

As Chairman of that Committee I reported that the complaints as to the insufficiency of the water service, especially on the higher levels, were well founded; that in coming to a conclusion three questions naturally presented themselves for considerations, namely:—

First—Was the amount of water being supplied to the City through the mains, sufficient to meet all legitimate demands of a population of 45,000?

Second—If so, what was the cause of the scarcity of water—waste or leaks, or both?

Third—The remedy?

In answer to the first question the Committee found that the volume of water supplied was amply sufficient for a City of much larger population than Halifax; in the second place that the scarcity was owing on the low service, to waste and leaks, and on the high service, their being no wooden wedges to blow out, almost wholly to waste; and in the third place as to the remedy—reached the conclusion that without incurring a large expenditure (which the Committee deemed necessary) for the purpose of bringing another main into the City, three remedies only could be suggested. First, a rigid house-to-house inspection; Second, the placing of meters wherever waste was detected a second time; and third, the turning off of the water in all cases where pipes were laid in cold and exposed positions. None of the suggestions contained in that report were ever seriously acted upon, until last year. On the high service, when Spruce Hill Lake was its lowest point, (seven feet below the waste weir the lowest point that it has ever reached), by a thorough house-to-house inspection followed in the case of waste or defective plumbing by the turning off of the water, and the keeping of it off until the prescribed fine was paid, the residents of Willow Park were given a service which was eminently satisfactory, and to use the words of some of the persons interviewed—"a water pressure that they never dreamed could be furnished."

During the same period with the lakes so low, the gauges showed a higher pressure by nine pounds than was ever had before, even with the lakes overflowing. As the difference in pressure between the lakes full and at the low level was equivalent to three pounds, a stringent enforcement of the Act made a total improvement in pressure of twelve pounds. All this therefore must force us to believe that the conclusions reached in the report of the Special Committee previously referred to, were correct, as also have been the various reports furnished by our present City Engineer and his predecessors. If the law is thoroughly enforced there will be no need of making enormous expenditures to bring water into the City merely for the purpose of running it into the harbor. We must guard our water system as a private corporation would, and only thus can we demonstrate our fitness to operate public utilities under municipal control.

#### TRAMWAY SERVICE.

Considerable improvement has been made in the tramway service, owing to the increased amount of double tracks laid during the past summer, many of the tedious waits at crossings being done away with. Further extensions are to be made during the present summer, which will still further improve the service, and with the additional cars promised, the demands of our citizens will be partly met. Only by continuous effort will be able to secure further improvements.

The laying of permanent material on the track allowance on the streets through which the tramway runs, where permanent work is to be done by the City, will very much improve the roadbed, and in those portions of the City the well-founded complaints and grievances of our citizens will be met. The works commission has the assurance of the Manager of the Company that the work of improving the roadbed in the outlying portions will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible, and that in bad weather and during rush hours extra cars will be put on whenever possible.

#### POLICE.

Last year I referred to the enforcement of law and order, and pointed out that there was an idea abroad, rightly or wrongly, among our citizens that, in this respect, there had not been a faithful regard for the discharge of our duties. During the year just

closed, an honest attempt was made by the Police Commission and the Police Department to meet this criticism, and I am convinced, from observation and general report, that there was a more general obedience to law. A well organized and efficient police force is necessary to the well-being of a City; but this cannot be secured unless great care is exercised by those who have the power of appointment. If there is laxity in this regard the whole force is criticised on account of the short-comings of a few of its members. During the past twelve months John O'Sullivan, who labored energetically and to the best of his ability to bring the police force up to his ideal, laid down the staff of office. Two sergeants were superannuated, and a third was taken away by death in all three cases after long and faithful service. Other changes occurred among the men, and the force to-day, with that most thorough, capable and obliging police official, Nicholas Power at its head, is a body of men of which I think we can all be justly proud, and to which our citizens can feel perfectly safe in entrusting the care of their property. The experiment of providing a mounted policeman during the past year proved satisfactory and will be continued. Provision has also been made for the addition of two men to the numerical strength of the force, to provide police supervision for the western portion of the City, and accommodation has been provided for the housing of the Patrol waggon and horse and the horse for the mounted policeman, adjoining the City Hall. Arrangements have been made with the Prison Committee, so that the man in charge of the Patrol waggon will look after the transportation of prisoners to Rockhead Prison. This will do away with the necessity of keeping an extra man and horse at Rockhead Prison.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The investigation which I have been conducting into the affairs of the Fire Department, as required by a resolution of Council, has convinced me that we have on the whole a capable and efficient body of officers and men, and also that the Department is fairly well equipped with apparatus; but as a full report of the result of the investigation will shortly be submitted to Council, I will not go further into the affairs of the Fire Department at this time.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

During the year this Board has been particularly active in looking after the enforcement of the health regulations, and they have most satisfactorily performed their duty at reasonable expense. Our citizens are realizing more fully every day that the Board is not antagonistic to them; that demands for improved sanitary arrangements are steps towards safety and the removal of sources of danger to the community, and they are now cheerfully seconding the Board in its work. Particular attention has been given to tenements and other places occupied by our very poor people, and with gratifying success.

It is to be noted with pleasure that an effort is now being made by a number of our most prominent and public spirited citizens to purchase a block in one of the most dilapidated portions of the City, for the purpose of erecting thereon model tenements. The Council during the past year showed its approval of the scheme by the adoption of an unanimous resolution whereby the assessment on the proposed tenements for ten years should be the same as now levied on the block in question.

#### PUBLIC GARDENS.

The retiring Council decided to increase the grant for the up-keep of this beautiful spot by the sum of \$1000, making the annual amount available after this year, \$6000. It was also decided to borrow the sum of \$10,000, previously referred to, for the purpose of replacing the present wooden fence with an iron fence, suitable to the place which it is to enclose.

#### CITY CHARTER.

The revision of the City Charter was completed, and the type set for printing just previous to the sitting of the Local Legislature. As many laws of importance were to come before the Legislature it was deemed advisable by the revisors not to proceed with the printing of the Charter until such Acts as were passed by the Legislature referring to

the City could be incorporated in it. This work is now being rapidly done, and in the course of a very short time, we will have the charter thoroughly revised and corrected, and right up-to-date. The revisors have been most careful and pains-taking in their work, and we will all be more than satisfied with the result of their labors.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

Last year I referred to the delay which has always obtained in the publication of the Annual Report, and by dint of a little extra work and perseverance, we were able to issue the report in November, which was an improvement over the previous year, the Report for 1904 not having been issued until May 1905. This year the Report will be gotten out promptly, the officials all having the work well in hand.

In this connection, what appears to be an incompleteness in our Annual Report should be pointed out. Under the Charter the books are not closed for three years. The Annual Report only gives the items of income and expenditure in the various departments up to the time of its publication, which practically only covers a period of twelve months. The accounts for the other twenty-four months never appear, and our citizens as a result, are unable to find out from it how the appropriations for the various departments have turned out, whether there has been a surplus or a deficit on the year's operations. The Public Accounts Committee should consider this question, and report upon whether or not the final closing of the books for the three years preceding the publication of the Report should not appear in it. We should then be able to tell under the heading of "Taxation" just what the assessment amounted to—how much had been collected under it, how much received for interest on overdue taxes, and how much (if anything) was lost to the City. In the same way we would be able to see at a glance how each appropriation turned out, whether there was a surplus or deficit; how much our unexpected balances amounted to, and hence by how much our reserve fund was increased. This is all information to which the ratepayers are entitled.

#### CITY WHARF.

The City property at the foot of George Street, partly occupied by the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, presents anything but a creditable appearance. This is largely due to the fact that Dartmouth and Halifax have not been "pulling together" as they should. I am not one of those inclined to place all the blame on Dartmouth; and I would suggest that this question be referred to a Special Committee, and that Dartmouth be invited to appoint a similar committee. If such a conference committee could be obtained, considerable improvement might be made in the appearance of this property, and perhaps a better waiting room and increased dockage accommodation for the ferry boats provided.

