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# Minutes of City Council.

CIVIC YEAR, 1906-7.

ROBERT T. MacILREITH, Esquire, Mayor.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 4th, 1906.

Robert T. MacIlreith, Esquire, having been on the 26th day of April, 1906, by the City Clerk in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1906-7, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 4th day of May, inst., duly sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by taking and subscribing the oaths of qualification and of office, and the oath of allegiance as by law required, in the presence of Aldermen Murray, Campbell and MacKenzie and the City Clerk.

And that upon the same day His Worship was duly sworn as a Justice of the Peace by the City Clerk.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 7th, 1906.

Ingram B. Shaffner, Esquire, for Ward No. One; Jacob A. Johnson, Esquire, for Ward No. Two; John B. Douglas, Esquire, for Ward No. Three; John F. Kelly, Esquire, for Ward No. Four; George M. Campbell Esquire, for Ward No. Five; and Arthur C. Hawkins' Esquire for Ward No. Six; having been on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1906, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, duly declared elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for three years ending April 30th 1909, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Alderman they were severally duly sworn before His Worship the Mayor by taking and subscribing the oaths of allegiance and qualification and oaths of office of Alderman and Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Alderman, as follows :-

Ingram B. Shaffner, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1906;

Jacob A. Johnson, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1906;

John B. Douglas and John F. Kelly, on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1906;

George M. Campbell, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1906.

Arthur C. Hawkins on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1906.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 15th, 1906.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Taylor, Cawsey, Hubley, Murray, Martin, Gastonguay and Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the time for meeting be extended until 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Shaffner, Powell, Johnson, Douglas, Lamphier, Kelly, MacKenzie, Hayward and Hawkins.

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

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report City Prison Committee covering Annual Report of Governor and Matron, by Alderman Hawkins (Chairman).

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

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common, by Alderman Taylor (Chairman).

Report special committee re Church of England Cathedral Site, by Alderman Cawsey (Chairman) and Minority Report on same matter, by Alderman Hawkins, et al.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Gastonguay (Chairman).

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Johnson (Chairman).

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Applications of City Officials for re-appointment.

List of Committees nominated for 1906-7.

Resignation of W. F. MacCoy, City Recorder.

Annual Report Salt and Grain Measurers.

Application of J. L. Marcus for Junk License.

Letter Postmaster General re Halifax Post Office.

Reports (6) Con.mittee on Work, viz :

Accounts.

Bedford Row Fire Station.

Needham Street Sewer.

Windsor Street Sewer.

South Street electric light.

Tenders for paving.

Reports (11) City Engineer, viz :

Permanent Sidewalks.

Sidewalk Schedule.

Sidewalks Green and Granville Streets, Bedford Row and Spring Garden Row and People's Bank.

Water Extension Creighton Street, Coburg Road and Chebucto Road.

Water and Sewer Extension Henry Street.

Acting-Recorder's certificate on Bond of License Inspector.

Petition of Hackmen against Cabmen's Shelter on Grand Parade.

Petition for removal of cab stand from Hollis Street.

Petition of Coal Weighers re E. J. Dulhanty.

Petition for permanent sidewalk, Spring Garden Road.

Petition for Water Extension Livingstone Street.

Petition for Water Extension Summit Street.

Letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company re road North West Arm.

Report Acting-Recorder re City vs. McLaughlin Carriage Company.

Letter K. F. Hill re widening Lower Water Street.

Address by His Worship the Mayor.

Letter Barber Asphalt Paving Company re tenders for street paving.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

#### BOARD OF FIRE WARDS REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 30th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards, at a meeting held to-day, opened tenders for Veterinary services for 1906-7, and beg to recommend that the tender of Wm. Jackeman & Son at \$2.00 per horse, being the lowest, be accepted.

The Board has for a long time been endeavoring to procure Welsh coal for steaming the steam fire engines and are pleased now to report that with the consent of the Contractor and through the kindness of the Admiralty authorities the Fire Department will in future be enabled to procure Welsh coal from H. M. Dockyard for the fire engines at \$5.54 per ton of \$2240 lbs.

It is recommended that the Chief and the Chief Engineer be supplied with proper uniforms.

By careful supervision over the finances of the Department, the Board towards the close of the civic year have found themselves in a position to order a considerable amount of new equipment which will materially add to the efficiency of the service.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards re accounts.

