

Every official or employee who has contributed to the Fund for ten years or more and who has reached the age of sixty years may, on the recommendation of the Committee of Firewards, be permitted by the Council to retire from his employment and to receive from the Fund an annual allowance for the remainder of his life. Such allowance shall be determined by the average amount of the yearly salaries on which he has contributed, and shall be equal to one-fiftieth of such average amount for each year in which he has contributed; provided, that in no case shall the amount of such allowance exceed thirty-fiftieths of such average amount.

Every official or employee who has contributed to the Fund for thirty years or more and who has reached the age of sixty years shall be entitled to retire from his employment and to receive from the Fund for the remainder of his life an annual allowance equal to thirty-fiftieths of such average amount of his salary.

(1) Every official or employee who has contributed to the Fund for ten years or more and who has on the recommendation of the Committee of Firewards been declared by the Council on the report of two physicians, one of whom shall be the City Medical Officer, to be incapacitated or unfit for the discharge of his duties, and is retired from his office or employment by a two-thirds majority vote of the whole Council, shall receive from the Fund an annual allowance computed as hereinbefore provided, until the amounts so paid by way of allowance equal the amounts which he has contributed to the Fund with interest thereon at three per cent. per annum, and that thereafter he be paid from the general revenues of the City to be raised by taxation such allowance as the Council determines.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to any official or employee who is dismissed by the Council for misconduct or other cause.

(2) Any official or employee who is permanently appointed, and who has contributed to the fund for not less than two years, and who voluntarily retires from employment by the City without being permitted to receive an allowance on retirement as hereinbefore provided, or is dismissed by the Council for cause, shall be entitled to receive from the Fund in one payment, one-half of the total amount which he has contributed, without interest.

(2) Any official or employee who is appointed from year to year, and any official whose office is abolished by law, and who contributed to the Fund for not less than two years, and who fails at any time hereafter to be re-appointed, or whose office is abolished, shall be entitled to receive from the Fund in one payment, an amount equal to the total of his contribution, without interest.

(3) In no case shall any official or employee who has contributed to the Fund for less than two years be entitled to receive any allowance or payment whatever from the Fund.

If any official or employee who has contributed to the Fund dies before being superannuated leaving a wife or child who is a minor or who is dependent upon him, such wife or child shall be entitled to receive from the Fund in one payment an amount equal to his total contributions, without interest.

If any official or employee who has been superannuated dies before he has received in allowances an amount equal to his contributions, leaving a wife or child who is a minor or who is dependent upon him, such wife or child shall be entitled to receive from the Fund in one payment an amount equal to the difference between the amount which he has received and the total amount of his contributions, without interest.

In either of the cases specified in the next two preceding sections if the official or employee leaves at his death no wife or child, but leaves a mother or father or sister or other relative dependent upon him, the trustees of the Fund may in their discretion pay to such relative the amount in such sections directed to be paid to such wife or child.

Any person who has been in the employ of the Fire Department of the City of Halifax for not less than thirty years, and who has contributed to the Fund for not less than ten years, and who has reached the age of sixty-five years may on the recommend-

ation of the Committee of Firewards be permitted by the Council to retire from his employment, and to receive for the remainder of his life, an annual allowance equal to thirty-fiftieths of his average salaries as hereinbefore specified, and the difference between the amount of the allowance which he is entitled to receive from the Fund and the amount of such thirty-fiftieths shall be paid out of the general revenue of the City raised by taxation.

All allowances so paid under this Act shall be paid quarterly in advance.

Said draft Act is read and adopted clause by clause.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said draft Act be adopted as a whole and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 5th, 1907.

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) Johnson and Douglas, the following accounts amounting to \$50.43 were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Jordan & Mann, Horseshoeing, \$2.00. John J. Carneil, Rep. wagon, \$1.85. Halifax Tram Co., Light, \$1.42. Hillis & Sons, Stove fittings, \$3.54, \$5.15—\$8.69. Jas. Davidson, Horseshoeing, \$6.25. J. A. Leaman & Co., Ox Heads, \$7.20. F. P. Hayden, Dry Goods, \$1.70. W. E. Crowe & Co., Groceries, \$21.11—\$150.43.

Your Committee had under consideration the matter of heating the prison with some modern appliances, and have had a report prepared on same by Mr. Dow.

It is recommended that the Council authorize the installment of hot water heating apparatus at the Prison, and that a clause be inserted in the City's borrowing Act to be presented at the present session of the Legislature, authorizing the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 for this purpose.

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

A. C. HAWKINS, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is submitted:

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

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

Read report City Engineer re City Home.

CITY HOME.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Mar. 6th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR :—The accompanying extract from Minutes of Council asks for a plan and report on proposition to move the City Home to "Rockhead."

I regret that I have been unable to get the information necessary to enable me to report at an earlier date.

I beg to submit herewith a plan showing proposed division of the City Home property laid off in building lots, the estimated value of which is \$55,500.00.

The probable cost of erecting buildings on the farm at "Rockhead," to take the place of the present City Home is \$148,000.00.

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

Place on Order of the Day.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 7th, 1907.

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.....	\$1628 92
Sewer Loan.....	264 42
Teams and stables.....	240 54
Fuel City Hall.....	222 03
City Hall lighting.....	92 95
Parade wall.....	75 95
Internal Health.....	49 34
City property.....	40 00
Streets.....	39 31
Morris St. Fire Station.....	28 24
Water construction.....	1085 27
" maintenance.....	201 35
	\$3968 32

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for February.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, March 6th, 1907.

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, Aldermen Campbell and MacKenzie.

The Superintendent's report for February shows that during the month there were 25 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 3 born, 24 discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 2 were chargeable to the Dominion Government, 12 to the Province, 1 to Inverness Co., C. B., and 10 to the City. The total number of inmates February 28th was 411, made up of 269 men, 137 women and 5 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$546.68. W. A. Mailing & Co., \$310.52. Smith Bros., \$119.07. P. T. Shea, \$133.45. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., 67.20. Joseph S. Cashen, \$55.48. George Gregoire, \$29.95. Henry Lovett, \$11.17. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$44.35. William McFatrige, \$29.70. A. J. Grant & Co., \$4.93. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$4.80. Halifax Herald, \$4.50. Blackadar Bros., \$5.00. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., \$5.77. B. Mulcahy, \$206.18. Pay Sheet, \$613.33. Dillon Bros., \$8.25. Crump & Perrier, \$35.59. Total, \$2235.92.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Widening Streets and Extending Esplanade.

WIDENING STREETS AND EXTENDING ESPLANADE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 6th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to submit plans and estimates as follows:—

1.—COBURG ROAD AND ROBIE STREETS.

The estimated cost of acquiring a jib beginning at the north line of Spring Garden Road on Robie Street, and running to the north-east corner of Coburg Road and Edward Street, and widening Coburg Road and Robie Street to the proposed new line is \$3,500.00.

2.—BLOWERS STREET.

(a) The estimated cost of widening Blowers Street between Barrington and Granville Streets on the north side is \$12,000.00.

(b) The estimated cost of extending Blowers Street from Granville to Hollis St., is \$28,700.00.

3.—EXTENDING ESPLANADE.

The estimated cost of extending the Esplanade to the property occupied as a factory by Gordon & Keith and constructing a sea wall is \$74,000.00.

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

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Coburg Road and Robie Street.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said clause be adopted and His Honor the Recorder instructed to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 (a) re widening Blowers Street.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said clause be adopted. Motion lost.

Read clause 2 (b) re extension of Blowers Street. Filed.

Read clause 3 re extending Esplanade. Filed.

