

Your Committee have to report that the Ordinance relating to junk dealers does not permit of such a license being granted.

5. Application E. F. Wilson for a Bill Poster's license.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted.

6. Application of John Mullane for a moving picture show and public entertainment license at the Empire Rink.

Your Committee recommend that this application be granted, the fee to be \$50.00, and that if the Empire Rink building is disposed of before the 1st day of May next a refund be allowed Mr. Mullane at pro rata amount.

7. Application of Mr. J. E. Roy for moving picture show and public entertainment license at the Orpheus Hall.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted, the license fee to be \$50.00.

8. Application of Messrs. Kaulbach & Schurman for exemption from taxation on Maritime Business College.

Your Committee recommend that this application be referred to the City Solicitor and if in his opinion they are entitled to exemption under section 335 (b) of the City Charter the Assessors be notified of the fact.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re application of Davis & Fraser for exemption from certain taxes.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said clause be referred to the City Solicitor for his written opinion. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re application of Geo. E. Boak & Son for a City subsidy for the excursion steamship "Acadia."

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this clause be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion in writing as to whether any such subsidy could be paid this year. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re advertising the City of Halifax in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

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

Read clause 4 re application of James Townshend for a junk boat license.

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

Read clause 5 re application of E. F. Wilson for a Bill Poster's license.

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

Read clause 6 re application of John Mullane for a license for moving picture show.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 re application of John Mullane for a license for moving picture show.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 7 re application of J. E. Roy for a license for moving picture show.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 8 re application of Kaulbach & Schurman for exemption from taxation on Maritime Business College.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this clause be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion in writing. Motion passed.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Willis Chipman's report on City Water Supply.

CITY WATER SUPPLY.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 22nd, 1907.

Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Works have had under consideration the report of Willis Chipman, C. E., of Toronto, upon increased water supply and improvements in the existing water works system of the City, and fully agree with him in the conclusion that the water supply available is far more than amply sufficient to meet the proper requirements of a City with a population such as Halifax. The Committee further agree that the scarcity of water on the higher levels of the low service are due to the enormous waste of water on the part of consumers, and are of opinion that the seventh paragraph on page three of Mr. Chipman's report is correct, namely:—"The supply would be ample for all the requirements of the City if efficient means were taken to curtail waste."

The level of Long and Chain Lakes is 206 feet, and the greatest elevation reached by the water supplied from this service (the low service) is to-day approximately 125 feet. Previous to the laying of the new 27 inch main and the high service main the low service main used to supply all the district around the common, North Park Street, Cunard Street and adjacent streets and rose to an approximate elevation of 160 feet. To-day with two mains from the low service lakes it is absolutely impossible, owing to the great waste, to get within 50 feet of the elevation then attained by a single pipe. The result is that the high service which should only be called upon to supply portions of the City having an elevation of 175 feet or over is to-day generally supplying all portions of the City having an elevation of 125 feet or over, and in some cases, such as the Birchdale Hotel and other properties on the Coburg Road extension, is let down to points almost at tide water.

Your Committee, after a most careful study of the various reports on the water system, and long and careful conferences with the City Engineer and officials of the Water Department, have reached the conclusion that the only remedy is the application of meters, and they therefore approve of the recommendation of Mr. Chipman, that meters should be set upon all water services, commencing the work in the lowest portions of the City, and they desire to adapt the words of the report of the Consulting Engineer where he says "It is not fair to charge the careful householder who installs first-class plumbing and uses about fifty gallons per capita per day for the water wasted by his neighbor whose plumbing is defective, yet that is what you are doing in Halifax," and quote further from Mr. Chipman's report at page 27:—"There is only one way to stop this waste, that is by metering the service, and thus demonstrate to every consumer the exact quantity of water he is using."

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"The first cost of installing meters is a comparatively large amount, but the owners of property are becoming convinced that it costs less in the long run to instal meters than to enlarge the entire water works system.

"As a general rule the per capita consumption in the unmetred cities in Canada and the United States is fully double the consumption in metered cities. In the gravity system this means double the outlay for collecting and conserving the water and double the expenditure for conduits and mains." And at page 30:—"There can be no reasonable doubt that by metering the services in the City of Halifax the consumption would be reduced to 3,000,000 gallons per day as registered by meters on services."

(See also pages 23, 24 and 26 of Mr. Chipman's report.)

The population of the City is now about 42,000 people, but from a census taken of the water takers, 35,400 only are supplied. This gives a daily consumption of 310 gallons per water consumer.

In the low service district the population served is about 19,000, the average consumption being 8,800,000 gallons per day, or 462 gallons per consumer, over ten barrels per day for each man, woman and child.

In the high level district the consumption averages 132 gallons per day per consumer.

The daily discharge of each of the two larger conduits during the first week in December, 1906, was found to be 4,500,000 for the 24 inch and 4,750,000 for the 27 inch, at which time the 15 inch discharged 2,300,000 gallons per day, or five per cent. more than the average.

Deducting five per cent. from the recorded flow in the two large conduits gives the average as 4,300,000 gallons and 4,500,000 respectively. The total daily average consumption is therefore 11,000,000 gallons, or 262 gallons per capita, or 310 gallons for each consumer.

The maximum domestic supply during extreme hot, dry weather, or extreme cold weather, probably exceeds 14,000,000 gallons per 24 hours, or say 10,000 gallons per minute, of which quantity—

The 15 inch	probably discharges	2,000	gallons per minute
The 24 "	" " " "	3,750	" "
The 27 "	" " " "	4,250	" "

WASTE.

The excessive waste of City water has been so exhaustively dealt with by your City Engineer that there is little new that can be said upon the subject.

Instead of getting on comfortably with 4,000,000 gallons per day you are consuming about three times that quantity, two-thirds of which is probably wasted.

The quantity of water absolutely necessary to properly supply the City has been variously estimated. Recent statistics show that in the large manufacturing cities of

the Northern United States the maximum consumption should not exceed 100 gallons per capita per day computed as follows:—30 gallons for domestic uses, 30 gallons for manufacturing purposes, 10 gallons for public uses, and 30 gallons unaccounted for, that is, leakage

In Halifax practically all of the large consumers are metered, but the average water metered is less than 450,000 gallons, or 11 gallons per capita per day.

If Halifax were an average City the daily consumption would be about 4,000,000 gallons per day, possibly attaining a maximum of 6,000,000.

