

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that Mr. William Bishop be appointed to this vacancy.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.  
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,  
Chisholm, Hoben,  
Kelly, Hubley,  
Campbell, Martin,  
MacKenzie—9.

Against it.  
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,  
Murray, Taylor,  
Douglas, Hayward,  
Hawkins—7.

Read Annual Message from His Worship the Mayor.

### ANNUAL MESSAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, May 16th 1907.

#### *Members City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—It becomes my duty in entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor for the third time to address you on matters to which your attention should be specially directed.

Naturally, the question of

#### FINANCE.

comes first; but as this whole subject has been very fully dealt with by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee on a recent occasion I do not propose to do more than to refer to the larger items of our

#### BORROWING.

Last year the sum of \$264,800.00 was authorized to be borrowed, but owing to the unfavorable condition of the money market it was not considered advisable to place the bonds upon the market.

At the present Session of the Legislature the sum of \$558,000.00 was authorized to be borrowed.

Of this amount \$125,000 is the City's contribution to the establishment of the Silliker Car Works as security for which the City is to have a first mortgage on the property of the Company. Under the terms of the agreement the Company will provide a sinking fund to redeem the bonds at maturity and in the meantime will pay the interest thereon.

\$130,000 was authorized to be borrowed for the extension and improvement of the water service, to which reference will be made

later. Suffice it to say here that the interest on sinking fund for this amount will be paid out of the revenue received from the Water Department and does not affect the civic rate of taxation. The water rates will not be increased thereby and at the present time the rates paid by the citizens of Halifax are the lowest of any City in Canada.

Another large item of our borrowing is \$95,000 for Schools which the City is required to provide under instructions from the Governor-in-Council.

Among other items the following have been authorized :—

Sewerage Construction .....	\$50,000.00
Fire Department (land & buildings) .....	43,200.00
Purchase of sites for manufacturing industries (including Africville) .....	21,500.00
Paving Streets. ....	25,000.00

The remainder of the sum authorized to be borrowed is made up of a number of smaller items, all of which expenditures appear to be necessary.

While it would be much more pleasant if we could obtain our much needed improvements without having recourse to borrowing, I am nevertheless convinced that the great majority of the ratepayers are desirous of seeing the City progress and are satisfied so long as full value is received for the money expended.

In my two previous addresses the following matters were fully referred to:—

Taxation.

Enforcement of Law.

The Revision of the City Charter.

Public Market.

Dominion Exhibition.

Meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Permanent Pavement.

Official Plan.

The Encouragement of Manufacturing Industries.

City Wharf.

The Improvement of Terminal Facilities.

and in various messages through the year I had the honor to direct your attention to the

Fast Atlantic Mail Service and Running Rights of the C. P. R.  
over the Intercolonial.

All these matters have been before you, have received your best

consideration and I have to thank you for the time and attention which you have given to them. I think we may safely say that progress has been made in connection with every one of them and that we in common with all citizens of Halifax have reason to feel that our old City has at last awakened and taken a considerable step in advance.

As to

#### TAXATION

a committee was appointed at the last meeting of Council to further consider this difficult problem and to evolve if possible an equitable system of taxation. Its solution is a trying and serious matter and the gentlemen who compose the Committee that are grappling with the subject should, and no doubt will, have every assistance this Council can render them in their work.

With a Police Department which is second to none for a City of the size of Halifax, the

#### ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

is satisfactorily carried out and the Chief of Police, his officers and men are to be congratulated on the way their at all times unpleasant duties are performed. Their instructions are to enforce the laws and ordinances of the City using judgment and discretion and they are continually giving evidence of their ability to cope with the matters that arise in that department.

#### THE REVISION OF THE CITY CHARTER

has been completed and the Revisers are to be congratulated on the result of their labors. The revision has been a most thorough and careful one and the laws and ordinances of the City are now so plain that "He who runs may read."

The question of a

#### PUBLIC MARKET

which has been under consideration of the Council for a great many years is now about to become a reality. The Militia Council of Canada have recommended to the Army Council in England that the large Fuel Yard should be conveyed to the City on terms which you have already considered and agreed to and we now only await the approval of the Imperial Government which there appears to be every reason to believe will be granted. We have the funds on hand with which to erect a market building and as soon as the transfer of property is made it will be possible to begin the erection of such a building as you may approve.

During the past year, the

#### DOMINION EXHIBITION

was held at Halifax and was a great success as an exhibition pure and simple, and I am glad to say the accounts show a small balance on the right side.

The Annual Convention of the

#### UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

was also held at Halifax during the past year, was most successful in every way and resulted in advertising our City and affording those persons charged with the government of cities and towns of other parts of Canada a fuller knowledge of Halifax.

#### THE PERMANENT PAVEMENT

of our streets and some of our sidewalks speaks for itself. The improvement which it has made in the appearance of our City well warrants the expenditure entailed. Before the close of the year upon which we are now entering is reached and the work now ordered is completed the streets and sidewalks of Halifax will compare more than favorably with the leading cities of the Dominion.

The work on the

#### OFFICIAL PLAN

has been going steadily forward and before the year closes several sections more will be completed and submitted for approval as required by law.

In my last annual message I referred at some length to the matter of

#### ENCOURAGING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

to establish in our midst.

It is pleasing now to note that the attention and consideration which you have given this matter and the inducements which you were able to offer as well as the favorable situation of Halifax for certain industries have, with the hearty co-operation and hard work of the Board of Trade, resulted in considerable success.

The Silliker Car Works was the first important industry to establish here. A suitable site for this enterprise has been secured by the Company and work is rushed so that the buildings may be erected as speedily as possible.

Negotiations are now being carried on with the W. P. MacNeil

Company looking to the establishment of an iron works in Halifax, and a site is being expropriated for the purpose. The latest report from the gentlemen interested in this Company, is that your offer is acceptable, and that work will be commenced on the erection of the plant as soon as the land is available, provided certain negotiations they are carrying on with outside parties are successful.

Negotiations have also been begun with some other gentlemen looking to the establishment of a boiler works on a large scale, and present indications would lead one to believe that this industry will establish itself here.

All these industries, together with the new Round House and Car Shops of the Intercolonial Railway are to be established in the northern portion of our City which lends itself so admirably to such enterprises, and before long this section should become a veritable hive of industry, employing a very large number of men, a large proportion of whom will be skilled mechanics.

#### CITY WHARF.

An agreement was reached between the Dartmouth Ferry Commission and your Council looking to the improvement of the ferry accommodation on the Halifax side, but failed to meet with the approval of the ratepayers of Dartmouth. As you have decided to purchase the Stayner Wharf property, I am still in hopes that an arrangement fair alike to the town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax will be reached whereby a much-needed improvement in ferry facilities on this side of the Harbor will take place.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF TERMINAL FACILITIES.