#### TERMINAL FACILITIES.

The joint Committee of the Council and Board of Trade have during the past year held several meetings and have had conferences with the Minister of Railways, Mr. Butler, Mr. Pottinger and others and the result of the work of that Committee has been reported on from time to time to the Council.

Among other matters, they have finally succeeded in having the Railway Department lay a double track at Deep Water Terminus and the railway facilities at Richmond have been improved.

They have also a promise from the Minister of Railways to erect the flour shed this season and also to remove the round house and car shops from the middle of the Richmond yard to the most convenient site available within the City limits.

The Railway Department state in reference to the facilities at Halifax that the intention is to build now on a general plan of improvement which will admit of extension in the future as the traffic at this Port increases.

There yet remains a great deal to be done to make the Terminal facilities at Halifax what they ought to be and the representations of such a Committee as the Commercial Committee can and assuredly will do a great deal towards pressing upon the Department

the wants of this City, especially when supported as the Committee has been during the last year by the united voice of the Council and the Board of Trade.

#### UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

During the year upon which we are now entering the Union of Canadian Municipalities will hold its convention at Halifax. This organization, which is made up of the leading men connected with Municipal affairs in Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific will visit us on the invitation of the Council. Undoubtedly we will profit by their visit, and the opportunity for the interchange of views on civic government and management which it will afford. The special committee, which to-day has been appointed to arrange for the meeting of the Union, should bear in mind in arranging a programme that those attending the Convention will be here for work, and the greater the number of civic problems thoroughly considered and discussed, the greater will be the satisfaction of our visitors.

#### DOMINION EXHIBITION.

The Dominion Exhibition is also to take place in Halifax during the present year, and of course many strangers will be "within our gates." As first impressions are the most lasting, and as undoubtedly a large number of those who come to us will be visiting Halifax for the first time, no effort should be spared to make our City present as bright, clean and creditable an appearance as possible. Nature has kindly endowed us in this regard, and a little extra effort displayed on the part of our citizens will do much in this connection.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the ratepayers of the City for the honor they have done me in electing me to the responsible position of Mayor for the second term, by acclamation.

During the year just completed it has been my pleasure to do all that I was capable of, little as it may have been, for the best interest of Halifax. If I may be permitted to say a further word to our citizens it would be to ask them while criticising public officials for not accomplishing certain reforms at once, to join in the work themselves. Complaints are constantly made of sweepings from shops, which are thrown into the streets, greatly to the annoyance of everybody, and a menace to the health of some; the blocking of our thoroughfares with packing cases etc., the littering of the streets with paper, and in numberless other ways, making the work of those endeavoring to carry on efficiently and satisfactorily civic government much more difficult. No one can tell what a little assistance by everyone in this regard would do for the appearance of the City. Thoughtlessness alone lies at the bottom of the difficulty. To attempt to deal with such nuisance by compulsion brings forth much opposition and arouses threats of reprisal and tends to slacken the efforts of those who are honestly undertaking to correct public abuses wholly in the interest of the public.

In conclusion let me say that, in accordance with oath of office, we are under moral obligation to give the best that is in us to the management of municipal affairs for the present year. Our most conscientious efforts will be but our common duty. We may expect to be criticised, both justly and unjustly. We need have no fear of unjust criticism from the citizen who is thoroughly acquainted with, and follows the trend of public affairs, and who is sincerely interested in the welfare of the community. It is the word of this class of our citizens we should heed. The citizen who criticises unjustly and unreasonably, generally has a meagre knowledge of public affairs, and his interest in the community consists in doleful complainings, and is often actuated by some motive other than the public welfare. What he says should have no influence over one's official actions.

I desire to thank the members of last year's City Council for their hearty co-operation with me in conducting the affairs of the City, and to extend to the new members a warm welcome. While they may find many of the problems, which will confront them during their term of office difficult and perplexing, they may rest assured that, so long as they act conscientiously, and do what they honestly consider to be in the best interest of the City, they will have the good will and assistance of our citizens.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

Ordered to be printed in Minutes of Council and Annual Civic Report.

APPOINTMENT OF CIVIC OFFICIALS FOR 1906-7:

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK—H. S. Rhind.	Re-elected.
CLERK OF WORKS—James J. Hopewell.	"
FOREMAN STREET WORKS—John McDonald.	"
FOREMAN WATER WORKS—Ewen Morrison.	"
ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER—H. W. Johnston.	"
CLERKS WATER DEPARTMENT—James Laidlaw.	"
Louis R. Kaye.	"
CITY ELECTRICIAN—P. R. Colpitt.	"
WATER INSPECTOR—John E. Burns.	"
CITY MEDICAL OFFICER—Thomas Trenaman.	"
STENOGRAPHER AND TYPEWRITER—Minnie Hunter.	"
COAL WEIGHERS—Simon Cummins, Supervisor.	"
A. J. Smith.	"
Thomas Shields.	"
Andrew Doyle.	"
James A. Harraher.	"
William Hawley.	"
John F. Selig.	"
Mortimer Dwyer.	"
REGISTRAR CAMP HILL CEMETERY—Alex. McDougall,	"
GOVERNOR CITY PRISON—William Murray.	"
MATRON " " Mrs. Murray.	"
JANITOR CITY HALL—John Spruin.	"
UNDERKEEPERS CITY PRISON—D. E. Keating,	"
Wm. Higlett.	"
James M. Anderson.	"
George Grant.	"
MESSENGER CITY PRISON—Daniel McDonald.	"
SUPERINTENDENT POORS' ASYLUM—James H. Dow.	"
MATRON " Mrs. Annie F. Dow.	"
ASSISTANT ENGINEER " John H. Grant.	"
SECRETARY " B. Mulcahy.	"
SEALER OF LEATHER—Jeremiah Barnstead.	"
MATRON POLICE STATION—Mrs. Mary Spruin.	"
LUMBER SURVEYOR—Applicant John C. Potts.	"

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that Robie S. Davison be appointed Lumber Surveyor in place of John C. Potts. Motion passed.

FENCE VIEWERS—WM. T. HORTON. “  
John Grant. “

INSPECTORS PAINTERS' WORK—J. E. M. Taylor. “  
David Roche. “

INSPECTORS MASONS' WORK—Samuel Marshall. “  
James Taylor. Elected.

**POUND KEEPERS :**

Provincial Exhibition Grounds—Ronald McInnes. Re-elected.

Old Exhibition Grounds—James Jarrett. “

North West Arm—Edward S. Brunt. “

Robie Street—

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the matter of providing a pound near the North Common be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

WEIGHERS OF BUNDLE HAY—Chris. Connolly. Re-elected.  
John Punch. “  
Joseph S. Hubley. “

WEIGHERS OF LOOSE HAY — William McC. Boak. “  
Thomas Keating. “  
Joseph S. Hubley. “  
Thomas Knowles. “

LIBRARIAN CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY—Josephine Warren. “

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS—Lizzie Barnaby. “  
Miss Durney. “

SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC GARDENS—Richard Power. “

Read resignation of Wm. F. MacCoy as City Recorder, to take effect June 1st, 1906.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the resignation be accepted, to take effect June 1st, 1906. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a committee to draw up a suitable resolution to be presented to His Honor the Recorder upon his retirement. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such committee the Laws and Privileges Committee. Approved.

Read report of Special Committee in re Old Exhibition Grounds as a site for Church of England Cathedral.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CATHEDRAL  
SITE.

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

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your special committee which was appointed on the 8th day of March to consider and report upon a letter from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and a petition of a large number of citizens for the allotment of a site for a proposed Church of England Cathedral on the old Exhibition Grounds, corner of Tower Road and Morris Street, beg to report that several meetings of the committee had been held and that representatives of the Cathedral Committee appeared before your committee and stated that they wanted to acquire by purchase six lots facing on corner of Tower Road and Morris Street, and pointed out to the Committee the advantages to be derived by the City by selling these lots for a Cathedral site.