#### FIREWARDS ACCOUNTS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to recommend the following accounts for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., \$63.38. J. E. Myers, plumbing, \$9.95. G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$1.30. David Roche, brushes, \$1.17. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$11.74. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$17.05. W. T. Harris & Son, lumber, \$19.75. J. Dempster & Co., lumber, 1.15. F. W. Curtis, lumber, \$1.00. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$6.25. J. J. Carnell, carriage work, \$19.94. J. H. Mout & Co., carriage work, \$15.13. Admiralty, coal, \$65.01. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$2.99. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$31.96. J. S. Cashen, feed, \$175.99. F. W. Fraser, feed, \$2.85. Wm. Jakeman & Son, veterinary services, \$81.00. Wm. Roche, coal, \$105.45. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, &c., \$155.89. Farquhar Bros., fire alarm boxes, \$960.00. Farquhar Bros., roof Grafton Street house, \$125.00. Globe laundry, work, \$12.43. J. Starr, Son & Co., electric fittings, \$33.90. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$3.50. N. S. Telephone Co., cross arms, 72c. N. S. Telephone Co., 'phones, \$157.50. Miller Bros., rent, \$12.00. Estate T. A. & E. Hubley, rent, \$112.50. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, 54c. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$2.20. Simson Bros. & Co., acid, 5.90. Neil Fox, harness, \$10.00. J. F. Kelly, harness, \$1.85. Horseshoing—O'Connell Bros., \$10.16. P. Porrier, \$8.63. D. J. McIntosh, 63c. Meagher & MacKenzie, \$6.07. Robt. Horner, \$6.65. Wm. Kline, \$3.13. Thos. Robertson, \$4.73. Board of Works, \$2.54. Total, \$2269.53.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:

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

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

Read petition for permanent sidewalk Spring Garden Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Deputy-Postmaster General re Halifax Post Office.

#### HALIFAX POST OFFICE.

OTTAWA, 11th May, 1906.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk,*  
HALIFAX, N. S.

DEAR SIR,—In the absence of the Postmaster General, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 7th instant in which you request to be furnished with a copy of the report on the Chief Post Office Superintendent, as soon as the same reaches this Department, in respect of desired improvements in the Post Office at Halifax.

On receiving the report of the Chief Post Office Superintendent consideration will then be given to your request to be furnished with copy of said report; but I should

add that it has never been the practice to furnish copies of such reports, as they are always considered confidential, and for the information of the Department only.

E. H. LASCHLEY, *Acting Deputy-Postmaster General.*

Filed.

Read report Charities Committees.

#### CHARITIES ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 30th, 1906.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report: Members present—The Chairman, Alderman Halliday, Powell, Lamphier, Campbell and MacKenzie

The Superintendent's report for April shows that during the month there were 28 persons admitted into the Poores' Asylum, 1 born, 57 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 12 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Spry Bay and 15 to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is 345, made up of 209 men, 133 women and 3 children.

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

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$497.78. W. A. Maling & Co., \$338.69. J. & M. Murphy, \$166.68. P. T. Shea, \$112.03. George Gregoire, \$29.50. Joseph S. Cashen, \$23.16. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$72.00. H. D. MacKenzie & Co., \$200.08. Henry Lovett, \$12.32. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., 18.03. Mumford Bros., \$3.30. A. M. Bell & Co., \$5.10. T. C. Allen & Co., \$5.90. J. F. Cameron, \$6.00. City of Halifax, \$500.00. City Works Department, \$63.08. Brookfield Bros., \$81.50. V. G. Hospital, \$32.36. Farquhar Bros., \$10.75. Gordon & Keith, 57.00. W. N. Brown \$6.10. Wm. Jakeman & Son, \$24.00. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$6.85. Holland & Kuhn, \$21.20. P. J. McManus, \$67.20. Fred. Crichton, \$13.85. Fleischman & Co., \$3.60. Malcolm & Johnstone, \$51.05. A. & W. MacKinlay, \$18.00. B. Mulcahy, \$168.76. Pay Sheet, \$773.83. John F. Outhit, \$3.50. H. L. Ramsay, \$150.00. Wm. Robertson & Son, \$29.63. Clayton & Sons, \$74.90. Total, \$3647.73.

N. V. GASTONGUAY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved,* That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and His Worship 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 schedule of sidewalks to be laid.

#### SIDEWALK SCHEDULE

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 10th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with the provisions of the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature to enable the City to construct permanent sidewalks, I beg to recommend the following schedule of sidewalks to be laid for the approval of the Council:—

Both sidewalks on all streets in which the street railway is laid and the first block of all streets leading each way from the tramway.

Both sidewalks on all streets in the district bounded by Brunswick Street, Water Street, Jacob Street and Spring Garden Road and Salter Street.

Both sidewalks on Water Street, Morris Street from Water to Robie Street, Cogswell Street, Cornwallis Street, Gerrish Street, North Street, from Water to Robie Street, Brunswick Street, Gottingen Street, from Cogswell to Young.

As the Act was passed for the purpose of laying sidewalks, I would recommend that in all cases where work is ordered under this Act the sidewalk shall be included as well as the curb and gutter. If the curb and gutter is laid at one time and the side walk at another it cannot be considered as permanent work, as the sidewalk surface must be again torn up to lay permanent material, unless it is done at the time the curb and gutter is laid.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re water extension Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION COBURG ROAD AND OXFORD STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water service west on Coburg Road to "Birchman" and "Bloomingdale" and north and south on Oxford Street to supply houses owned by W. L. Payzant, L. Hart and Mrs. Fred. Hart.