In view of the great trade that is springing up in the West, this is one of the greatest questions with which we have to deal. In the consideration of this matter we have had the hearty co-operation of the Board of Trade, and a great improvement is now going on. When the extension of the facilities for handling freight now under construction in Water Street is completed and the Railway Department has taken over the Cunard Wharf property, a shed for the storage of flour being then provided, and the Richmond Yard has been cleared of the obstructions, in the nature of tumble-down buildings, etc., which have so greatly cramped the proper handling of freight, our port will be in a far better position to take its place in the export and import business of Canada, a considerable portion of which we are assured must come to us.

Whether or not an expert on railway and steamship matters should be brought here to look over our facilities and advise us as to what

further should be done to improve our port, is a question to which I would direct your earnest consideration.

#### THE FAST ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE

came up before us in a very acute form during the past winter when the management of the C. P. R. steamships refused to land mails and passengers at this port. The strong representation which you were able to make on the question to the Government, ably supported by the Board of Trade, resulted in the steamers of the line in question coming to the wharf for the purpose of disembarking and embarking passengers and the landing and reception of the mails. Not only the Government, but I think I am safe in saying the Steamships Management, agreeing that this was the proper course to adopt in the best interest of the Dominion and of the Company.

A question closely allied to this is the matter of

#### RUNNING RIGHTS OF THE C. P. R. OVER THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

At the time that the C. P. R. Company made the request for running rights I had the honor of presenting my views on this very important question to you, and the recommendations I made at that time you unanimously approved. The question is, I understand, still under consideration by the Department of Railways and the Government, and we should continue to press our policy on this question not only as being in the interest of Halifax, but in the interest of the whole Province of Nova Scotia and the Dominion.

One of the most difficult and pressing problems with which we have to deal during the coming year, and the consideration of which should not be delayed, is the matter of our

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The report of Mr. Willis Chipman, Consulting Engineer of Toronto, is before you, which shows beyond doubt the imperative necessity of at once taking some action.

You have also before you the report of our own City Engineer made to the Council in February, 1892, which is practically confirmed by the report of Mr. Chipman.

Mr. Doane's predecessor also presented several reports on the water question, and these three authorities and others who have examined our water service from time to time all agree that there is a volume of water being discharged into the City of Halifax daily which should be more than sufficient for the needs of double our present

population. Excessive waste is the main cause of the low pressure over the service generally, and on the higher elevations the total absence of water service. Mr. Chipman in his report makes various suggestions to remedy the difficulty. Mr. Doane and Mr. Keating did likewise. For these various reports I would ask your careful and immediate attention pointing out to you the risk which we are continually running in the case of a large conflagration and also the serious inconvenience which the people of Willow Park and those on the other higher levels of the City are called upon to endure. Realizing the urgency of the matter, I presented a message to you when forwarding Mr. Chipman's report suggesting that authority should be obtained from the Legislature to borrow the sum of \$100,000.00 in order that you might be able to grapple with the difficulty as soon as you had had time to consider the report of the Consulting Engineer. You unanimously endorsed the suggestion then made and asked the Legislature for authority to borrow the sum named, which authority the Legislature has granted. I would now recommend that the matter should be referred at once to a special committee with instructions to report to a special meeting of the Council to be called at an early date.

Here let me remark upon the increased facilities which last year's Council have provided in the way of

#### FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS

and the additional accommodation which is now being provided for further equipment. When the fire stations now under construction and in contemplation have been erected (the funds for which have already been authorized) and the increased equipment installed our Department should be not only satisfactory to our citizens but should meet the requirements of the most exacting Board of Fire Underwriters.

#### COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Legislation was obtained at the 1906 session of the Legislature authorizing the borrowing of money for the extension and improvement of the County Court House. The Court House Commission at once approached the Government with a view to reaching an agreement as to the proportion to be paid by the Province. The Government has agreed to contribute one third of the cost on the understanding that its total contribution shall not exceed seven thousand dollars. The Grand Jury at the last sittings of the Supreme Court called attention to the state of the Court House and it is imperatively necessary that some steps should be taken in this matter at once.

## CHANGE IN CIVIC YEAR.

Each recurring spring brings to us all the usual and well founded complaints about dusty, dirty streets, and every year as soon as the snow and ice disappear repairs are needed which cannot be made on account of the appropriations not being available until the first of May. Another evil resulting from commencing the work late is that a great deal has to be done in a rush at the end of the season.

There are two remedies—either to change the commencement of the civic year to April 1st or to obtain legislation permitting the Council to anticipate a stated proportion of the coming year's appropriations on and after April 1st.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the members of last year's Council for their co-operation and assistance in the performance of the responsible duties of my office, and I would ask the same support and assistance from the Council of the present year in order that the programme of progressive government which we have entered upon may be in a large measure completed, and Halifax shall take its proper place as one of the progressive cities of Canada.

I would extend a cordial welcome to those members of our Council who are present for the first time this evening. Undoubtedly the part which they will take in the government of our City will make for its progress and development.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the same be received and printed in the Minutes of Council and Annual Report. Motion passed.

## MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Aldermen Johnson submits the following resolution:—

*Resolved* That the tender of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, dated January 31st, 1907, for lighting the streets and public buildings of the City, be accepted, provided that the number of lights to be included in the contract do not exceed four hundred and ten (410), and that if the City Council requires at any time during the contract an all-night service the charge for arc lamps shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00) per lamp per year.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the City enter into a contract with the Tramway Company for electric lighting for three years.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, on a show of hands.



The original resolution is put and passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Douglas submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, that the Board of Works be authorized to lay a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Water Street between Jacob Street and Bell Street under the provisions of the Permanent Sidewalk Act.

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

Alderman Kelly submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the books of the City Board of Works be kept so that it may be ascertained by reference to them what proportion of the appropriation for streets is expended in each of the six wards.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Resolution put and lost.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the City Engineer be requested to submit to the Council at an early date a list of streets and parts of streets in the west end of Ward Four that are now built upon but not taken over by the City and the number of houses on each street, also an estimate of the cost of necessary grading on each of these streets before they could be taken over by the City under the Act of 1907.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

Resolution put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the City Engineer be instructed to construct a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Hollis Street from the Bank of Nova Scotia to Duke Street under the provisions of the Permanent Sidewalk Act. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, June 10th, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Johnson, Hubley, Murray, Archibald, Douglas, Kelly, Hoben and Martin.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Archibald, 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 Alderman Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Taylor, McManus, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

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

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Murray, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Acting-Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Police Committee, covering accounts.