Read letter His Worship the Mayor in re extension of Brunswick Street. Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re offer of the Misses Hennessey to sell the City property on Gottingen and Young Streets.

HENNESSEY PROPERTY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 7th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council in re sale of property on Gottingen Street and West Young Street belonging to the Misses Hennessey for \$15,000.00 was read. In view of the fact that the said property is largely of a swampy nature, and in the opinion of your Committee not required for civic purposes, as well as the price asked being far in excess of the Assessors' valuation, it was decided to recommend that the offer be declined.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that a sum not to exceed \$1,600.00 be placed in the borrowing bill for acquiring said property.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read letter City Auditor re License Inspectors' Bond.

(Copy)

Mayor's Office, March 7, 1907.

Members City Council.

Gentlemen, -- I am in receipt of a letter from the Commandant Royal Canadian Engineers in reference to the extension of Brunswick Street through the South Barracks to Spring Garden Road, in which he says:--

"Referring to the strip of land required by the City through South Barracks for the extension of Brunswick Street, the conditions of transfer will be the same as for the Fuel Yard, similar occupation dispensed with at South Barracks to be provided by the City."

I have communicated with the Commandant asking him to set the earliest possible time for me to discuss with him the extent of the accommodation required to be provided.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R. T. MacIlreith,

MAYOR.

MARCH 7TH, 1907.

3.—EXTENDING ESPLANADE.

Original motion put and passed.
Read letter City Auditor re License Inspector's Bond.

BOND OF LICENSE INSPECTOR.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 6th, 1907.

The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Under the new City Charter the Bond of the License Inspector, with others, came into my hands for safe keeping March 1st, 1907.

The Bond of W. E. Messervey last year was \$2,500, and he requests that it be reduced to \$1,000, as all moneys for his department under our present regulations go direct either to the City Treasurer or City Clerk.

I may say that His Worship the Mayor and myself think this request reasonable, and if Council agree would suggest that the Charter be amended accordingly.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the recommendation in said letter be approved and His Honor the Recorder instructed to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion passed unanimously.

Read letter Board of Trade re proposed amendments to Assessment Law.

CITY ASSESSMENT LAW.

HALIFAX, N S, March 1st, 1907.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

DEAR SIR,—At the last meeting of our Council the question of assessment, and especially the proposed amendments to our Assessment Act, was up for discussion, and I was authorized to write you asking you to furnish this Board with two or three copies of the Act, with proposed amendments, and also that your Council defer definite action until our members have had an opportunity to look into the new Bill, which is to be sent to the Legislature.

A. T. WELDON, *Secretary,*

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that copies of said amendments be furnished to the Board of Trade, and that they be informed as to the action taken by this Council on the same. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to authorize the City of Halifax to assist the Silliker Car Works Company.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO ASSIST THE
SILLIKER CAR WORKS CO., LTD.

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

The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars and to issue its debentures for that amount.

The amount so borrowed may be loaned by the City to the Silliker Car Works Co., Ltd., when that Company has been incorporated and has begun the construction of buildings in the said City upon the terms of the Agreement between that Company and the City hereinafter referred to.

The amount so loaned shall be secured to the City by a first mortgage to be given to the City by the said Company, such mortgage to be upon all the real property of the

Company, and upon so much of the personal property of the Company as is mentioned in the memorandum of agreement between the City and the said proposed Company passed at a meeting of the Council of the City held on the twenty-first day of December, 1906, and amended at a meeting of the Council held on the eleventh day of January, 1907, which memorandum is printed herewith as a schedule to this Act, and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

The exemption from taxation of the property of said Company set out in the said Memorandum of Agreement is hereby confirmed.

The Council of the City may authorize the crossing of Almon Street by the tracks of the Intercolonial Railway on such terms and conditions as the Council deems fit, which shall include the erection of suitable gates at the crossing.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that His Honor the Recorder draft a clause to be inserted in said Act providing for the payment of \$: 50.00 annually by the Company to the City for the services of the City Auditor as specified in the Memo., of Agreement, said sum to be paid by the City to the City Auditor. Motion passed unanimously.

THE AMENDMENT AS DRAFTED.

“ There shall be paid by the Company to the City of Halifax for services of the City Auditor as specified in the said memorandum of agreement the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, which sum shall on or before the 30th day of April in each year beginning with April 1908, be paid by the Company to the City, and by the City paid to the City auditor in addition to his yearly salary.”

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said draft Act as amended be adopted as a whole and forwarded to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to establish a power station.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A POWER STATION.

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

For the purpose of enabling the City of Halifax to establish and maintain a station or stations for the generation and supply of electric current, power or energy, the City may purchase any land or water right or any other easement, hereditament, right or privilege in land or in respect to any land wherever situated in the Province of Nova Scotia, and if unable to obtain the same by agreement or by reason of the title being defective or for any other cause, may expropriate the same in the manner specified in the Halifax City Charter.

(1) Before expropriating any land or right therein the City shall make application to the Governor-in-Council for leave to make such expropriation and at the same time lodge with the Governor-in-Council the sum of one hundred dollars to pay the expenses of any person contesting such application.

(2) The Governor-in-Council shall fix a time for the hearing of such application and shall give such notice thereof and to such persons as is deemed fit, and at the time and place appointed any person may appear in person or by counsel and oppose such application, and the Governor-in-Council may refuse such application or allow the same in whole or

in part, and on such terms and conditions, including the payment of the expenses of the application, as to the Governor-in-Council appears just and reasonable.

For the purpose of acquiring any such land or right therein the City may borrow such sum of money as is requisite, and may secure the same by the issue of its debentures or stock.

The cost of any surveys or other investigations requisite for the establishment of any such station may be defrayed by the City, and the amount requisite therefor may be borrowed by the City from a Bank, and any amount so borrowed with any interest payable thereon shall be included in the amount rated upon the inhabitants of the City for the civic year beginning 1st May, 1908.

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

Read draft Act relating to the Taxation of the Academy of Music.

A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 89 OF THE ACTS OF 1879 ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ACADEMY OF MUSIC.'"

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

Chapter 89 of the Acts of 1879 entitled "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Halifax Academy of Music" is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawins, that the same be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report James H. Dow re cost of installing heating apparatus in Infectious Diseases and Small-Pox Hospitals.

HEATING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND SMALL-POX HOSPITALS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 7th, 1907.

JOHN A. WATTERS, ESQ.,
Secretary City Health Board.

DEAR SIR,—I visited the Infectious Diseases and Small-Pox Hospitals yesterday and ascertained the number of cubic feet in each room in each building and have come to the following conclusion :—

To install a hot water heating apparatus in the Infectious Diseases Hospital would cost about nine hundred dollars.

To do the same for the Small-Pox Hospital would cost about three hundred dollars.

I might further state it would be necessary to excavate at least one-half the length of the Small-Pox Hospital to make room for the furnace and to store coal as there is now no cellar under the building.

JAMES H. DOW.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to add a clause to the borrowing bill to provide for the borrowing of \$1300.00 for the purpose of installing heating apparatus in the Infectious Diseases and Small-Pox Hospitals. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to exempt the Sailors' Home from taxation.

TAX EXEMPTION SAILORS' HOME.

Any premises occupied by the Seamen's Friendly Society as a Sailors' Home shall be exempt from rates and taxes other than water rates, whether the same is or is not the property of that society; and such exemption is hereby declared to apply to the rates heretofore imposed upon any building while so occupied for such purposes.

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

Read report Committee on Works re application of C. F. Longley for permission to operate a ferry on the North West Arm.