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The consumption in Halifax may be accounted for as follows:—

	High Service.	Low Service.	Entire City.
Domestic uses	50 gals.	75 gals.	65 gals.
Manufacturing purposes	5 "	15 "	10 "
Municipal and Public	5 "	15 "	10 "
Leakage and waste	70 "	365 "	225 "
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Total per consumer	130 gals.	460 gals.	310 gals.

The leakage and waste in the high level district is double what it should be, but in the low level district the loss is twelve times the average.

The strongest expression of legislative opinion as to the best means of dealing with waste of water is a recent enactment of the Massachusetts Legislature, which requires the services in all cities and towns of Massachusetts to be metered.

As to the other recommendations contained on page five of the report, your Committee find as follows:—

No. 2 That the plumbing by-laws now in force as prescribed in the new Charter are sufficient.

No. 3. The pipes which Mr. Chipman has reference to in this recommendation are referred to on page 33 of his report, and are used altogether for domestic service, having practically no hydrants on them. The hydrants in the business portion of the City are nearly all placed on the pipes running east and west, and not on the pipes running north and south. Mr. Chipman is also in error in stating that in the important congested business districts the mains are all fed from one 15 inch main on Grafton Street. As a matter of fact, they are fed from both directions, and as he suggests they should be, namely, from the 15 inch main from Spring Garden Road and the 15 inch main down Cogswell Street. (Mr Doane's report.) Your Committee is of opinion that the practice which has been largely followed during the past few years of renewing old mains with new ones should be continued, as much work as possible being done each year.

Nos. 4. and 5. As to these recommendations, your Committee have reached the conclusion that until meters have been generally applied and the results made known no expenditure should be entered upon for either of these purposes.

As to No. 5 particularly—which Mr. Chipman marks as not essential—it would appear if the waste is stopped by the application of meters the erection of a water tower will not be necessary.

In conclusion, your Committee realize that it is very unfortunate, owing to the stringency of the money market, that large expenditures such as is involved in this question have to be entered upon and regret that previous Councils had not the courage to act upon the reports of the City Engineers of the past—which are only confirmed by the report of Mr. Chipman. Had this work been entered upon years ago, the bringing in of the second main from Long and Chain Lakes might not have been necessary; but now that we are face to face with an absolute water famine in some portions of the City and a water pressure which the Fire Underwriters do not consider sufficient for fire fighting purposes, the work must be entered upon and entered upon immediately. The improvement of the service will, of-course, materially reduce the rates of fire insurance

and the interest on the outlay involved will be met without any increase in the present water rates.

Your Committee estimate that the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars should be provided for the installation of meters and that that sum should be borrowed and the meters installed this year; that the Committee on Works should be instructed to call for tenders at once for the supplying of the meters and that the kind of meter to be purchased should be settled by the Committee.

The Committee further recommend that such portions of the larger pipe recommended to be laid in the report of the City Engineer hereto annexed which is to be laid on streets now ordered to be permanently paved be purchased and laid at once.

And the Committee further recommend that the systematic test of the whole system as outlined in the report of the City Engineer be also proceeded with as soon as possible.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 22th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman City Works Committee.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with the instructions of your Committee. I beg to report on the changes which it is advisable to make this year in the distribution system.

Before dealing with the pipe system itself, I think it is necessary in the interest of the City that I should deal with the statement made by Mr. Chipman in his report, namely; that the City is practically without fire protection. This is a sweeping statement which we cannot afford to accept without a challenge. Mr. Chipman's conclusions seem to be based largely on the argument that sixteen streams of two hundred gallons a minute are required by the Board of Fire Underwriters for fire service. I am not aware that such a regulation has been made by the Board of Fire Underwriters for Halifax, and if it has, the Council have had no notice of it. The maximum fire supply would be required in the conflagration district or where there are large factories or institutions. In the suburbs where the houses are not close together and not large or high it would be unreasonable to ask the City to provide for sixteen streams of water, I was not in the City on the day of the Black fire, but I am informed that seventeen streams of water were in use on that fire. It cannot therefore be said truthfully that the City is practically without fire protection. Mr. Chipman states in his report that Boston, New York, Montreal, Toronto and nearly all of the larger cities rely almost entirely upon steam fire engines for fire protection. If that course is considered safe in those cities surely it cannot be so very objectionable in Halifax. I presume Mr. Chipman made the statement in a general way; but it is to be regretted that he did not go into details or leave the statement unwritten. While there are portions of the City in which the fire supply is very weak, it is very unfair to allow the impression to go abroad that we are practically without fire protection.

As the amount provided this year for improvement in the water service will not cover all the work which it is advisable to do in improving the distribution, we should determine what portion of the work is most necessary. In the high service none of the changes recommended by Mr. Chipman would be effective until the waste is reduced. It will therefore be advisable to postpone the consideration of these changes until next year. In the low service district Mr. Chipman recommends larger mains on South St., Duke St., Procter St., Gerrish St., and North St. I have gone into this question thoroughly with Mr. Morrison, who is a thorough, practical man and understands the water service of Halifax better than any other practical man alive.

The South Street main recommended by Mr. Chipman would run over the highest part of the low service district in the South end and when required in case of fire would give no circulation. The object of a pipe in this locality is to improve the supply between the large pipes on Spring Garden Road and Inglis St. This result could be obtained much more effectively by laying the pipe in Morris Street and extending it from Park St., to Water St., instead of to Hollis St., as recommended by Mr. Chipman.

In Duke Street the pressure has always been good and the hydrants on that street give as effective fire service as any hydrants in the City. This main is not used to supply Water Street, and in my judgment and that of Mr. Morrison, should not be altered from present conditions. Further, the street is paved from Barrington St., to Water St., and as there are good sized mains in all the other east and west streets in this district I cannot recommend putting in a larger pipe. In Proctor St., I would recommend the laying of a larger pipe.

Mr. Chipman recommends the laying in Gerrish St., of a larger pipe from Gottingen to Water St. There will be no connection in future between Lockman and Water Streets, and it will not be necessary to lay the pipe farther east than Lockman Street. In North Street Mr. Chipman's recommendation is endorsed.

Along Oxford Street, south of Quinpool Road and on Coburg Road west of Oxford Street, the supply is now high service. This district should be supplied from the low service and, although Mr. Chipman has not dealt with it, I think it is very important that the change should be made as early as possible. The whole district west of Oxford Street will be supplied from the low service eventually and I would recommend that a 12 inch pipe be laid from the low service main on Quinpool Road to South Street and a 1 high Service supply cut off in the district to be covered by the new main. To sum up, I beg to recommend the laying of a larger pipe in :—

Morris St., from Park St. to Water St.