A majority of your Committee are of the opinion that it is not advisable or in the interests of the City to sell at the present time the lots asked for by the Church of England Cathedral Committee or any portion of the old Exhibition site; and recommend further that the resolution of Council of February 8th, 1906, adopting the report of the City Engineer on this subject be adhered to by the Council.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

Also read report of a minority of said Committee.

MINORITY REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE SITE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
CATHEDRAL.

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

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the special committee to which was referred the consideration of a letter from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and a petition from a number of citizens re allotment of a site on the old Exhibition property for the proposed new Church of England Cathedral was held this evening, there being present Aldermen Cawsey (Chairman) Archibald, Powell, Taylor, Hubley and Hawkins.

A minority of the Committee consisting of Aldermen Hawkins and Archibald recommend that the City sell to the Church of England Cathedral Committee lots on the old Exhibition site asked for on such conditions and under such restrictions as may be recommended by the Committee on Works and concurred in by the City Council.

A. C. HAWKINS.

L. ARCHIBALD.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the minority report be adopted and that the City sell to the Church of England Cathedral Committee the six lots of the Exhibition Grounds applied for at \$3,000.00 per lot, or \$18,000.00.

The amendment being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Douglas, Lamphier, Kelly, Campbell, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—11.	Aldermen Powell, Taylor, Gastonguay, Hubley, Martin, Cawsey , Hayward.—7.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for street paving, covering letters and telegrams.

#### STREET PAVING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 15th, 1906.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee of Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer with sundry telegrams and letters received by me in re paving of streets were read. On motion of Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Taylor, it was decided to recommend that all tenders received for permanent pavement be rejected, and that the Committee on Works be empowered to enter into a contract with the Warren Bituminous Paving Company for all the permanent pavement ordered and to be ordered by the Council for 1906 at a rate not to exceed two dollars and sixty-nine cents per square yard, on specifications drawn by City Engineer, substituting four-inch concrete base for five-inch, and six-inch base over new filled trenches and soft and spongy spots where required by City Engineer, the City to retain the sum of four thousand dollars from amount of contract for a term of ten years.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

GENTLEMEN,—The following tenders for paving streets were opened by the Works Committee on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and referred to me for report:—

#### WARREN BITUMINOUS PAVING COMPANY.

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| 1. Tar macadam on a bituminous foundation with a five-year guarantee.....  | \$1.90 per sq. yard. |
| 2. Bitulithic on a bituminous base on their own specification with a ten-year guarantee .....  | 2.50    "            |
| 3. Bitulithic on a four-inch concrete base on their own specification with a ten-year guarantee and twenty-five cents a yard retained by City..... | 2.75    "            |
| If quantity ordered is increased to 30,000 yards this price to be reduced to.....  | 2.69    "            |

#### BARBER ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY.

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| 4. Bituminous macadam on a five-inch concrete base on the City Engineer's specification with a ten-year guarantee and twenty-five cents a yard retained by City, the City to be guaranteed against any expense for alleged infringement of patents ..... | \$2.21 per sq. yard. |
| 5. Sheet asphalt on five-inch base, contract to be based on City Engineer's specification, with ten-year guarantee and twenty-five cents per square yard retained by City.....   | 2.21    "            |



Preliminary steps have been taken for the paving of 26,000 yards of street surface, not including street railway track allowance. The petitions on which the signatures have been obtained through the energy of the representative of the Warren Company, ask for bitulithic, for which the Warren Company hold a patent. In advertising I suggested to your Committee that bituminous macadam be specified, which would include bitulithic, so that the work would be open for the competition as all the City contracts are, otherwise the contractor could dictate terms, price and work to be done by him, as they did in Granville Street. The Warren Company have notified me that they own the words "Bituminous Macadam" as a trademark. My specification is for a class of pavement, not a particular brand of that class, and as the Warren Company claim to have a monopoly of the words used, other words can be substituted to describe it. It is not for me to question the legality of the Warren Company's claim; but bituminous macadam pavements were laid in Canada and other countries years before the Company or its patents were in existence.

I am not aware that the standing of either Company is questioned. The Warren Company laid the bituminous macadam pavement in Glace Bay and the two blocks on Granville Street. The Barber Company has laid millions of yards of asphalt pavement in the United States, but has not laid any bituminous macadam pavement in Canada, to my knowledge. The two companies are competitors in Toronto for asphalt pavements, each company having laid thousands of yards in that city. Both companies have laid some pavements which required renewal or repair within a short time, and I think all companies and municipalities laying bituminous pavements have had a similar experience.

The first tender—tar macadam—is for a pavement which has been laid in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and other cities as an improvement on ordinary macadam with varying success. It cannot, in my opinion, be classed as a permanent pavement. The cost in Toronto in 1904 was \$1.23. I have not seen last year's prices yet. At the figure asked by the Warren Company this pavement would cost in Halifax \$17,420 more than in Toronto.

The second tender is for a bituminous macadam wearing surface on a bituminous base. The bituminous base is a layer of broken stone coated with a preparation of tar or asphalt. Whatever the wearing surface may be that the Committee or the Council decide upon, it should be laid on a cement concrete base. It is impossible to prevent an occasional stoppage of a water pipe or drain, when the pavement must be broken. It seems equally impossible to re-lay any pavement so that it will remain exactly on the grade of the surrounding pavement unless the foundation is cement concrete. There is another good reason for requiring a permanent foundation. A cement concrete base can be used for any kind of paving material, and if the wearing surface wears out any other paving surface may be substituted if the concrete base is laid low enough.

The third tender and the fourth tender should be considered together. The Warren Company offer to lay their patented bituminous macadam pavement on a four-inch concrete base and on their own specification for \$2.75 a yard for the quantity for which petitions have been signed, or for \$2.69 provided 30,000 yards are ordered. The Barber Company offer to lay a bituminous macadam pavement on a five-inch base and on the City Engineer's specification for \$2.21 a yard—a difference on 26,000 yards of \$14,040.00. I am informed that this pavement costs in Toronto only \$2.20 per square yard.

The Warren Company claim that the six sizes of broken stone which they use give the densest mixture—that is one containing the smallest percentage of voids, and that all other proportions give inferior results. The City Engineer of Toronto, who has laid all kinds of pavements, discussing bituminous macadam wearing surface, says:—

"The proposed aim is to select such sizes of stone for the wearing surface as will make the densest aggregate—that is, that contains the least percentage of voids. In the interests of simplicity it is decided to use only three sizes of broken stone, viz.,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and screenings or crushed stone varying in size from dust to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in greatest dimensions. A mixture of these three sizes of stone in the proportion of two parts of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch stone, one part of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch stone and one part of screenings is found by careful experiment to give an almost perfectly dense aggregate and is adopted as the specified proportion to be used."

It would seem, therefore, that all experts do not agree on this point. It seems to me that while either formula may be correct in theory it is by no means certain to work out the same in practice. If the separate particles and fragments were placed one by one or mingled dry, the mixture might possibly combine in accordance with the theory, but when mixed with bitumen the separate pieces are not free to drop into the voids as they are churned about. I have far greater faith in a good guarantee for such a pavement than in its theoretical construction. It is stated that the Warren Company also claim that sand should not be used, yet sand is small stone, and moreover their specification contains this clause:—"If the crushed stone used does not provide the best proportions of fine grained particles, such deficiency must be supplied by the use of not to exceed 15% hydraulic cement, pulverized stone or very fine sand." It has also been claimed that asphalt is not as suitable as their special bituminous cement, yet their patent states that an asphalt mixture is preferred. In the face of such contradictions one must fall back on one's own judgment.

The Warren Company offer to sell the wearing surface ready to lay at \$1.45 per yard, the City to do all other work. This would leave the City without a guarantee, and should not be favorably considered until we know more about the construction of the pavement. I have declined to take the responsibility of recommending this pavement as a permanent pavement, because it has not had the test of time. Its durability has yet to be determined. I believe that its life is limited to that of the bitumen which binds it together and fills the voids, the conditions being similar to those which fix the life of asphalt, sand being used in the latter, larger stone in the former.

