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above hour. There were present Deputy-Mayor Johnson in the chair, Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Archibald, Powell, Murray, Gastonguay, Taylor, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, 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:—

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

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Gastonguay, Chairman.

Reports (2) Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman, (covering draft Acts)

Report special committee re Light and Power, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Report special committee re tenders for supplies, by Alderman Gastonguay, Chairman.

Report special committee re Superannuation of City Officials, by Alderman Murray Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz:

Pentagon Building, Upper Water Street.

Bell Road sewer.

Monthly accounts.

Loan for parade wall and paving streets.

Report City Engineer re paving Granville Street.

Message from His Worship the Mayor re Rate of Taxation 1906-7.

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

Cash Statements of City Treasurer for December and of City Collector for January and February.

Notification by Provincial Secretary of approval of appointment of W. E. Messervey as License Inspector.

Letter Bishop of Nova Scotia covering petition of citizens for the allotment of a portion of the Old Exhibition Property as a site for proposed new Church of England Cathedral.

Petition residents of Duncan Street in re electric light on said street.

Letter A. P. Calnen re widening Lower Water Street.

Letters (2) W. J. O'Hearn re application of Edwin Kenward for a liquor license.

Reports Coal Weighers for January and February.

Report Commercial Committee re mode of electing Aldermen and exemption of new industries.

Notice of Action by E. L. Fenerty et al against the City of Halifax.

Notice of application for incorporation of Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company.

Petition for pavement of Spring Garden Road.

Petition of S. P. C. re appointment of a Prosecuting Officer for the City of Halifax.

Draft Act respecting the taxation of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd.

Bond of W. E. Messervey, License Inspector.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the minutes of last meeting, so far as the same relate to the application of Geoffrey Meagher for a liquor license be amended by the insertion of the following clause: "Alderman Hubley gives notice of consideration."

The motion being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.
Aldermen Archibald, Halliday,
Taylor, Hubley,
Cawsey.—5.

Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Murray,
Powell, Gastonguay,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Martin, MacKenzie,
Hawkins.—9.

Read petition residents of Duncan Street in re location of electric light on said street.

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

Read letter A. P. Calnen re widening Lower Water Street at his property.

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

Read Cash Statements City Treasurer for December and City Collector for January and February. Filed.

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

SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

MARCH 8th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council, I beg to report that the following violations of the Liquor License Act on Sundays have been reported to me since last meeting of Council:—

Joseph Norcott, 227 Brunswick St., unlicensed. Reported on 25th February, 1906. Convicted. Fined \$20.00, and costs, \$1.75, on 3rd March. Rose Carson, 71 Grafton Street, unlicensed. Reported on 4th March. Jessie Wilson, 76 Grafton Street, unlicensed. Reported on 4th March. Gertie Ferguson, 117 Grafton Street, unlicensed. Reported on 4th March; also Elizabeth Jackson, 220 Campbell Road, unlicensed. Reported 11th February. Convicted and fined \$50.00 and costs \$4 15. on 21st February. Moses Doyle, 331 Campbell Road, unlicensed. Reported on 11th February. Convicted and fined \$20.00 and costs \$1.75, on 28th February.

N. POWER, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read letters (2) W. J. O'Hearn re application of Edwin Kenward for a Liquor License.

LIQUOR LICENSE EDWIN KENWARD.

FEBRUARY 22nd, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by Mr. Edwin Kenward of this City to write you in reference to your refusal at the last meeting of the Council to grant him a license to sell liquor at 33 Granville Street.

My client contends that as he complied with the law in all respects it was the duty of the Council to grant his license. He also wishes to remind you that no statutory objection against the granting of his license was filed with the Inspector, and that while the Council had the right to hear the petition which was read by the City Clerk, when my client's application was being considered, still the Council should have notified him as required by section 35, sub-section 2 R. S. N. S. 1900

My client instructs me to demand on his behalf that Your Honorable Body at its next meeting rescind and vacate your resolution refusing him his license and that you grant same or proceed as directed by sub-section 2 of section 35 R. S. N. S., 1900.

W. J. O'HEARN.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 23rd, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In my letter dated yesterday I forgot to state that my client also contends that the Council had no right to hear Mr. E. D. King's objection to the granting of his license without first having given the statutory notice by section 34 of the Liquor License Act.