Procter St., from Brunswick St. to Water St.

Gerrish St., from Gottingen St. to Lockman St.

North St., from Brunswick St. to Water St.

Oxford St., from Quinpool Road to South St.

Estimated cost.....\$40,000.00

Mr. Chipman states that the cross mains in the center of the City should be fed from both directions, as a matter of fact they are fed from both directions, as the main distribution pipe comes in Cogswell Street to Grafton Street and also crosses the Common down Spring Garden Road to Grafton Street. There are no hydrants on the small pipes. They are used for domestic supply only. In the streets crossing Lockman St., there is a 9 inch pipe in Artz Street which Mr. Chipman has evidently overlooked.

Most of the pipes which have become so old as to be weak and liable to leak have been renewed with turned and bored pipes. I am inclined to think that Chipman has had no experience with wood jointed pipes, otherwise he would not condemn them unconditionally. Most of the wood jointed pipe is still in good condition and where we have laid bare wood joints recently they are sound and tight. It should be remembered by the members of the Council that lead is liable to blow out of the joints as well as wood and the fact that the joint is made of lead does not insure its permanency. Further than that, in spite of all precautions we have had a leak in turned and bored joints. Instead of condemning and throwing away material which has cost so much money and is worth so much money to the City, in my opinion a thorough and systematic test should be made of all mains where there is any doubt; leaks located and stopped and defective joints made good. The City cannot afford to throw away pipe which is good for many years of service. It is impossible in every water works system to prevent all leakage in mains, but by a thorough system of inspection the quantity lost in this way may be reduce to a minimum. The pipes in the streets where pavement is to be laid this year are being thoroughly examined and tested and will be left in good order before the pavement is laid.

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

Also read letter N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters on the subj-ct.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 15th, 1907.

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

Your Worship :—We have perused the report made by Mr. Chipman, the Hydraulic Engineer employed by the Municipal Authorities to investigate and report upon the water system of the City, with much interest, and the conclusion arrived at by Mr. Chipman that "to all intents and purposes the City is practically without fire protection," indicates that the position is much more serious than was anticipated.

We understand that it is the intention of the City authorities to carry out the suggested improvements, but we would be glad to hear from you somewhat more specifically on this point, as in view of what Mr. Chipman writes the necessity for the adoption of prompt and vigorous measures to remedy the existing defects is obvious.

We vote that special stress is laid in the report upon the need for the installation of a Pumping Plant with machinery of large capacity for fire protection, also the metering of the water service; commencing the work in the lowest parts of the City; and we would accordingly be pleased to learn what decision has been actually come to by the civic authorities with the idea of carrying out the recommendations, as the head offices of our companies will, no doubt, be seriously alarmed when they are acquainted with the exact state of affairs existing in Halifax.

I will be obliged if you will kindly favor us with an early reply setting forth what has actually been done towards carrying out Mr. Chipman's recommendations.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the City Engineer reports in answer to certain questions asked at last meeting of Council by Alderman Hubley relating to dates of the laying of certain water mains and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy of the reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer now before the Council, and also a copy of the Engineer's report on said questions when it is prepared.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted, and the sum of \$50,000 borrowed for the installation of water meters on the same terms as the balance of the \$380,000 required for other purposes as authorized by a previous vote of this meeting, and that bonds sufficient to realize the said amount of \$50,000 be sold to Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co. in equal parts.

Amendment put and passed.

Aldermen Hoben and Hubley demanding names on the division there appeared :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Johnson, Murray,
Chisholm, Taylor, Davison,
Martin, Mackenzie, Hayward,
Hawkins—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley—5.

Read letter Town of Dartmouth asking that the City of Halifax observe the afternoon of Thursday, July 25th, as a half-holiday to enable the citizens of Halifax to participate in the celebration of Dartmouth's Natal Day.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the request be complied with. Motion passed unanimously.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Seventh Annual Convention of the Union to be held at Fort William and Port Arthur, August 13th to 16th.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Martin be the delegates to represent the City of Halifax at this Convention. Motion passed unanimously.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hubley asked if it was the intention of the Committee on Works to repair the sidewalk on Gottingen Street, east side, from Cogswell Street to Brunswick Lane—also the sidewalk on Cogswell Street east of Gottingen Street.

Also if it was the intention to compel the Tramway Company to level the ground on track Windsor Street from Welsford Street to Quinpool Road and to also grade the street along the east side of their track.

Alderman Hubley also asked if it was known when the Shand Mason & Co. steam fire engine would arrive in Halifax.

Alderman Kelly asked if the Committee on Works would supply receptacles for the dumping of refuse on the paved streets instead of leaving the same exposed as at present.

Alderman Martin asked if it was the intension of the Committee on Works to repair the sidewalk on Gottingen Street between Cornwallis Street and Prince William Street.

His Worship the Mayor said he would endeavor to answer the several questions at next meeting of Council.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Martin submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the construction of the sidewalk on the east side of Gottingen Street from Cornwallis Street to Prince William Street, and on the west side from

Cornwallis Street to Cunard Street be commenced so soon as the sidewalk work now under construction is completed.

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

Alderman Kelly submits an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 11, relating to Halifax Common.

The same is referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Alderman Kelly submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Works Department provide suitable boxes to hold the sweepings taken off the paved streets.

The same is referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that,

Whereas, the Governor-General will visit the City of Halifax in August ;

Resolved, That if necessary an amount not to exceed \$300.00 be paid out of Contigent Fund to aid in the entertainment of His Excellency.

Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the City Engineer report to the Council upon the amount of work done and the amount still remaining to be done under the agreement entered into between the Marlboro' Woods Land Co. and the City per Minute-of-Council of August 14th, 1894.

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

His Worship the Mayor reported that the Union of N. S. Municipalities would meet in Halifax on August 28th, and suggested that a special committee be appointed to make necessary arrangements.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that such committee be appointed, to consist of the senior Alderman for each Ward. Motion passed,

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

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

CASUAL ELECTION WARD NO. FIVE.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, Halifax, N. S., July 23rd, 1907.

Robie M. Davison, of the City of Halifax, Merchant, having been on the 22nd day of July, A. D., 1907, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward number five for the balance of term ending April 30th, 1908, to fill a casual vacancy in representation of said ward caused by the resignation of Alderman William H. Cawsey, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office he was duly sworn on the 22nd day of July, 1907, before His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the City Council by subscribing and taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Qualification and the Oaths of office of Alderman and Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the roll of Aldermen.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, August 5th, 1907.