FERRY NORTH WEST ARM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 7th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council re application of C. F. Longley for permission to operate a ferry on the North West Arm was read.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that permission be granted for a term of five years upon the same terms as those given to Messrs. Adam Meagher and Robinson in the provisions of their leases. No structures to be erected, and any damage to City property to be made good by the licensee.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that No. 9 on Order of the Day, viz., Report Laws and Privileges Committee, Clause 9 (b), re changing composition of Library Committee (Feb. 27th, 1907), be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read an Act relating to Citizens' Free Library.

CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY.

(1) The Citizens' Free Library shall be managed by a Board of nine Commissioners to be known and designated as the Library Commission.

(2) The Board shall be composed of six Aldermen to be appointed annually by the Council and three ratepayers of the City not members of the Council who shall be appointed by the Council, and shall hold office for three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

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

(4) The Commission shall elect its own Chairman.

(5) The Mayor, the Chairman of the Commission and the Treasurer shall be a Board of Trustees to hold in trust any funds or property bequeathed or presented for the maintenance or improvement of the Library.

(6) Hereafter the Council shall not appoint a Library Committee.

At the next ensuing time for the appointment of civic officials the Mayor shall nominate the six Aldermen who are to be members of the Commissioners and also the three members not members of the Council, one for the term of three years, one for two years and one for one year, and thereafter the three members not Aldermen shall be appointed for the term of three years each.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,
Halliday, Johnson,
Murray, Taylor,
Gastonguay, Douglas,
Kelly, MacKenzie—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley,
Martin, Hawkins—4.

Read letter Board of Fire Underwriters re amending the Act in relation to investigations into fires.

INVESTIGATION INTO FIRES.

HALIFAX, N. S., March, 6th, 1907.

R. T. MACILREITH, Esq., *Mayor*.

DEAR SIR,—At the last session of Legislature an Act was passed amending sections 26 and 27 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of 1900 of "Fires and Fire Wards," in compliance with a request from this Board, and although not amended to entirely conform to our wishes, a reduction of five cents (05c.) in City deficiency charges was granted in insurance rates.

On having the objectionable points brought to the attention of several members of the Council, we were given to understand that if brought up in time the same would be amended at the present session of the Legislature and made satisfactory. I respectfully bring this matter to your attention so that you will kindly see it is not overlooked.

The objectionable feature is that contained in clause A of Section 27, which, reads "In any City by a judge of a County Court, the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City or any two Aldermen," and what is desired is that the clause be made to read "In any City by a Judge of a County Court or the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City."

I trust there will be no objection to such an amendment.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the request contained in said letter be complied with and His Honor the Recorder authorized to draft an Act in accordance therewith and forward the same to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read letter Davis & Fraser re exemption from taxation.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee and His Honor the Recorder for report.

Read letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, re Electric Lighting Contract.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 2nd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Referring to our tender for furnishing the electric lighting to the City of Halifax, I beg to say that if we are able to get the contract and the added arc lights are to be installed by July 1st, it will be necessary to have the matter closed at once.

We cannot add any more lamps to our existing circuits and the manufacturers have just notified us that the promised delivery date for the new apparatus cannot hold unless order is placed at once.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.,

JAS. W. CROSBY, *Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said letter be filed. Motion passed.

Read letter John J. Power offering to sell to the City the Morrison wharf property for \$36,000.00 and taxes due.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter The Navy League re Canadian Merchant Marine.

NAVY LEAGUE.

TORONTO, Ont., January 29, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor,

Halifax, N. S. :

DEAR SIR,—The Executive Committee of this Branch desire to call attention to the following Notice of Motion in the House of Commons by Mr. A. C. McDonnell, M. P. for South Toronto :

“That in the opinion of this House a Royal Commission on Canadian Merchant Marine should be appointed by the Governor-General-in-Council for the purpose of making such inquiries and investigations, obtaining such evidence and information, and making such reports and recommendations as in their opinion may be desirable for the improvement and development of the Canadian Merchant Marine and Canadian Commerce on the Great Lakes and the high seas, and as the exigencies of the reference might require with power to the Commissioners to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses on oath or affirmation.”

Strongly impressed as my Committee are with the vital importance to Canada of the encouragement of our shipbuilding industry and shipping interests generally we respectfully urge your Council to use its influence to secure the appointment of this Commission by sending a strong resolution to the Premier of the Dominion and by bespeaking the support of your representatives in Parliament. To be effective action should be taken at the earliest possible moment.

H. J. WICKHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hubley asked why the Printed Minutes of Council 1904-5 to date were not indexed and furnished the Aldermen.

His Worship the Mayor stated he was informed by the City Clerk he could not do this with the clerical help in his department and that he was behind with other work.

Alderman Gastonguay stated that at the Council meeting held February 12th, Alderman Powell gave notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of William Conway for a liquor license. This item appeared on the Order of the Day for the meeting held February 27th, but was not taken up and it does not appear on the Order of the Day for this evenings' meeting. He desired to know if this item could now be restored to the Order of the Day.

His Honor the Recorder was instructed to submit his opinion in writing at the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Hawkins asked if under their Charter the Street Railway Company could be compelled to erect a waiting room at the northern terminus of their line, Campbell Road, and if they could construct the same on Mulgrave Park.

His Honor the Recorder was requested to submit his opinion on this matter in writing.

Alderman MacKenzie asked if steps were being taken for the expropriation of land for the straightening of Young Street.

His Worship the Mayor stated that a further resolution would be submitted at the next meeting.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that Alderman Hawkins be requested during his proposed visit to Ottawa to represent the City of Halifax at the Convention of the Association for the Prevention of Consumption. Motion passed.

Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution:—

Whereas, a bill has been introduced in the House of Assembly having as its object the total prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors in the Province of Nova Scotia;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council place on record its disapproval of the said bill and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Province, His Honor the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the President of the Legislative Council and the Members for Halifax in the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed—Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution.

Resolved, That Legislation be sought whereby Stephen R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, and John P. Cairns, Assistant Assessor of the City may be superannuated at yearly allowances of \$800 and \$666.66 respectively, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare Legislation to carry this resolution into effect.

Moved by Alderman Johnson seconded by Alderman Murray, and passed—Aldermen Shaffner and Hubley dissenting.

Alderman Hawkins submits a copy of an agreement between the City Health Board and Samuel Walker relating to maintenance of night soil pits, and in connection therewith presents the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a bill be prepared authorizing the City Health Board to expend a sum of \$500.00 annually in addition to their regular appropriation of \$4000.00 for the maintenance of pits for the deposit of night soil and other decayed and offensive matter of the City.

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

Alderman Hubley submits the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby instructed to have the Minutes of this Council for the years 1904-05, 1905-06 and 1906-07 indexed and furnished the members of the Council with a copy as soon as possible, and that he be paid \$100.00 for such services.

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

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that Aldermen Johnson, Hawkins and Martin be appointed a Committee to watch the progress through the Legislature of bills affecting the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that this Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next, March 12th, at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.40 o'clock.

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EVENING SESSION.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 12th, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening, pursuant to adjournment.

At above named hour roll called. Present Alderman Gastonguay.

There being no quorum to do business, the City Clerk declares the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 20th, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening. At the above named hour there were present Deputy-Mayor Johnson, and Aldermen Murray, Archibald, Halliday, Martin, Gastonguay and Taylor.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the time for meeting be extended till 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Alderman MacKenzie.

There being no quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, April 4th, 1907.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour rolled called. Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday, Archibald, Shaffner, Murray, Johnson, Gastonguay, Taylor, Douglas, Lamphier, Hubley, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward and Hawkins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Commissioners of Common re accounts, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Halliday, Chairman.