In conclusion I repeat on behalf of Mr. Kenward the demands contained in yesterday's letter both on the ground mentioned therein and on the ground above mentioned.

W. J. O'HEARN.

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

Read notification by Provincial Secretary of approval of appointment of W. E. Messervey as Chief License Inspector. Filed.

Read report Library Committee covering accounts for payment.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb 21st, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizen's Free Library beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman) Murray and Gastonguay, the following accounts, amounting to \$25.10, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz. :—

Publishers' Weekly, library index, \$3.00 Mutual Sub. Agency, balance sub. 15c. T. C. Alleu & Co., stationery, \$6.45. Library Bureau of Canada, cards, \$3.80. C. D. Cazenove & Son, 1 Goodrich Refuse 16s., \$3.90. E. B. Eddy & Co., Ltd., paper, \$7.80. Total, \$25.10.

J. M. GELDERT, *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 Geldert, seconded by Alderman Murray, and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee re military prisoners and other matters and accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 6th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Alderman Hawkins (Chairman) Archibald and Hubley.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from Captain H. Kemmis Betty, Superintendent Military Prison, written by direction of Gen. Sir C. Parsons to His Worship the Mayor, in reference to military prisoners, whether in the event of the military prison at Melville Island being closed military prisoners sentenced for short terms of imprisonment with hard labor up to and including eighty-four days can be in future received and held in imprisonment at the City Prison.

Your Committee after due consideration recommend that the General be informed that the City will undertake to receive military prisoners at the City Prison "Rockhead"

providing the military authorities agree to indemnify the City against any damages or loss in the event of the escape of such prisoners, also that military prisoners be subject to the same regulations as prisoners committed thereto by civil authorities, the charge on military prisoners to be fifty cents (50c.) per day per man. This recommendation to be subject to the Acting-Recorder's opinion as to legality of such commitments.

Your Committee also had under consideration a letter from Adjutant Wiggins of the Salvation Army asking for the privilege of holding weekly services at the prison.

Your Committee recommend that the request be granted and that the Salvation Army be informed that they can hold service at the prison on Sunday evenings between the hours of seven and eight.

The following accounts, amounting to \$36.48, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., electric light, \$1.46. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$7.20. W. E. Crowe & Co., groceries \$12.61. Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$4.10. H. E. Hosterman, dry goods, \$7.71. T. C. Allen & Co., diary, 40c. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stovefittings, \$3.00. Total, \$36.48.

The monthly reports of Governor and Matron, shewing 21 prisoners in custody at the end of February, were submitted and adopted and are hereto attached.

A. C. HAWKINS, *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 Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Archibald, and passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts.

REPORT FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 6th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Supplementary to the Board's report of February 13th, it is recommended that the rental of Gerrish Street engine house (so called) be placed at \$30.00 per month.

The Council and the Board have had at various times appeals from ex-fireman James A. Gibbons and Lieutenant John Sunderland for pecuniary assistance. The facts in both of these cases are well known to the Council and your Board recommend that the Council may do anything in its power to assist these men.

The City has secured authority to borrow money necessary to procure a piece of property in rear of Central engine house, but no arrangement for the purchase of the same can be come to with the owner. It is recommended that legislation be asked for to enable the City to expropriate this piece of land.

Requests having been made from time to time for certain amendments to the law relating to the ordering of investigations into fires, and the Fire Underwriters having undertaken to reduce insurance rates all over the City five points, if such is done, your Board beg to recommend that the Legislature be requested to amend sec. 26 of chap. 89 of the Revised Statutes 1900 so far as the same relates to the City of Halifax in order to provide that in every case when a request for an investigation into a fire is made by

either the City Council, the Board of Trade or the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters the Mayor of the City of Halifax shall immediately order such investigation to be made, provided the body making such request, furnish security for the costs of the investigation. The enquiry to be made before an independent tribunal such as the judge of the County Court.

The Board has given further consideration to the question of selecting a suitable site for the proposed new engine house to take the place of the present Queen Street house and now beg to recommend that sufficient land at the north-east corner of the Poor Asylum grounds be appropriated for this purpose.