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

The Council was summoned 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.

Report Committee of Firewards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Annual Report City Auditor 1906-7.

Annual Reports 1906-7 of Chief of Fire Department, Chief Engineer Fire Department and City Electrician.

Reports (6) Committee on City Works, viz.:

Accounts.

Concrete sidewalks laid and to be laid.

Answers to questions by Aldermen.

Fire Insurance on City Property.

Lorne Terrace Sidewalk

Stone for crushing.

Report City Engineer re water pipes.

Police Committee Accounts.

Report of Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.

Cash Statements City Collector for May and June, 1907.

Report City Solicitor and letter Harris, Lovett, Henry and Stairs re City Loan.

Petition Salvation Army for civic grant for Rescue Home.

Petition against certain pavement Pleasant Street

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday since last report. Filed.

Read petition against certain pavement on Pleasant Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for May and June, 1907. Filed.

Read Annual Reports 1906-7 of City Auditor, Chief Fire Department, Chief Engineer Fire Department and City Electrician. Filed.

Read petition Salvation Army for civic grant for Rescue Home. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report City Engineer for water pipes.

WATER PIPES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 3rd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR:—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to submit a statement shewing the date, size of pipe and kind of joint of water pipes laid in the streets mentioned in the resolution as far as can be ascertained from the records. The records are not complete. When the examination and test decided on by the Council at its last meeting is made the condition of all pipes in the City will be ascertained. The Works Dept., is relaying the old pipes on Lockman Street in continuation of the policy inaugurated to or three years ago so that all pipes under the pavement will be in good order. As there seems to be an impression in the minds of some members of the Council that a pipe thirty-five or forty years old has necessarily outlived its usefulness, I feel constrained to add that the life of a cast iron water pipe depends entirely on the local conditions. At Versailles water pipes are still serving their purpose satisfactorily although they were laid two hundred and twenty-two years. We have main distribution pipes in satisfactory condition fifty-nine years old and there is no doubt that they are good yet for an additional life of forty years. It would be poor economy therefore to take them up or abandon them.

WATER MAINS.

HOLLIS STREET.

Location.	Date laid.	Size of pipe.	Joint.
From Buckingham St. 144 ft. South.....	1886	4"	Lead.
" George St. 503 ft. north ..	1903	4"	Turned & Bored.
" " to Cheapside	1890	6"	Wood.
" Cheapside to Metropole Building	1894	6"	Lead.
" Sackville to Salter St	1888	6"	Wood.
" Salter to Bishop St	1903	4"	T. & B.
" Bishop St. south	1896	4"	T. & B.

GRANVILLE STREET.

From Salter to Buckingham St	1903	4"	T. & B.
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PLEASANT, BARRINGTON AND LOCKMAN STREETS.

South end of pipe to Owen St	1897	6"	T. & B.
From Salter to Bishop St	1862	12"	Wood.
" Salter to Blowers St.	1890	12"	Wood.
" Sackville 176 ft. north	1892	6"	T. & B.
" Prince 132 ft. north	1893	6"	T. & B.
" George to Buckingham Sts.....	1890	6"	Wood.
" Gerrish St. 372 ft. south	1890	6"	Wood.
" Artz St. 34 ft. south	1890	6"	Wood.
" North St. 360 ft. south	1886	6"	Wood.

PRINCE STREET.

From Barrington to Water St	1862	9"	Wood.
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BEDFORD ROW.

From Sackville to Water St.....	1899	4"	T. & B.
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SACKVILLE STREET.

From Water to Barrington St	1862	9"	Wood.
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CHEAPSIDE.

From Hollis St. 67 ft. east	1890	5"	Lead.
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GOTTINGEN STREET.

From Cogswell St. to West Young St	1893	24"	T. & B.
" " Cunard St.....	1905	6"	T. & B.

BUCKINGHAM STREET.

From Barrington to Argyle St	1862	12"	Wood.
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BELL STREET.

From Water to Argyle Street	1862	3"	Lead.
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JACOB STREET.

From Water to Argyle St.....	1862	9"	Wood.
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HURD STREET.

From Brunswick to Starr St.....	1862	6"	Wood.
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CORNWALLIS STREET.

From North Park to Maynard St.....	1886	6"	Wood.
" " Water St	1862	12"	Wood.

NORTH STREET.

From Brunswick to Lockman St	1893	9"	T. & B.
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F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Placed on Order of the day.

Read report Committee on Works in answer to certain questions asked by Aldermen at the meeting held July 22nd, 1907.

Gottingen Street, east side, between Cornwallis Street and Falkland Street.
 " west side, " " "
 Hollis Street, west side, between Sackville Street and Salter Street.
 " east side, between Duke Street and George Street.
 " west side " " "
 Pleasant Street, west side, between Salter Street and Morris Street.
 " " " Inglis Street and South Street.
 Bishop Street, south side, between Pleasant Street and Hollis Street.
 South Street, south side, between " and Church Street.
 " north side, " " "
 Kent Street, south side, " " and No. 14.
 Sackville Street, north side, between Argyle Street and Barrington Street.
 " " " Hollis Street and Water Street.
 Spring Garden Road, south side, between Birmingham Street and Queen Street.
 George Street, north side, at Royal Bank and W. & C. Silver's.
 Barrington Street, west side, between Duke Street and Buckingham Street.

TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

Spring Garden Road, north side, from Park Street to Robie Street.
 " south side, from No. 64 to Robie Street.
 Coburg Road, west side, from Robie Street to Edward Street.
 Robie Street, west side, from Coburg Road to Morris Street.
 Hollis Street, west side, from A. M. Bell's to Water Street.
 Bedford Row, west side, from George Street to Duke Street.
 Morris Street, north side, from Dundonald Street to Park Street.
 " south side, from Pleasant Street to Park Street.
 Brenton Street, east side, from Morris Street to Spring Garden Road.
 Gottingen Street, east side, from Cornwallis Street to Prince William Street.
 " west side, from " to Cunard Street.
 Cornwallis Street, north side, from Gottingen Street to 60 feet west
 Queen Street, west side, from Spring Garden Road to engine house.
 Cogswell Street, north side, from Gottingen Street to Park Street.
 Barrington Street, west side, from Buckingham Street to Bell Street.
 " " " Imperial Publishing Co. to Hurd Street.
 Fenwick Street, south side, from Park Street to Lucknow Street.
 Tobin Street, both sides, from Pleasant Street to Queen Street.
 Argyle Street, " from Blowers Street to Sackville Street.
 Bell Street, north side, from Barrington Street to Water Street.
 Gottingen Street, east side, from North Street to Admiralty Grounds.
 Water Street, west side, from Jacob Street to Bell Street.
 Blowers Street, south side, from Argyle Street to Grafton Street.
 Duke Street, south side, from Hollis Street to Water Street.

