

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the clause recommending the borrowing of \$8000.00 for an aerial ladder be struck from the report.

The vote being taken there appeared :

<p><i>For the Motion.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Halliday, Gastonguay, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Campbell, Martin, Mackenzie—8.</p>	<p><i>Against it.</i></p> <p>Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Johnsou, Murray, Powell, Taylor, Cawsey, Hawkins—8.</p>
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His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the motion and declares it lost.

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1906.

To the City Council :

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

Water Maintenance	\$ 790 75
Sewerage Loan	144 90
Street Lighting	1482 05
Streets	404 25
Teams and Stables	121 87
City Hall Lighting	82 83
Total	\$3026 65

R. T. MACLEITH, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re rate of taxation 1906-7.

RATE OF TAXATION 1906-07.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 8th, 1906.

Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—When the Estimates for the year 1906-7 were being made up in December last it was generally feared that a large increase in the rate of taxation would be necessary owing to the very largely increased expenditures.

By legislation of last year we provided for Sewerage	\$150000 00
Fire Department	30000 00
And for widening Agricola Street	27000 00
A total of	\$207000 00

The interest on which amount together with other incidentals in the department of loans, interest, etc., made an increase of . . .	\$7000 00	
The Schools required an additional sum of	9300 00	
And the Exhibition an additional amount over last year of	1330 00	
For the coming year we have provided additional for Street Service and Internal Health	5000 00	
And for Fire Department	2500 00	
Making a total increase in the Estimate of		\$25150 00

The estimated nett increase in expenditures over the present year is equivalent to an increase in the rate of about twelve cents. This increased expenditure is met by a larger revenue to be derived from licenses, increased estimated earnings from the Electric Tramway Company, together with an increased amount which it is estimated will be received by strict collection of all rates, licenses and rentals accruing due to the City, additional assessment and some small decreases in expenditure.

It is therefore with very great satisfaction that I have to inform you that the rate of taxation for the coming year as struck by the City Assessors to-day will be \$1.72 per \$100.00, being one cent less per \$100.00 than the present year; and the Public Accounts Committee, the Council and the taxpayers generally are to be congratulated on this result.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor.

Filed.

Read letter from His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia covering petition from citizens for the allotment of a site on the Old Exhibition Grounds for the proposed new Church of England Cathedral.

OLD EXHIBITION SITE FOR C. OF E. CATHEDRAL.

HALIFAX, March 6th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax:

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my application to purchase a site for a cathedral on the Old Exhibition Grounds, I have to thank you for the copy of the report of the Board of Works and the resolution of the Council thereon.

I find that the opinion of a large number of the citizens of Halifax, as shown by their signatures to the accompanying petition, is, that the Cathedral Corporation should be allowed to purchase the site they asked for, viz: the corner of Morris Street and Tower Road.

I am therefore renewing my application and in doing so submit that the erection of a building such as is contemplated would add very greatly to the beauty of the city, tend to more speedily develop the section in which it is located and much enhance the value of the adjoining property.

May I ask for action to be taken as promptly as possible in order that building operations may be begun without delay.

CLARE L. NOVA SCOTIA.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the same be referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Cawsey, Archibald, Powell, Taylor, Hubley and Hawkius. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works recommending the borrowing of \$40,000.00 on long term debentures for the paving of streets and not exceeding \$35,000.00 as required, from the Bank, to be returned as the money is paid in by property owners; and also \$4,000.00 for improvements to Parade wall and erecting a shelter for cabmen.

\$75,000 FOR PAVING STREETS—\$4,000 FOR GRAND PARADE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1906.

To the City Council:

Your Committee on Works at a meeting held this day decided to recommend that authority be obtained at the present session of the Local Legislature to borrow the sum of forty thousand dollars for the purpose of permanently paving the streets of the City, the repayment of such loan to be made in twenty-five years.

It was further decided to recommend to Council that authority be also obtained to borrow from the bank in anticipation of the amounts to be paid in by the abutters on said streets so paved a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, such sum to be repaid to the bank from time to time as paid in to the City by such abutters. All payments by abutters to be made, with interest, within five years from the filing of the City Engineer's certificate of the completion of the work.

It was also decided to recommend that authority be obtained from the Local Legislature to borrow a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing, rebuilding and repointing parade wall and erecting a shelter for the cabmen.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be amended by making the term of the Bonds 34 years instead of 25 years, as recommended. Motion passed.

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

Read report Committee on Works in re Pentagon Building, Upper Water Street.

PENTAGON BUILDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 28th, 1906.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day a Minute of Council re Pentagon Building, Upper Water Street, was read.

Your Committee have to report that the building can be purchased for \$25000 but they do not consider it advisable to expropriate and beg leave to recommend that negotiations be opened with a view of acquiring a strip of land from the ordinance property.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re Bell Road Sewer.

BELL ROAD SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 28th, 1906.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day a Minute of Council re Bell Road Sewer work was read. The City Engineer reporting that work could be commenced on Monday, March 5th, 1906, he was instructed to do so.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft Acts.

DRAFT ACTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 7th, 1906.

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, Hubley and Hawkins, they had under consideration drafts of the following Acts ordered to be prepared for the Legislature, copies of which are attached hereto, viz:—

An Act re Superannuation of Recorder MacCoy.

An Act to borrow \$40,000.00, City's portion Permanent Pavement.

An Act to borrow \$1000.00 to pay L. A. Graves for land taken for widening Lower Water Street.

An Act to borrow \$10,100.00, City's special grant to Dominion Exhibition.

An Act to borrow \$150,000 00 for laying permanent sidewalks.

An Act re Camp Hill Cemetery.

An Act re Second Medical Officer.

An Act re Bill Posters.

An Act re Fees City Collector for statements, &c.

An Act re Removal of Snow from Sidewalks.

An Act re Pay of Police Force and Police Superannuation Fund.

An Act re Rockhead Prison.

An Act re Duties of Assessors.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

Read an Act relating to the Superannuation of Recorder MacCoy.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE SUPERANNUATION OF RECORDER
MACCOY OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

The City of Halifax shall pay to William F. MacCoy, at present Recorder of the City, a superannuation allowance of six hundred dollars yearly to begin from the date of his retiring from office; such amount to be paid to him by the Treasurer of the City in twelve equal monthly payments.

The amount payable under this Act to the 1st day of May, 1907, shall be taken from the General Sinking Fund of the City by the trustees thereof and paid to the City Treasurer for the purpose of this Act, and shall be included in the rates and taxes for the year beginning on the said 1st day of May, and collected therewith and repaid to the said Sinking Fund.