The following named accounts are recommended for payment :—

Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, \$4.72. Hlfx Elec. Tram Co., power, \$6.11; light, \$30.31—36.42. Cragg Bros., polish, \$4.00. J. F. Kelly, harness work, \$4.40. Stairs, Son & Morrow, waste, etc., \$20.42. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$200.19. T. C. Allen & Co., wrap paper, \$1.15. Farquhar Bros., wire, etc., \$52.30. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$97.35. Wm. Roche, coal, \$130.69. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$2.75. N. S. Telephone Co., cross arms, 58c. Nicoll & Sutherland, carpenter work \$15.19. Brown & Webb, meal, &c., \$1.70. Macdonald & Co., repairs \$1.45. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$7.05. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$13.78. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4.19. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$3.84. Zwickers', moulding, \$1.20. J. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$3.75. Horse-shoeing, O'Connell Bros., \$5.00. Robt. Horner, \$7.15. Meagher & MacKenzie, \$6.39. Thos. Robinson, \$1.55. Total, \$627.12.

W. H. Caws v, *Chairman.*

His Worship the Mayor here arrives and takes the chair.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Huble, that the clause relating to the location of the proposed new West End engine house be referred back to the Board for further consideration. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the clause relating to the rental of Gerrish Street engine house be struck out. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Acting-Recorder prepare a bill providing for the payment of \$5.00 per week to ex-firemen James A. Gibbons and Lieut. John Sunderland. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Archibald, Halliday,
Martin, Hawkins.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Johnson,
Murray, Powell,
Taylor, Gastonguay,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Huble, Campbell,
Cawsey, MacKenzie—12.

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read reports Coal Weighers for January and February. Filed.

Read report Charities Committee for February.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, March 7th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Members present: Aldermen Gastonguay (Chairman) Powell, Lamphier and Campbell.

The Superintendent's report for February shows that during the month there were 36 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 33 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted 19 were chargeable to the Province and 17 to the City. The total number of inmates February 28th was 395, made up of 259 men, 134 women and 2 children.

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

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$467.58. W. A. Maling & Co., \$325 04. J. & M. Murphy, \$78.10. Joseph S. Cashen, \$26.36. P. T. Shea, \$120.75. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$67.20. Geo. Grigoire, \$28.60. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$13.30. Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., Ltd., \$43.65. John F. Outhit, \$4.50. Wm. McFatrige, \$30 00. Blackadar Bros., \$5 00. Halifax Herald, \$4 50. A. J. Grant & Co., \$2.70. Baldwin & Co., \$1.80. B. Mulcahy, \$29 00. John F. Kelly, \$11.20. Dillon Bros., \$3.75. Fleischman & Co., \$3.60. Pay Sheet, \$589.33. Total, \$1855.96.

N. V. GASTONGUAY, *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 Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Powell and passed.

Read report City Engineer re paving Granville Street.

PAVING GRANVILLE STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 27th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from owners of property asking for the construction of bitulithic pavement on Granville Street between Prince Street and Sackville Street.

The petitioners own more than two-thirds of the frontage in the block.

1. The total length of street to be paved is 382 feet.
2. Nature of material most suitable in the opinion of the Engineer to be used for the pavement.

I have already reported to the Council with reference to this material.

3. Probable cost? The estimated cost is \$4,655.75.
4. The desirability of paving this street.

The block is growing in importance every year and is in the middle of the best business portion of the City. The street is already paved from Water Street to George Street and the Council have decided to pave from George to Prince. I would therefore recommend that the block in question be paved as petitioned for.

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

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

Read report special committee re lighting, &c.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING, POWER, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 21st, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your special committee appointed at a meeting of the City Council on the 11th October last to consider the advisability of the City installing a plant to do its own lighting and generation of heat and power beg to report that progress is being made by the committee and that the City Clerk acting under instructions from the committee has been in correspondence with the authorities in a large number of cities in Canada and the United States and obtained a large amount of information on the subject of lighting, power and heating plants, &c. This information has been compiled by the City Electrician and laid before your Committee for their information.

Your Committee have instructed the City Electrician to prepare an estimate and specification as to the cost of supplying light for the streets and buildings used for civic purposes.