The extension will have to be made from the high service pipe. Size of the pipe required six-inch. Estimated cost on Coburg Road to Oxford Street and north and south on Oxford Street reported previously. . . . . \$4,272.76  
Estimated cost of extending west on Coburg Road 1130 feet :—

Pipe . . . . .	\$ 678.00	
Excavation and pipe laying . . . . .	1,525.50	
1—6" valve . . . . .	20.00	
2—6" branches . . . . .	9.40	
3—Service pipes . . . . .	75.00	
		2,307.90
Total . . . . .		\$6,580.66

Interest at 5% . . . . . \$329.03

There are six houses which can take water from this extension if made. I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual terms, the special rate for the six houses to be \$54.84.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re water and sewer extension Henry Street.

## WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION HENRY STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water and sewer extension on Henry Street between Morris and South Streets.

## WATER.

The district is high service—size of pipe required, six-inch. Distance, 490 feet.  
Estimated cost :

Pipe .....	\$240.00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	280.00
1 6" valve .....	20.00
1 service pipe .....	18 00

\$558.00

Interest at 5%..... \$27.90

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions, the special rate to be \$27.90.

## SEWER.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer in this block is \$3,250.00. Estimated assessment \$1,175.00.

I would recommend that the sewer be put on the Order Book, to be constructed when funds are available.

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

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

Read petition for water extension Longard Road.

Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Engineer re Permanent Sidewalks.

## PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I would respectfully recommend that the following sidewalks ordered previous to the passing of the Act this year be again ordered to be constructed under the Permanent Sidewalk Act :—

Barrington Street, west side, between Sackville Street and Blowers Street.

Argyle Street, east side, between Jacob Street and Buckingham Street.

Spring Garden Road, north side, between Park Street and Summer Street.

Gottingen Street, both sides, between Falkland Street and Cornwallis Street.

The sidewalks to be laid with cement concrete.

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

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

Read Annual Report Salt and Grain Measurers. Filed.  
Read report Public Accounts Committee on various matters.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 14th, 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 this day, there being present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Cawsey and Hawkins, they had under consideration the report made by this Committee in reference to stationery supplies and referred back to Committee for further consideration and report.

Your Committee having since ascertained that an order book is kept by the City Clerk and that every official is required to make out and sign an order in duplicate on the contractor for any supplies required, which is countersigned by the City Clerk, your Committee recommend that this custom be continued, and that in future contractors be required to attach these orders with their accounts

Your Committee further report that they had before them a statement prepared by the City Auditor showing the quantity of stationery used in each of the civic departments for the year ending May 1st, 1905, as requested by this Committee, which is herewith submitted for the information of the Council.

The following accounts, amounting to \$1,442.73. were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment, viz. :—

W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Thos. Joyce, \$4.00; P. Byrnes, \$4.00; Margt. Hogan, \$4.00; John W. R. L. Hunt, \$4.00; male child John Lambert, \$4.00—\$20.00 Herald Publishing Co., advertising, \$45.87. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c., \$36.30. Royal Gazette, printing City Bills, \$3.00, \$57.00—\$60.00; advertising City Elections, \$4.00—\$64.00. Religious of the Good Shepherd, 3 months to May 1st, maintenance of girls, \$90.00. Halifax Industrial School, 3 months to May 1st, maintenance of boys, truants, \$229.99; maintenance of boys, reg. commitments, \$251.25—\$481.24. St. Patrick's Home, maintenance of boys, truants, \$187.57; maintenance of boys, reg. commitments, \$233.17—\$420.74. A. & W. Mackinlay, books, City Clerk, \$6.00, \$9.50—\$15.50 Maritime Business College, engraving Address Prince Arthur, \$12.00. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$3.33, \$34.37—\$37.70. C. Putman, posting bills, \$16.00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery—City Electrician, \$1.10; License Inspector, \$22.00; City Collector, \$32.45; City Clerk, \$44.30; City Assessors, \$52.93—\$152.78. Wm. B. Dana Co., Financial Chronicle, \$10.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamp, 25c. Norman P. Leahy, typewriting, \$20.35. F. W. Smith, proof reading Charter, \$20.00 Total, \$1,442.73.

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 be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

## CITY PRISON REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 2nd, 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, there being present Aldermen Hawkins (Chairman) Archibald and Murray, the following accounts, amounting to \$215 08, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :—

James Davidson, horse shoeing \$12.50 John F. Kelly, rep. harness, \$4.65. Wm. McFatrige, boiler, &c., \$9.65. Farquhar Bros, lamps, \$1.20. Melvin & Co., hardware \$6 85 L. W. Dixon, groceries, \$37 45. J. A. Leaman & Co, ox heads, \$9 36. W. D. Irwin, drugs, \$4.75. I. Creighton, locks, \$3 60. S. Cunard & Co, coal, \$96.09. N. S. Telephone Co., ½ year rent telephone, \$27.00. Hlfx. Elec. Tram. Co., electric light March, April, \$2 00—Total \$215 10.