Placed on order of the Day.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for fire insurance on
 City Property.

FIRE INSURANCE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 26th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached letter from the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, was read and referred to Council for action.

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

HALIFAX, N. S., July 23rd, 1907.

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

SIR,—Replying to your telephone message of to-day by which you desired the

covering for one-quarter of the City Schedule of \$65,100 00 for one year, I am directed to point out that our tender was for the full amount of the Schedule—\$85,100.00.

I regret we have to decline your kind offer for the one-fourth of the amount,
Thanking you for the offer of this business.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary*

Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts for payment.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, August 5th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz:—

Farquhar Bros., lamps, \$2.25. Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.85. Jordan & Mann, shoes, \$2.00. W. A. Mailing & Co., ox heads, \$10.00. Neil Fox, harness repairs, \$3.80. Wood Bros. & Co., dry goods, \$6.88. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, 50c. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2 63. E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$22 82. Halifax Tram, Co., light, 57c. George F. Hills, boots, \$1.50. Wm. S. Walker, two suits, \$12.00. Total \$66.80.

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

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

J. B. DOUGLAS.

C. W. HAYWARD.

I. B. SHAFFNER.

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Aug. 5th, 1907.

To the City Council:

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

Colwell Bros., coats & badge holders, as per contract, \$539.52; Colwell Bros., helmets and gloves, \$16.50.—\$556.02. W. C. Knight, carriage candles, etc., \$7.05. Farquhar Bros., taking down stove pipe, \$1.25. Cragg Bros. & Co., hardware, \$6 57. R. B. Adams, & Co., brooms, salt, etc., \$1.33 90c.—\$2.23. N. S. Telephone Co., message, 20c. J. Wonnacott, repairs handcuffs, 75c. Total—\$574.07.

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

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

Read report Committee on City Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, August 5th, 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.

Sewer Loan	\$ 2671 80
Water Maintenance	2224 26
Street Lighting	1557 45
Streets	1415 25
Insurance	531 88
Permanent Sidewalks	763 39
" Pavements	27 42
Teams and Stables	297 86
City Property	182 46
Electric Wiring Inspection	157 50
Public Baths	71 33
Telephones	66 00
City Hall Lighting	61 86
Internal Health	13 50
Cleaning Paved Streets	4 00
	\$10045 96

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

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

Read report Committee of Firewards re accounts and other matters.

FIRE WARDS ACCOUNTS, ETC.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

1. That a team of about twenty-five men and a hose waggon be permitted to attend the Firemen's Tournament at St. John, N. B., next month.

2. That the following accounts, having been examined and found correct, be paid :

Acadian Recorder, advertising, \$10.15. Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$15.16. power, \$8.67—\$23.83. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$286.61. Chronicle, advertising, \$7.44. J. M. McGrath & Co., truckage, \$1.50. James Roue, distilled water, \$1.50. City Home, wood, \$1.40. John Davison & Son, Lumber, \$4.22. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$32.12. A. M. Bell & Co., Tools, \$1.00. J. E. Myers, plumbing, \$1.00. Canadian Rubber Co., tubing, &c., \$11.25. Henry Lovett, aprons, \$2.20. Wm. Robertson & Son, flags, \$38.50. J. F. Crowe & Co., soap, \$2.25. Geo. E. Smith & Co., Shoes, \$4.25. Farquhar Bros., wire, &c., \$3.80. A. & W. Mackinlay, roll book, \$6.00. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$12.99. National Drug Co., soap, &c., \$6.07. W. C. Knight, harness repairs, \$35.65. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$2.75. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$53.20. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$94.01. MacDonald & Co., machine work, \$33.20. Horseshoeing : P. Porrier, \$4.00. John T. Meagher, \$13.18. O'Connell, Bros., \$9.15. Wm. Kline, \$5.60—\$711.82.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Vice-Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the report of the Committee of Fire Wards be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of the accounts therein recommended.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk curb and gutter Lorne Terrace.

LORNE TERRACE SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 26th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on petition for a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter Lorne Terrace was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 13th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from the owners of three properties on the east side of Lorne Terrace asking for the construction of a sidewalk.

The estimated cost of constructing a 5 ft. cement concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter, the remainder of sidewalk sodded, is \$375.00, half of which would be paid by the property owners. I would recommend that the work be done.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said reports be adopted.

Motion being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows, the names on the division having been demanded by Aldermen Hubley and Whitman:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Taylor, Campbell, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward.—7.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Chisholm, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison—10.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for stone.

TENDERS FOR STONE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 22nd, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached tenders for the supply of stone for the Poor Association and Crusher were opened as follows —

D. McLellan	2½	cents per bushel for Poor Association.
F. Parsons	3	“ “ “ “
I. Shortell	3	“ “ “ “
Peter L. Murray	3½	“ “ Crusher.
F. Parsons	4	“ “ “ “

The tenders of D. McLellan and Peter L. Murray are recommended for acceptance as being the lowest.

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

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

Read report Committee on Finance re various matters and accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

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, Shaffner, Douglas, Kelly and Campbell.

1st. The Committee had under consideration the application of the City Health Board for an extra appropriation of \$4,000.00 to meet extraordinary expenses incurred by the present outbreak of Small-pox.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted and that the sum of \$4,000.00 be placed to the credit of the City Health Board for this purpose.

2nd. Re Order Governor-in-Council re Debentures for Public Schools.

Your Committee have nothing further to report in this matter as the amount required has already been provided for in the last City loan.