The amount payable under this Act, after the said 1st day of May, shall be included in the rates and taxes for each year and collected therewith.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said Act be approved and forwarded to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read an Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow \$150,00.00 for laying permanent sidewalks.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

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

1. This Act may be cited as "The Halifax Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906."
2. The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the manner directed by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1900, for the purpose of laying permanent sidewalks in the streets of the said City as hereinafter provided.
3. Before any sidewalk is laid under the provisions of this Act, the City Engineer shall, from time to time, submit to the Council, for its approval, a schedule of the sidewalks proposed to be laid, and no sidewalk not recommended by the Engineer and approved by the Council, shall be laid under this Act.
4. Upon such schedule being approved by the Council the Council may direct any sidewalk named therein to be laid with some permanent material, to be determined by the Committee on works, subject to the approval of the Council, and the work shall be executed by that Committee.
5. In executing such work the Committee may reduce the size of any opening in the sidewalk to the dimensions prescribed by any ordinance in respect thereto.
6. The owner of any property abutting on any side walk so laid shall, when requested so to do by the City Engineer.
 - (a) Connect any spout or rain conductor discharging upon such sidewalk with a drain or sewer leading from the building to which the spout or conductor is attached ; or
 - (b) Provide a suitable drain for any water discharged from such property ;—
 and if he fails to comply with such request the Engineer may make such connection or drain, and may, for that purpose, enter such building or premises and the land on which such building stands, and do thereon any work requiring to be done, and the cost of any work so done by the Engineer shall be paid by the owner, and may be added to and form part of and be collected along with, his proportion of the cost of laying the sidewalk as hereinafter provided.
7. (1) One-half of the cost of laying any such sidewalk including the cost of the curb and gutters thereof, and of covering with sod any portion of the sidewalk not covered with permanent material, shall be paid out of the money borrowed under this Act.
 - (2) The other half of such cost shall be paid by the owners of the properties abutting on the sidewalk so covered, according to the respective areas of the sidewalk abutting on each property.
 - (3) The cost of laying the part of any sidewalk situated at the intersection of two streets, and common to the sidewalks of both, shall be borne wholly by the City.
8. (1) Upon the completion of the work the City Engineer shall make a plan of the sidewalks laid, showing the frontage thereon of each property and the name of the owner of each property. He shall also make a list of the owners of such properties with the frontage of each property and the amount due in respect to each property, and shall file such plan and list in his office.

(2) Upon such plan and list being completed and filed, the same shall in any action or proceeding, be conclusive evidence of the liability of every person named therein in respect to each property of which he is stated to be the owner, for the amount stated in respect to each such property.

(3) The Engineer shall furnish the City Collector and the City Assessor with copies of every such list or amendment thereof, with the date of the filing in the office of the City Engineer endorsed thereon.

9. The amount for which each person is stated to be liable in such plan and list or amended list, in respect to any lot of land, shall, upon the filing of such plan and list or amendment, constitute a lien upon such land prior to any other lien, charge or encumbrance thereon, other than the lien created in favor of the rates and taxes or other charges of the City, and may be enforced against such land by the City in the same manner and with the same rights and remedies as are provided by law in respect to such rates and taxes, and may also be recovered by action in the name of the City.

10. (1) The total amount for which any person is liable in respect to any property shall be divided into five equal instalments, the first of which shall be due and payable on the 31st day of May next succeeding the completion of the sidewalk, or the portion thereof opposite the property liable, and one on each succeeding 31st. day of May until the whole is paid.

(2) To each such instalment shall be added the interest on the amount of principal then remaining unpaid at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

(3) The amount of such instalment and interest shall be included in the notice of rates and taxes for the year given to the owner of the property, and may be collected with the like rights and remedies.

11. If any property is sold by the City for failure to pay the rates and taxes thereon, or any other liability for which the same may be sold by the City, the City Collector shall retain from the proceeds of such sale, the whole amount due in respect to such land for the construction of any sidewalk, whether the same has become payable or not, or whether the plan and list before mentioned have been completed and filed or not.

12. (1) If the owner of any land in respect to which he has become liable for the construction of any sidewalk, sells the same before all the instalments of such liability are paid, he shall not cease to be liable for any instalment over due and payable at the time of such sale; but he shall not be liable for any instalment becoming payable after such sale but the owner of the land at the time such subsequent instalment becomes payable, shall be liable therefor.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the lien of the City upon the property, which shall continue and may be enforced notwithstanding any such sale.

13. The owner of any land liable for the construction of a sidewalk may at any time, pay the full amount of such liability, with interest actually accrued, to the Collector, who shall give a receipt therefor, and upon the same being countersigned by the Mayor, the lien for the same shall be extinguished, and an entry to that effect shall be made in the books of the Collector.

14. The Collector shall keep a separate account of all moneys due for the construction of sidewalks, and shall annually report to the Council:—

(a) The owners of properties liable therefor, and the sidewalk in respect to which the liability arose;

(b) The amount due in respect to each property; and

(c) The amount paid in respect to each property.

15. (1) In addition to the amount authorized to be borrowed by this Act, the City Council may from time to time, borrow from a Bank, in anticipation of the sums to be collected as herein provided from abutters, an amount not exceeding the sums

e estimated to become due from such abutters, and the amounts so borrowed shall be repaid as collected from such abutters, the whole of such sum so borrowed to be repaid within the period of six years.

(2) Any excess of the moneys so collected over the moneys so borrowed shall be paid into the Sinking Fund established for the repayment of the moneys borrowed under this Act.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the same be approved and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read an Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money for various purposes.

A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO BORROW MONEY."

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

(1) The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the amounts set out in the first schedule hereto, for the purposes therein specified, and to be applied for such respective purposes and no other.

(2) The sums so borrowed shall be in addition to the amount authorized by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, shall form part of that fund, and shall be secured by debentures or stock, to be issued in conformity with the provisions of that Act, such stock or debentures to be made redeemable in thirty-four years from the date of issue.

The City may apply the amount heretofore borrowed for the paving of Granville Street, and not expended for that purpose, to pay the City's portion of the cost of paving any other street.

(1) The City is further authorized to borrow the sum set out in the second schedule hereto, for the purposes therein specified and no other.

(2) The amounts so borrowed, with interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. shall be repaid in five yearly instalments, and an amount equal to each such yearly instalment and interest, shall be added to and included in the sum rated upon the inhabitants and property within the City and collected therewith in each year until the same is repaid.

In addition to the amount authorized by this Act to be borrowed for the laying of permanent paving, the City Council may from time to time borrow from a bank in anticipation of the sums to be collected as by Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1905 is provided from the owners of properties fronting on the streets paved an amount not exceeding the sums estimated to become due from such owners, and the amounts so borrowed shall be repaid out of the moneys so collected.

All the moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the City and shall be paid and applied for the purposes specified and no other.

FIRST SCHEDULE

- \$40,000.00. To pay City's share of cost of laying pavements under the provisions of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1905.
- \$1,000.00. To pay for land purchased from L. Alfred Graves.
- \$10,100.00. To pay the City's Special Grant to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission for the purpose of improving and enlarging the grounds and enlarging the buildings and erecting new ones for the Dominion Exhibition, 1906.

- Not exceeding \$4,000.00 To pay for repairs, alterations and improvements in Grand Parade, including cost of erecting a Cabmen's shelter.
- Not exceeding \$27,000.00. To pay cost of new engine house and purchase new apparatus and equipment for Fire Department
- Not exceeding \$10,000.00. To pay for new fence around the Public Gardens.
- Not exceeding \$7,000.00. To pay the City's share of the Floating Debt of the Exhibition Commission not including the cost of buildings erected for the Dominion Exhibition, 1906.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

- Not exceeding \$4,000.00. To purchase new hose for the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Acting-Recorder add a clause to the Act to enable the City to borrow \$35,000.00 from the Bank in anticipation of repayment by property owners in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Alderman Johnson suggested that the Chairman of the Board of Fire Wards ascertain if the property adjoining the present Queen Street engine house might be acquired by the City.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the City Auditor ascertain the amount of floating debt carried by the Exhibition Commission up to date, not including the cost of buildings specially erected for the Dominion Exhibition and that the amount of the City's share of the same be inserted in the borrowing bill now before the Council. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the sum of \$10,000.00 be borrowed by the City for the purpose of erecting an iron fence around the Public Gardens and that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the borrowing bill as submitted be approved and that all the amendments to it passed at this meeting be inserted in it by the Acting-Recorder and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read an Act in relation to the City of Halifax.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

(1) The Cemetery at Camp Hill, in the City of Halifax, shall be managed and controlled by a board of seven Commissioners, to be known and designated as the Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.

(2) The said board shall be composed of four aldermen to be appointed annually by the Council, and three rate payers of the city, not members of the Council, who shall be appointed by the Council and shall hold office for the term of two years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Any vacancy occurring in the said Commission shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term.