Your Committee further report that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and Alderman Murray have been making a thorough inquiry into the internal management of the Prison, particularly in regard to expenditure. the cost of working the farm and the returns from it, and make the following recommendations :—

1st—That the conveyance of prisoners between the Police Station and Prison be undertaken by the Police Commission.

2nd—That the horse named " Ben " be loaned to the Police Commission, together with the harness belonging to him, also the two vans, for one year ; and that the Police Commission at the end of the year take over the above property at a valuation of \$200 00.

3rd—That in future the prison keep for its own use on the farm one pair of horses and one horse for the Governor's use, two cows (the Governor to have all the milk and butter required for his own use), two pigs and as many more as the supply of offal will warrant ; and that Keeper Anderson be placed in charge of stock and stable.

4th—That authority be given the Committee to sell the horse " Becky " and to purchase two cows and two pigs.

A. C. HAWKINS, Chairman.

	Appropriation.	Cash Receipts.	Expenditure.	Forage.	Male Prisoners.	Stone Broken.
1876-80	\$10,219		\$10,519		393	35,100
1881-86	6,366		7,433	\$171	192	26,482
1887-92	5,922		6,922	155	260	33,370
1893-98	6,007		7,123	190	406	30,266
1899-04	5,900	\$362 51	5,931	243	242	13,067

City has received no stone from the Prison since 1901.

The above are averages. The average for prisoners is the average number of male prisoners committed.

Also read Annual Report Governor and Matron City Prison.

The Annual Report is filled.

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 Murray and passed.

## Read report Committee on Works re Accounts.

## CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 9th, 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 recommended for payment:—

Street Lighting.....	\$3638 97
Streets .....	746 60
Sewerage Loan.....	355 05
Teams and Stables.....	117 47
City Property.....	18 13
Insurance .....	15 00
Fuel .....	13 20
City Hall Lighting.....	3 06
Water Maintenance.....	415 39
“ Construction .....	279 74
Total.....	\$5602 61

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

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

Read application of J. L. Marcus for a Junk License.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report Committee on Works re final payment to Edward Maxwell for construction of Bedford Row fire station.

## BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 14th, 1906.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held 11th inst. it was decided to recommend the payment of the 15% retained from contract of Edward Maxwell for building the Bedford Row Fire Station. This final payment amounts to \$2745.00.

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

Contractor's Certificate,	} Attached	
Registrar of Deeds “		to
Architect's “		} Requisition.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report be adopted and account paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works with authority to pay the account when the sliding poles are perfected.

Amendment put and passed.

Read report City Engineer re Granville Street sidewalk.

## GRANVILLE STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In preparing for the permanent pavement of Granville Street, the sidewalk on the east side between Prince and Sackville Streets must be re-laid, as it is very much out of repair. I would recommend, therefore, that this work be done under the Permanent Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$1420.00.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Green Street sidewalk.

## GREEN STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for the construction of a curb and gutter on the north side of Green Street west of Pleasant Street.

A concrete curb and gutter was laid on the south side of this block last year. The north side is in a very rough and unsatisfactory condition. The Permanent Sidewalk Act contemplates the construction of permanent work, and I cannot, therefore, recommend the construction of the curb and gutter alone.

The estimated cost of a concrete curb and gutter and cement sidewalk five feet wide from Pleasant Street to the west side of the houses is \$340.00. If the petitioners want the work done, I would recommend that it be constructed under the Permanent Sidewalk Act.

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report City Engineer re Spring Garden Road sidewalk.

## SPRING GARDEN ROAD SIDEWALK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for the construction of a 5 foot sidewalk and curb and gutter on the south side of Spring Garden Road from South Park Street to Summer Street. The estimated cost is \$2427.00. I would recommend that the work be done in accordance with the prayer of the petitioner, under the Permanent Sidewalk Act.

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

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension Chebucto Road.

## WATER EXTENSION CHEBUCTO ROAD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The extension of the water service on Chebucto Road west of Windsor Street has been the subject of several reports in the past. A sewer is under construction on this street and it would be advisable to lay the water pipe at the same time. I would therefore recommend that the water be extended as far as the sewer construction runs, the pipe to be laid on the side of the sewer trench.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension Creighton Street.

## WATER EXTENSION CREIGHTON STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from H. R. Silver asking for water extension on Creighton Street north of Black Street. The district is high service—size of pipe six inch—distance seventy feet—estimated cost :

Pipe .....	\$ 42 00
Excavation and Pipe Laying .....	49 00
One service pipe.....	18 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$109 00</b>

The water has been already extended in this block on a special rate and bond. The estimated cost of the extension already made is \$483.30, making a total of \$592.30. Interest at 5% \$29.61. This should be divided equally between the three, making a special rate of \$9 87. I would recommend that the service be extended to Mr. Silver on the usual conditions, the special rate to be \$9.87.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Bedford Row sidewalk.

## BEDFORD ROW AND PRINCE STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The Fire Department have taken possession of the new engine house at the corner of Prince Street and Bedford Row, and it will be necessary to re-lay the sidewalk without delay.