The last tender is for asphalt at \$2.21 per yard. It should be clearly understood that this is not the tar concrete which we are in the habit of calling asphalt and which costs only half a dollar a yard. Asphalt pavements are in general use all over the continent. In 1904 Toronto laid 88,000 yards. Last year Winnipeg, which does all its City work by day's work with its own plant, ordered 200,000 yards of this pavement. It costs there \$2.25 a square yard, including 20 cents a yard put away for maintenance.

Opinions have been asked for from the larger Canadian cities respecting bitulithic and bituminous macadam, but in each answer they seem to have interpreted bituminous macadam to mean the tar macadam laid in the past, which is a different pavement altogether, although it is a bituminous macadam. The following telegram was sent to the City Engineer of Toronto:—"Barber Asphalt Company tender for asphalt two twenty-one; Warren Company for bitulithic two sixty-nine. Which from your experience do you consider best tender?" The reply was:—"Messages hard to answer. Bitulithic every appearance of being excellent pavement, but not laid long enough for me to form an opinion of its wearing qualities."

In reporting on these tenders I have endeavored to represent all the facts in my possession as fairly and clearly as possible, so that the Works Committee and the Council may have all the information available to enable them to discuss this important matter fully and arrive at a decision that will give justice to the property owners who pay a large share of the cost, the general taxpayer who pays the larger share, and the companies who have tendered.

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

MAY 12th, 1906.

MAYOR ELLIS, OTTAWA:

Halifax laying permanent streets. From your experience which is the better—Bitulithic at \$2.69 per yard or Barber Bituminous Macadam at \$2.21? Please wire. Collect.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

OTTAWA, May 18th, 1906.

THE MAYOR, HALIFAX:

Our City Engineer strongly recommended Bitulithic at difference in price stated.

MAYOR ELLIS.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor* :

TORONTO, May 11th, 1906.

Thomas Urquhart out of town, returns to-morrow, when your telegram will be attended to.

URQUHART & GREGORY.

R. T. MACILREITH :

TORONTO, May 12th, 1906.

Believe Bitulithic pavement is good permanent roadway. Have had no experience with Barber Bituminous Macadam.

THOS. URQUHART.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*, HALIFAX :

MONTREAL, May 11th, 1906.

Our Bitulithic pavements are giving better results than our Bituminous macadam.

H. A. ECKERS, *Mayor*.

R. T. MACILREITH, ESQ., *Mayor*, HALIFAX :

HAMILTON, ONT., May 11th, 1906.

Consider Barber Bituminous Macadam the better at price quoted.

S. D. BIGGAR.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*, HALIFAX :

TORONTO, May 11th, 1906.

Mayor requested me to answer your telegram. Had no experience with Barber Bituminous Macadam, but Bitulithic is a good pavement and from what I have heard would prefer it to the Barber.

C. H. RUST, *City Engineer*.

TORONTO, May 11th, 1906.

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Trusting the result will be all that you desire, believe me,

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Also read letter Barber Asphalt Paving Company.

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Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Council do now adjourn until eight o'clock to-morrow evening. Motion lost.

Alderman Hawkins' amendment is put and lost, five voting for the same and 13 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Douglas, Lamphier,  
Hubley, MacKenzie,  
Hawkins.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,  
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Murray, Powell,  
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Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 14 against it, viz. :—

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That the Board of Works in making a contract with the Warren Company be restricted to the quality of the pavement and the price of that portion already laid on Granville Street except where the specifications exceed those of the Granville Street pavement in cost there may be an increase of price.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and on being put is lost.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 11 against, as follows :—

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Murray,  
Douglas, Lamphier,  
Hubley, MacKenzie,  
Hawkins.—7

Against it.

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Names being called for, there appeared :—

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Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward.

*Resolved.* That the Engineer report upon the advisability of placing a light at corner of Bloomfield and Islesville Streets, also corner Veith and Young Streets and at north terminus of Kempt Road.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward.

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

By leave of Council Alderman Martin submits the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That the sidewalk in front of Park Street Church be paved with asphalt or concrete and a crossing be laid on Johns Lane.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

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

By leave of Council, Alderman Cawsey submits two resolutions as follows :—

*Resolved*, That the Tramway Company be requested to double track Agricola Street from Cunard Street to turnout corner West and Agricola Streets.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to the Tram-company to carry out at once. Motion passed.

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

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R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*:

Thomas Urquhart out of town, returns to-morrow, when your telegram will be attended to.

TORONTO, May 11th, 1906.

URQUHART & GREGORY.

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H. A. ERSKINE, *Mayor*.

MONTREAL, May 11th, 1906.

R. T. MACILREITH, ESQ., *Mayor*, HALIFAX:

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S. D. BIGGAR.

HAMILTON, ONT., May 11th, 1906.

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

Council adjourns seven o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8 10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, June 7th, 1906.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Murray, Campbell, Kelly, Hayward, Cawsey, Powell, MacKenzie, Taylor, and Archibald.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Shaffner, Johnson, Douglas, Lamphier, Hubley, Martin, and Hawkins.

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

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Reports (2) Tenders Committee, by Alderman Campbell, Chairman.

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Murray, Chairman.

Report Committee on Legislation by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Halliday, Chairman.

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

Petition for sidewalk, curb and gutter Coburg Road and Robie Street, by Alderman Powell.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Letter Board of Trade re Natal Day Holiday and half-holiday during the Dominion Exhibition.

Petition of merchants against any celebration of Natal day on a Monday.

Letter His Worship the Mayor re Lead Corroding Works covering letter and resolution Board of Trade on the subject.

Report Committee on Works re Insurance.

Report Committee on Works re Monthly Accounts.

Report Police Commission covering accounts.

Cash Statements City Collector for March and April and City Treasurer for April and May.

Applications of F. H. Bell and J. A. MacKinnon for position of Recorder.

Letter of Hon. N. A. Belcourt re inviting His Majesty the King to Canada.

Report City Engineer re house Lockman Street.

Fourteen (14) reports Committee on Works, viz :

Summit Street water extension.

Francklyn Street extension.

Street lights.

Vernon Street sewer.

Windsor Street sewer.

Duncan Street light.

Fort Massey Church sidewalks.

Kent Street sidewalk.

South Street sidewalk.

Spring Garden Road sidewalks.

Church of England Cathedral site.

Longard Road water extension.

Parade Fountain.

Cunard Street widening.

Petition F. M. Switzer & Co. for exemption from taxation.

Application Mont Lannigan for refund of Liquor License deposit.

Petition Hillis & Son, Ltd., re Veith St. sidewalk.

Report Board of Health re appointment of Chairman.

Report City Clerk re appointment of Chairmen of Committees.

Letter Board of Trade re Advertising the City.

Application W. A. MacKenzie for position of Lumber Surveyor.

Petition of Motor Club re use of automobiles in Point Pleasant Park.

Report Dog Pound Keeper.

Petition J. K. Hubley for permission to operate dye works.

Petition against the same.

Annual report Chief of Police.

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

Read report Library Committee covering accounts for payment and on other matters.

CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 23rd, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day. There were present Alderman Murray (Chairman), Kelly Campbell, MacKenzie and Gastonguay.

Your Committee recommend that the City Health Board be requested to regularly and promptly notify the Librarian of all places in the City with infectious diseases.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Auditor be requested to prepare a statement of the amounts paid each year for the last five years for salaries and the cost of material used in connection with Library bindery.

The following accounts, amounting to \$233.55, are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Herald, subscription to 31st December, 1905, \$6 00. C F. Fraser, re-seating chair, \$1.20. Kelly Publishing Co., Kelly Directory, \$12.50. Library Bureau of Canada, Accession book, \$3 60. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$7.25. Miss F. J. Bowes, services, \$5.00. Robert Appleton Co., \$75 00. Scientific American, \$96.00. MacAlpine Co., \$26.50. Library Bureau, \$1.00. Total, \$233.55.