(4) The Commission shall elect its own Chairman.

The Mayor, the Chairman of the Commission and the Treasurer, shall be a board of trustees to hold in trust any funds or property bequeathed or presented for the maintenance or improvement of the said Cemetery, or any lot therein.

(1) The office of Second Medical Officer for the City of Halifax, established by chapter 52 of the Acts of 1902, is hereby abolished, and the duties heretofore performed by the Second Medical Officer shall hereafter be performed by the City Medical Officer.

(2) In the event of an outbreak in the City of smallpox or other infectious disease, rendering it necessary for a medical practitioner to be quarantined in attendance upon patients affected with such disease, and confined in a hospital in that behalf, the City Health Board may appoint any duly qualified medical practitioner for that purpose, and may pay him such sum for his services as the Board deems fit.

(1) No person shall post any bills or placards in the City of Halifax who has not first obtained a license to carry on business as a bill poster.

(2) The Council of the said City may by ordinance regulate the manner in which the said business shall be conducted and the fees to be paid for such license.

(1) The City Collector shall be entitled to demand and receive on behalf of the City fees in respect to statements and certificates of the amounts due to the City for taxes, water rates and other charges on properties within the City and shall not give any such statement or certificate until the fee in respect thereto has been paid.

(2) Any money paid to the Collector for any such statement or certificate, shall be by him, paid to the Treasurer of the City, and be by him credited to and form part of the General Sinking Fund of the City.

(3) The Council may by ordinance, fix the amount of such fees, and until the same is so fixed such fees shall be:—

For each statement, 25 cents.

For each certificate, 50 cents.

(1) The section substituted by the Schedule to Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1901, for section 221, of the City Charter is hereby repealed, and the following section substituted therefor:—

221. (1) On and after the first day of May, 1907, the pay of the police force shall be as follows:—

(a) Privates, four hundred dollars for the first year and fifty dollars additional each year until six hundred dollars is reached.

(b) Sergeants, six hundred and fifty dollars for the first year and seven hundred dollars for every year thereafter.

(c) Deputy Chief and City Marshal, not exceeding eight hundred dollars a year to be fixed by the Police Commission.

(2) In addition to the above mentioned sums the members of the force shall be provided with such suits of uniform as the Police Commission considers necessary.

Section 227 of the City Charter is hereby repealed, and the following section substituted therefor:—

227. Deductions shall be made from the pay of members of the police force as follows:—

Privates	\$2 00 per month.
Sergeants	2 50 "
Deputy Chief, City Marshal and Detective.	2 50 "
Chief of Police	3 00 "

and the amounts so deducted shall be paid into the Police Superannuation Fund.

The City shall pay to Robert Leahan, formerly a Sergeant of Police, in addition to the amount which he is entitled by law to receive as his superannuation allowance, such an amount yearly as will make the total amount payable to him equal to the amount which he would have been entitled to receive if he had served for the term of twenty-five years, and such amount shall be included in the amount yearly rated upon the City and collected therewith.

The receipt by the said Robert Leahan of an income from any other source shall not affect his right to receive his superannuation allowance, anything contained in section 234 of the City Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

(1) The City Prison at Rockhead is hereby declared to be a common jail for the City of Halifax, and any person sentenced by any Court or a Judge or Magistrate to imprisonment in a common jail, who might heretofore have been confined in the common jail in Halifax, may hereafter be lawfully confined, either in the said prison at Rockhead or in the jail heretofore used.

(2) The City may agree with the Municipality of Halifax for the cost of maintaining any prisoner so confined in the said prison at Rockhead.

Section 432 of the City Charter is hereby amended by adding after the word "Act" at the end of the 13th line, the words following:—

"or for any other purpose connected with the works or property of the said City."

It shall not be necessary for the Chief Assessor and both Assistant Assessors to personally visit every property for the purpose of valuing the same for assessment, but any two of them may visit and value any property, and the remaining Assessor shall attend at the office of the Assessor in the City Hall, provided that if the two who so visit said property are unable to agree upon the valuation thereof the remaining Assessor shall visit the property and together with the other two, value the same.

(1) The City may employ such supernumerary firemen not exceeding six in each division or company, as the Board of Firewards deem necessary.

(2) The conditions on which such supernumerary firemen shall be employed shall be fixed by regulation made by the said Board and approved by the Council.

Section 291, clause 15 of the City Charter, and section 2 of chapter 43 of the Acts of 1895, are hereby repealed and the following clause substituted therefor:—

(15) "The maintenance of the Common, the Public Gardens and other parks and "open spaces, not to exceed six thousand dollars."

Section 349 of the City Charter is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

349. (1) Every male person between the ages of twenty-one and sixty resident in the City on the thirty-first day of December in any year, and not assessed at the next preceding assessment, for either real property or personal property, or both, to the amount of three hundred dollars, and who is in receipt of a yearly salary or income of not less than five hundred dollars shall pay to the City a poll tax of five dollars for the general purposes of the City, and the amount thereof may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as the City rates upon personal property, and in addition thereto a general warrant may be issued for the collection of the same by distress and sale of the goods of the persons named therein, and for want of goods whereon to levy any of such persons may be committed to jail, and any person so committed shall be entitled to all the privileges of a debtor imprisoned under and Civil process. Such warrant may be in the form in Schedule A to this Act or to the like effect.

When any person is arrested under such warrant it shall not be necessary to deliver the warrant to the keeper of the jail, but a certificate of the amount due by the person arrested and of the costs and charges of his arrest and conveying to jail signed by the Collector, shall be delivered to such keeper and shall be a sufficient authority for the detention of such person until released by due process of law.

(2) If the poll tax payable by any person is paid on or before the 31st day of December in the year in respect to which it is payable, the person so paying the same shall, if he is a British subject, be entitled to a vote at the next ensuing election for Mayor or Aldermen in the City of Halifax.

(3) Every employer of labor in the City shall, on request, furnish to the City Assessor, the name of every person in his employ in receipt of a salary or income of five hundred dollars or upwards.

The Acts mentioned in Schedule B hereto are repealed to the extent therein set out.

SCHEDULE "A."

GENERAL WARRANT FOR POLL TAX.

To the City Marshal of the City of Halifax or to any Bailiff or Sub-Collector or any Police Constable of said City:

Whereas, the persons named in the Schedule hereto are indebted to the City of Halifax in the sums for poll tax set opposite their respective names, and have failed to pay the same,—

You are hereby required immediately to distrain the goods and chattels of each such person for the sum due by him and for the cost of collecting it, and if need be to remove such goods and chattels to some safe place of keeping, and if within five days after the distress is made, such goods and chattels are not redeemed by the payment of such sum with such costs and any additional charges, you shall sell the goods and chattels so distrained upon to satisfy the same, and for want of goods and chattels of any such person to be by him shewn to you, you are hereby required to take his body and him safely commit to the common jail at Halifax, the keeper whereof is hereby required to take such person into his custody and him safely keep until the sums due by him with the further sum for the costs and charges of arresting him and conveying him to jail, as shewn by the certificate of the Collector of the said City, are paid or he is discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand at Halifax, this
day A. D. 190 .

City Collector for the City of Halifax.

SCHEDULE.

Name.	Residence.	Poll Tax stating years for which due.	Fees specifying services and items.
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SCHEDULE "B."

Act Repealed.	Extent of Repeal.
City Charter :—(Chapter 58, Acts of 1891) Section 105	By striking out word (4) Cemetery.
1901, Chapter 55,	Schedule—Section 221.
City Charter :—Section 227.	The whole section.
1902, Chapter 52, Secs. 1, 2 and 3.	The whole.
City Charter :—Section 349.	The whole.
Section 291, Clause (15).	The whole.
1895, Chapter 43, Section 2.	The whole.