I would recommend that this work be done under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, the sidewalk to be cement concrete, with such provision for substitution of other material as may be necessary to prevent horses from slipping.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re sidewalk around the old People's Bank building, corner Duke and Hollis Streets.

PEOPLE'S BANK SIDEWALK.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The Bank of Montreal has petitioned for a cement concrete sidewalk around the old People's Bank property, to be done as soon as possible.

The estimated cost of the work is \$285.00, and I would recommend that it be laid under the Permanent Sidewalk Act.

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

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

Read letter Kate E. Hill re widening Lower Water Street.

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

Read petition of Hackmen against erection of Cabmen's Shelter on Grand Parade.

Also read petition for removal of cab stand from Hollis Street.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said petitions be referred to the Commissioners of Cabs for report. Motion passed.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

COMMON ACCOUNTS.

MAY 14th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common was held April 30th, 1906, at 5 p. m. Present—Chairman Taylor, Commissioners Archibald, Kelly, Duggan, Messervey, Superintendent Power.

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

Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$7.13. S. Cunard & Co., \$3.40. S. Cunard & Co., \$7.25. Total, \$17.78.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

*Resolved,* That the report of the Commissioners of Halifax Common be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein recommended.

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

MAY 15TH, 1906.

Read report for water extension Summit Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition S. Cummins, Supervisor, covering petition of coal weighers in re E. J. Dulhanty, a Supernumerary Coal Weigher.

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

Read report Acting-Recorder re Suit City of Halifax vs. McLaughlin Carriage Company.

CITY vs. McLAUGHLIN.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, May 4th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I wish to bring to the attention of yourself and the Council the case of the City of Halifax vs The McLaughlin Carriage Company which has been decided against the City by the Supreme Court.

The nature and origin of the action was as follows :—

The Assessors in making the assessment last Autumn assessed the McLaughlin Carriage Company under Sec. 313 of the City Charter as a Company doing business in the City and therefore liable to the license fee of \$100.00 imposed by that section. From this Assessment the Company appealed to the Court of Tax Appeals. The Facts in brief appeared to be that the Company had an agent, Mr. Melvin, in the City who kept the Company's goods in stock, sold and delivered them here and collected the amounts due the Company. The Company allowed him a commission and also an amount for the rent of his premises. On these facts the Court of Tax Appeals were unanimously of opinion that the Company were doing business in the City and confirmed the assessment. From this the Company appealed to the Supreme Court under section 313 substituting the full Court for a single judge as much more satisfactory. The Court has decided that the "other" companies mentioned in sec. 313 mean only companies of the same nature as the insurance companies and accident or guarantee companies mentioned in the first part of the section. This decision is directly opposed to the previous decision of the Court in the City of Halifax vs. Jones 28 N. S. 452 in which it was held that a steamship Company was covered by the Act and it is in my judgment absolutely wrong. I do not see how language could be used to make it plainer than to say that every Company other than those specifically dealt with is to pay the \$100.00 license fee. The new Charter which will come into force in a short time may make the matter plainer—as plain at any rate as Judge Graham and myself are capital of making it but not, I think, any plainer than at present.

If the decision had gone upon the ground that the Company were not doing business here it would, although in my judgment wrong, have not been of so much consequence as it would have affected that Company only; but this judgment will strike off every company not of the same nature as insurance, accident and guarantee companies, whatever that is

I should like instructions as to whether or not to take the case to the Supreme Court of Canada. I shall give a notice of appeal in the meantime in order to prevent the time from running out.

I hand you herewith a copy of the case and of the judgment of Mr. Justice Russell which was the judgment of the Court.

The Defendant's costs have taxed at, \$

F. H. BELL, Acting-Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Powell, that said

report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company re a certain road near the North West Arm at Point Pleasant.

ROAD NEAR N. W. ARM.

HALIFAX, N. S., May, 11th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Halifax Electric Tramway Company owns a property adjoining that formerly occupied by the People's Heat and Light Company. The Tram Company lately sold the greater part of the wood on that property to a contractor and on his attempting to remove it the Park Commissioners closed the road which formerly led from the property to Tower Road and which had been used by the Company and other occupiers of the land for over thirty years—the only egress from it. The reasons for so doing are stated by the Park Commissioners to be that of preventing heavy trucking on the roads of the Park.

The Company, therefore, at the present time has no outlet from the property, although on the plans of the City you will find that Francklyn Street extends over the face of this property and down to the public baths, part of which are now on Tramway property.

We would therefore, on behalf of the Company, ask that the City, as soon as possible construct a road, as shewn on the City plan attached hereto, which will be a continuation of Francklyn Street and thus enable the Company to have free access to their land.

MURRAY & MACKINNON.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Needham Street Sewer.

NEEDHAM STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 9th, 1906.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council with City Engineer's report thereon re the construction of a sewer on Needham Street were read. The report of the City Engineer was referred to the Council for consideration.

R. T. MACLEITH, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE May 9th, 1906.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto against the construction of a sewer in Needham Street.