The following accounts, amounting to \$3306.73, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment :—

Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of Richard Gilpin, \$4.00; John Baker, \$4.00; Cassidy child, \$4.00; J. Donnelly, \$4.00.—16 00 Religious of Good Shepherd, Keep of Girls 3 months to Aug 1st, 1907, \$80 00. Halifax Industrial School Reg. Com., \$257.50; Truants \$264.99.—\$522.49. St. Patrick's Home, Reg. Com., \$144 01; Truants \$234.22.—\$423.23. School for the Blind, 15 pupils for year, and 3 pupils for half-year, \$1,485.00 Holloway Bros., printing minutes, \$47.55. McAlpine Pub. Co., directories, \$49.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamp, 50c. F. M. Switzer & Co., license badges, \$27.00. W. Webster, design for City Arms, \$10.00. Monetary Times, advertising City Loan, \$36.00. Journal of Commerce, advertising City Loan, \$32.00. T. C. Allen & Co.,—stationery, &c., City Collector, \$17.00; City Auditor, \$7.50; City Clerk, \$128.76.—\$153.26. A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.,—books, City Clerk, \$2.00; City Assessors, \$39.00; City Treasurer, \$4.50.—\$45.50. Royal Gazette, public notice re elections, \$4.00. Royal Gazette, public notices re elections, \$1.00. King's Printer, printing City Bills, \$55.50. Herald Pub. Co., advertising \$4.59. \$7.44. \$31.20.—\$43.23. Chronicle Pub. Co., advertising, \$26.28. \$5.58. \$13.14. \$7.44. \$34.92. \$5.58.—\$92.94. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$12.60. \$37.15. \$4.35. \$12.18. \$36.25.—\$102.53. Geo H. Fielding, report on Inquiry death Wm. H. Jones, \$5.00. W. G. Wiswell, appraising property, \$50.00. \$10.00. \$10.00.—\$70.00. Total—\$3306.73.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Finance 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 Shaffner, and passed.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Martin asked when the Committee on Works were going to build the sewer in Windsor Street from Cunard Street to North Street.

The City Engineer answered it would be constructed in its turn.

Alderman Martin asked when the Committee on Works intended laying curb and gutter on the newly widened portion of Agricola Street.

The City Engineer replied the work would be proceeded with as soon as possible, when the street has properly settled.

Alderman Martin asked that the Committee on Works request the Silliker Car Company to adopt means to prevent the smoke nuisance from their boiler house.

Alderman Kelly asked why the Committee on Works were not using broken stone for repairing streets instead of mud.

His Worship the Mayor promised a report on the matter.

Alderman Hoben asked what had become of the petition presented at last meeting against the operation of Quigley's saw mill on Maynard Street.

His Worship the Mayor answered the same was now before the Firewards and had been referred by them to the Chief for report.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Martin, that a concrete curb and gutter be laid on the east side of Lorne Terrace from North Street to the Admiralty property. Motion passed.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed from the City Council to confer with the Fire Underwriters for the purpose of securing their approval of the report of Mr. Chipman as amended by Mr. Doane; and their consent to the proposed reduction of twenty-five cents in the rate on mercantile risks, provided the proposed changes in the water service as outlined in this amended report are carried out by the City.

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

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Martin, that

the Committee of Firewards and the Committee on City Works be such Committee. Motion passed.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That when work is done for the City and such work is not contracted to be performed for a fixed sum all bills for such work must be itemized so as to show the exact quantity of any materials used, with the price charged for each item ; also the names of the men who perform the work, with the rate charged per day or hour for each man

Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to all City officials who are expected to check the bills for work done in their various departments.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Shaffner.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the words, "when practicable," be inserted after the word "itemized" in said resolution.

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

The original resolution is put and passed.

Read report City Solicitor in re issue of City Debentures.

IN RE ISSUE OF CITY BONDS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, August 5th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR :—In response to your request for a statement of a difficulty which has arisen in connection with the issue of bonds of the City I beg to say as follows :—

I think it only right to say at the outset that the suggestion that there is any illegality or impropriety in connection with the issue of bonds or any part of them is absolutely without foundation. No doubt has been expressed or suggested by counsel acting for the brokers as to the right of the City to issue its securities for the amounts, for the purposes and in the forms resolved on by the Council. The difficulties are very much less significant, and are as follows :—

The first difficulty arises upon the construction of the Consolidated Fund Act of 1905 under which the bonds are issued. This Act is practically a re-enactment of the original Consolidated Fund Act of 1882 which was drafted, I have always understood, by the late Judge Norman Ritchie, then Recorder of the City. It provides in section 2 for a Consolidated Fund consisting of stock or debentures not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$3,000,000 with any additional amounts subsequently added, and section 9 provides that unless the Act otherwise directs any money borrowed by the City shall be borrowed on stock or debentures issued under the said Act. Section 3 of the Act reads as follows :—

The said stock and debentures to the extent of the said sum of three million dollars shall be issued and applied

(a) To pay off the stock and debentures of the City heretofore issued and now outstanding, as they respectively fall due or as they are called in by the City, as provided by law, and,

(b) For the purposes specified in the Acts of the Legislature mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, anything in the said Acts to the contrary notwithstanding,

and to no other purpose whatever. They shall constitute a lien and charge upon the property, real and personal, and the revenue of the City, and shall not be liable to be assessed for any City rates or taxes."

This section is practically a copy of section 2 of the original Act, with the exception that the original section contains no limitation of the amount, whereas the section now under question contains the words "The extent of the said sum of \$3,000,000." A difficulty has arisen as to the last part of the clause. The counsel consulted by the brokers who had agreed to take the loan are of opinion that the lien and exemption from taxation conferred by the last part of the clause apply only to the stock and debentures to the extent of \$3,000,000 and not to the whole of the Consolidated Fund including debentures issued after the passage of the Act. With this opinion I may say I do not concur. Although the section read by itself might fairly bear the construction put upon it, I believe that a court reading the other sections of the Act by which all debentures at any time issued are constituted one fund and the original Act of which this was a re-enactment, and taking inconsideration the object of debentures and the practical impossibility of determining once a debenture has got into circulation whether or not it was one of those to which the lien was applicable would hold that the introduction into the clause of the \$3,000,000 was intended only to govern the application of debentures to that amount and not to deprive the other debentures of the lien given them by the last part of the section and which they had previously had under the former Act. I may say that my opinion on this point has been concurred in by a prominent member of the bar whom I informally consulted upon the point and that Counsel on behalf of purchasers of the City securities had already passed without comment the loan of \$207,000 under Chap. 49 of the Acts of 1905 which are in the same position as the loan now under consideration.

I may further point out that the difficulty is not of much practical importance. The exemption from taxation is immaterial as it is already conferred by Section 335 of the City Charter and as to the lien upon the property and the revenue of the City has authorized no other source from which payment of the debenture could be enforced; the only possible question might be as to the priority between the \$3,000,000 and the other debentures, and this, for the reason I have already given, will be almost impossible to determine in practical application. However, the credit of the City cannot be made too plain and secure, and the difficulty can be easily remedied by an Act at the next session of the Legislature, declaring that the lien and exemption shall apply to all stock and debentures at any time so issued.