The same is considered under its different headings.

Read sections relating to Camp Hill Cemetery. Passed.

Read sections relating to Second Medical Officer. Passed.

Bill posting. Passed.

City Collector's certificates. Passed.

Removal of snow. Placed on Order of the Day.

Various provisions relating to Police Department and salaries of Police. Passed with amendments for the continuance of the office of City Marshal.

City Prison. Passed.

Amending section 432, City Charter. Passed.

Duties of Assessors. Passed.

Supernumerary Firemen. Passed.

Poll Tax. Passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the amount yearly assessed and appropriated to Common Commission be increased to six thousand dollars and that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary Legislation.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the draft Act as amended be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read letter Society for the Prevention of Cruelty recommending the appointment of R. H. Murray as Prosecuting Officer for the City of Halifax.

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

Read report Special Committee in re Superannuation of City Officials.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The aim of your Committee in formulating a plan for the superannuation of City officials except those of the Fire Department, has been to establish a fund that would be self-sustaining.

Before a Committee of the House of Commons, Mr. Fitzgerald of the Finance Committee, stated that a self-sustaining fund could be established by contributions on a 4.27 per cent. basis (interest being compounded at 4½ per cent.) This would permit retirement at the age of sixty-five and a maximum allowance of 35/50ths. It would also permit those not receiving superannuation to withdraw all that they had contributed, without interest, provided certain restrictions as to the age and health of those joining the fund were observed.

The plan proposed by your Committee requires contributions on a four per cent. basis; permits retirement at sixty-five subject to certain conditions; bases allowance on contributions and allow a maximum allowance of 30/50ths; permits those leaving the service after three years' contributions to withdraw but one-half of their contributions without interest. The wife or childrer of an official dying in the service may withdraw all that he has contributed without interest.

Your Committee recommend :—

1. That the present officials or employees permanently appointed or re-appointed from year to year who are now under fifty-five years of age and all officials or employees similarly appointed hereafter be required to contribute in monthly instalments four per cent per annum. of their salaries.

2. That the present officials or employees permanently appointed or re-appointed from year to year who are now over fifty-five years of age be permitted to join the superannuation fund on the same conditions as those under that age. should they wish to do so.

3. That any employee named in Schedule A or hereafter added to Schedule A by resolution of Council who is in the City's employ from year to year but is not continuously at work and is not paid a uniform wage or salary shall have the option of joining the fund and sharing in the privileges by contributing in instalments a sum not less than twelve dollars a year. The allowance which may be granted each employee shall be based on a salary of three hundred dollars per annum. But should he contributed more than twelve dollars a year the allowance shall be based on such amount as shall at four per cent. yield this annual contribution.

4. That an official or employee who has contributed to the fund for ten years or more and who is sixty-five years of age or over when permitted to retire by the Council receive from the superannuation fund for the remainder of his life an annual allowance. This allowance shall be based on the average of the yearly salaries upon which he has contributed four per cent. to the fund. One-fiftieth of this average salary shall be given him for every year that he has contributed to the fund provided that the maximum allowance does not exceed 30/50ths. Thus, an official who had contributed five years on a salary of \$900, five years on a salary of \$1000 and five years on \$1100 would receive 15/50ths of \$1000, or \$300 a year

5. That an official or employee who has contributed to the fund for thirty years or more and has reached the age of sixty-five shall have the right to retire and receive the maximum retiring allowance—that is 30/50ths of the average of his yearly salaries for the time he has contributed to the fund.

6. That an official or employee who has contributed to the fund for ten years or more and who has been declared by the Council to be incapacitated or unfit to discharge his duties and is retired by the Council shall be granted an annual retiring allowance computed in accordance with Section 4, and that the superannuation fund continue to pay this allowance until all that the employee or official has contributed to the fund with interest at three per cent. be withdrawn and that thereafter an allowance be paid from the revenues of the City as the City Council may see fit to grant. The benefits of this section not to apply to those dismissed for cause.

7. That an official or employee having contributed to the fund for at least three years who voluntarily retires from the employ of the City before being superannuated or who is dismissed for cause be entitled to receive one-half of what he has contributed, without interest; but should an official appointed from year to year fail to be re-appointed by the Council he shall be entitled to withdraw all that he has contributed without interest. Those who have contributed for less than three years shall receive nothing.

8. That to the wife or children of an official dying before receiving superannuation there shall be paid all that he has in without interest. Should an official die after superannuation but before he has received an allowance all that he has paid in there shall be paid to his wife or children the difference between what he has received and what he has paid in without interest; but should the legal representatives of the official or employee not be his wife or children these representatives shall receive one-half of what the official or employee had paid in without interest.

9. That all allowances be paid quarterly in advance.

10. That the following provisions of the police superannuation fund be adopted for this fund :—

(a) The Mayor, Chairman of Public Accounts, City Auditor and City Treasurer for the time being shall be the trustees of the superannuation fund, and the treasurer of the City shall be the treasurer of the fund ; and said fund and the accounts in reference to the same shall be kept separate from the City's moneys and accounts, but shall be audited by the City Auditor as a City account and shall be subject to the control of the Council. The trustees shall invest the moneys in said fund in city or government stock or bonds from time to time or keep it on deposit receipt in any chartered bank.

(Act of 1891, c. 58, secs. 229).

(b) The money in said fund shall only be drawn out on the cheque or order of said trustees, or any two of them, but no such cheque or order for any payment out of said fund shall be made or drawn without a previous resolution of the Council, or report from the Police Committee, recommending the same.

(Act of 1891, C. 58, Sec. 230).

(c) The trustees shall make an annual report to the Council of the amount and state of the superannuation fund, showing how the same is invested, and giving the names of all parties receiving payment from the same ; and in the event of the fund not being sufficient in any year to meet all claims against it, the sum required to meet any deficiency shall be paid out of the revenues of the City.

(Act of 1891, C. 58, Sec. 239).

(d) Any official or employee who has served thirty years as such and who is over sixty-five years of age and who has contributed to the fund for at least ten years shall on being retired by the Council be entitled to receive a sum equal to 30/50ths of his average salary for three years, as a pension, to be paid him in quarterly instalments. The difference between the amount he would be entitled to from the superannuation fund and the above amount as pension shall be paid out of the revenues of the City, which said last mentioned sum shall be a special assessment under the provisions of section 291 of the City Charter.

(Act of 1903, C. 73, Sec. 9).

SCHEDULE A.

Roller engineer.

Sewer sub-foreman (1).

Street sub-foreman (1).

Street sub-foreman.

Sewer sub-foreman.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of drafting an Act to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting with said report. Motion passed.

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

Whereas, The present law re the taxation of Banks doing business in the City was passed many years ago, and as many changes have taken place since then, viz : the amalgamation of banks, the removal of head offices from this City, etc.,

Resolved, That the Laws and Privileges Committee with the Acting-Recorder investigate the present conditions and that they prepare and submit to the next meeting of the Council an improved scheme of taxation and if the Council deem it advisable that

Legislation be secured during the present session of the Legislature to meet present conditions.

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

By leave of Council Alderman Cawsey submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That in future the annual bills for taxes be furnished to ratepayers in duplicate by the Assessors.

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

Read an Act respecting the taxation of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Limited.