W. C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is next submitted:—

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

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Kelly, and passed subject to the amendment unanimously agreed to that the clause affecting the Board of Health be referred to the Board of Health for report.

Read applications of F. H. Bell and John A. MacKinnon for position of Recorder of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the Council do now proceed to the appointment of a Recorder. Motion passed.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For F. H. Bell.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,  
Halliday, Johnson,  
Murray, Taylor,  
Douglas, Kelly,  
Campbell, MacKenzie,  
Hayward, Hawkins.—12.

For J. A. MacKinnon.

Aldermen Powell, Lamphier,  
Hubley, Martin,  
Cawsey.—5.

His Worship the Mayor declares Mr. Francis H. Bell duly appointed Recorder of the City of Halifax.

Read report Tenders Committee re tenders for printing forms, blank

books, printing minutes, stationery, printing annual report and advertising.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING, STATIONERY, &c.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Campbell (Chairman) Halliday, Murray and Lamphier, tenders were received and opened for the following services:—

ADVERTISING.

Herald Publishing Co., \$1.20 per inch for the first insertion and 33c. per inch for all subsequent insertions in either "The Herald" or "The Mail."

Blackadar Bros., 75c. per inch for the first insertion and 35c. for each subsequent insertion in "Acadian Recorder."

These being the only tenders received for advertising, your Committee recommend that the tender of the Herald Co. for advertising in "The Herald" and that of Blackadar Bros. for advertising in the "Acadian Recorder" be accepted.

TENDERS RECEIVED FOR PRINTING.

Annual City Report—MacAlpine Publishing Co., Ltd.....	\$2.20 per page
Holloway Bros.....	1.75 "
Minutes City Council—MacAlpine Publishing Co., Ltd.....	2.00 "
Holloway Bros.....	1.65 "
Order of the Day—MacAlpine Publishing Co.....	1.40 "
Holloway Bros.....	1.75 per sett.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Messrs. Holloway Bros., being the lowest, be accepted.

Your Committee further recommend that the tender of Messrs. T. C. Allen & Co. for stationery and printing blank forms and that of A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., for blank books, be accepted, these being the lowest for the respective services

In closing this report your Committee regret to have to report quite an advance in the cost of printing due to the shorter hours and advance in pay to printers.

Geo. M. Campbell, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

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

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. Loraine Heisler, Call-man No. 1 engine, having been reported for disobeying an order to "sleep in," upon a hearing the case was dismissed. In this connection it is recommended that in future the men be notified in writing when it is their turn to "sleep in" the engine houses.

2. Wm. McGinnis, Call-man No. 2 hose, having been reported and found guilty of drunkenness, his dismissal from the department is recommended.

3. It is recommended that William Wells, Driver No. 1 ladder truck, for insubordination, and Robert Mackenzie, driver No. 2 chemical engine, for absence from his engine house without leave, be each fined \$5.00.

4. The Chief reported that on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th, there were five captains of companies and nine call-men out of the City and eight men sick. It is recommended that no member of the Department shall leave the City without permission from the Chief, under penalty of a fine of \$5.00, the application to the Chief for leave of absence to be in writing, and that copies of this rule be posted in the engine houses and furnished to each captain.

5. The Board investigated a complaint made by His Worship the Mayor that No. 2 engine from West Street arrived at the Ladies College fire, box 18, without sufficient steam up. In answer to this charge the Board found that upon arrival at the fire the Engineer purposely omitted to make steam as his engine was not required to work at the fire and that he could have raised steam at once if his services were called for.

6. The Chief's charge of incompetency against Call-man Inglis having been before the Board on a number of occasions, it was finally decided to give Mr. Inglis a trial of good behaviour for three months.

7. The Board desires to notify the Council that the contract with the Canadian Fire Engine Company for supplying a steam fire engine to the City has not been complied with and that the Department is without the services of such steam fire engine. The Council is therefore requested to take action in the premises.

8. It is recommended that Charles D. Shaffleburg be appointed Engineer of No. 1 steamer in place of the Chief Engineer, relieved from particular engine duty.

9. William Lownds, Call-man No. 4 hose, is recommended for position of spare driver.

10. The following appointments are recommended:—Dennis Kane, (Supernumerary No. 1 engine,) in place of Michael Ryan, Call-man, resigned; James Merlin (Supernumerary No. 2 engine) in place of Thomas Downey, Call-man, resigned; Patrick Harris (Supernumerary No. 4 hose) in place of William Lownds (No. 4 hose) promoted.

11. The following Supernumeraries are recommended for promotion to the call force: Thomas Martin, Henry Morrow, Arthur Squires, James Yetman and William Knappen.

12. Lieutenant John Sunderland is recommended for appointment as Janitor of fire station No. 4, Bedford Row, at a salary of \$80.00 a year.

13. The Board has authorized the Chairman to purchase two horses for the Department, to be passed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

14. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., power, \$5.57, light, \$27.91—\$35.48. Horseshoeing—T. Robinson, \$2.96. Robert Horner, \$2.95. Meagher & McKenzie, \$8.86. O'Connell Bros., \$7.86. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$4.50. Holloway & Sons, blocks, \$5.00. J. S. Cashen, feed, \$293.48. Simson Bros & Co., acid, \$6.58. G. C. Bateman, locks, \$28.50. Farquhar Bros., electric supplies, &c., \$7.41. T. Robinson, horse hire, \$2.50. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$4.40. T. C. Allen & Co., wrapping paper, \$1.00. Thos. L. Spelman, ladder, \$10.00. N. S. Telephone Co., electric supplies, \$2.95. Freeman's store, \$26.25, \$1.30, \$45.30—\$72.85. Cragg Bros., lock 25c. W. C. Knight, harness, \$3.05. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$3.50. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$35.34. Total, \$539.42.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, the report is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 are read and passed.

Clause 3 (first part), fining Wm. Wells \$5.00, is passed.

Clause 3 (second part), in re Robert MacKenzie, is referred back to the Board for further report, on motion of Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 are severally read and adopted

Read Clause 8 re appointment of Charles D. Shaffleburg as Engineer No. 1 Steamer.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the clause be adopted conditionally upon Shaffleburg furnishing a certificate of health from the City Medical Officer and a certificate of his age.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the clause be referred back to the Board of Firewards.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it.

The original motion is put and passed.

Clauses 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are severally read and adopted.

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

By leave of Council Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, submitted a resolution in re proceedings for expropriating a piece of property belonging to E. W. O'Donnell for the extension of Central Engine House.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report by Alderman Johnson, Chairman of Committee on Legislation, relating to bills affecting the City of Halifax before the last session of the Legislature.

#### ALDERMAN JOHNSON'S REPORT ON LEGISLATION.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the Committee appointed by the Council to look after legislation affecting the City during the late session of the Legislature, I beg to report as follows :—

I think I am quite safe in stating that more valuable legislation affecting the City



was before the last Legislature than for many years, and the Council is to be congratulated that so many of the Bills which were submitted to the Legislature by it are now not Bills but laws. There were seventeen Bills presented to the Legislature for their approval, and fifteen of them became law. The Bill entitled "An Act to enable the City of Halifax to do Electric Lighting," and the Bill entitled "An Act in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax," were defeated. There was another Bill which affected the City very much, but it was not introduced by the City, having emanated from the town of Dartmouth, which your Committee opposed, and as a result of their representations the Bill was defeated. The same Bill was introduced in the session of 1905. If it had become law, under the present conditions, the City would have had to pay into the County School fund about \$21,000 a year, and would have received back about \$14,000 a year, which would leave a net tax on the City of Halifax of \$7,000. The average citizen of Halifax believes that he is contributing a sufficient amount at present in the way of educating the young when they pay for that purpose \$125 500.

AN IMPROVEMENT BILL.