The next difficulty arises under the provisions of the Act of last year, Chap. 73. By an amendment inserted in that Act in the Legislative Council a two-thirds' vote with names recorded is required for the issue of the excess of bonds required to make up the amount determined to be borrowed in the event of the City being unable to obtain par for its bonds. By inadvertence, although a two-thirds' vote was had the names were not recorded in the case of some of the amounts determined to be borrowed. All that is required is a resolution passed by two-thirds directing the Treasurer to issue the amounts requisite at the prices obtainable to make up the amounts resolved to be borrowed.

The only other difficulty that I have heard suggested is that the amount resolved to be borrowed is slightly in excess of the total of the items for the purposes for which the loan is to be contracted. This has been the uniform practice of the Council and appears to be necessary for two reasons. First, to cover any incidental expenses in connection with the loan; and secondly, because as the City's securities are always for round figures it is not possible to issue debentures for the exact amount of the loan. The difficulty is provided for by a clause in the City Charter directing that any small balance occurring in this way shall be transferred to the Sinking Fund.

The Counsel for the purchasers of the Bonds have prepared a resolution which I have seen. A simpler resolution, in my opinion, would have been equally effective; but I see nothing objectionable in the resolution and it would do no harm to pass it in a form satisfactory to the advisers of the brokers.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Also read letter, Harris, Lovett, Henry and Stairs on the subject.

HALIFAX, Aug. 2nd, 1907.

F H. BELL, Esq., RECORDER, *City Hall*.

DEAR SIR.—With reference to the proposed resolution handed to you this morning, I may say that the four thousand dollars for fire hose is not therein included. It is repayable by instalments, and does not apparently come under the Consolidated Fund Act of 1905, and a special resolution ought to be drawn in regard thereto. We have not included it in the present resolution as difficulty would no doubt be met with in passing upon the sale of \$4,000 worth of debentures, repayable in five years by instalments at 91.45, and possibly you may wish to make some arrangement with the brokers in regard to the price

ROBT. E. HARRIS.

Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution :—

Whereas, The Council, on the 27th June, 1907, resolved to borrow the following sums under the Acts mentioned below :—

	{ Pavements	\$50,000 00
	{ Land L. A. Graves.....	1,000 00
	{ Special grant N. S. Provincial Exhibition.....	10,100 00
Chapter 60,	{ Repairs, &c., Grand Parade	4,000 00
Acts 1906.	{ New Engine House, etc	27,000 00
	{ Public Gardens Fence	10,000 00
	{ City Share Floating Debt Exhibition Committee	6,718 66
	{ Improving Heating City Hall	1,500 00
Chapter 65,	{ Permanent Sidewalks	23,000 00
Acts 1906.		
Chapter 25,	{ Rebuilding Exhibition Grand Stand	5,000 00
Acts 1907		
Chapter 70,	{ Silliker Co.....	65,000 00
Acts 1907.		
	{ Sewers.....	25,000 00
	{ Stayner's Wharf.....	13,000 00
	{ Tully property.....	2,000 00
	{ Longard property.....	350 00
Chapter 71,	{ Land for Central Engine House	3,200 00
Acts 1907.	{ Heating Infectious Hospital.....	1,300 00
	{ Land Lower Water Street.....	1,200 00
	{ Pavements.....	25,000 00
	{ Public Gardens Fence.....	500 00
	Totalling.....	\$276,868 66

And on the 22nd of July 1907 resolved to borrow \$50,000.00 for water extension, under Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907, said two sums aggregating \$326,868.66.

And Whereas, debentures or stock to the amount of \$54,800.00 have been disposed of at par and debentures or stock to the amount of \$26,200 have been disposed of at 95 per cent. of par, realizing \$24,890.00 making the total of debentures or stock disposed of \$81,000.00 and the total realized therefrom \$79,690 ;

And Whereas, the balance of said debentures and stock remaining undisposed of is \$245,868.66 par value thereof ;

And Whereas, Messrs J. C. Mackintosh & Company, Limited, and F. B. McCurdy and Company have submitted an offer to purchase such debentures and stock as are to be disposed of at 91.45 per cent of par, which offer has been accepted by the Council ;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue, and to deliver to the said J. C. Mackintosh and Company, Limited, and F. B. McCurdy and Company, debentures or stock to the amount of two hundred and forty-five thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents, to be issued in conformity with the requirements of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, such debentures or stock to bear interest at four per centum per annum and to be redeemable on the first day of July, A. D. 1940.

And Whereas, The said stock or debentures so sold at 95 per cent. and 91.45 per cent. of par respectively will, to the extent of twenty-two thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents, fail to produce the amount so authorized to be borrowed, and it is necessary to raise the said sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred and thirty-one 77/100 dollars ;

And Whereas, The Council did on the said 27th day of June, 1907, resolve to borrow the sum of \$96,000 for public schools under the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907 ;

And Whereas, The amount actually required for such purpose is \$96,809 22 ;

Therefore Resolved, That the sum of ninety-six thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and twenty-two cents be borrowed for said purpose, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue and to deliver to the said J. C. Mackintosh & Company, Limited, and F. B. McCurdy & Company, debentures or stock to be issued in conformity with the requirements of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, to such an amount as will, in accordance with the above recited offer of J. C. Mackintosh & Company, Limited, and F. B. McCurdy & Co. be required to produce the said several sums of twenty-two thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents and ninety-six thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and twenty-two cents, such debentures or stock to bear interest at four per centum per annum, and to be redeemable on the first day of July, A. D., 1940.

Further resolved, That debentures only be issued for the following out of the above mentioned purposes :—

Public Schools	\$42,470 00
Silliker Car Company.....	65,000 00

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Chisholm.

The resolution is put and passed, 16 voting for the same and 1 against it, as follows :—

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Campbell, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward—16.	Alderman Hubley—1

His Worship the Mayor declared the resolution carried by a vote of at least two-thirds of the City Council.

The following resolution is next submitted :—

Whereas, doubts have arisen as to the extent and application of the lien for the debentures or stock of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund conferred by Section 3 of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1905 ;

And Whereas, It has always been understood that such lien applied in favor of all

such stock and debentures at any time issued or to be hereafter issued, and it is desirable that any doubt on the matter should be disposed of;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the next session of the Legislature making such lien to apply in favor of all such stock or debentures at any time issued heretofore or hereafter and that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to apply to the members of the Provincial Government for an assurance that such an Act will be passed at the next ensuing session of the Legislature.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, the vote being recorded thus :—

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward—17.	None.