AN ACT IN RESPECT TO THE TAXATION OF THE HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED

Whereas, The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, has acquired by purchase, the property and franchises formerly owned and enjoyed by the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, including the property and franchises formerly owned and enjoyed by the Halifax Gas Light Company, and is now operating and enjoying the same :—

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

The said The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, in addition to the taxation by law imposed upon the real property owned by it, including the real property formerly the property of the Peoples Heat and Light Company, Limited, or of the Halifax Gas Light Company and the sum of four per cent. on the gross tolls received from the operation of its railway, and the license fee of one thousand dollars imposed by section 33 of Chapter 107, of the Acts of 1895, and water rates, shall pay half yearly to the City of Halifax, on the first days of May and November, in each year, a sum equal to four per cent on its gross receipts during the half year preceding, from the supply of electric energy or gas for lighting or power, and such sum shall constitute a lien or charge upon all the property real and personal, and the franchises of the Company, and may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies, and at the same time, as the other rates and taxes of the City; and in addition to such remedies, if the said sum remains unpaid for three months after the first day of May or November, in any year, the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof, may appoint a receiver of the tolls and income of the Company, who shall, out of the moneys so received by him, pay to the City the amount of the said license fee then in arrear.

The said Company shall half yearly, on or before the first days of November and May, furnish the City Treasurer with a statement of the said gross receipts showing the amount derived from electricity and gas respectively, verified by the oath of the Superintendent or Manager of the Company, and for the purpose of verifying such statement the City may, if it deems fit, examine the books and accounts of the Company.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO DO ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

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

1. The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to purchase land and to erect thereon buildings and machinery, and to erect poles in the streets of the City and place wires thereon and do all other things requisite for the purpose of supplying electrical light or power both to the City and to the inhabitants thereof.

2. Such electrical current shall be furnished to the inhabitants of the City at such rates and upon such terms and conditions as are determined by the Council of the City by ordinance.

3. The money requisite for the establishment of such electrical works and the erection of such poles and wires and all other purposes contemplated by this Act, shall be borrowed by the City, and debentures issued therefor upon the terms and in accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, and the amount required to pay the interest on the same over the amount realized by the supply of electrical current to the inhabitants of the City, shall be rated upon the inhabitants and property of the City and be collected together with the other rates and taxes.

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

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

Resolved, That the Works Committee be and they are hereby authorized to prepare specifications and obtain tenders for the pavement of the streets already decided upon by this Council.

And Further, That if satisfactory tenders are received they proceed to make arrangements with the contractor submitting the most favorable tender and with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for carrying out the work.

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

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

Resolved, That the Police Commission be urged to have a Police Officer patrol the West end of the City.

Moved by Alderman Powell seconded by Alderman Murray and passed.

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

Whereas, It is the opinion of many of the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth that it would be mutually beneficial if the City and Town were amalgamated as one City ;

Resolved, That a committee to be known as the " Greater Halifax Committee," consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Murray, MacKenzie and Martin, be appointed to meet a similar committee of the Town of Dartmouth to consider if terms of amalgamation can be arrived at and to report to this Council.

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Dartmouth with the request that they appoint a similar committee.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Johnson, Murray and Doyle and the Acting-Recorder be a committee to watch the progress through the Legislature of bills affecting the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

By leave of Council Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution :

Resolved, That the fence around the lot owned by the City, at the corner of Inglis and Pleasant Streets be removed and that said lot be provided with suitable seats and kept up as a park.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said resolution be referred to the Commissioners of Common.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of appointment of License Inspector.

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

Motion put and lost.

No. 2. Alderman Martin's notice of reconsideration of application of George Waugh for a liquor license.

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

Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Taylor, Gastonguay, Doyle,
Lamphier, Campbell,
Martin, Hawkins—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Halliday, Johnson,
Murray, Powell,
Hubley, Cawsey,
MacKenzie—9.

No. 3. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of Joseph A. Stafford for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that this matter be now reconsidered.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that this application be refused.

Motion put and passed, on a show of hands 10 voting for the same and 6 against it.

No. 4. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of Elizabeth Yetman for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that this matter be reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that said application be refused. Motion passed unanimously.

No. 5. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of Thomas Ellis for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

No. 6. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of Mont Lannigan for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

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

Read bond of License Inspector Messervey in the sum of \$2500.00.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said bond be approved. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 12 o'clock.

SPECIAL SESSION.

2.30 o'clock.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, March 17th, 1906.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Present, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Archibald, Johnson, Powell, Murray, Taylor, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey and MacKenzie.

The Council met for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late The Honorable Alfred Gilpin Jones, P. C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, whose death occurred on Thursday, the 15th instant.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That this Council desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the community in the death of the Honorable Alfred Gilpin Jones, P. C., recently Lieutenant-Governor of this Province. For more than half a century he was one of the most prominent and most respected citizens of Halifax. As a merchant he was most closely identified with the growth and vital interests of the City. As a public man he commanded the respect of all whether in political agreement with him or not, and as a citizen he was ever ready to bear his share in the task of promoting the common good.

To his widow and the members of his family this Council desires to express their most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

This resolution was moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed by a standing vote.

The Council now adjourned and proceeded to Government House and from thence attended the funeral to St. John's Cemetery at Fairview where interment took place.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.30 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 30th, 1906.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday, Archibald, Johnson, Powell, Murray, Gastonguay, Taylor, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Martin, Campbell, MacKenzie and Hayward.

The Council was summoned "To consider draft Act in re superannuation of City Officials, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters and covering draft Acts re Taxation of Banks, Exemption of Manufacturing Industries from Taxation and Election of Aldermen, by Alderman Johnston, Acting Chairman.

Alderman Murray, Chairman of Special Committee, submits draft Act re Superannuation of City Officials.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Three reports Committee on Works, viz :

Light Plover Street.

Water Estimates, 1906-7.

City Hall Heating.

Correspondence between His Worship the Mayor and Sir Charles Parsons in re guns, etc.

Letter His Worship the Mayor covering letter Union Canadian Municipalities in re Convention of 1906.

Report Police Commission covering accounts.

Opinion Acting Recorder re detention of Military prisoners at Rockhead.

Report of City Auditor re floating debt of Exhibition Commission.

Report of Dog Pound Keeper.

Guarantee Company's bond of License Inspector, \$2500.00.

Cash Statements City Treasurer for January and February.

Writ of Summons in the Supreme Court, E. L. Fenerty et al against the City of Halifax.

Petition for the taking over of Summit Street in Ward 6 by the City.

Petition for an electric light on Wellington Street.

Petition of W. P. Buckley for appointment of an additional Coal Weigher.

Application of E. J. Dulhanty for position of Coal Weigher.
 Applications of Elizabeth Yetman and Thomas Ellis for refund of Liquor License Deposit.

Letter William Roche re employment of colored men on City Works.

Letter Halifax Rifles Armouries Association re lot of land corner of Cunard and Agricola Streets.

Letter Union Canadian Municipalities covering petition to Parliament re Municipal Control of Streets and Telephones.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the Order of the day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted. Motion passed.

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

Read report Committee on Works re Water Estimates 1906-7.

WATER ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I have been instructed by the Committee on Works to submit for your approval the Water Maintenance Estimates for the year 1906-7.

WATER ESTIMATES.

Interest		\$47142 00
Maintenance		25000 00
Sinking Fund		2625 00
Short Collection		1000 00
		\$75767 00
Less—Income from special and meter rates		45367 00
		\$30400 00
$\frac{1}{100}$ of \$30400 00 =	\$11400 00	
$\frac{1}{100}$ of 30400 00 =	19000 00	
	\$30400 00	
\$15,833,324 00 @ 12c.	\$19000 00	
8,142,857 00 @ 14c.	11400 00	
	\$30400 00	

JAS. J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the said Estimates be approved. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re improvements in the heating of the City Hall, covering report of James H. Dow on the matter.

HEATING CITY HALL.