There was another Bill which was introduced which did not originate in the City Council, but which affects the City—a Bill promoted by Dr. Armitage and others, respecting the improvement of certain sections of Grafton and Albemarle Streets. On account of a resolution in the Council, the Committee backed up their efforts in securing this legislation.

The following Bills became law :—

FIRST ACT.—"An Act in relation to the Superannuation of Mr. W F. MacCoy, the City Recorder." This enables the Recorder to retire, on account of illness, and to receive an annuity from the City of \$600 per year.

ADDITIONAL REVENUES.

SECOND ACT.—"An Act in relation to the Taxation of certain Companies in the City of Halifax." By this Act we are enabled to increase the revenue of the City by a comparatively large amount. The following companies will pay the amounts set opposite to them, in addition to what they have paid in the past, viz. :

Telegraph Companies .....	\$ 400 00
Express Companies .....	300 00
Mercantile Agencies .....	200 00
Real Estate Agents (estimated) .....	200 00
Telephone Companies .....	500 00
Life Insurance Companies (estimated) .....	2,300 00
Building and Loan and Trust Companies, about .....	1,200 00
Stock Brokers (estimated) .....	500 00

Making a total increase under this Bill of about.....\$5,600 00

SUPERANNUATION.

THIRD ACT.—"An Act to provide a Superannuation Fund for the Officers and Employees of the City of Halifax." In the history of the City it very frequently occurs that a person who has served the City for many years and has become incapacitated has his case presented to the Council asking for some consideration, and while the Aldermen would like to assist such individuals, still in the past they have been unable to do so, but by the passing of this Act it will enable the City officers to provide for themselves a certain income, which they will receive as a right and not as a favor.

ELECTRIC TRAM CO.

FOURTH ACT.—"An Act in respect to the Taxation of the Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd." This Act was introduced during the session of 1905. We got it through the House of Assembly that year, but it was thrown out in the Upper House. It was

re-introduced this year, and while we did not get it through as it left the Council, still we succeeded in getting one-half what we asked for, for which I think we can congratulate ourselves. Up to the passing of this Act the Tram Company paid on its real and personal property the regulation rate, also a license fee of \$1,000, and 4 per cent. on the gross receipts of its tram service. In addition to that they will have to pay, beginning May 1st, 1906, 2 per cent. on the gross receipts for supplying electric lighting, electric power, and gas to the City. Their income last year from this source was about \$220,000, so that on this basis their additional tax will amount to \$4,400. It is much better in the City's interest to have the tax based on a percentage than on a fixed amount, for as the electric light and gas services are extended the income must necessarily increase, and the City's revenue will also increase. In 1904-5 the Electric Tram Company paid taxes to the City of \$14,091; that is, the taxes on real and personal property, license fee and the 4 per cent. receipts of the tram service would amount to that much. This additional tax will bring their taxes up to about \$20,000.

#### TO ENLARGE THE COURT HOUSE.

FIFTH ACT.—“An Act to provide for the Enlarging and Improving of the Court House of Halifax.” This Act provides that \$21,000 be borrowed for enlarging and improving the Court House on Spring Garden Road. The City is not responsible for the whole of this, as the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the town of Dartmouth and the Province will each contribute their share.

#### PERMANENT SIDEWALKS

SIXTH ACT.—“An Act to enable the City of Halifax to Borrow Money for the Purpose of Constructing Permanent Sidewalks.” Under this Act the City is authorized to borrow the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of laying permanent sidewalks. For many years there has been considerable agitation for permanent sidewalks, that is, concrete sidewalks, and the Council thought fit to provide at one time enough money to lay every necessary permanent sidewalk, curb and gutter in the business section of the City, and the balance of it to be distributed in other sections of the City that most require and deserve it. The appropriation will lay twenty miles of permanent sidewalk. The whole amount will not necessarily be borrowed at one time, although if we are as successful in our borrowing as we were last year, the City would not be out anything, as they sold their 4 per cent. debentures at a little better than par, and are receiving 4 per cent. from the Bank on the money deposited there.

#### PRESIDING OFFICERS.

SEVENTH ACT :—This Act did not come through the Council, but was presented to the Legislature by the Mayor, viz : “An Act to legalize the, appointment of Presiding Officers for the Election of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax for the year 1906. The necessity of this Act was brought about by the fact that on account of there not being a quorum of the Council, when it was summoned to appoint presiding officers for the elections in accordance with the law, it was necessary, in order that there would be no question as to the legality of the elections, to introduce this Act.

EIGHTH ACT.—“An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of 1900, Fires and Firewards.” This Act provides for the holding of investigations as to suspicious fires.

NINTH ACT :—An Act in relation to the City of Halifax.

This is the title of the general Act which covers a great many different points affecting the City, some of which are as follows :

A Commission of seven will hereafter manage Camp Hill Cemetery.

The second medical officer is done away with.

Licenses will be required for the posting of bills and placards in the City.

Persons requiring statements or certificates from the City Collector, shall not be granted these without paying a fee. This does not apply to a duplicate bill furnished.

Certain regulations respecting the police.

The City Prison is declared to be a common jail. In the past the Stipendiary Magistrate on account of the existing Act had to sentence many prisoners to the jail on Spring Garden Road, where it would be more desirable to send them to Rockhead prison, where they would be compelled to work. Under this Act he can sentence them to Rockhead.

Certain recommendations made by the Fire Wards are embodied in this Act.

The grant for the maintenance of the Common, Public Gardens, etc., is increased from five to six thousand dollars.

The City Council may grant to the Society of Prevention of Cruelty a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

There is a provision for the erection of a shelter for cabmen

It is also provided that the Mayor of the City has authority to pay out any necessary expenses in connection with the attending of any convention which is considered for the welfare of the City, or for the entertaining of any Royal or other distinguished visitors who may visit the City.

There is also a provision that any person who may have a contract with the City will not be debarred from running as an alderman for the City, provided he bona fide assigns his contract and has notified the Mayor of such assignment. This provision will enable many desirable citizens to be eligible for the Council, who, otherwise would not be.

Probably the most important section of the Act is one relating to Poll Tax. There are at present 3784 persons down for a Poll Tax of \$2. The Assessors probably might eliminate many of these as it is utterly useless to put them down as it is impossible to collect the existing rate from them. During the past year, if these 3784 had paid their Poll Tax the City would have received \$7568 from that source, but, as a matter of fact, it received \$600. Under the present Act, any person who is earning \$500, and is not assessed for \$300, shall pay a Poll Tax of \$5. It is fully believed that by eliminating many impecunious persons, that under this clause we would have two thousand persons contributing \$5 a piece. This would increase the revenue of the City in round numbers \$10,000. There will be no excuse for not collecting this as there is machinery provided in the Act to do so, that is, if they do not pay there is provision that they can be jailed.

#### MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TENTH ACT.—“An Act in respect to the Taxation of Manufacturing Industries in the City of Halifax.” This enables the Council to encourage the introduction of important enterprises in the City, as it gives them the power to exempt them from certain taxes for a period of ten years. It would be well in the interest of the City to make this Act as widely known as possible.

#### TO BORROW MONEY.

ELEVENTH ACT —An Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money.

It provides for the borrowing of \$50,000 to pay the City's share of laying pavement on the streets of the City. \$1,000 for the widening of Water Street at the foot of Salter Street. \$10,100 as a special grant to the Dominion Exhibition. \$4,000 for repairs, alterations and improvements to the Grand Parade, including cabmen's shelter. \$27,000 for a new engine house and new apparatus for the Fire Department. \$10,000 for fence around the Public Gardens. \$7,000 to pay the City's share of the floating debt of the Provincial Exhibition. \$1,500 for the improvement of the heating apparatus of the City Hall—making a total of \$103,600, for which debentures for thirty-four years are to be issued and a sinking fund created to wipe this amount out. In addition to this, there is \$4,000 on a short term loan to be paid off in five years to purchase new hose for the Fire Department.