Your Committee recommend that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare a bill to be submitted to the Legislature to enable the City to do commercial lighting, power and heating, and in the event of this being refused the Recorder prepare a bill to authorize the City to purchase by arbitration the franchises now held by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for lighting, power and heating in the City.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Commercial Committee re exemption of new industries and re mode of electing Aldermen.

TAX EXEMPTIONS—CIVIC ELECTIONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 3, 1906.

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

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Commercial Committee held on the 28th ult., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and recommended to the consideration of the City Council.

EXEMPTIONS FOR NEW INDUSTRIES.

“The Committee recommend that the City Council obtain the necessary authority from the Legislature which will enable it to grant total exemption from taxation for a term of ten years to new industries locating in this City, providing such industries employ a certain number of men (number to be determined by Council) and provided further that such industries do not conflict with those already established.”

CHANGE IN MODE OF ELECTING MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Commercial Committee approve of a change in the mode of electing Aldermen of the City of Halifax and recommend that the principle of electing Mayor and Aldermen all at the same time be adopted, and further recommended that this Act come into effect not later than 1908.

A. T. WELDON,
Secretary Commercial Committee.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Amendment put and passed on a show of hands, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it.

Read report special committee on Tenders for Supplies.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 5th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your special Committee appointed by resolution of Council of the 10th November last to consider and report upon the advisability of combining in one tender the quantities of the same commodity required by different committees, beg to report as follows:—

A meeting of the Committee was held on the 15th day of February last, there being present Alderman Gastonguay, Halliday and Cawsey. Alderman Gastonguay was appointed Chairman. The Committee had before them for consideration statements prepared by the secretaries and superintendents of the different committees and institutions showing the probable quantity required of each commodity used in their respective departments, and after carefully going over the various items your Committee are of the opinion that it would not be in the interest of economy to recommend any change in the mode of purchasing supplies, except in the item of coal.

Your Committee recommend that all coal required for city purposes be advertised for in one tender and that the Chairman of each Committee send in to the Chairman of the Special Committee on Tenders a detailed report of the quality of coal required for their respective services, not later than the end of June in any year.

N. V. GASTONGUAY *Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 20th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting

of Committee held this day, there being present Alderman Geldert (Chairman) Johnson, Gastouguay and Hubley, they had under consideration a number of matters referred to them for consideration and report, as follows :—

1. Application of John T. Murphy for refund of deposit made by him with his application for liquor license

Your Committee recommend that the amount deposited less the cost of advertising be refunded Mr. Murphy.

2. Re Chief License Inspector's Bond :—

Your Committee having reported on this matter at the last meeting of the Council and the same having been referred back to them for further consideration, after carefully looking into the matter recommend that as it is not in their opinion expedient at the present time to abolish the office of Chief License Inspector that the amount of the bond furnished by the Inspector remain as at present, but that each applicant on making application for his license be instructed to pay to the City Treasurer the amount of the license fee and that the license shall only be issued upon production by the applicant of the City Treasurer's receipt therefor, and not otherwise.

Further, that the fees payable by applicants for lists of the License Inspector be paid to the City Treasurer the same day they are received and that no lists be furnished until such fees are paid.

That all fines and costs in connection with prosecutions be paid to the City Clerk and be deposited by him to the credit of the License Fund.

3. Re borrowing of \$150,000.00 for permanent pavement :

Your Committee have instructed the City Recorder to prepare the draft Act in accordance with the resolution of Council and recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to report to the Council on what streets the money is to be spent.

4. Re Notice of Action and Writ of Summons : E. L. Fenerty et al vs. The City of Halifax :—

Your Committee recommend that this matter be left in the hands of the City Recorder with instructions that he protect the City's interests in the matter.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re application of John T. Murphy for refund of liquor license deposit. Passed.

Read clause 2 re License Inspector's Bond.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said bond be for the sum of \$2500.00 instead of \$5,000.00 as recommended. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re borrowing \$150,000.00 for sidewalk paving. Passed.

Read clause 4 re notice of action and writ of summons issued against the City by E. L. Fenerty, et al.