MARCH 29th, 1906.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to a request from the Committee on Works the attached

report of Jas. H. Dow, Supt. Poor Asylum in re heating apparatus of City Hall was read at a meeting held this day.

It was decided to recommend that its provisions except the new boilers, be adopted and the sum of \$1500.00 be included in the City's borrowing bill for that purpose.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 28th, 1906.

MR. JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works*.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in your letter on the 22nd inst., in re heating apparatus in City Hall, I beg to submit the following report :—

1st. The circulation of the hot water through the pipes is very defective. The water at the Argyle Street end of the building shows a temperature of only 140 degrees where it should be at least 200. This is due to the fact that the mains are entirely too small and not properly constructed, and under the present conditions it is impossible to bring the water up to a proper temperature in this end of the building, no matter how much coal is consumed.

2nd. There is sufficient radiating surface in the building with the exception of the Library, Clerk of Works' office, Mayor's office, Argyle Street entrance, vestibule Parade entrance and the male prisoners' room.

3rd. The boilers are able to do the work, but are very expensive in the consumption of fuel, as they will burn only American hard coal, and as fuel and truckage cost last year nearly twelve hundred dollars, I think a saving of 25% could be effected by brick set cast iron sectional boilers (two in number) which would burn Nova Scotia coal, being substituted for the three boilers now in use.

As the offices are closed from five o'clock in the evening until nine o'clock next morning, and also from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning, there is no necessity for so much heat during that time; and as it now stands the heat has to travel through the whole of the building to allow the basement to be kept warm. I would recommend that the basement be heated by a separate main, independent of the rest of the building.

I would also recommend that the first and second floors and Janitor's apartments be heated from a six-inch main supply.

I would further recommend that the following additional amount of heating surface be placed in the building :—

Male Prisoners' Room (which now has none).....	56 sq. ft.
Mayor's office	40 "
Clerk of Works'.....	32 "
Argyle St. Entrance.....	96 "
Vestibule Parade Entrance.....	96 "
Library.....	250 "
Total.....	570

I am informed that a radiator was removed from the vestibule Parade entrance and one from the Argyle Street entrance, and I would strongly recommend that radiators of the size mentioned above be again placed there.

The above changes, including new boilers, would cost about twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, without new boilers, twelve hundred and fifty dollars would cover the cost.

JAMES H. DOW.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read petition for the taking over of Summit Street by the City.

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

Read report Committee on Works covering report City Engineer re electric light Plover Street.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLOVER ST.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 22nd, 1906.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on a Minute of Council in re petition for a light on Plover St. was read.

It was decided to recommend that this report be adopted.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 17th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for an arc light on Plover Street.

There are a number of houses on this street and the locality is unlighted on a dark night. It is advisable to put a light here when it can be afforded. I would therefore recommend that a light be ordered to be installed when funds are available.

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

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

Read petition for an electric light on Wellington Street.

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

Read report Police Commission covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 30th, 1906.

To the City Council:

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

H. H. Fuller & Co., Screws, 45c. T. Robinson, Horseshoes, 32c. Cragg Bros. & Co., Cotton, Brooms, &c., \$1.35, \$3.36, 75, \$5.46. W. Chas. Anderson, Brushes, &c., \$2.60. Thos. Little & Son, Dry Goods, \$7.33. J. R. Rawley, Drugs, 75c. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Hardware, \$9.70. J. F. Kelly, Leather, &c., 85c. W. J. Power, Gloves, \$7.50, \$6.50, \$14.00. J. A. Dunn, Wire, &c., \$2.00. C. W. Davies, Rep. Locks, &c., 25c., \$3.85, \$4.10. Total \$37.56.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read applications for refund of liquor license deposits to Thomas Ellis and Elizabeth Yetman.

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

Read opinion Acting-Recorder re detention of Military prisoners at Rockhead.

IN RE DETENTION OF MILITARY PRISONERS AT ROCKHEAD PRISON.

OFFICE OF CITY RECORDER, CITY HALL, March 28th, 1906

CITY CLERK.

DEAR SIR,—Section 124 of the Militia Act 1904 reads as follows :—

“The Governor, keeper or warden of every jail, prison, or penitentiary in Canada shall receive and detain according to the exigency of any warrant under the hand of any District Officer Commanding or other person authorized under the regulations to issue a warrant, any person mentioned in such warrant and delivered into his custody, and shall confine such prisoner until discharged or delivered over in due course of law; and every such governor, keeper or warden shall take cognizance of any warrant purporting to be signed by any such officer as aforesaid.”

This seems to be all the information that is called for upon the point.

F. H. BELL, *Acting-Recorder.*

Filed.

Read petition of W. P. Buckley for the appointment of an additional coal weigher.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and that the Supervisor of the Coal Weighers be notified to attend the meeting at which the matter is to be considered. Motion passed.

Read application of E. J. Dulhanty for position of coal weigher. Filed.

Read Writ of Summons in the Supreme Court E. L. Fenerty et al vs. The City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Haliday, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the same be referred to the Acting-Recorder. Motion passed.

Read Suretyship Bond (\$2500.00) of the American Surety Co. of New York on behalf of W. E. Messervey, License Inspector, in favor of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the same be referred to the Acting-Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read report City Auditor re Floating Debt of the Exhibition Commission, showing the City's share to be \$6,718.66.

EXHIBITION DEBT.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 15th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I have, as requested by resolution of Council of the 8th inst., examined the accounts and vouchers of the Secretary and Manager of the Provincial Exhibition and find that the deficit on Capital Account to March 1st, 1906, not including the new buildings for the Dominion Exhibition 1906 to be.....\$13,215 66
 The City's share of same (one half) 6,607 83
 To which add interest to 30th June next..... 110 83
 Total..... \$6,718 66

Which amount, by aforementioned resolution, you will include in the City's borrowing bill, 1906.

W. W. FOSTER *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read report of Dog Pound Keeper. Filed.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor recommending the appointment of a committee and covering letter Union of Canadian Municipalities in re Convention this year in Halifax.

CONVENTION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 16th, 1906.

Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I transmit herewith letter received from W. D. Lighthall, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer Union Canadian Municipalities, in reference to the Convention of the Union to be held in Halifax next summer.

I would suggest that a committee of the Council be appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of the Convention.

R. T. MACLEITH, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the suggestion in His Worship's letter be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor nominate said Committee. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters and covering draft Acts in re Taxation of Banks, Exemption of new Manufacturing Industries from Taxation and re Election of Aldermen.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 17th, 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, Hubley and Martin, they had under consideration a resolution of Council passed at a meeting held on the 8th inst. re taxation of Banks. Your Committee have gone very thoroughly into the matter and recommend that the Acting-Recorder prepare an Act on similar lines to the Act in relation to Banks doing business in the City of St. John with this exception—that there be a license fee of \$1,000 for each bank doing business in the City and that they pay in accordance with the schedule in the St. John Act 1/16 of one per cent. on their average business for the year with a proviso that such 1/16 of one per cent. shall not be less than \$1,000—said license fee and business percentage tax to be addition to the tax on real estate.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the report of the Commercial Committee re exemption of new industries and remode of electing Mayor and Aldermen in the City of Halifax. A deputation from the Board of Trade consisting of Messrs A. M. Bell (President) A. L. Wood, L. J. Mylius, W. J. Clayton and A. T. Weldon (Secy.) waited on the Committee and urged them to recommend the changes to the Council as recommended by this Committee in their report.

Your Committee recommend that the Acting-Recorder prepare an Act in accordance with the memorandum of the Commercial Committee and that such Act be submitted to the City Council with a recommendation that it be carried into effect.

Further, that the City Council be given discretionary power to exempt existing industries in case other industries of a like nature desire to establish business here.