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Martin, Acting-Chairman.

Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Taylor, Acting-Chairman, covering report of Chief Broderick on his trip abroad.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Board of Health re Prevention of Consumption.

Letter Agent-General for Nova Scotia re test of Shand, Mason & Co. steam fire engine.

Report City Solicitor re suit Hart vs. MacIlreith et al.

Opinion of City Solicitor in re notices of reconsideration.

Report City Solicitor re waiting room at north end of tramway line.

Letter Revisers of City Charter re remuneration for their services.

Letter School Board covering draft Act to amend the law relating to public schools.

Message from His Worship the Mayor covering report of Willis Chipman, C. E., on the City Water Supply.

Reports (2) Police Committee.

Reports (9) Committee on Works, viz.:

Accounts.

Morrison Wharf property.

Church of England Cathedral site.

Suit O'Donnell vs. City of Halifax.

Water Estimates 1907-8.

Hollis Street sidewalk.

Site for City Work Shops.
 Warren Paving Company penalty.
 Tenders for Morris Street Engine House.
 Petition for improvements Columbus Street.
 Petition against opening new street from City Hall to Garrison Church.
 Report Coal Weighers for February.
 Thanks of Convention of Health Officers for use of City Council Chamber.
 Petition of J. S. Edwards for improvements Seaforth Street.
 Application J. W. Flemming for refund of liquor license deposit.
 Application of T. Coughlan for a lease of certain City property.
 Cash Statements City Collector for March.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Application of T. Coughlan for lease of certain City property. Referred to Committee on Works for report.
 Report Coal Weighers for February. Filed.
 Thanks of Convention of Health Officers for use of City Council Chamber. Filed.
 Cash Statement City Collector for March. Filed.
 Petition of J. S. Edwards for improvements Seaforth Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.
 Petition of J. W. Flemming for refund of liquor license deposit. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.
 Petition for improvements Columbus Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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

HOLLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 30th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Hollis Street sidewalk from Duke Street to W. & C. Silver's store was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 27th, 1907.

His Worshp the Mayor:

SIR,—The Council has ordered the construction of a new cement concrete sidewalk on the east side of Hollis Street from Duke Street south to Hillis & Sons building. The Bank of British North America has petitioned for the extension of the sidewalk past their property. I would therefore recommend that a sidewalk be constructed from Duke Street to W. & C. Silver's store, under the Halifax Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re Morrison Wharf property.

MORRISON WHARF PROPERTY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 30th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached letter from Mrs. M. C. Collins in re sale of the Morrison wharf property to the City was read.

It was decided to report that in the opinion of this Committee, the said property is not required.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Wellington Street site for the City Workshops.

SITE FOR CITY WORKSHOPS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1907.

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 in re a lot of land on Wellington Street for City Workshops was read.

It was resolved to recommend to Council the adoption of the City Engineer's report and that Mr. Burton be so advised.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 7th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from H. P. Burton offering to the City a lot of land on Wellington Street as a site for City Workshops

Mr. Burton states that the property is 198 feet on Wellington Street by 126 feet deep, which is 24,948 sq. feet. The buildings at present occupied by the Works Department cover 34,350 sq. feet to say nothing of the open space around them. It will therefore be evident that Mr. Burton's property is not large enough for the requirements of the City Works Department.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re additional lot of land for Church of England Cathedral site.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CATHEDRAL SITE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that the Church of England Cathedral

Site Committee be granted an option on an additional lot on the same terms as those now held.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re Water Estimates 1907-8.

WATER ESTIMATES 1907-8

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have been instructed by the Committee on Works to submit for your approval the Water Maintenance Estimates for the year 1907-8 :

Interest	\$47,142 00
Maintenance	25,000 00
Sinking Fund	2,625 00
Short Collection.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$75,767 00</u>
LESS :	
Income from Special and Meter Rates	\$45,367 00
	<u>\$30,400 00</u>
§ of \$30,400	\$11,400
§ of \$30,400	19,000
	<u>\$30,400 00</u>
\$15,833,334 @ 12c	\$19,000 00
8,142,856 @ 14c.....	11,400 00
	<u>\$30,400 00</u>

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be adopted and the Estimates confirmed. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering opinion of His Honor the Recorder re suit O'Donnell vs. the City of Halifax.

O'DONNELL VS. CITY OF HALIFAX.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 8th, 1907.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of His Honor the Recorder re suit O'Donnell vs. City of Halifax was read.

It was resolved to recommend its adoption to Council.

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

O'DONNELL VS. CITY OF HALIFAX

RECORDER'S OFFICE, March 6th, 1907.

F. W. W. DOANE, Esq.,

City Engineer :

DEAR SIR,—The above action is one begun against the City of Halifax for trespass

for the removal of steps on the western side of Hollis Street in front of the property of Mr. E. W. O'Donnell when the sidewalk was paved a year ago. I have been so extremely doubtful of the success of the City in the action in consequence of the extreme difficulty of proving the exact line of the old street, that subject to your approval and that of the Committee on Works I have arranged a settlement with the plaintiff's solicitor on the following terms :—

1. That the plaintiff discontinue his action ;
2. That the City will replace the steps and anything else removed along with them ;
3. That Mr. O'Donnell will accept a lease of the steps as an encroachment, such lease to be for so long as the present building remains, and to be at the rental of one cent a year ;
4. That the City pay the costs of Mr. O'Donnell's action up to the present time, to be taxed.

I recommend this settlement as upon the whole the most satisfactory way of disposing of an extremely troublesome piece of litigation, and I may add that it is desirable that if acceptable to the City it should be closed at the earliest possible moment.

F. H. BELL, *City Recorder.*

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 4th, 1907.

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.	\$1449 45
Water maintenance	205 73
Streets	169 33
Sewer Loan	154 65
Teams and stables	26 17
Internal Health	18 59
City property	5 75
Parade wall	2 55
City Hall lighting	2 21
	\$2034 73

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for construction Morris Street Engine House.

MORRIS STREET ENGINE HOUSE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 4th, 1907.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to recommend the acceptance of Geo. B. Low's tender of \$17,616.00 for the erection of the new Morris Street Engine House, the material to be solid concrete. It will be seen by comparison that the tender recommended for acceptance is lowest by \$1,248.00.

TENDERS.

Sam Marshall & Son—Larger building, pressed brick front, white brick finish . . .	\$20,502.00
“ “ “ stock “ and pressed “ trimmings . . .	20,082.00
“ “ Smaller “ pressed “ front, white “ finish . . .	18,185.00
“ “ “ stock “ and pressed “ trimmings . . .	17,789.00
Edward Maxwell—Larger building, pressed brick front, white brick finish . . .	18,864.00
“ “ Smaller “ “ “ “ “ . . .	17,364.00
Geo. B. Low—Larger building, concrete blocks	18,371.00
“ “ “ solid concrete	17,616.00
“ “ Smaller “ concrete blocks	16,347.00
“ “ “ solid concrete	15,616.00

R. T. MACLEITH, *Mayor and Chairman*

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the tender of E. Maxwell for \$17,364.00 be accepted. Amendment lost.

Original motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :—

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Gastonguay, Douglas, Kelly, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins—12.	Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, Martin—3.