#### CITY CHARTER.

TWELFTH ACT.—“An Act to amend the Act relating to the City Charter.”

## TAXATION OF BANKS.

**THIRTEENTH ACT.**—An Act in respect to the taxation of Banks in the City of Halifax. Under the existing Act, the City on account of amalgamations and the Banks removing their headquarters to other cities, is losing a large amount of revenue. After considerable discussion with the Managers of the Banks an amicable arrangement was arrived at. Under the Act, a Bank can avail itself of a fixed amount, payable yearly, or, can pay on its volume of business.

It is fully believed that four of the Banks will pay on the fixed amount. This would bring in \$12,000. The two remaining Banks cannot pay less than \$1,750 each. This would bring the total up to \$15,500, but, in all probability it will amount to, say, \$16,500, and basing their taxes on their present real estate, it will bring their total taxes up to about \$22,000, and as the value of their real estate increases, this amount will be increased. This year we will receive \$18,782 from the Banks so that we will have a net gain of about \$3,000.

**FOURTEENTH ACT.**—The fourteenth Act, which only affects the City indirectly gives the power of expropriating land that may be required in connection with the Dominion Exhibition.

**FIFTEENTH ACT.**—The fifteenth Act enables the Halifax & South Western Railway Co. to divert a road at the Three Mile House in order that the two railway crossings in that vicinity shall be done away with.

As these Acts became law before the 1st day of May the City's revenue will be materially increased for this year, which was not taken into consideration at all in the estimates made up.

From various companies the City will receive \$5,600 and \$4,400 from the Tram and from other sources, say \$2,000. This will make \$12,000, which will go into the Reserve Fund of the City, in due time. This \$12,000 which was practically found compounded for 34 years at 4 per cent. would amount to about \$45,000, almost the amount required to pave the streets that are contemplated.

I would suggest that the assessors be instructed to carry out the new poll tax Act and locate each individual residing in the City who is liable for this tax, and would suggest that the police be instructed to assist the assessors in procuring the names of such individuals. Probably when many of these untaxed citizens learn of this Act, they will voluntarily send in their names to the assessors.

In the legislation secured this year the City's income will be increased approximately as follows :

From various Companies .....	\$ 5,600 00
From Tram Company .....	4,400 00
Poll Tax .....	10,000 00
The Banks .....	3,000 00

making a total of \$23,000. Several of these will increase as the years roll by. The aggregate authorized to be borrowed is a large sum, \$150,000 for sidewalks and curb and gutters and \$103,600 for paving the streets, improving the Fire Department, etc., making a total of about \$250,000.

The interest on \$250,000 at 4 per cent. is \$10,000. The sinking fund necessary to wipe out this amount for thirty-four years is \$3,590, but as the contribution of the property-holders toward the sidewalks and paving goes into the sinking fund, it will not be necessary for the City to put away much more than \$1,250 a year, so that the interest and sinking fund necessary to pay off this debt for thirty-four years will amount to only \$11,250, which is less than half the income created during the last session of the Legislature.

There has been considerable talk, particularly during the last civic election, as to the Aldermen not doing anything, but the Aldermen who have been in the Council for the past three years can congratulate themselves upon having done considerable. They provided, during the year 1905, enough money to build every sewer for which there was

a petition on file in the City Council, calling for \$150,000. It will take some years to build these sewers, but when the people get them they can thank the Aldermen who were in the Council during 1905. And they also at the same time had a new License Act passed, which together with the other enactments brought up the City's revenue about \$18,000, which more than paid for all the improvements which have been made in the City.

Three years ago the City's income from licenses of various kinds, fines, rents, dog tax and receipts from Tramway was put down at about \$32,000. On account of legislation secured during the session of the Legislature of 1905 the City's income from the same sources was put down at \$50,400, and next year when the estimates are made up the City's income can be put down at over \$70,000. This means that many improvements may be made without the rate of taxation going up. During the years 1902-4-5 there was \$65,730 spent on sewers—10,661 lineal feet were laid. There are building and under construction at the present time 10,601 lineal feet, costing \$50,470, and on the Order Paper there are 6,900 feet ordered, costing \$27,000, the money for all of which is at the present time in the Bank. In three years there were 3,828 feet of new water pipe laid and 15,498 feet of pipe renewed. In the same period there were 3,398 feet of new curb and 5,450 of new gutter laid.

On the first of January, 1903, there were 284 street lights; on the first of May, 1906, there were 322 lights.

I might mention large amounts that were spent in improving the Fire Department, to purchase new apparatus and the erection of a new building. Also, the widening of Agricola St., costing \$27,000; the paving of Granville Street; the widening of Water Street at the foot of Duke Street and considerable expenditure on the Parade. In three years the tram line have laid one and one-half miles of double track. In three years the City laid 4,328 yards of asphalt; 1,692 of brick, and 1,913 of concrete sidewalks.

When the \$150,000 which is about to be borrowed for permanent sidewalks is spent the citizens can thank the Aldermen who were in the Council during the year ending May, 1906, as they not only got the legislation but they provided the means of paying for it.

When Hollis Street is paved from Water Street to Morris, and Barrington from Hurd's Lane to Morris, and Spring Garden road from Pleasant Street to the Gardens, and George Street from Barrington to Water Street, and around the Post Office; when parts of Prince Street and Granville and Gottingen are paved, they can thank the same Aldermen as they secured the legislation necessary to complete them and provided the money to pay for them.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said report be received and printed in the Minutes of Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor relating to the establishment of lead corroding works by Messrs. Brandrum, of England, Henderson, of Halifax, and their associates, and the desirability of having such works located in Halifax; covering letter and resolution Board of Trade on the subject and memorandum of requirements submitted by Mr. Joseph Henderson.

## LEAD CORRODING WORKS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 7th, 1906.

*Members City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The matter of the establishment in Canada of a Lead Corroding Works by Messrs Brandrum of England, Henderson of Halifax and their associates, was brought to my attention a few days ago, and the desirability of having such works located in Halifax at once became apparent, provided arrangements could be made on terms not too onerous.

As the question whether or not Halifax was prepared to consider the offering of any inducements looking to the founding of this industry here had to be decided on or before Wednesday last in order to prevail upon the persons interested in the enterprise not to close negotiations going on for the starting of the works elsewhere, I caused as many members of the Council as could be reached by telephone to assemble at my office on Tuesday.

As the opinion of those members of Council present was in favor of considering such a proposition, after discussing the matter with Mr. Henderson, one of the persons interested in the enterprise, sufficient delay was obtained to enable the Council at its meeting this evening to decide what steps they would take to have the works located here.

In justice to the Company it must be said that neither Mr Henderson nor any other representative of the Company made any advance to the City looking for a bonus or tax exemption; but on the other hand Mr. Henderson was approached and asked to state upon what terms he thought his Company might be induced to establish at Halifax. Mr. Henderson's idea of what his people would expect is embodied in the memorandum attached hereto, and I would respectfully suggest that the Council at its meeting this evening should take this matter into consideration and decide what inducements Halifax is prepared to offer for the establishment of the proposed plant.

Also attached is a letter and resolution from the Board of Trade bearing on the same subject.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 6th, 1906.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

DEAR SIR, I enclose herewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of this Board at a meeting held yesterday which relates to Messrs Brandrum & Henderson's proposition to establish Lead Corroding Works in this City. I also enclose copy of memorandum submitted by Messrs Henderson & Potts setting forth the requirements of the Company.

As I understand this matter is coming before the Council on Thursday evening. I trust that you will present this resolution as the views of this Board.

Yours truly,

A. T. WELDON, *Secretary*,

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE HALIFAX BOARD OF TRADE AT ITS MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 5th, 1906.

*Whereas*, It is the purpose of the Brandrum-Henderson Company to establish a Lead Corroding Works in Canada;

*And Whereas*, The citizens of Halifax feel the urgent need of more industries and have been agitating in this direction for some time;

*Therefore Resolved*, That the Halifax Board of Trade recommend the City Council to favorably consider the proposition of granting such exemptions and bonus to the above

named Company as may be necessary to the establishing of their works in Halifax, at the same time safe-guarding the present and future interests of the City.