In the matter of change in mode of electing Mayor and Aldermen, your Committee further recommend that the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act authorizing the City to take a plebiscite in the matter of electing the Mayor and all the Aldermen at one time and that if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of this measure that it come into effect on the first May, 1908.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the letter of W. J. O'Hearn in re application of Edwin Kenward for liquor license.

Your Committee have instructed the Acting-Recorder to send the necessary legal notices to Messrs O'Hearn and Kenward and recommend that they be heard on the subject by the Council.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a letter from Dr. Armitage addressed to His Worship the Mayor on the subject of the assessment of block of property in the centre of the City on which it is proposed to erect model dwellings for the use of working men and others, and asking that the assessment of property purchased for this purpose be allowed to remain as at present for a period of ten years.

Your Committee recommend that the Council endorse the said scheme, and that if necessary legislation be obtained. Plans for these proposed model tenements to be submitted and approved by the City Council.

Your Committee further report, that at a meeting held on the 19th inst., at which there were present the Chairman, Aldermen Johnson, Hubley and Hawkins, they had under consideration a letter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty re the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for the City of Halifax. Mr. R. H. Murray, Secretary S. P. C., appeared before the Committee and urged upon it the necessity of making such appointment.

Your Committee are of the opinion that it would not be in the interests of the City to appoint a prosecuting attorney as requested; but as the prosecuting attorney for the S. P. C. has appeared before the Committee and given a detailed statement of his work in the City, the Committee recommend to the Council that an annual grant of three hundred (\$300) dollars be given the Society in aid of its objects and that legislation be secured to authorize such payment.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the letter of R. E. MacKay, Esq., re notice of application for incorporation of the "Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company," and recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities and request

that the City's interest be protected by the Union when this matter comes up in the Houses.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Acting-Chairman.*

The said report is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1, re Taxation of Banks.

Also read draft Act re Taxation of Banks.

AN ACT IN RESPECT TO THE TAXATION OF BANKS IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

1. Every chartered bank doing business in the City of Halifax shall pay to that City the rates and taxes following :—

(1.) A tax upon all the real property owned by the bank within the City in like manner and at the same rate as the rates and taxes upon the other real property within the City.

(2.) A license fee of one thousand dollars for each year beginning on the first day of May in which the bank does business in the City.

(3.) A tax of one-sixteenth of one per cent yearly upon the average volume of business done by the bank within the City, computed as hereinafter set forth.

3. Such average volume of business shall be the average of all loans and investments including notes or bills discounted, overdrawn accounts, current accounts, call loans, loan accounts, pass due bills, foreign exchange and other advances of any kind or description, whatsoever, and the average deposits including current accounts and savings' bank balances, special deposits, and any other deposit in or balance due by any such bank within the City, except any balance due by any branch bank to the head office of such branch bank.

The said average volume of business shall be ascertained by adding together the amount of the said loans, investments and deposits standing on the books of the bank on the last day of each month for the last preceding year, ending on the 31st day of December, and dividing the total by twelve.

The local Manager, Cashier, or Agent, and the Accountant of every such bank shall, on or before the 31st day of January file with the Board of Assessors of the City, a true statement in writing verified by oath in the form in the Schedule hereto, showing the average volume of the business of the bank within the City for the year ending 31st December next preceding.

Each such bank shall be rated and taxed for the purposes of the City in a sum equal to one-sixteenth of one per cent on the average volume of business done by the bank in the City for the year as shown by the said statement, and shall pay that amount yearly to the City in addition to the rates and taxes on real property and the license fee hereinbefore provided, and the same may be recovered from the bank by the City in like manner and with the same remedies as the other rates and taxes of the City.

In no case shall the tax paid by any bank doing business in the City on the average volume of its business be less than one thousand dollars, provided that this section shall not apply to any bank commencing business in the City after the passing of this Act until one year has elapsed from the date of so commencing.

Section 316 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Statement of the real estate and of the average amount of deposits, loans and invest-

ments for taxable year, 19 , of and
as agent or manager and accountant respectively of

Real estate within the City of Halifax, on the first day of April, making no deduction whatever from the full and fair value by reason of any mortgage or other liability.

Detailed description of real estate :—

Total average of all loans and investments (including overdrawn accounts, notes and bills discounted, current accounts, call loans, loan accounts, past due bills foreign exchange, and any other advances of any kind or description, the total average of all deposits), including current account and savings bank balances, special deposits and any other balances or amounts due to or by such branch bank, always save and excepting the balance shown as due to or by the head office and branches appearing on the books.

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Total.

The above Schedule has been compiled in the legal currency of the Dominion of Canada, and comprises all the deposits, loans and investments of of which we are acting as manager or agent and accountant respectively, and it includes special deposits, current accounts and savings bank balances, notes and bills discounted, call loans, loan accounts, overdrawn accounts, past due bills, foreign exchange, purchased and current, as per estimate of due dates, and each and every item in the assets or liabilities of the said bank at Halifax, which may or can be regarded either directly or indirectly as deposits or loans (always save and excepting the balances shown as due to or by the head office), and is full, true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, and is not in any way lessened or increased by request, suggestion, instruction or otherwise, for the purpose of avoiding taxation or for other purposes, and that neither loans nor deposits nor transactions representing the same nor any item under the headings above mentioned which may be regarded as property belonging to this office, have been either transferred elsewhere or suppressed for the purpose of avoiding taxation or otherwise, but that the accounting of our transactions has been in good faith, and that the schedule, as made up from the accounting, is also in good faith.

Manager.

Accountant.

Be it known that on the day of A. D., at the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, the above named personally appeared before me and made oath that the foregoing statement subscribed by him is just and true.

Be it known that on the day of A. D., at the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, the above named personally appeared before me and made oath that the foregoing statement subscribed by him is just and true.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that

said clause and the draft Act be adopted with the amendment that a proviso be added to the Act exempting any bank, during its first year of doing business in the City, from the payment of the fixed minimum charge of \$1,000.00 on its volume of business, and that the Act as so amended be forwarded to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 re exempting new manufacturing industries from taxation.

Also read draft Act on the same subject.

AN ACT IN RESPECT TO THE TAXATION OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

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

1. Any person or company hereafter erecting any building or purchasing any property in the City of Halifax for the purpose of establishing any manufacturing industry in the City, shall be wholly exempt from all taxation for the general purposes for the City (other than water rates) for the period of ten years from the establishment of such industry.

2. If the industry so established is of the same description as any industry already established in the City the Council of the City may in its discretion, upon such industry being established, wholly exempt from taxation, for the period of ten years, the property of any other person or company engaged in the same industry in the City at the time of such industry being established.

3. Any person or company engaged at the time of the passing of this Act in any manufacturing industry in the City of Halifax, who enlarges or extends his buildings or machinery now used for such industry, shall only be rated in respect to all his or their buildings and machinery on a sum equal to the assessment thereof immediately preceding such enlargement, extension or addition, provided, however, where the enlargement or extension of the building involves the purchase of additional land or property, the purchase price of said additional land or property shall be added to his or their assessment. If the purchase price of such additional land or property is less than the value at which the same was assessed at the time of said purchase then the assessed value thereof shall be taken as the valuation for, and shall be added to his previous assessment.

4. In case the buildings or property mentioned in this Act shall cease to be used for one year as and for a manufacturing establishment then the property and machinery shall be assessed at their actual value in the same way as other real and personal property are assessed in said City.

5. This Act shall cease and determine in ten years from the date of its passage.

6. This Act shall not apply to establishments for the manufacture of liquids.

7. Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1902, is hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not affect any right acquired under this Act so repealed.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the same be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report. Motion passed.

Read clause 3, re election of Aldermen.