Read report Public Accounts Committee re accounts.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 3rd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following accounts, amounting to \$597.82, were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment, viz.—

Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner—Certificates of death of Patk. J. Scallion, \$4.00 ; Mary Blanchard, \$4.00 ; Wm J. Austin, \$4.00 ; Grace Spencer, \$4.00 ; Wm. Brockman, \$4.00 ; Sure A. Olm, \$4.00 ; Elizabeth A. Diggs, \$4.00 ; Geo. B. Wilson, \$4.00 ; male

child L. Hardwick, \$4.00—\$44. Geo. H. Fielding, report on inquiry on death of male child Lena Hardwick, \$12.00. Canada Law Book Co., Can. Annual Digest 1906, \$3 65. MacAlpine Pub. Co., printing Voters' Lists, \$255.43. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes and Order of Day, \$89.15. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing—City Clerk's office, \$9.65, \$2 73—12.38. City Collector's office, \$17.30, \$11.30—\$28.60. City Assessor's office, \$2.15. City Auditor's office, \$25.00. Mayor's office, \$2.00. Recorder's office, 25c., \$14.85—\$85.23. A. & W. Mackinlay & Co, books—License Inspector, \$3 50; City Treasurer, 4.00—\$7.50. Herald Publishing Co., subscription to Dec. 31st, 1906—City Clerk \$6.00. City Collector, \$6.00—\$12.00. Herald Publishing Co., advertising, \$28 83, \$12.13, \$11.52, \$5.58—\$58.06. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$21.75, \$26.10—47.85. Imperial Publishing Co., 100 circulars, \$4.25. Wm. Marshall, recovering body from dock No. 4 pier Deep Water Terminus, \$5.00. J. DeWolfe, typewriting Bills, \$1.00. Norman P. Leahy, typewriting Bills for Legislature, \$23.71. J. M. Geldert, copying judgment in case Hart vs. MacIlreith, \$6.00. Total, \$597.82.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resclution is submitted :

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 2nd, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Martin (Acting-Chairman) Shaffner and Douglas, the following accounts, amounting to \$47.24 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment :—

T. C. Allen & Co., diary, 40c. Halifax Tramway Co., light, \$1.00. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$7.92. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4.00. M Conroy, dry goods, \$10.81. D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, \$5.66. Isaiah Moser, groceries, \$17.45. Total, \$47.24.

The tender of Clayton & Sons for trousers was accepted.

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

P. F. MARTIN, *Acting-Charman.*

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 Martin, seconded by Alderman Shaffner and passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering report City Engineer re Warren Bituminous Paving Co. penalty.

STREET PAVING PENALTY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 30th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works the Minute of Council in re claim of the Warren Bituminous Paving Co. for payment in full without reduction for delay in completing street paving was read. The company's representatives claimed that the delay was unavoidable and partly owing to the work of the Gas Co., Telegraph Co., Tram Co. and the City. While denying liability, your Committee recommend that the sum of one thousand dollars be tendered to the Company, without prejudice, in full of all demands and in order to avoid litigation.

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

HALIFAX, N S, February 12th 1907.

Mayor MacIlreith and City Council of Halifax.

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to apply for a remission of the fine of \$100 per day for 25 days which was deducted from our account, because we feel that we can show that the delays were unavoidable on our part.

First—Of the 25 days overtime, four were Sundays and one a public Holliday ;

Second—A City main bursting left our plant without water for two days ;

Third—Our work had to follow the Tram Co's. work and they only finished at the time set for us to finish, and as we had instructions not to go on the Tram Co's work for a week, or until their concrete and grout was properly set, this meant that we could not finish our work till about three weeks after the Tram Co., had finished theirs ;

Fourth—We were held back by reason of the Gas Company, Telephone Company and City digging numerous trenches in our work after it was graded ;

Fifth—We were delayed fourteen days by rain ;

Sixth—Unavoidable delays in operating our plant caused by flood, and by the machinery breaking down several times ;

We submit that the City was put to no financial loss by reason of this over-time, while it cost this Company \$75 00 per day in pay roll for every day during these delays, with the result that our profit on this work was only \$705.00 ; and if this fine is inflicted we will have given the City a season's work at a cost to us of \$1795.00 more than we got for the work.

We feel we are only asking what is reasonable and fair, and we would be pleased to have an opportunity at to-night's council meeting to give further information regarding this matter.

THE WARREN BITUMINOUS PAVING CO.

By W. G. MACKENDRICK *Gen'l Manager.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 8th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying application of the Warren Bituminous Paving Company for the remission of the fine of \$100.00 per day for twenty-five days deducted in the final certificate.

Section 8 of the contract reads as follows :—

“ If the pavement ordered to be laid at the date hereof is not completed by the 1st day of September 1906, the contractor agrees to pay to the City the sum of one hundred (100) dollars for each and every day after that date during which it fails to complete the amount of pavement so ordered, if in the opinion of the Engineer such failure to

complete the same is due to negligence or unavoidable delay on the part of the Contractor."

Commenting upon the reasons given by the Company for the delay in completion of their work :—

First—"Of the twenty-five days overtime four were Sundays and one a public holiday."

The section quoted above did not except Sundays and holidays and it must be evident that the work was as much unfinished on the Sundays and holidays as on any other day. I had no option under the contract, but was required to exact the penalty for every day. The holiday referred to was Labor Day. The City Works Department did not take a holiday upon that day, nor did the contractor. He carried on his work until the bad weather of the afternoon stopped it and laid 243 sq. yds. of concrete. I must assume that the section of the contract quoted meant exactly what it said and the fact that the contractor could not work on Sundays would not relieve him.

Second—"A City main burst, leaving our plant without water for two days."

There was no burst in the main running through the property on which the Company's plant was located during the year and the Company's statement is the first news we have received of any such accident. We are not aware that anything of the kind occurred.

Third—"Our work had to follow the Tram Company's work and they only finished at the time set for us to finish, and as we had instructions not to go on the Tram Company's work for a week, or until their concrete and grout was properly set, this meant that we should not finish our work until three weeks after the Tram Company had finished theirs."

This reason is not correct. Section 10 of the specification, which forms a part of the contract, provides that—

"The Contractor shall not interfere in any way with the work of paving the street railway track allowance or any pavement laid on such allowance, and shall make good his work to such pavement or leave his work in such condition that the Street Railway Company may readily and conveniently make good their work to that of the Contractor."

This shows that it was contemplated when the contract was made that the contractor should lay his work first if it became necessary to do so. He was never in a position to go ahead of the Tram Company's work, consequently the work of the Tram Company preceded his. They did not have instructions not to go on the Tram Company's work for a week, or until their concrete and grout was properly set. As a matter of fact, they were allowed to proceed at once on the completion of the Tram Company's work.

My letter of July 12th, 1906, to the company states :

"When you begin work on any street or portion of a street it will be your duty to prevent traffic over the portion of the street on which you are doing the work, and also over the track allowance already paved, until permission is given to the Tramway Company to run their cars over the newly paved track."

A letter of July 14th, 1906, further explains this as follows :

"The reference to permission to the Tramway Company to run their cars over the newly paved track was intended to indicate that after such permission was granted the portion of the pavement between the rails would be in such condition that it would not be necessary for you to take any further precautions in respect to that portion of the work. There need be no delay in the carrying out of your work, as the police have instructions to prevent any teams except those employed by you from passing over the portion of the street already paved or the portion on which you are working."

At the time the Tramway Company finished their work George Street had been open for a long time and was yet unfinished by the company, although there was nothing whatever from the City or Tramway standpoint to prevent them going ahead. As a matter of fact, it was not completed until over three weeks later."

Fourth—"We were held back by reason of the Gas Company, Telephone Company and City digging numerous trenches in our work after it was graded."