The original petition is signed by James Griswold, F. C. Campbell, S. C. Case and E. Heffler, living in the houses Nos, 16, 18, 14 and 11 respectively.

The petition attached is from occupants of houses as follows:

Joseph Dibbon, No. 5,	Martin Campbell No. 15.
Wm. Stevens, No. 3,	George Anstey, No. 10,
Robt. Myers, No. 8,	George Brinston, No. 7,
H. W. Byers, No. 13,	John Brown, No. 9.
George J. Harris, fronting on Young Street.	

While the original petition was signed by only four householders, the petition against is signed by eight householders and one owner of a property fronting on Young Street who would naturally be opposed to paying towards the construction of a sewer in Needham Street which could be of no advantage to himself.

The sewer is needed in the street as the houses are now drained into the gutter, which is a violation of the law also a violation of all sanitary principles. It is for the Council to decide under the circumstances whether the construction of the sewer shall be proceeded with or not.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Committee on Works be instructed to construct the sewer in Needham Street in its turn. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer Windsor Street between Cunard and North Streets.

#### WINDSOR STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 9th, 1906.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council with City Engineer's report thereon were read re the advisability of constructing a sewer on Windsor Street between Cunard and North Streets.

The report of the City Engineer is recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 8th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the advisability of constructing a sewer on Windsor Street between Cunard Street and North Street.

There is no means of drainage from most of the properties along this portion of Windsor Street, and the construction of a sewer has become a necessity. I cannot recommend the construction of the sewer to North Street at present, as there are no houses from Willow Street north which require drainage. I would recommend, however, that a sewer be constructed from Chebucto Road to a point south of Willow Street, at an estimated cost of \$4,550 00. The estimated assessment is \$1,500.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re street light South Street.

#### SOUTH STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 9th, 1906.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council, with City Engineer's report thereon, were read re street light on

South Street between Robie and Seymour Streets. It was decided to recommend the adoption of the Engineer's report.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 8th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for a light on South Street between Robie and LeMarchant Street.

The street is not well lighted, but the appropriation for lights for this year has been exhausted. I would recommend, therefore, that this light be ordered to be installed when funds are available.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the City Engineer report on the advisability of placing a light at the corner of Almon Street and Kempt Road. Motion passed.

Read certificate of the Acting-Recorder on Suretyship Bond of the License Inspector.

Approved and filed.

Alderman Archibald here takes his seat.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Read List of Committees as nominated by His Worship the Mayor :

BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.—Aldermen Shaffner, Gastonguay and Kelly. Concurred in.

BOARD OF FIREWARDS.—Aldermen Archibald, Powell, Taylor, Hubley, Cawsey and Hawkins. Concurred in.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Halliday, Murray, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Campbell and Hayward. Concurred in.

CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson, Douglas, Hubley, Martin and Hawkins. Concurred in.

HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.—Aldermen MacKenzie, Powell and Gastonguay. Concurred in.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Halliday, Powell, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Campbell and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Alderman Archibald, Johnson, Douglas, Kelly, Cawsey and Hawkins. Concurred in.

CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Alderman Halliday, Murray, Gastonguay, Kelly, Campbell and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.—Alderman Archibald, Johnson, Douglas, Hubley, Martin and Hawkins. Concurred in.

**CITY HEALTH BOARD.**—Aldermen Powell, Martin and Hawkins. Concurred in.

**COMMISSIONERS OF CAMP HILL CEMETERY.**—Aldermen Shaffner, Murray, Campbell and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh, O. E. Smith and C. H. Mitchell be the citizen members of the Cemetery Commission. Motion passed.

**COMMISSIONERS OF CABS.**—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Johnson and Cawsey. Concurred in.

**SHIPBUILDING COMMISSION.**—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Martin. Concurred in.

**COMMITTEE ON WORKS.**—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Cawsey. Concurred in.

**COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.**—Aldermen Archibald Powell, Taylor, Kelly, Cawsey and Hayward. Concurred in.

The Council proceeds to the appointment of three citizen commissioners in place of retiring Commissioners Messervey, Kelly and Duggan.

Nominations in place of Messervey :

Alderman Taylor and Alderman Johnson nominate John Jenny.

Alderman Cawsey and Alderman Martin nominate D. A. McDonald.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Jenny.	For McDonald.
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Powell, Taylor, Dougias, Kelly, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—8.	Aldermen Shaffner, Halliday, Murray, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Hubley, Campbell, Martin, Cawsey, Hayward—10.

His Worship the Mayor declares D. A. McDonald duly elected.

Nomination in place of Kelly :

Aldermen Taylor and Martin nominate John R. Rawley.

There being no other nominations, His Worship the Mayor declares John R. Rawley duly elected.

Nominations in place of P. M. Duggan :

Aldermen Cawsey and Martin nominate Edward T. Power.

Aldermen Taylor and Powell nominate James J. O'Brien.