Report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor, covering Bonds of Officials.

Letter Board of Trade re 21st June Public Holiday.

Letter City Health Board re appointment of Chairman.

Annual Report Coal Weighers for 1906-7.

Order of Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council re School Board debentures.

Resignation of William H. Cawsey as an Alderman for Ward No. 5.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz :—

Willis Chipman's report on Water Supply.

N. S. Telephone Co's. conduits.

Maynard Street water extension.

Cork Street water extension.  
 Fire Insurance.  
 Accounts.  
 Electric Light Contract.  
 Reports (3) City Engineer, viz :  
 Street Lights.  
 Permanent Sidewalks.  
 Queen Street Sidewalk.  
 Correspondence, reports, &c., in re Horton Ladder (Macdonald & Co. tender).  
 Claim of William Cooley for damages and offer to sell property to the City.  
 Acceptance by J. E. DeWolf of office of Pilot Commissioner.  
 Letter W. P. McNeil & Co., declining offer by the City of a free site.  
 Letter *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* re advertising Halifax.  
 Petition employees of Water Department for increase of pay.  
 Applications (3) for licenses, viz :—  
 John Mullane, moving pictures.  
 E. F. Wilson, bill poster.  
 James Townshend, junk boat.  
 Petition for paving Pleasant Street.  
 Petition for electric light Poplar Grove.  
 Petition for sewer Summit Street.

#### REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read letter *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* re advertising the City of Halifax. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.  
 Read claim of William Cooley for damages and offering to sell property to the City. Referred to the Committee on Works for report.  
 Read applications for licenses, viz :—  
 John Mullane for moving pictures show.  
 E. F. Wilson for bill poster.  
 James Townshend for junk boat.  
 Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.  
 Read order of Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council re issuing of certain debentures for Public School Purposes.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL DEBENTURES.

HALIFAX, 25th May, 1907.

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

SIR,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to transmit herewith a certified copy of an order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, dated 22nd inst., approving of a contract for re-modelling, extending, rebuilding and completing of Albro

Street School according to plans and specifications prepared by Walter J. Busch, by Samuel A. Marshall & Son, for the sum of \$35 210, and under section 820 of Halifax City Charter added thereto by Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, ordering and directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$36,970.50, being the amount required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to carry out the said contract.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read acceptance by J. E. DeWolf of office of Pilot Commissioner.  
Filed.

Read Annual Report Coal Weighers for 1906-7. Filed.

Read petition for sewer Summit Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition re paving Pleasant Street south of South Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for electric light Poplar Grove. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition employees of Water Department for increase of pay. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

#### REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 4th 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that a meeting was held this day, there being present Aldermen Hawkins, Acting-Chairman, Archibald, Douglas and Martin.

Your Committee have under consideration a number of matters referred to it for report, as follows :—

1. Letter Department of Marine and Fisheries re application of Walter Mitchell for water lot grant.

Your Committee have made diligent inquiry into this matter as to whether any objection would be made by adjoining property owners and find that no objections are being made and that the Harbor Master has recommended the application.

Your Committee recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Department of Marine and Fisheries to the effect that the City has no objection to offer to the grant being made.

2. Application of Messrs. Davis & Fraser re Exemption of their new Pork Packing Factory from taxation.

It is recommended that the firm of Davis & Fraser be exempted from any assessment over and above the amount of \$10,600.00 for their present premises for the period allowed under the Act.

3. Application Samuel L. Marcus for a junk dealer's license.

Your Committee recommend that a junk dealer's license be granted to Mr. Marcus.

4. Application of Komarsky and Whitzman for junk dealers' license.

Your Committee recommend that this application be refused.

5. Application of Charles Putman and Herbert Pollett for Bill Posters' licenses.

Your Committee recommend that licenses be granted.

6. Opinion City Solicitor re notice of reconsideration.

Your Committee have had a draft prepared amending the Rules of Council in reference to this matter and recommend its adoption by the Council, a copy of which is attached to this report.

7. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a letter of the City Clerk covering an application of The New Standard Encyclopædia for certain information.

Your Committee recommend that the same be referred to a special committee consisting of Alderman Murray, the City Auditor, and the City Treasurer to collect the information asked for, and that the same be inserted in the Annual City Report and corrected to date each year.

A. C. HAWKINS, *Acting-Chairman.*

The same is taken up clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re application of Walter Mitchell for grant of a water lot.

Moved by Alderman Archibald, seconded by Alderman Martin that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re exemption of Davis & Fraser from certain taxation.

#### IN RE DAVIS & FRASER'S CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, June 4th, 1907.

*To the Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Privileges:*

SIR,—So far as I understand the facts of this case, Messrs. Davis & Fraser, previous to the year in respect to which the exemption is claimed, were doing business as pork packers in rented premises. Previous to the last assessment they had purchased other premises upon which they had erected buildings and in respect to these they now claim exemption. The right to exemption depends upon sec. 344 of the City Charter. Under sub-section (2) of that section any person engaged on the 23th day of April 1906 in any manufacturing industry in the City of Halifax, who enlarges or extends his buildings is entitled to a partial exemption. Obviously this part of the section cannot apply to Messrs. Davis & Fraser as the premises in respect to which the exemption is claimed were not those occupied at the date mentioned in the section. Sub-section (1) of the Act is more general and reads as follows:—

When any person or company proposes to purchase any land, or to erect any building in the City of Halifax for the purpose of establishing any manufacturing industry, the Council of the City may wholly or in part exempt the land and building, machinery and stock in trade of such person or company from taxation for the general purposes of the City, other than water rates, for a period not to exceed ten years from the establishment of such industry.

Under this the right to exempt is not an absolute right, but depends entirely upon the discretion of the Council, and the Council would be justified in making the exemption to Messrs. Davis & Fraser if they saw fit.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be referred back to the Committee to obtain the City Solicitor's opinion as to whether Aldermen voting for the proposed tax exemption would be liable for the amount of taxes from the payment of which Davis & Fraser would be relieved. Amendment lost.

Original motion put and passed, on a show of hands 8 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Alderman Johnson gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 3 re application of Samuel L. Marcus for a junk license.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said clause be adopted and the license granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said clause be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Amendment lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read clause 4 re application of Komarsky & Whitzman for a Junk Dealer's license.

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

Read clause 5 re applications of Charles Putman and Herbert Pollett for Bill Poster's licenses.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said clause be adopted and the licenses granted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 re notices of reconsideration covering draft Ordinance. Also read said draft Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF "THE RULES OF ORDER OF COUNCIL."