A quotation from my letter of July 19th, 1906, answers this claim :

"If your work has been hampered in any way by the workmen of the City Water Department it is your fault, not the fault of the City, as the water pipes and fixtures had been put in good order before you removed the surface material from the streets, and any work which the Water Department workmen have had to do since that time has been in consequence of damage to the pipes or fixtures by your roller or with teams. I am informed by the Manager of the Tramway Company that they have done no work on their gas pipes or fixtures since you began to grade the street without your knowledge and consent, and that most of the work was in consequence of damage done by your roller or hauling over their pipes. I am satisfied that both the employees of the Water Department and those of the Tramway Company have rushed their work as fast as possible."

The Telephone Company took the top off of a manhole at the intersection of Hollis and Sackville Streets. On receipt of notice from the contractor I wrote them as follows :

"I have notified the Telephone Company that if they have any further work to do on the streets that are to be paved it must be done at once. At the same time, the work which they are doing at Sackville Street does not in any way prevent you from drawing material into the West side of Hollis Street between Salter and Sackville Streets. You have been crossing the scoriae block pavement by laying planks over it, and there is nothing to prevent your doing the same thing at Sackville Street south of their manhole. I must again protest against the delay in bringing the concreting material to this block and laying the foundation for the pavement. The proprietors in this block are indignant at the slow progress being made with the work."

Fifth—"We were delayed fourteen days by rain."

This claim is so childish that it seems to require no answer. Any responsible contractor tendering for work would not expect to carry on work for three months with less than an average of one day a week rainy.

Sixth—"Unavoidable delays in operating our plant caused by flooding and by machinery breaking down several times."

A contractor tendering for work in making a calculation of the time it will take to carry the work to completion does not estimate only the actual number of working days but allows for unforeseen delays, and he also allows a percentage for contingencies which he is not able to estimate definitely. If unforeseen causes of delay arise the contractor must make greater efforts by putting on a greater number of men or by working extra shifts, or by other well-known methods, to complete the work within the time required. Either the penalty section of the contract meant what it said or it meant nothing. I prefer to believe that the City authorities who inserted it in the contract meant what they were doing, and I have carried it out accordingly. I repeatedly urged the contractor to hasten the work, and even suggested methods for the more rapid completion of the contract. My letter of July 9th, 1906, reads as follows :

"I regret to note that no work has been done on Granville Street since Friday. The City is very anxious to have the pavement completed as rapidly as possible, as Granville, Hollis and George Streets are in a practically impassable condition and property owners and merchants are objecting strenuously. Further, this is the season for visitors and we are anxious to have the City look its best as early as possible. I must insist on the utmost speed that is practicable in the carrying out of this work and I can see no reason why concrete cannot be hand mixed and laid on the street while the mixer is being repaired. Two days' work has been lost and the completion of the pavement has been delayed to that extent by your neglect to carry on the work by hand while the casting was being obtained to repair the mixer. I must ask you to push the work more rapidly."

On July 17th I wrote :-

"I must again urge upon you the necessity of making more speed with the work, as calculated at the rate at which you have been working you will not complete your contract within the time agreed upon. It is of the utmost importance that all work included in the contract shall be completed not later than the time named in the contract, and in my opinion it will be necessary to employ more men to carry on the work more rapidly than you are doing at present in order to comply with the terms of the contract."

On July 18th I again wrote :—

"With reference to the suggestion as to the employment of more men, the contract work is not going ahead as fast as the grading can be done and it seems to me that the employment of more men at concrete work would hasten the completion of the work."

On August 25th I wrote :—

"In my opinion, you are not treating the City right in grading so far ahead of your other work. George Street from Hollis Street to Water Street is graded, but no concrete laid on it until this morning. Barrington Street from Spring Garden Road to the north side of Prince Street is covered with concrete, but the remainder of the street from Prince to Duke Street is graded waiting for the concrete. Cheapside has been ready for the bitulithic surface for some time and I am glad to see that the surface is being put on this morning."

I am employed by the City to work in the City's interest and I can see no reason why I should allow sentiment to interfere with the performance of my duty. At the same time, I have endeavored to carry out the duties imposed upon me in connection with this contract fairly and justly. If I had not approved of the beach gravel for the concrete work in order to hasten the construction of the pavement there is no doubt in my mind that the penalty would have been \$5,000 instead of \$2,500. I loaned them the City's plough and gave them all the available screenings which the City had in store and assisted their work in every other way that lay in my power. Mr. MacKendrick admitted this before the Council. It is therefore unnecessary for me to say more in reference to it.

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :—

For the motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,
Halliday, Johnson,
Murray, Taylor,
Gastonguay, Kelly,
Hubley, Martin,
MacKenzie, Hayward—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Douglas, Lamphier,
Hawkins—3.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report Common Commissioners covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 26th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this

day at 4 o'clock. Present—Chairman Taylor, Commissioners Kelly, Hayward, Rawley, McDonald and Power, and Superintendent Power.

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

Donovan & Brennan, \$5.50. Robert A. Croucher, \$29.70. W. N. Brown, \$16 35. O'Connell Bros., \$1.25. Glenn & Brown, \$3.84. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$14.29. Total \$70 93.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for March.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS, &c.

HALIFAX, April 3rd, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to report as follows :—

During the month of March there were 27 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 38 discharged and 1 died. Of the number admitted 15 were chargeable to the Province and 12 to the City. The total number of inmates March 31st was 398, made up of 263 men, 131 women and 4 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$584.75. W. A. Maling & Co., \$232.63. P. T. Shea, \$147 62. George Gregoire, \$30.25. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$74.40. Joseph S. Cashen, \$20.70. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$31.07. T. C. Allen & Co., \$6.50. A. M. Bell & Co, \$3.60. H. A Taylor, \$4 50. John Davison & Son, \$8.39. H L Hart, \$17.40. C. E. Puttner, \$37.50. B. Mulcahy, \$224.45. Victoria General Hospital, \$77.85. Wm. McFtridge, \$20.00. The Fleischman Co., \$9 15. Pay Sheet for March, \$613.33. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$881.77. S. Cunard & Co., \$325 52. Smith Bros., \$67.84. W. N. Brown, \$26.45. Total, \$3445.67.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and the accounts therein recommended paid.

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

Read letter Agent-General for Nova Scotia at London re test of Shand, Mason & Co. steam fire engine.

SHAND, MASON & CO. FIRE ENGINE.

LONDON, S. W., 14th March, 1907.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, ESQ., *City Clerk.*
Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letter of the 14th ult., also specifications, &c., respecting a Shand, Mason fire engine purchased by the City of Halifax, through Messrs. Austen, which you desire to have inspected and reported on by an official of the London Fire Brigade, as to whether it complies with the conditions of the tender, before it is shipped to Halifax.

I accordingly approached the Captain of the London Fire Brigade to ascertain if he would undertake the inspection, and have now the pleasure to enclose a copy of his reply from which you will notice that he is agreeable that the Engineer Officer of the Brigade should inspect and report on the engine, but that no fee is to be paid to the officer and no responsibility is accepted in the matter.

I shall therefore be glad to know if the City Council accept these terms. If so, I will forward the specifications, &c., and arrange for the inspection as soon as possible.

J. HOWARD.

LONDON FIRE BRIGADE,

HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD, S. E.,

12th March, 1907.

THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR NOVA SCOTIA,
57a Pall Mall, London, S. W. :

DEAR SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 6th March, it will afford me much pleasure to allow Mr. E. A. H. Gordon, Engineer Officer of this Brigade, to inspect and report on the engine which has been constructed for the City of Halifax by Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. The service can, however, only be rendered on the understanding that no fee is paid to this officer and that no responsibility is accepted in the matter.