Also read draft Act on the same subject.

AN ACT IN RESPECT TO ELECTION OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF
HALIFAX.

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

1. The term of office of every person elected an alderman of the City of Halifax at the regular elections for aldermen for the year 1906 and at every other date between such elections and the date of the regular elections for the year 1908, shall terminate at such date in the year 1908 or at such longer period thereafter as is necessary to enable their successors elected as is hereinafter provided to take the oath of office.

2. At the said date of holding the regular elections for the year 1908, there shall be elected in the manner prescribed by law, eighteen aldermen for the City of Halifax, three for each ward as at present, who shall hold office for the term of two years and thereafter the elections for the eighteen aldermen for the City shall be held biennially, on the last Wednesday in April.

3. This Act shall not come into force until an Order-in-Council bringing it into force has been made by the Governor-in-Council and published in the Royal Gazette.

4. Such Order-in-Council shall not be made unless a majority of the electors of the City whose names appear on the list of voters vote in favor of the change in the mode of election by this Act provided.

SCHEDULE.

BALLOT PAPER.

Are you in favor of electing all the Aldermen for the City of Halifax at one time ?

YES.

NO.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that clause 2 of the Act be amended to provide for biennial instead of yearly elections. Motion passed. Clauses passed as amended.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that clause 4 of the draft Act be amended to provide that the Act shall not become effective unless a majority of the electors of the City vote in favor of it—instead of a majority of the vote cast as the Act as now submitted reads.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Archibald, Halliday,
Johnson, Powell,
Taylor Gastonguay,
Lamphier, Hubley,
Martin, MacKenzie,
Hayward.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Murray, Doyle,
Campbell.—3.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that

the clause as amended be adopted. Motion put and passed on a show of hands, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the Act as amended be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 of Committee's report in re application of Edwin Kenward for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that said clause be adopted and that the Acting-Recorder be requested to send the proper notices to Mr. Kenward and his Solicitor. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 in re proposal of Rev. W. J. Armitage et al to expend \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 in the erection of model dwellings in the neighborhood of Brunswick, Albemarle and Grafton Streets, provided the City will allow the assessment on the property purchased to remain as at present for a term of ten years, the plans to be submitted to and approved by the Council.

MODEL DWELLINGS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 12th March, 1906.

Dear Mayor Macleith,—

It is proposed by a number of gentlemen interested in the well-being of the City to purchase a large number of building lots, preferably a square, in the neighborhood of Brunswick, Albemarle and Grafton Streets, for the purpose of erecting a number of model dwellings for the use of working men and others.

The plan proposed would involve the expenditure of a large sum of money, not less than \$100,000, and probably \$150,000. It would mean, if carried into effect, the permanent improvement of a district which is now a disgrace to the City, a continual menace from fire, the condition of which makes it most injurious to the health of our people from a sanitary standpoint.

The desire of the promoters is to erect dwellings of a substantial character, on the most approved sanitary lines, and to provide warm and comfortable homes to the laboring classes at a moderate rental. It is felt that a step forward of this kind would lead at once to other improvements and enhance the value of property in the whole neighborhood.

The promoters, in view of the large expenditure, of the experimental character of the undertaking, of the philanthropic aspect of the work, of the improvement it will make in the City in which all our citizens will benefit; venture to ask that the assessment on the property purchased should be allowed to remain as at present say for a term of ten years from the time of the completion of the buildings or such portion of them as may be let to tenants.

This concession is I understand, now made to manufacturers. The promoters ask the same privilege believing that the proposed undertaking is in the general interests of the City. The property which they propose to purchase is steadily decreasing in value, which must eventually mean loss to the City revenue. Under our proposition there will be no loss in taxes, and eventually a very material gain.

As a Bill or Act of Incorporation will be introduced in the Legislature during the

present Session, I will be glad if the Council will deal with this matter at the earliest possible moment.

W. J. ARMITAGE.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR MACILREITH,
Halifax, N. S.

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

Read clause 6 recommending an annual grant of \$300.00 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said clause be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Powell, in amendment that the proposed grant be \$200.00.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read clause 7 in re Canadian Pacific Branch Lines Company.

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

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

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

The following resolution is submitted :

Whereas, certain companies, firms and persons are at present engaged in business in this City and do not contribute a fair and proportionate share of the rates and taxes ;

Therefore resolved, that this Council is of opinion that the rates and taxes following should be levied and imposed on the companies, firms and persons hereinafter named :

1. On every telegraph company (other than a cable company) having an office in the City	\$ 750 00
On every telegraph cable company having an office in the City	100 00
2. On every express company having an office in the City and not having its head office in the Province of Nova Scotia	300 00
On every express company having an office in the City and having its head office in the Province of Nova Scotia	150 00
3. On every company, firm or person carrying on business as a stock broker in the City	200 00
4. On every mercantile agency	200 00
5. On every real estate agent	50 00
6. On every telephone company	1000 00

Further Resolved, That the Acting-Recorder be instructed to prepare legislation to carry this resolution into effect.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Lamphier.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to give the persons affected an opportunity of being heard and report to the Council.

The motion to refer to Committee is put and passed, on a show of hand 7 voting for the same and 6 against it.

Read message from His Worship the Mayor covering correspondence between himself and General Sir Charles Parsons relating to the gift to the City of a mortar and two cannons to the City.

GIFTS TO THE CITY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 30th, 1906.

Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to transmit herewith for information of Council correspondence between Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, K. C. M. G., and myself, which is self-explanatory.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

BELLEVUE, HALIFAX, N. S., March 27th, 1906.

My Dear MacIlreith:

I can let you have two field guns on their carriages for ornamental purposes in accordance with your wish expressed some little time ago. Will you let me know when you would like them handed over.

CHARLES PARSONS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE HALIFAX, N. S., March 30th, 1906.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES PARSONS, K. C. M. G.,

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE,

CITY.

My Dear Sir Charles:

Your letter of the 27th inst, to hand stating that you can let us have two field guns^s on carriages for ornamental purposes, and on behalf of our citizens I have to thank you for the same.

Let me also take this opportunity of stating that the deep interest which you and Lady Parsons have evinced in our City since your arrival here has been a source of much gratification to us all and your approaching departure is viewed with much regret.

Arrangements will be begun at once for the placing of the guns and as soon as completed I will notify you in order that we may take them over.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

BELLEVUE, HALIFAX, N. S., March 29th, 1906.

Major-General Sir Charles Parsons and the officers Regular Forces Halifax Garrison wish to present to His Worship the Mayor and the citizens of Halifax a parting souvenir of the good fellowship that has existed uninterruptedly for 156 years.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., March 29th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor in accepting on behalf of the citizens of Halifax, from Major-General Sir Charles Parsons and the officers Regular Forces Halifax Garrison the parting souvenir of good-fellowship presented to-day, wishes to express to the donors on behalf of the citizens and himself their hearty thanks and at the same time to say that the spirit which prompted the presentation is deeply and sincerely appreciated, indicative as it is of that good feeling begun over a century and a half ago, cemented and strengthened as the years have rolled by and now so thoughtfully given expression to in this gift.

The following resolution is submitted :—

Whereas, Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, Commanding Regular Forces in Canada, and the Officers Regular Forces Halifax Garrison, have presented to His Worship the Mayor and Citizens of Halifax a Coehorn Mortar of the time of George III, as a souvenir of the good-fellowship which has ever existed between the Imperial Forces and the Citizens ;

Resolved, That this Council place on record its appreciation of the spirit which prompted the gift and its thanks to Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, K. C. M. G., and the Officers Regular Forces for the gift.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Martin and passed.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the Council adjourn till Monday afternoon, April 2nd, at 4.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 6.20 o'clock.