Section 18 of Ordinance No. 2 of The Rules of Order of Council is hereby repealed and the following section substituted :—

(1) Any member who has voted against a resolution, or resolution as amended, may at the meeting at which such resolution is passed give notice of reconsideration thereof. At the next meeting of the Council immediately after the calling of the roll and before any other business is considered the giver of such notice, or in his absence any other member on his behalf, shall briefly state his reasons for reconsideration and if the motion to reconsider is seconded the same shall then be put to vote without further debate and if carried the question so reconsidered shall then be read and disposed of.

(2) If the motion to reconsider is not made at the time so fixed or if the Council refuses to reconsider, no other motion to reconsider or rescind, or to reconsider the

motion refusing to reconsider or rescind, can be made within one year, except with the unanimous consent of the members of Council present. No motion to rescind or to reconsider shall have the effect of delaying or impeding the action necessary to give effect to any resolution unless the Council orders otherwise.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said Ordinance be now read a first time. Motion passed.

Said Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 'The Rules of Order of Council'" is now read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray that said Ordinance be now read a second time: Motion passed.

Said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Read clause 7 re special committee to prepare information relating to the City of Halifax for the new Standard Encyclopædia.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts.

#### CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 6th, 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The City Prison Committee beg to recommend the following accounts, the same having been examined and found correct:—

1906-7 Account:—Clayton & Sons, pants, \$23 00. 1907-8 Account:—Halifax Tramway Co., light, 34c. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$2.50. Hillis & Sons, grate, \$1.25. W. A. Maling, ox heads, \$9.50. J. J. Skerry, groceries, 22.95. Frank W. Fraser, 58.00—\$94.54. Total, \$117.54.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *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 Hubley, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, and passed.

Read report Finance Committee re Tenders for steel engraving of City Bonds. Cost, \$1200.00.

TENDERS FOR ENGRAVING FOR DEBENTURES AND STOCK  
CERTIFICATES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 30th, 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Finance beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Douglas and Campbell.

The City Treasurer submitted tenders for a steel plate engraving for debentures and stock certificates from American Bank Note Co. and British American Bank Note Co.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of the British American Bank Note Co., it being the lowest tender.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Library Commission re various matters and accounts.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMISSION.

CITY HALL, June 5th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Commission met this day. There were present Aldermen Whitman, Murray, McManus, Kelly and Campbell and Messrs. Irving and Barnstead.

The Annual Report of the Librarian was read and discussed.

1,790 new books were added to the Library during the year.

248 cards were issued to new readers, making a total of 5162.

65,139 books were issued for home use, and

13,249 for reference purposes, making a total of 78,388.

\$97 50 were received from the sale of Catalogues and fines, etc.

A considerable increase in the work done in the Bindery during the year is to be noted.

1,337 books, catalogues and magazines were bound and repaired. In addition 2,973 books and magazines received class numbers, tickets, labels, pockets or backs.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

T. C. Allen & Co., \$53.95. Heaton's Agency, \$1.10. Library Bureau, Canada, \$8.40. Library Bureau, United States \$1.00. Publishers' Weekly, \$7.00. Total, \$71.45.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.



## POLICE ACCOUNTS.

JUNE 10th, 1907.

*The City Council :*

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

J. A. Dunn & Co., 2-10 Amp. fuse plugs, 25c. Wm. Jakeman & Son, vet. services, \$13.50. Farquhar Bros., charcoal, &c., \$2 10. N. S. Telephone Co., rent telephone 2 months, \$13.33. W. F. Pickering & Co., repairs uniforms, &c., \$13 25. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$3 35. W. Chas. Anderson, groceries, \$1.75. C. W. Davies, taking handcuffs apart, &c., 75c. T. D. Spike, badges, &c., \$3.15 Total, \$51.43.

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

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

Read report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re Bonds of City Officials and covering said Bonds.

## BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

JUNE 10th, 1907.

*Members of the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—Accompanying this we enclose guarantee bonds of—

The City Treasurer, \$3,000, London Guarantee & Accident Co.

City Collector, \$10,000, " "

License Inspector, \$1,000, American Security Co.

Clerk of Works, \$2,000, U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.

Chief of Police, \$2,000, " "

Chief of Fire Dept., \$1,500, " "

City Clerk, \$1,000, " "

City Marshal, \$1,000, " "

Supt. City Home, \$1,000, " "

Asst. City Clerk, \$1,000, " "

as required by the City Charter, Clause 124.

R. T. MACLEITH, *Mayor.*W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Companies issuing said Bonds and the said Bonds be approved. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re permanent sidewalks.

## PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The following sidewalks cannot be repaired without heavy expense compared with the benefit to be obtained from such work. I would recommend that they be reconstructed of cement concrete under the Halifax Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906, as follows :—

	Estimated Cost.
Barrington Street, west side, from Duke to Buckingham Streets .....	\$ 792 00
Duke Street, south side, from Hollis Street to Bedford Row .....	262 00
Bedford Row, east side, from Sackville Street to Cheapside .....	} 2321 00
Bedford Row, west side, from Sackville Street to Prince Street .....	

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said report be placed on the Order of the Day until the tenders for the new City Loan are reported up to the Council.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Read report Commissioners of Common covering Accounts.

#### PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

PUBLIC GARDENS, May 29th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commission of Halifax Common was held this day at 7 30 p. m. Present—Chairman Taylor, Commissioners Archibald, Kelly, Campbell, Powell, McDonald, Bishop, Power and the Superintendent.

They had before them the accompanying 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.

N. S. Nursery, \$8 00. J. Fearon, \$7.50. W. C. Archibald, \$66.67. F. A. Shaw, \$5.15. H. H. Fuller & Co., \$30.83. A. & W. Mackinlay, \$3.50. Total, \$121.65.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for May, 1907.

#### CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS, &c.

JUNE 5th 1907.

*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 Shaffner, Chisholm, McManus and Hoben.

The Superintendent's report for May shows that during the month there were 22 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 38 discharged and 9 died. Of the

number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province and 32 to the City. The total number of inmates May 31st, 1907, was 321, made up of 193 men, 126 women and 2 children.

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

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$484.55. W. A. Maling & Co., \$29.73. Smith Bros., \$92.31. George Grigoire, \$32.10. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$74.40. P. T. Shea, \$126.00. J. S. Cashen, \$72.44. Henry Lovett, \$16.83. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$19.00. T. C. Allen & Co., \$5.33. N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$7.50. John F. Outhit, \$4.50. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$22.55. Geo. S. Yates & Sons, \$7.80. W. C. Knight, \$5.80. B. Mulcahy, \$407.87. S. Cunard & Co., \$157.44. Pay Sheet, \$629.16. Total, \$2195.31.