The vote being taken there appeared :

## For Power.

Aldermen Shaffner, Halliday,  
Douglas, Lamphier,  
Hubley, Campbell,  
Martin, Cawsey,  
MacKenzie, Hayward.—10.

## For O'Brien.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,  
Murray, Powell,  
Taylor, Gastonguay,  
Kelly, Hawkins.—8.

His Worship the Mayor declares Edward T. Power duly elected.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.—Alderman Shaffer, Johnson, Taylor, Hubley and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE AT HALIFAX.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Murray, Hubley and Hayward. Concurred in.

DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK.—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Halliday, Murray, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Campbell and Hayward. Concurred in.

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE.—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Shaffner, Johnson, Douglas and Hayward. Concurred in.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

CONVENTION U. C. MUNICIPALITIES.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Taylor, Kelly, Campbell and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

MARKET SITE.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Johnson and Martin. Concurred in.

LIGHTING.—Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Taylor, Hubley, Cawsey and Hawkins. Concurred in.

GREATER HALIFAX.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Murray, Martin and MacKenzie. Concurred in.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the nominations and elections as made be all now confirmed. Motion passed.

The Council proceeds to the appointment of a Deputy-Mayor.

Aldermen Murray and Taylor nominate Alderman Johnson.

Aldermen Hubley and Campbell nominate Alderman Cawsey.

The vote being taken there appeared :—

## For Alderman Johnson.

Aldermen Archibald, Halliday,  
Murray, Powell,  
Taylor, Douglas,  
Kelly, Martin,  
Hawkins.—9.

## For Alderman Cawsey.

Aldermen Shaffner, Gastonguay,  
Lamphier, Hubley,  
Campbell, MacKenzie,  
Hayward.—7.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Johnson duly elected Deputy-Mayor for the civic year 1906-7.

Read address by His Worship the Mayor.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

CITY HALL, HALIFAX, N. S., May 15th, 1906.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

Those persons who have made a study of civic government have declared that the government of a municipality involves the welfare of the people so much more directly than the government of the Province, or of the nation that without a good and pure administration of municipal affairs the national government must in those essentials necessary to their proper maintenance fail. The careful study devoted at the present day to municipal problems, and the manner in which they are being elucidated makes it more and more possible to secure the best conditions. The greater interest which our citizens generally are taking in civic affairs and the more thought being devoted to them affords ground for the hope that the time is approaching when men will be chosen to sit in the Council on account of their knowledge of civic science and aptitude for civic management.

Taking up the work of a municipal corporation, like any commercial or industrial enterprise, requires that those who have to do with its management must familiarize themselves with its every detail, and that they should apply to it sound business principles with the strictest economy consistent with a progressive policy. As it invariably happens that the demand of the public for improvements far exceeds the amount appropriated for such purposes, great care and discrimination is necessary in selecting the most essential and that which will do the most good to the community as a whole.

As the amount and character of the work which it will be possible to do during the present year must be altogether determined by the amount of money available for municipal purposes, it is natural that the financial problem should be the first to engage our attention.

In my Inaugural of last year the City's

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were treated at considerable length, and for that reason, together with the fact that the Auditor's report will shortly be published, there is no necessity for going into the matter now. Suffice it to say that, by authority of the Local Legislature, the necessary money will be available, for the following purposes:—

Permanent Pavement, (Streets.)	\$ 50,000
“ (Sidewalks.)	150,000
Sewers,...	100,000
Gardens Fence,.....	10,000
Grand Parade, replacing Walls etc.....	2,500
City Hall—Improving Heating System, .....	1,500
Improvement Fire Department,.....	27,000
Widening and Improvement Quinpool Road.....	

TAXATION.

No solution of the vexed question of the best and most equitable way to levy taxation has yet been reached, the system being the same to day as it has been for years with the exception of a re-arrangement of the mode of assessing banks, made necessary by the merger of some of the smaller banks with larger institutions, and the removal of the head offices of other of the local banks to cities outside of Halifax.

The amount payable by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, for the valuable

franchises which it holds, was increased by Act of the Local Legislature. The City will hereafter collect, in addition to the four per cent. now paid by the Company on its tramway earnings, two per cent. of its gross receipts from gas and electric lighting.

Additional taxation by way of license fees was also imposed on corporations, which, in the opinion of the Council, were not paying sufficient taxes. As this matter will be fully reported upon by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, further reference to it will not be made here.

#### MANUFACTORIES.

For some years there has been a general discussion as to the encouraging of manufactories to establish in our midst. As it was felt that our system of taxation tended to discourage the establishing of such industries authority was obtained at the last session of the Legislature, whereby total exemption might be granted to such enterprises for a period of ten years, by the Council. Now that this step has been taken it will not be enough for us to sit down and wait for persons to find out for themselves, after a search, what we are offering. We must not hide our light under a bushel, but be up and doing. After looking very carefully into the methods adopted by other cities, with a view to placing their advantages before capitalists and others interested in the starting of manufactories, I am forced to the conclusion that if we are to succeed along this line we must adopt those plans which have been successful elsewhere. In these days of keen competition between cities to secure the location of industrial enterprises within their borders, we cannot afford to stand still. I would therefore ask you to give this question your early and careful consideration, and decide whether a special department, bureau of information, or a Commissioner, should not be charged with work under this very important head.