L. DEHAMILTON,
Captain R. N. (Ret'd.),
Chief Officer, L. F. B.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Mackenzie that the City Clerk convey to Mr. Howard an expression of the appreciation of this Council for his prompt action in this matter and request him to thank the Chief of the London Fire Brigade and the Chief Engineer on behalf of the City Council for their courtesy in undertaking to act for this City in inspecting and reporting upon the Shand, Mason & Co., steam fire engine. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters and covering report of Chief Broderick on his recent trip to Canadian and American cities.

CHEMICAL ENGINE HOUSE, REPAIRS TO BEDFORD ROW HOUSE AND ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 4th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. The Board desires to notify the Committee on City Works that the roof of the Bedford Row Engine House is leaking and to request that Committee to have the same made good. In this connection the Board recommends that the unfinished parts of this engine house be completed by the Committee on Works out of the funds provided for the construction of the building.

2. The following appointments are recommended:

That George E. Melvin, Supernumery on No. 2 Steamer, be Call-man on No. 2 Steamer, vice James Barnaby, resigned.

That James Doherty, Supernumery on No. 5 Steamer,

John Feeley,	“	“
Thomas Hobin,	“	“
Arthur Murphy,	“	“
Luke Flinn,	“	“
Alexander Silver,	“	No. 4 Hose,
Alexander Clarke,	“	No. 2 Steamer,

be Call-men on No. 5 Steamer, vice

Robert Walker, Call-man No. 5 Steamer.

Frank Lewin,	“	“
Charles Merritt,	“	“
Lewis Brunt,	“	“
Henry Wright,	“	“
Robert Carnell,	“	“
John Hennessey,	“	“

resigned under a resolution of the Board.

Also that the following be appointed Supernumeraries:

Thomas Power and William Crump	on No. 2 Steamer.
Vincent Coy and Patrick Morrow,	No. 3 “
William Mahar & Arthur Glazebrook	No. 3 “
Joseph Power and Arthur Lynch	No. 4 “
John Lapen	No. 4 “
Thomas Ead and Marshall Gammon	No. 5 “
Alfred G. Jones	No. 5 “
William Jessop and Arthur Cody	No. 4 Hose.

3. It is recommended that the present Grafton Street chemical engine house be abandoned and a new one erected in its stead on the O'Donnell and Evans properties on Albemarle Street in the rear of and in conjunction with the Central engine house after the style of the draft plans prepared by Mr. Fidler and that legislation be secured to borrow \$15,000.00 for the erection and furnishing of said building.

4. The Report of Chief Broderick on his recent trip to Canadian and American cities is attached hereto.

5. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tram. Co., light \$30.20 power \$5.10—\$35.30. Canadian Rubber Co., matting, \$3.68. Cragg Bros., spittoons, etc., \$36.30. R. R. Kennedy, oiled clothing, \$133.90. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$32.85. A. Allison, saddlery, \$2.65. Wm. McFatrige, roofing, \$32.00. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$5.60. John J. Carnell, hooks, \$3.00. William Healey, stone cutting, \$3.00. Canada General Electric Co., gloves, &c., \$7.81. Intercolonial Railway, freight 25c. S. Cummins, coal weighing, 50c. Globe Laundry, work, \$15.61. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$2.79. H. C. Adams,

truckage, \$6.00 W. & A. Moir, machine work, 1.10. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$5.50. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$285.45. Stairs, Son & Morrow, nails, etc., \$3.90. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$6.13. Phelan & Co., tubs, \$1.75. National Drug Co., acid, \$3.03. Horseshoeing.—William Kline, \$8.39. John Meagher, \$6.80. Robt. Horner, \$3.58. O'Connell Bros., \$8.71. Stairs, Son & Morrow, tools, etc., \$2.88. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, &c., \$104.30. Total, \$768.66.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Acting Chairman.*

REPORT CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT, March 20th, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by the Board of Fire Wards and the City Council to visit various cities for the purpose of interchanging ideas relating to Fire Department matters, I beg to report that in compliance therewith I visited the following cities: Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Brantford and St. John in Canada, and I also went to Buffalo, Boston and Lynn in the United States.

Before attempting to give an account of my visit, I have to thank the City Council and the members of the Fire Board for the honor conferred upon me by sending me on this mission to gather information for the Halifax Fire Department.

The representatives, officials and citizens of all these places with whom I came in contact gave me the greatest attention, complied cheerfully with every request I made and did everything possibly to make my stay profitable and pleasant.

I may say that the information gained by me on this trip is of inestimable value to me and will give me very great assistance in the discharge of my duty as Chief of the Fire Department. I do not consider myself qualified to make such a report in writing as might be expected from an official whose duties lie in other directions. Much of what I learned can be applied by me to the conducting of the Department and in fire fighting, but I am unable to furnish the same to you in writing.

I had the opportunity of witnessing several large fires and of investigating closely the tactics pursued not only in fighting the fires upon arrival at the scene, but also the modes and appliances used in quickly getting the men and apparatus out of the fire stations.

It is a matter of gratification to me to be able to report, though I thought it necessary to satisfy myself on this point by a practical demonstration, that it is not necessary for a Halifax fireman to go out of the Dominion of Canada to any other part of North America to obtain information on fire matters. The Fire Departments of the Dominion are as well equipped according to their size and needs, they are as well manned and as well disciplined as any across the border. I saw fire stations costing from \$50,000 to \$92,000 to build and some of them are very fine, but for practical purposes I saw none better suited than our West Street and Bedford Row houses.

I was agreeably surprised to find that nearly all the permanent drivers of apparatus are employed as actual fire fighters. By a very small and inexpensive contrivance the horses are so hitched in the houses that the same appliance can be used for hitching them to a telegraph post or other place at the scene of a fire and the driver is at liberty to work as a fireman. Out of our twenty drivers we will be able to utilise the services of a majority for this practical work and thus add immensely to our effectiveness at a great saving in salaries.

One is forcibly impressed with the willingness with which the Departments furnish appliances of every kind in order to lighten and make easy the work of the men. It is noticeable at a large fire that these facilities for lightening their tasks enable the men to do more work and more efficient work than if their energies were spent in heavy and useless labor.

When it is considered that we have to use six and seven men on our branches when working on the ground from our small steamers, it is impressive to witness two men

running seven streams with the utmost ease from the large 1000 and 1200 gallon engines. This is accomplished by the use of turret attachments on the hose wagons and the use of Hart nozzles.

I had the pleasure of witnessing the working of all the aerial ladders in Canada and saw five of them and three water towers actually in operation at a fire in Montreal. I was particularly struck with the utility of these machines. They are placed in position and erected with wonderful speed. Indeed, in one case I saw an aerial ladder partly erected before the horses were stopped. By their use the fires are fought largely from the outside of the buildings, saving the men from great hardship and actual danger. The fire is reached very much quicker than by dragging the hose up several flights of stairs. There are no twists and kinks in the hose and the streams are directed to better advantage.

In the City of Montreal every piece of apparatus from the lightest to the heaviest, hose wagons, ladder carts, chemical engines, aerial trucks and 1200 gallon engines are placed on runners in winter time with eminent success. For the larger apparatus the runners are very heavy and strong but of immensely lighter draft for the horses than wheel gear. The runners are not patented, and I think would be a great improvement on our chemical engines.