G. A. MacKENZIE, *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 MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben, and passed.

Read report Committee of Firewards on various matters and accounts, clauses 1 to 12.

#### REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Firewards met on May 20th, May 30th and June 3rd and beg to report as follows :—

1. Alderman Johnson has been appointed Chairman and Alderman Taylor Vice-chairman of the Board for the current year.
2. In a previous report the Board recommended that the tender of Wm. Jakeman & Son for veterinary services, being too high, be filed. The Board had since received from them a new tender at \$5.00 per horse for services and medicines. Doctors Jakeman were informed that this tender would be recommended for acceptance if they would see that the horses are properly shod and examine the horses' feet at least once a month. This condition has been accepted and the tender is submitted for your approval.
3. It is recommended that James Keefe, Call-man on No. 4. hose, be appointed Lieutenant on No. 4. hose, vice Liet. Wm. Robinson, resigned.
4. And that Marshall Gannon, Supernumerary on No. 4. hose, be call-man on that division, vice Keefe, promoted.
5. A recent fire on Fort Needham having shewn the urgency of an alarm box in that district, and the City Electrician having estimated the cost at \$150.00, it is recommended that a box be installed about midway on Kaye Street.
6. It has been decided to call for tenders for 100 feet of chemical hose, a set of harness for Quinpool Road house and twenty-eight suits of uniform clothing for the permanent men and to advertise for applications for twenty or more Supernumerary call firemen.

7. The Board having installed tappers in the houses of the call-men free of charge it is recommended that in every case where a tapper has to be shifted in consequence of change of residence or other cause the actual cost of shifting be paid by the fireman moving, &c., and that said charge be deducted by the Chief from any pay due such fireman.

8. Having in view the improvement of the internal economy and efficiency of the Department, an effort is being made to secure the services of mechanics in making new appointments. In order to ascertain the competency of certain men now proposed for appointment, the Chief desires to engage these men temporarily and the Board has concurred in his recommendation.

9. It is recommended that John Honey be confirmed in his position as spare driver and his name restored to the roll as a member of the Department.

10. The following resolution passed unanimously by the Board is recommended for adoption by the City Council :—

*Whereas*, At a meeting of the City Council held August 9th, 1906 the Council accepted a tender from Macdonald & Co., Ltd., for building an 80 ft Aerial Truck, the same to be built to meet the requirements of the Board of Fire Commissioners ;

*And Whereas*, Mr. Macdonald was requested by this Board to submit a specification of his truck and has done so ; and this Board after considering said specification does not approve of the same ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That Messrs Macdonald & Co., Ltd., be notified of the Board's refusal to accept their specification ;

And that the Board recommend the Council to purchase an 80 ft. Seagrave Aerial Truck at a cost of \$5,350.00.

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

Alderman Hubley qualifies his vote in respect to the length of the ladder recommended to be purchased and desires to be recorded as voting for a 75 ft. ladder.

11. Tenders for certain interior and exterior painting, carpenter and mason's work having been received on specifications drawn by Mr. Fidler, the following are recommended for acceptance :—

James Clarke, Central.....	\$ 50 00
David Roche, West Street.....	225 00
“ “ Quinpool Road.....	40 00 and \$30 00
J. W. Churchill, Quinpool Road.....	295 00
Isaac Hutchings, Bedford Row.....	215 00
John Foley, Bedford Row.....	57 00

12. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Globe Laundry, work, \$6.68. National Drug Co., soap, \$1.00. J. E. Myers, plumbing, \$4.00. Can. Rubber Co., sponges, &c., \$102.45. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$34.50. Huxtable and Courtney, track plates, \$63 36. R. R. Kennedy, oiled clothing, \$110 15. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$2.20. Can. Rubber Co., valves, &c., \$4.70. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$238.58. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$9.83. A. Allison, harness work, 60c. W. C. Knight, harness work, \$2.75. Farquhar Bros., electric supplies, \$6.51. W. S. Craig, roofing, \$15.00. Jas. Dempster & Co, lumber, \$4.00. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$21 20. Horseshoeing P. Porrior, \$6.09. Wm. Kline, \$7.65. O'Connell Bros., \$4.79. John T. Meagher, \$11.62. T. Robinson, \$4.43. Robt. Horner, \$8.23.—Total \$570 32.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that all of said report with the exception of Clause 10 in re Aerial

Ladder be adopted and that the accounts recommended in the report be paid. Motion passed.

Read Clause 10 in re Aerial Ladder.

Also read correspondence on the subject, submitted by His Worship the Mayor, covering opinion of the City Solicitor.

IN RE THE HORTON AERIAL LADDER.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, June 10th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In response to your verbal request for my opinion as to liability of the City in this matter, I beg to say as follows:—

On 16th July 1906 the Board of Firewards called for tenders among other things for one Furtable Aerial Truck with quotations for 75, 80 or 85 ft. ladder. On August 7th Messrs Macdonald & Co., offered to supply Horton Patent Aerial Truck with 75 ft. ladder for \$4500, 80 ft. for \$4900 and 85 ft. for \$5000. The Board in their report to the Council recommended that the 80 ft. ladder be purchased from Macdonald & Co., *the same to be built to the requirements of the Board.* This recommendation was adopted by the Council by resolution passed at a meeting held 9th August. The only notification of this action of the Council given to Macdonald & Co., was that contained in the letter of the Secretary of the Board of the 9th October notifying them of the acceptance and asking for specifications of the ladder. These Messrs Macdonald & Co., undertook to supply on 8th November. On 30th November the Board notified Messrs Macdonald & Co., that the specifications were vague and unsatisfactory, complained of the delay and required complete specifications of the ladder, truck and equipment proposed to be furnished including drawings or blue prints and particulars of a number of other matters in respect to the ladder. On December 3rd a member of Messrs Macdonald & Co., attended at a meeting of the Board at which the question of specification was verbally discussed and he declined to furnish drawings or blue prints. A further discussion of the specification was had with Mr. Macdonald on 7th February. On 30th May the Board called at the place of business of Macdonald & Co., and asked to see the ladder, but no ladder or any part of it was shewn them. On the 3rd June, the Board resolved that it did not approve of the specifications submitted and refused to accept them.