#### EDUCATION.

While this branch of civic government is under the management and control of a distinct corporation, it should be pointed out that education and its true aim should be the building of character. Even greater efforts should be made in our schools in this direction, and our teachers should make character-building their aim in educating the pupils under their care; for mere intellectual education, without character of the right stamp, counts for but little in any walk of life. Especially should the rising generation be instructed in civic morals, now so much neglected. They should be instructed that civic property is their property, and that they should treat it as something to be prized; that trees should not be destroyed, fences and buildings not defaced, and that streets and public parks should not be littered with paper and refuse. With such instruction might we not confidently hope in coming years, for improved municipal conditions?

It is true that the expenditure on our schools is our largest expenditure; but if the work is properly done our City will in the future, be well repaid for its outlay. It has been my pleasure to visit our schools, as far as time and my other duties would permit, when I have seen the teachers and scholars at their work. Surely nothing more inspiring and restful can be found than at sight of the happy young workers under the direction of faithful teachers, preparing themselves by study, exercise and discipline, for the high calling of life. The work of education is moving steadily forward under the leadership of men and women, who I believe, are eager to give to those under their guidance, all possible strength and power, and I am convinced that if our citizens and the parents of the children would visit the schools and see the grand work which is being done, a great deal of the criticism now levelled at our school system would cease.

#### STREETS.

For a number of years the great importance of well-paved and well-kept streets has been pressing itself upon us; but until last year, no step in advance had been taken. No department is criticised more unmercifully than the street department, and naturally, because all its shortcomings are under the public eye, yet when we stop and consider that this department has to look after 100.5 miles of streets, and that it never has sufficient funds with which to do this work, we ought to be careful not to criticise unreasonably.

In this connection it should be pointed out that every new street laid out or accepted

by the City, involves adding a fixed charge for care and maintenance to the annual current expense, and no street therefore should be taken over until public convenience and necessity require the proposed highway. Public necessity will always find expression, and the municipality must accede to its just demand; but we should be careful not to yield until such public necessity is clearly shewn. New streets should therefore only be laid out as public convenience requires them, and according to a system based on the gradual and symmetrical development of our City. With this end in view the preparation of an official plan of the City was commenced a few years ago, and the work is progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected with the small engineering staff at our disposal.

During the last year or two our citizens seem to have awakened to the fact that no public improvement attracts more favorable attention and promotes the growth and general welfare of the community to a greater extent than good streets and sidewalks, and this fact seems to have seized hold of the Council of to-day. There is no place where the equivalent for the money expended is more noticeable, or is of greater benefit, than the permanent work on our highways. The Council of last year therefore wisely decided to borrow a sufficient sum of money to permanently pave the more important of our business streets and the sidewalks which are the most travelled. Now that the authority to borrow the money has been obtained, and in view of the fact that during the present summer and autumn we expect to have large numbers of strangers visit us, as well as for our own benefit, as little delay as possible should take place before work of a permanent nature on our streets is begun.

The rule adopted last year, whereby permission was refused to corporations to open our streets between the first day of July and the first day of September was, a step in the right direction, and should be strictly adhered to in future.

The permanent sidewalk laid on a portion of Spring Garden Road, on the south side of the Public Gardens, is a sample of the work proposed to be done outside of the business sections of the City. Some criticism has been raised as to whether the width of the pavement laid was sufficient; but no two opinions were expressed as to the vast improvement which such a system of sidewalks will make in the appearance of our City.

#### SEWERS.

The work of sewerage extension was steadily carried on during the past summer, and is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible this year. The main trunk sewer, to be built on Bell Road and across the Common to relieve the present sewer, is well advanced, and it is expected that this sewer will be completed before the heavy rains of Autumn begin.

#### INTERNAL HEALTH.

There has always been a great deal of complaint about the work performed under this head. It includes the removal of ashes and the cleaning and watering of our streets. Our citizens should stop and consider that to do all this work properly, a very much larger appropriation than has ever been available would be required. The Board of Works when the estimates for the current year were being made up, decided to ask for an increased appropriation of \$3,000.00, and it is hoped that with this increased appropriation, together with the fact that in the course of a few months, when our permanent pavements have been laid, less work in the way of street cleaning will be required in the centre of the City, it will be possible to give a better service in the outlying portions.

#### HIGH WATER SERVICE.

Among the questions which have engaged the attention of the Council for some years the high water service problem has taken a prominent place. Several reports have been made by the present City Engineer, also by Mr. Keating, and by Mr. Howe of the Board of Fire Underwriters, and in a short time, a further report will be handed in by Mr. Chipman an engineer from Ontario, who was engaged by the Council of 1904-5, to make an independent report.

In 1903 the whole question was referred to a Special Committee of the Council.