Memorandum submitted by Mr. Jos. Henderson.

Bouns of \$10,000 per annum for ten years. Exemption of Taxes on New Lead Plant for 10 years—and for a second term of 10 years, taxes not to exceed \$1,500 per annum. Assessment on present plant not to be increased for 15 years.

Water at a minimum rate,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents per 1000 gallons; Sewer extension on usual terms if required.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that Alderman Cawsey be permitted to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :—

*Whereas*, It is desirable in the interest of the City that further encouragement should be offered to induce manufacturing industries to establish in Halifax ;

*And Whereas*, The Brandrum-Henderson Company are arranging for the establishment of a lead corroding works in Canada ;

*Be it therefore Resolved*, That the City offer the Brandrum-Henderson Company exemption from taxation on the proposed lead plant for ten years and agree not to levy taxation for a second term of ten years in excess of \$1500.00 per annum, and further agree to supply water to the said Company at the minimum rate, viz :  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents per 1000 gallons, and to pay a bonus to the Company of \$10,000 00 per year for a period of ten years.

*Further Resolved*, That the assessment on the paint works now operated in Halifax by Messrs Henderson and Potts be the same as now levied for a period of ten years.

*Further Resolved*, That the inducements offered in this resolution are only to take effect upon the Brandrum-Henderson Company entering into an agreement to employ not less than seventy-five men continuously in the operation of the proposed works exclusive of managers, officials and office staff, and to pay in wages to such employees a sum not less than \$50,000.00 per year.

*Further Resolved*. That in the event of the said Company deciding to accept the offer contained in this resolution that the agreement to be drawn up embodying the terms hereof shall be drawn to the satisfaction of the Laws and Privileges Committee and His Honor the Recorder and thereafter to be submitted to the Council for approval.

Moved by Alderman, Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that Mr. A. M. Bell, President of the Board of Trade be heard on the subject. Motion passed.

Mr. A. M. Bell addresses the Council in favor of the proposal of the Brandrum-Henderson Company.

By permission, Mr. Joseph Henderson also addresses the Council.

Alderman Cawsey asked leave of Council to eliminate all reference to Henderson and Potts' present factory from the resolution. With the consent of the seconder, this was agreed to by the Council.

The original resolution is now put and passed as amended, 13 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,  
Halliday, Johnson,  
Murray, Powell, Taylor,  
Douglas, Kelly, Martin,  
Cawsey, MacKenzie,  
Hayward.—13

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley,  
Hawkins.—3

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Whereas*, It is desirable in the interests of the City that a special effort be made to secure new industries within its limits;

*And whereas*, The City is peculiarly well adapted, owing to its situation and other advantages, to become a place for the establishment of locomotive works;

*Therefore resolved*, That this Council hereby requests His Worship the Mayor to visit the leading locomotive works of the United States and learn upon what terms a branch of one of such works might be established in Halifax;

*And further resolved*, That the Board of Trade be requested to induce their President to accompany His Worship on this important mission.

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

Read Cash Statements City Collector for March and April and of City Treasurer for April and May. Filed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

#### REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 23rd, 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 Alderman Johnson, (Chairman) Archibald, Douglas, Hubley and Martin, they had under consideration a number of matters referred to consideration, as follows:—

1. Report Acting-Recorder Bell on Suit City of Halifax vs. McLaughlin Carriage Co.

Your Committee recommend that the Council instruct the Acting Recorder to appeal this case to Supreme Court of Canada.

2. Applications of Thomas Ellis, W. T. Nott, Mrs. Elizth. Yetman, Jos. Stafford and C. E. Rogers for refunds of deposits made by them with their applications for liquor license.

Your Committee recommend that the amounts deposited less the cost of advertising in each case be refunded.

3. Petition of W. P. Buckley re appointment of an additional Coal Weigher and letters and reports of Supervisor Cummins on same subject, also charges preferred by Supervisor Cummins against E. J. Dulhanty a Supernumerary Coal Weigher.



Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Dulhanty and the other Coal Weighers appeared before the Committee. Mr. Buckley stated that he was not satisfied with the Weighers assigned to him by the Supervisor; that he did not consider them competent to weigh coal and that he would not have them on his premises. Mr. Dulhanty was called and stated that he was employed as a Supernumerary, that Mr. Buckley had requested his services at his coal wharf, also that he had done some clerical work for Mr. Buckley.

Your Committee recommend that the supervisor use his discretion in this matter and that a permanent weigher be assigned to Mr. Buckley at once, the Committee being of the opinion that Mr Buckley should have taken the weigher sent by the supervisor and Mr. Dulhanty complied with his orders.

In respect to the complaint against Mr. Dulhanty by the Supervisor, your Committee recommend that he be re-instated as a Supernumerary, it having appeared to your Committee that he was acting in ignorance of the Supervisor's authority.

4. Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Municipal Control of Streets

Your Committee recommend that the same be filed, as this matter has already been dealt with by the Council. (See Minutes April 26th, 1906.)

Your Committee having been requested by the Council to prepare a suitable resolution to be presented to the late City Recorder, W. F. MacCoy, Esq., submit the same with the request that it be engrossed on Minutes of the Council and a copy forwarded to Mr MacCoy :-

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

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

The following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved.* That this Council regret that advancing years and infirmity have compelled William F. MacCoy, Esq., K. C., to resign the office of Recorder of this City.

The Council further desires to express its appreciation of the great value of the services which have been rendered to the City by the retiring Recorder. During the eighteen years for which Mr. MacCoy has discharged the responsible duties of the office he has never failed to bring to that task high professional skill and learning, unwearied diligence and unflagging zeal in behalf of the interests of the City. During that period many important questions affecting the City's welfare have arisen and in the solution of them all Mr. MacCoy, so far as they came within the scope of his duties, gave most willing and efficient assistance. In the conduct of the litigation in which the City is from time to time inevitably involved he was singularly successful, and to that cause and also to his wise forethought in guarding against possible sources of trouble by appropriate legislation is in no small part due the gratifying fact that the volume of litigation has much decreased.

With the members of the Council Mr. MacCoy's relations, both official and personal, were always of the most cordial and pleasant nature and we express our sincere hope that with restored health he may yet be spared to enjoy many years of well-earned rest.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, and on being put is passed unanimously.

Read report Police Commission covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 6th, 1906.

To the City Council :

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

W. F. Pickering & Co., 130.50 and \$546.65. Total, \$677.15.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

#### CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 7th, 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 to Council for payment :—

Street Lighting.....	\$1539 60
Sewer Loan.....	1128 82
Insurance.....	890 00
Teams and Stables.....	209 02
City Property.....	217 78
Streets.....	157 92
Telephones.....	132 00
City Hall Lighting.....	55 00
Parade Wall.....	49 30
Internal Health.....	17 01
Permanent Pavement.....	158 53
Bedford Row Engine House.....	1 80
Water Maintenance.....	1031 80
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	\$5588 58

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for Fire Insurance.

#### FIRE INSURANCE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 1st, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held 31st ult. the tenders for Fire Insurance, as follows—

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.....	\$90100 @ \$890 00
Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 90100 @ 441 49
Acadia " " ".....	$\frac{1}{2}$ " 90100 @ 450 50
Halifax " " ".....	$\frac{1}{2}$ " 90100 @ 450 50
Ottawa " " ".....	\$20000 " 90100 @ 200 00
Traders " " ".....	$\frac{1}{2}$ " 90100 @ 150 17
Wm. Thomson & Co. Fire Insurance Co....	90100 @ 901 00

were considered. It was resolved that the tender of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters for \$890.00 be accepted, it being the lowest, as the present risk expired at noon May 31st, 1906, and the Council be so advised.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Deputy-Mayor and Chairman.*