Upon these facts I am of opinion that there is no contract for the purchase of the ladder between the City and Messrs Macdonald & Co., and that the City will incur no liability by declining to go any further in the negotiations with them. My reasons for so holding are the following:—

1. The resolution of the Council approving of the recommendation of the Firewards to accept the tender did not in itself constitute a contract binding on the City. Such can only be created by an instrument under the seal of the City and executed by the proper officials. (See Arnold on Municipal Corps, 4th ed., p 109 and cases in note; also City Charter, sec. 5). The resolution of the Council was in my opinion only an authority to the officials to execute such a contract and until acted upon could be revoked. The letter of the Secretary of the Board of Firewards of 9th October only called attention to the resolution of the Council and could have no further effect.

2. Even assuming that the resolution of the Council was an acceptance, it was only a conditional one—that the ladder to be supplied must meet the requirements of the Board of Firewards. Of those requirements they were the only judges and in the absence of any bad faith or improper conduct on their part their determination that the ladder proposed will not meet their requirements is conclusive. Messrs. Macdonald & Co. would probably be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to satisfy the Board of their ability to meet the requirements. This they have had and having failed to meet those requirements the Council have a perfect right to put an end to the negotiations.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that said Clause 10 be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Mr. Roderick Macdonald be permitted to address the Council on the matter. Motion passed.

Mr. Macdonald addresses the Council and exhibits a model of the Horton Aerial Ladder and Truck.

The following amendment to the original resolution is submitted :

*Resolved.* That the time for the building and supplying to the City of the 80 ft. Horton Ladder by Macdonald & Co., Ltd., as per recommendation of the Committee of Firewards to Council, August 9th, 1906, the whole when completed to be to the satisfaction of the Firewards, be extended for three months from date, provided that Macdonald & Co., Ltd., within ten days undertake to provide such ladder within such period for the approval of the Committee of Firewards.

*Further Resolved.* That unless Macdonald & Co., Ltd., notify the City (in writing) within ten days of their intention to build the ladder the City proceed with the purchase of the Seagrave Ladder as recommended by the Firewards.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that Mr. Macdonald be now given an opportunity to answer the Council whether he will accept the City's offer. Motion passed.

Mr. Macdonald replied that Macdonald & Co. would construct the said ladder within three months.

Alderman Martin's amendment is now put and passed unanimously.

Read letter Board of Trade in re public holiday June 21st.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that His Worship the Mayor proclaim June 21st a public holiday. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 6th, 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 for payment :—

Sewer Loan .....	\$ 2934 90
Morris Street Engine House .....	2100 00
Street Lighting .....	1553 58
Streets .....	868 42
Insurance .....	702 08
Permanent Sidewalks .....	694 51
City Property .....	216 66
Inspection Electrical Wiring .....	197 78
City Plan, 1906-7 .....	177 80

Teams and Stables.....	\$ 134 14
Internal Health.....	85 30
Fuel.....	74 50
City Hall Lighting.....	70 49
Telephones.....	44 00
Permanent Paving.....	11 65
Parade Wall.....	5 45
Water Maintenance.....	709 92
Water Construction.....	496 12
Total.....	\$11077 30

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re electric light contract.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT CONTRACT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 6th, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Work held this day the attached Minute of Council re tender of the Halifax Electric Tram Co. with a letter from said Company in connection with Clause 7 of the specifications were read.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the request be complied with in reference to the first order only.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re street lights.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 10th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying resolution of Council respecting the installation of additional street lights.

The following lights have been ordered during the year to be installed when funds are available :—

- Robie Street, between Spring Garden Road and Jubilee Road.
- Duncan Street, between Harvard Street and Chebucto Lane.
- Hollis Street, at Sackville Street.
- Francklyn Street, at Miller Street.
- Young Street, between Gottingen Street and Agricola Street.
- King's Lane.
- Bloomfield Street, opposite Maynard Street.
- Veith Street, at Young Street.

The appropriation is not large enough to put in all the other lights asked for, but I

would recommend that the following be installed under the new contract as being the most necessary of the lights asked for:—

Agricola Street, at William Street.  
 Oakland Street, at Murray Place.  
 Coburg Road, at Henry Street.  
 Foot Duffus Street.  
 Willow Street, at Gladstone Street.  
 Birmingham Street, at Morris Street.  
 George Street, at Barrington Street.  
 Spring Garden Road, at Birmingham Street.  
 College Street, at Summer Street.  
 Cork Street, at Dublin Street.  
 South Park Street, between Spring Garden Road and Sackville Street.  
 Granville Street, at Prince Street.  
 Dresden Row, at Rottenburg Street.  
 Argyle Street, at Blowers Street.  
 Morris Street, at Brenton Street.

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

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

Read letter W. P. McNeil & Co. declining to accept offer of the City of a free site for their structural steel works.

#### W. P. McNEIL & CO. IRON WORKS.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., June 5th, 1907.

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

SIR,—We regret to have to advise you that after going carefully into the relative merits of Halifax and New Glasgow, we have decided to build our new plant at New Glasgow.

We have thoroughly canvassed the industrial advantages of the two places and this decision has only been reached after an exhaustive examination of the conditions, particularly the labor conditions, prevailing in Halifax at the present time. We cannot but note from time to time in the press the labor troubles, tending to disturb trade, which takes place in Halifax and which same are unknown here. In New Glasgow we have no unions to contend with such as exist in Halifax, and as our work is practically identical with the work done in the dry dock shops and on the slip we feel we would sooner or later have trouble with the Iron Workers' Union. Competition in our business at the present time is so very keen that we could not do work at a profit if we had to pay union wages and work union hours.

We have altered our plans since this matter was first talked of, and now propose taking up other lines of business and thus employing more men than was at first intended, so that the possibility of labor troubles becomes a more serious question.

We regret that we cannot see our way clear to take advantage of the generous offer extended by the City of Halifax, but after looking into the matter from all points we have reached the foregoing decision. This decision is based solely upon our present opinion of the relative merits of New Glasgow and Halifax as manufacturing centres, taking into account the advantages and disadvantages of each, and the offer extended will in no way be used as a lever to obtain any concessions from the town of New Glasgow, as we have just bought about thirty acres of land here and will build our new plant on this ground.



Thanking your Mayor and Council for your very flattering offer, and again regretting that now same has been made we cannot in justice to ourselves accept it, we beg to remain,

WM. P. McNEIL & Co.

W. McNEIL.

Filed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that as the Hennessey property will not now be required as a site for the McNeil Co. steel works the City Engineer report upon the portion of it needed for straightening Young Street. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering tenders for fire insurance on City property.

#### INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 30th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for insurance of City properties under this Department were opened as follows:

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters .....	\$85100 @ 94c. = \$799 94
Acadia Fire Insurance Co. ....	85100 @ 87c. = 740 37
Traders' Fire Insurance Co. (J. T. Twining & Son) .....	21275 @ 90c. = 191 47
Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co. ....	23366 @ 67c. = 241 12
Independent Cash Mutual Insurance Co. (Jas. Butler & Co.)....	21275 @ 80c. = 170 20
Ottawa .....	21275 @ 80c. = 170 20

It was resolved to recommend to Council the acceptance of the tenders of the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co., the Independent Cash Mutual, and Ottawa Fire Insurance Co., as being the lowest.

Nova Scotia Insurance Co.,	$\frac{1}{2}$ risk.
Independent .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ risk.
Ottawa .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ risk.

R. T. MacLEITH, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said report be referred back to the Committee on Works to ascertain the financial condition of the companies tendering.

Amendment put and passed.

Read resignation of William H. Cawsey as an Alderman for Ward No. 5.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said resignation be accepted and Alderman Cawsey's seat declared vacant. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering account \$1415.00 of

Willis Chipman, C. E., for investigation and report on the City water supply.

REPORT ON CITY WATER SUPPLY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 10th, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held May 27th the attached bill of Willis Chipman, C. E., for work done in connection with the water supply was read and recommended to Council for payment.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re Telephone Conduits, Barrington Street.

TELEPHONE CONDUITS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 10th, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached letter of the Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., re placing underground conduit between Jacob and Hurd's Streets on Lockman Street was read. It was resolved to recommend to Council that permission be granted under the usual condition.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Queen Street sidewalk.

QUEEN STREET SIDEWALK.

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

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sidewalk on the west side of Queen Street from Morris Street south.

A sidewalk has already been ordered on the west side of Queen Street from Spring Garden Road to Morris Street, and I would recommend that a sidewalk be laid from Morris Street to the south side of the Queen Street Engine House.

Estimated cost, \$732.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said report be adopted. Motion passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:—

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, Martin, Hawkins.—10.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, MacKenzie.—5.</p>
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Read letter City Health Board re appointment of Dr. Murdoch Chisholm as Chairman of the Board. Filed.

Read Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Extension Maynard Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION MAYNARD STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 6th, 1907.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re water extension Maynard Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 4th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying application for extension of the main water pipe on Maynard Street north of North Street.

The district is high service; excavation partially rock; distance 70 feet. Estimated cost:—

Pipe . . . . .	\$ 42 00
Excavation and pipe laying . . . . .	87 50
One service pipe . . . . .	18 00
	\$147 50

Interest on estimated outlay at 5%<sub>61</sub> \$7.38.

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions in the high service, the special rate to be \$7.38.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Cork Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION CORK STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 10th, 1907.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re water extension Cork Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 10th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Cork Street.

The district is high service; distance, 625 feet; size of pipe, 6 inches. Estimated cost:—

Pipe . . . . .	\$375 00
Two 6 inch valves . . . . .	40 00
One 6 " 4-way branch . . . . .	5 76
Lead and paint . . . . .	6 00
Excavation and pipe laying . . . . .	468 75
Five service pipes . . . . .	100 00
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	\$995 51

Interest on estimated outlay at 5%, \$49.77.

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions, the special rate to be \$9.95.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that Alderman Hayward desired to resign from the Common Commission and Alderman MacKenzie from the Prison Committee.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said resignations be accepted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman MacKenzie as a Commissioner of Common and Alderman Hayward as a member of the City Prison Committee. Concurred in.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Kelly asked why the Committee on Works had not reported on the resolution moved by him January 11th, 1907, as to repairing the road across Citadel Hill.

His Worship the Mayor answered that no reply had yet been received from the Military Authorities.

Alderman Hubley asked why the City Treasurer's monthly statements had not been laid on the table for several months.

His Worship the Mayor stated he would see to the matter before next meeting of Council.

Alderman Hubley asked why the Chief of Police does not now report on violations of the Liquor License Act on Sundays as required by resolution of Council passed June 11th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he would also look into this matter.

Alderman Hoben asked the amount expended under the 1905 \$150,000.00 sewer loan.

His Worship the Mayor stated he would obtain the information.

Alderman Chisholm asked for the City Solicitor's opinion as to whether it is not compulsory to call the regular monthly meetings for the day fixed for such meetings and whether the present is a regular or a special meeting.

Alderman Hoben asked if it were not possible to have the printed Minutes of Council of one meeting distributed before the succeeding meeting.

His Worship the Mayor stated he would call the attention of the printer to the matter.

Alderman Hawkins asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the means to be adopted to abolish Bushell's Dog Kennels near Dutch Village, and also if arrangements could be made with the Fertilizer Works to destroy the dead animals which are now being taken to Bushell's.

Alderman Kelly asked if it was the intention to employ a dog catcher this year.

His Worship the Mayor stated the matter had not yet been dealt with.

#### MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Johnson submits the following:—

*Whereas*, The site known as the Drill Shed property on Spring Garden Road is said to have been transferred by the Province at the time of Confederation to the Dominion for military purposes;

*And Whereas*, The said property is now no longer used for military purposes;

*And Whereas*, This site would be most suitable for the Technical College to be established in this City by the Provincial Government;

*Therefore be it Resolved*, That this Council memorialize the Dominion Government to transfer the aforesaid land to the Province for a site for the Technical College and request the representatives for the City and County in the Dominion Parliament to support this request of the City before the Dominion Government;

*And further Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Government.

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

Alderman Johnson submits the following notice of motion:—

*Resolved*, That the City terminate the lease now held by John Mullane of the Old Exhibition Building and that the City Engineer be instructed to give the said Lessee the thirty days' notice required by the lease for that purpose.

Alderman Murray submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Commission of Camp Hill Cemetery be given power to sell certain apparently unsold lots in the sections set apart for interments, provided that after proper investigation it is found that the lots are unsold and that the price for each lot be not less than fifty dollars.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the City Health Board be requested to take some action in reference to the disposal of dead animals particularly such as it has been customary to be allowed to be removed to Bushell's dog kennels and if possible to arrange with the Fertilizer Works to receive the same. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley that No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz : "Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution re electric light contract" be now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 12.10 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, June 27th, 1907.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Archibald, Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Campbell, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to consider tenders for loan and for street paving, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Letter F. B. McCurdy & Co. re new City loan, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman Finance Committee.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Shaffner, Acting-Chairman.

Report Tenders Committee, by Alderman McManus, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Committee on Works re street paving contract

Application of H. J. Garson & Co. for junk dealer's license.

Application of J. T. Murphy for license for public entertainment.

Application of W. J. Erb for license for moving picture show.

Letter J. C. Mackintosh & Co. re City loan.

Application of Geo. E. Boak & Son for City subsidy for excursion steamer.

### REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read application of H. J. Garson & Co. for junk dealer's license. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read application of George E. Boak & Son for City subsidy for excursion steamer. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

## CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for fire insurance.

## TENDERS FIRE INSURANCE.

HALIFAX, June 20th, 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 Shaffner and Hoben.

Tenders for fire insurance to the amount of fifty-eight thousand dollars on the City Home, furniture, outbuildings and contents were received from the following companies, viz:—

Nova Scotia, 3/58 of the amount required at 95c. on the \$100 for three years.

Traders & Dominion, 8/58 “ “ “ “

Acadia, 1/4 “ “ “ “

Ottawa, 1/3 “ “ “ “

Independent Cash Mutual, 1/3 “ “ “ “

Halifax, 1/3 “ “ 90c. on the \$100.00 for one year.

Faulkner & Co., the whole amount required at 89c. on the \$100.00 for three years

The tender of Faulkner & Co. for the whole amount being the lowest was accepted; thus making a saving of \$92.80 as compared with the amount paid for this insurance three years ago.

I. B. SHAFFNER, *Acting-Chairman.*

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

Read application of John T. Murphy for a license for public entertainment at No. 226 Argyle Street.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Martin, that a license be granted Mr. Murphy for the sum of \$50.00, the business to be conducted to the approbation of the Chief of Police. Motion passed.

Read application of W. J. Erb for a license for moving picture show at Belle Air Hall.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that Mr. Erb be granted a license on the same condition as Mr. Murphy. Motion passed.

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts.

## PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 11th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this day at 4 p. m. Present—Chairman Taylor, Commissioners MacKenzie, Powell, McDonald, Power and the Superintendent.



They had before them the accompanying 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 :—

Austen Bros., \$2.50. O'Connell Bros., \$1 25. Frank Reardon, \$1.40. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$1.00. R. B. Adams & Co., \$4.25. Total, \$10.40.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Finance Committee re tenders for loan and covering accounts.

TENDERS FOR LOAN, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 25th, 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Shaffner, Douglas, Campbell and Hawkins

The Committee was called to consider tenders for loan of \$768,000.00, more or less. One tender only was received by your Committee, that of a citizen who offered \$10,000.00 at par.

Your Committee recommend that this offer be accepted.

The Treasurer submitted a statement showing amount due Royal Bank—\$40,635.00—money borrowed and used in anticipation of floating new loan.

Your Committee recommend that the Trustee of Sinking Fund be empowered to dispose of debentures so as to net \$400,000.00 in whole or in part at 95% and accrued interest and that the money received be applied for doing the following schedule of work :—

Silliker Car Co .....	\$ 65,000 00
Public Schools .....	96,000 00
Longard Property .....	350 00
Heating Infectious Diseases Hospitals .....	1,300 00
Public Gardens Fence .....	10,500 00
Exhibition .....	16,818 66
Heating City Hall .....	1,500 00
Grand Stand Exhibition .....	5,000 00
Sewers ..	25,000 00
Land Central Engine House .....	3,200 00
Central Engine House .....	20,000 00
Parade Wall .....	4,000 00
New Fire House .....	4,000 00
Stayner's Wharf Property .....	13,000 00
Tully Property .....	2,000 00
Heating City Prison .....	1,500 00
Paving Streets .....	75,000 00
Graves Property, Lower Water Street .....	1,000 00
Fire Department .....	27,000 00
Sidewalks .....	25,000 00
Land Lower Water Street .....	1,200 00
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The following accounts, amounting to \$2,344 22, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :—

Dr W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Azariah Parsons, \$4.00; John Barclay, \$4.00; Harriet R. Michael, \$4.00; Wm. Coughlan, \$4.00; Isabel Nicholson, \$4.00—\$20.00. Imperial Publishing Co., circulars, \$4.25. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$5.58. \$15.33 \$11.40. \$9.30. \$5.70. \$3.72—\$51.03. Halifax Bill Posting Co., posting bills, \$10.00. R. G. Dunn & Co., legal record, \$10.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c., \$112.10, \$100.45—\$212.55. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$24.50. A & W. Mackinlay, books, \$62.00. Jos. Spencer, removal of bodies, \$17.00. Canada Law Book Co., Can. Criminal Cases, Vol. 12, \$6.50. T. C. Allen & Co., printing City Charter, &c., \$1,926.39. Total, \$2,344.22

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

Also read letters J. C. Mackintosh & Co., and F. B. McCurdy & Co. re City Loan.

The report is taken up clause by clause.

It is agreed to consider the schedule item by item.

Silliker Car Co.....	\$65,000 00	Passed unanimously.
Public Schools.....	96,000 00	do.
Longard Property.....	350 00	Passed.
Heating Infectious Diseases Hospital	1,300 00	do.
Public Gardens Fence.....	10,500 00	do.
Exhibition.....	16,818 66	do.
Heating City Hall.....	1,500 00	do.
Grand Stand Exhibition.....	5,000 00	do.
Sewers.....	2,500 00	do.
Land Central Engine House.....	3,200 00	

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that this item pass.

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

For the motion.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,  
Murray, Taylor, Douglas,  
McManus, Martin,  
MacKenzie, Hawkins—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,  
Chisholm, Hoben,  
Kelly, Hubley,  
Hayward—7.

Engine House, Central or Grafton Street, \$20,000 00.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this item pass.

On the motion being put, there appeared on a show of hands ten voting for the same and five against it.

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of the Council.

Parade Wall.....	\$ 4,000 00.	Passed unanimously.
New Fire Hose .....	4,000 00.	do.
Stayner's Wharf Property ... ..	13,000 00.	do.
Tully Property.....	2,000 00.	do.
Heating City Prison .....	1,500 00.	

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that this item pass. Motion lost.

Paving Streets.....\$75,000 00.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman that the amount to be borrowed under this head be not in excess of the amount already expended. Seconded by Alderman Chisholm.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,  
Chisholm, McManus,  
Hoben, Hubley—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,  
Taylor, Douglas,  
Kelly, Campbell,  
Martin MacKenzie,  
Hayward, Hawkins—10

Original motion put and passed.

Graves Property, Lower Water St.....	\$ 1,000 00.	Passed.
Fire Department .....	27,000 00.	do.
Sidewalks .....	25,000 00.	

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said item pass.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Taylor, "That the question be now put."

The motion "That the question be now put" is put and passed.

The original motion is now put and passed.

Land Lower Water Street.....\$1,200.00. Passed.

Moved by Alderman Archibald, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the clause of the report of the Committee covering the schedule of items be amended to read as follows :—

That the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be empowered to dispose of such an amount of debentures or stock at a price not less than 95