Also read notice of action (submitted this meeting) by E. L. Fenerty et al against the City.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter R. E. McKay, Pictou, N. S., covering circular notice of application for incorporation of Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Co.

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

Read petition for concrete sidewalk and other improvements on the south side of Spring Garden Road.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards recommending the borrowing of \$3700.00 on short term debentures for the purchase of hose and \$26,700.00 on long term debentures for improvements in the Department.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 6th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—There is a growing feeling in the community that the city has not in the past dealt as generously in the matter of placing the Fire Department on a sound footing as the citizens are now in the mood to do.

A tangible expression of this view was given last year when the sum of \$30,000 was borrowed for improvements so urgently demanded that they could no longer be denied. Further evidence was also given last December when the appropriation for running expenses was increased about \$3,000 over the previous year.

The Chief Engineer has condemned the two steam fire engines which have been forty-five years in service; the residential portion of the city is rapidly spreading, and generally the necessity for the most improved fire extinguishing appliances is becoming universally recognized.

The populous south-western part of the city requires better protection than is at present furnished and a combination chemical and ladder truck is recommended as most suitable for this service.

The City is now under contract to purchase one new steam fire engine of 1000 gals. capacity, but another one of smaller capacity—650 gals.—must be procured to take the place of one of the old engines to be put out of commission.

For years the Department has been endeavoring to obtain an aerial ladder and the Board believe the time is now ripe to press for the installation of this equipment. The great net-work of telephone and electric light wires in the front of buildings, always increasing, makes the old-fashioned ladder of little or no use in the business sections and those of the so-called aerial design are the only kind that can be erected in a modern city.

The City is short of 2½ inch hose, 2000 feet being required, and the new water front engine will require 1000 feet of 3 inch hose and a waggon to carry it on.

The Bedford Row house absorbed about \$8000.00 of what otherwise would have been used for the new west end house and this amount will have to be restored.

In order to insure the arrival at fires of the call men with the apparatus, it has

been found necessary to place tappers in the houses of nearly all of these men and this will require \$500 in addition to the amount already outlayed for a portion of this equipment.

In the present report the Board is asking for loans amounting to \$30,400—\$3,700 on Short Loan Debentures and \$26,700 on Long Term Debentures. These figures without close inspection might lead to the belief that a very great deal is being done in a short period for the perfecting of the Department, but an analysis does not warrant the first impression. In the first place, \$23,000 is for the erection of two new engine houses in which to store the apparatus and does not count at all in the actual fighting of fires; and secondly, \$25,000 is to purchase four pieces of apparatus in place of two engines condemned and to properly equip the ladder and chemical departments. For these reasons the Board requests that legislation be sought to enable the City to borrow the amounts given below:

SHORT TERM LOAN, TO BE RAISED BY ASSESSMENT AND PAID BY INSTALMENTS :		
1000 feet.	3 inch hose	\$1500 00
2000 "	2½ "	2200 00
		\$ 3700 00
LONG TERM DEBENTURES :		
One hose wagon for 3 inch hose		\$ 200 00
One new 650 gal. engine		} 10000 00
One combination chemical engine and ladder truck		
Balance required for new Queen St. engine house		8000 00
Additional tappers for call men		500 00
One Aerial ladder truck and equipment		8000 00
		\$26700 00

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 89, THE REVISED STATUTES "OF FIRES AND FIREWARDS."

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

Sections 26 and 27 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes "Of Fires and Firewards" is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

26. When any building or property is injured or destroyed by fire; and the cause or origin of the fire is unknown:—

- (a) The Mayor of any City in such City;
- (b) The Mayor of any incorporated town in such town, or
- (c) Any justice of the peace in any other part of the Province,—

may, and on the passing of a resolution by the Council of the City, town or municipality within which the fire occurred, or on receiving a request in writing from any Board of Trade or from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, or from any person or Company who has insured the building together with security for the expense of the investigation,—shall cause an investigation to be made into the cause or origin of the fire, and the person, if any, profiting thereby.

Section 27 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "the City of Halifax by" in the third line, and substituting therefor the words following:

"Any city by a judge of a county court."

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the capacity of the engine proposed to be purchased be amended to read "about 650 gallons" instead of "650 gallons" as recommended. Motion passed.