As the Council is aware from correspondence obtained some time ago, all Departments are discarding the keeping of keys of alarm boxes in private places. Where keyless boxes are not installed the keys are either kept in the keyhole of the box and protected with a glass front or they are placed in a glass box beside the alarm box with a hammer chained to the box for breaking the glass. In the City of Ottawa under this system there was only one false alarm in eighteen months. The practice is general every where to paint notices over the boxes giving directions for ringing in the alarm.

It will interest the Council to know that I brought home with me the Rules of a majority of the Departments for the discipline of the firemen. As they are not very lengthy I will quote them here. Beyond a few house rules necessary to be hung up and framed in each house, the only rule for the guidance of the men is "Do as you are told." It works perfectly and there are few investigations before the Boards.

Single horse hose wagons have been abandoned and the Department have larger wagons carrying twice the quantity of hose that we carry besides a lot of appliances that we have never had. These wagons are, of course, drawn by two horses. The saving is in the wages of one driver for each wagon doubled up.

I do not desire to become wearisome in this report by going too much into details, but can assure you that very much more information was obtained by me which I will apply to the working of our Department.

I cannot close this report without again thanking the Council for giving me an opportunity of visiting so many interesting departments, nor would my report be complete without expressing in the warmest words I can my appreciation of the many attentions with which I was favored by everybody with whom I had any dealings in every city I visited.

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

The report is taken up clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Bedford Row Fire Station.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Hubley that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re appointments.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnston, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re abandoning of present Grafton Street chemical

house and erecting a new one on Albemarle and George Streets in rear of the Central engine house.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this clause be adopted.

Aldermen Hubley, Shaffner and Lamphier objected to this matter being dealt with and asked that it be placed on the Order of the Day.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that this was not new matter and that being a report from a Committee it could now be discussed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that this clause be placed on the Order of the Day.

Amendment passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Read clause 4 covering report of Chief Broderick on his trip abroad. Filed.

Read clause 5, covering accounts.

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read opinion of City Solicitor in re notices of reconsideration.

IN RE RECONSIDERATION OF CONWAY'S LICENSE.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, March 12th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—This license was refused at a meeting of Council held on the 12th of February last and a notice of reconsideration given. The matter was placed first on the Order Paper for the next meeting which was held on the 27th Feb. At that meeting the usual notice was made that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit of the papers being read and carried without any mention being made of the reconsideration. The reading of the papers occupied the whole time of the meeting and two or three papers remained unread and the Order of the Day was never reached. At the next meeting of the Council the matter of the notice of reconsideration was omitted from the Order Paper; and the question on which my opinion is asked is whether or not it was properly omitted.

The matter must be governed by the rules as they stood before the adoption of the new Charter, though I may say that no change has been made in them which would affect the matter under consideration. Rule 24 provided "that a notice of reconsideration shall be placed first on the Order of the Day at the next meeting after that at which it was given and that when the question is reached on the Order Paper at the next meeting the mover should state his reasons," etc.

The Order of the Day was defined by Rule 31 which provided that "the City Clerk shall prepare a list to be called 'the Order of the Day' of all business to be submitted to the Council and shall place on the list such business in the order of time it reaches him; and all business standing over from the previous meeting and undisposed of shall after the reading of documents handed in take precedence of all other business."

From this it seems reasonably clear that the Order of the Day was something different from the order of business and that the reading of documents precedes the consideration of it, even without a motion to that effect. It seems necessarily to follow that the motion to reconsider could not properly be taken up until it had been reached in its place at the head of this Order of the Day and if it is not reached it could not properly be moved and was therefore not properly struck off the Order of the Day and the Council could not by adjournment before reaching the Order of the Day deprive the giver of the notice of his right to have the matter reconsidered.

I believe that this opinion is not entirely in accordance with the practice and understanding of the Council hitherto and in accordance with which the Clerk acted in striking the notice off the Order Paper, though I am not aware that any case the facts of which were identical with the present one has ever previously occurred; and I can see that it is extremely undesirable to have notices of reconsideration kept open for an indefinite period. The language of the Rules, however, appears to me to admit of no other interpretation. If the Council wishes the practice to be otherwise it can easily establish it by an amendment to the Rules of Council making it compulsory to move reconsiderations before proceeding with any other business or by some other amendment which will necessitate their prompt disposition.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that said opinion be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with the City Solicitor to consider the advisability of amending the rules of Council with respect to notices of reconsideration. Motion passed.

Read message from His Worship the Mayor covering report of Willis Chipman, C. E., of Toronto, re Halifax Water Supply.

REPORT RE WATER SUPPLY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 4th, 1907.

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I transmit herewith for your information and consideration a report upon the increased water supply and improvements in existing water works system in the City of Halifax, prepared by Willis Chipman, Civil and Sanitary Engineer of Toronto.

Mr. Chipman in his report calls attention to the urgent necessity of at once beginning the improvements which he outlines, and this, together with the state of the water service in Willow Park and other portions of the City, constrains me to recommend that the Legislature should be asked at the present session for authority to borrow a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for the improvement and betterment of the water service of the City. By adopting this course the Council will be in a position to borrow such amount of money as is required to carry out whatever line of improvement is finally settled upon, and no more money than is required need be borrowed under the legislative authority which I suggest, and at the same time such sum will be sufficient to meet any outlay which it will be necessary to incur during the year.

Mr. Chipman estimates that in order to provide desirable improvements the sum of \$346,000 will be required, while to provide what he considers essential the sum of \$223,000 must be expended.

I may add that I have carefully perused the accompanying report and find that to a very great extent Mr. Chipman entirely approves the various reports made on the water system of Halifax by the present City Engineer and his predecessor, Mr. Keating.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

[For Mr. Chipman's report on Water Supply, see Appendix to printed Minutes of this meeting.]

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that His Worship's Message be adopted and Mr. Chipman's report received and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act authorizing the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the betterment of the water service.

Motion passed unanimously, there being 14 Aldermen present.

Read letter Revisers of City Charter re their remuneration, &c.

REVISION CITY CHARTER.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 14th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

DEAR SIRS,—The revision of the City Charter is now complete and the Revisors would be pleased if you would take into consideration the matter of our compensation for the work of seeing the revision through the press, indexing, preparing tables and other work not included in the work of revision. This work has always been paid for apart from the work of revision and not infrequently to persons other than the revisers, and we might point out that it was unusually heavy in connection with the present revision.

In connection with the whole subject of the revision we beg to call your attention to the fact that the work to be done was much heavier than we had reason to anticipate or could have foreseen at the outset. The mere work of consolidation of the various enactments relating to the City and the revision of their language to conform to modern forms of statutory expression, though considerable, was not the heaviest part of our work. We found that in many respects the City had quite outgrown its somewhat antiquated suatutory powers and that the practice of the officials, though excellent, was without adequate legal sanction or direction. This involved a complete re-writing of many parts of the Charter after most careful consultation with the officials for the purpose of ascertaining and understanding the practice which had grown up. We found also that a body of law had grown up in the ordinances of the City and the by-laws of the Board of Health which in many instances conflicted with the provisions of the Charter, and as we did not attempt to deal with these until after the revision of the Charter had been completed the work of harmonizing the two involved the reconsideration and re-drafting of much of the work that we believed we had completed.

We take this occasion to acknowledge the great kindness and assistance we have received in the work of revision from the officials of the City, and in particular from Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Doane.

We would respectfully ask that you take this matter into consideration and if you see fit to refer it to any Committee we would be glad to furnish any further information desired.

WALLACE GRAHAM,
F. H. BELL.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report City Solicitor re Suit Hart vs. MacIlreith et al.

HART vs. MACILREITH.

MARCH 19th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

DEAR SIRS,—Judgment in the appeal taken in this action by the plaintiff from the