His Worship the Mayor declared the resolution carried by a vote of at least two-thirds of the City Council.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Davison as a member of the following named Boards and Committees.

Camp Hill Cemetery.

Point Pleasant Park.

Committee on Tenders.

Special Committee on Greater Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said nomination be confirmed. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that No. 4, on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 4, viz: An Ordinance to Amend Rules of Council relating to notices of reconsideration, June 10th, 1907, (Third reading.)

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

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 a 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 Murray, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said Ordinance be now adopted and forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the Council do now adjourn.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the Council do now adjourn.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, August 30th, 1907.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Archibald, Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Davison, Campbell, Hawkins, and MacKenzie.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Board of Fire Wards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman, covering letter Shand, Mason & Co., re steam fire engine.

Report Charities Committee by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Message re Large Fuel Yard.

Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz:

H. Hesslein & Sons' Claim.

Patrick Kehoe's Claim.

Telephone Conduits and poles.

Water meters.

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

Letter City Clerk re approval of Ordinance to amend Rules of Council.

Letter Provincial Secretary re City Loan.

Opinions (3) City Solicitor, viz:

Subsidy for excursion steamer.

Kaulbach & Schurman's tax exemption.

Davis & Fraser's tax exemption.

Report Chief of Police re Violations of Liquor License Act.

Application William H. Lewis for Bill Poster's License.

Letter A. M. Bell re widening Windsor Street.

Letter James Conlon asking for compensation.

Report Coal Weighers for July.

Letter Supervisor of Coal Weighers re appointment of two weighers.

Applications of D. J. Sullivan and J. L. Egan for position of coal weigher.

Petition for concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, Kent St.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sundays since last meeting of Council. Filed.

Read application of William H. Lewis for Bill Poster's License. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter City Clerk reporting approval of Governor-in-Council of Ordinance to amend the Rules of Council. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for July. Filed.

Read letter Supervisor of Coal Weighers asking for appointment of two weighers to fill vacancies caused by the death of Andrew Doyle and Thomas Shields.

Also read application of J. L. Egan and D. J. Sullivan for position of Coal Weigher. Filed.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that Allan McLean be appointed a weigher of coal.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson seconded by Alderman Douglas that the matter of the appointment of coal weighers be deferred until next meeting and that all applications for the position on file be laid on the table. Amendment passed.

Read letter A. M. Bell re widening of Windsor Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter Kent Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application James Conlon for compensation for loss sustained through being quarantined for Small-pox.

Referred to Board of Health for report.

Read letter Provincial Secretary re City Loan.

CITY LOAN.

HALIFAX, August 16th, 1907.

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

SIR,—Referring the draft bill submitted to me by the City of Halifax that the lien and charge created in favor of the Stock and Debentures of the City of Halifax by section 3 of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905 and the exemption from taxation thereof by the said section conferred shall apply to and enure not only to the benefit of the \$3,000,000 of such stock and debentures mentioned in that section, but also to

the benefit and in favor of all stock and debentures of the said City as are now or may hereafter be incorporated in and form part of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund whether issued before or after the passing of the Act without any priority or preference whatever, I beg to inform you on behalf of the Government that they will be pleased to use their best offices to have this Bill passed at the next session of the legislature.

G. H. MURRAY, *Provincial Secretary.*

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works re claim of Patrick Kehoe for further compensation for land taken for Halifax and South-Western Railway.

PATRICK KEHOE CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, August 21st, 1907.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, Patrick Kehoe being present, the Provincial Act allowing the re-appraisal of his land and quarries taken for the South Western Railway was discussed with him.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the matter be submitted to arbitration as the Act provides.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that before adopting the report of the Committee on Works the City Solicitor be instructed to write Mr. Kehoe, informing him as to the terms upon which he might obtain an additional award, that such award if any would be made by only one commissioner appointed by the City and County Councils, and that the County Council will not meet until January next, and also to ask Mr. Kehoe to make an offer in writing as to the amount he would accept in settlement of his claim, and that if he declines to make such offer that this Council request the County Council to nominate an arbitrator as required by the Act.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Alderman Johnson gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report Committee on Works re claim of H. Hesslein & Sons for storage of porphyry blocks.

H. HESSLEIN & SONS' CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Aug. 21st, 1907.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held July 17th, 1. J.

Hesslein appeared before the committee in re storage of Propyry blocks stored on their premises 1891-92. At a subsequent meeting held July 21st, the attached letter of Messrs. H. Hesslein & Sons, under date May 2rd, 1891 was read. The matter was finally discussed August 21st, when it was resolved to recommend to Council that the sum fifty dollars, the amount paid to the late Hon. Robert Boak for a similar service, be tendered in full of all claims, and that legislation be procured at the next session of the House authorizing the payment thereof. Your committee recognize that the said claim is now outlawed, but do not think that the City should avail itself of that fact.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for July.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS, &c.

AUGUST 14th, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report.—

Members present—The Chairman, Aldermen Hoben, McManus and Campbell.

The Superintendent's report for July shows that during the month there were 23 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 16 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted 12 were chargeable to the City, 9 to the Province, 1 to Halifax County and 1 to the Town of Pictou. The total number of inmates July 31st was 320, made up of 190 men, 128 women, and 2 children.

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

H. W. Wentzell & Co., \$435.67. W. A. Maling & Co., \$296.91. Smith Bros., \$74.85. P. T. Shea, \$118.23. Geo. Gregoire, \$32.00. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$74.40. J. S. Cashen, \$36.95. Fleishman & Co., \$3.90. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$14.81. Henry Lovett, \$19.18. S. Cunard & Co., \$170.00. H. D. McKenzie & Co., Ltd., \$58.44. Chronicle Publishing Co., Ltd., \$5.58. W. C. Knight, \$3.15. Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. Wm. McFatridge, \$32.75. F. A. Shaw, \$3.80. John F. Outhit, \$32.50. C. S. Lane, \$1.20. B. Mulcahy, \$142.55. Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$3.00. Dr. O'Shaughnessey, \$5.00. Dr. Roach, \$5.00. W. N. Brown, \$17.25. Pay Sheet, \$805.83. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$802.57. T. C. Allen & Co., \$2.70. Total, \$3509.47.

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 McManus and passed.

Read opinion City Solicitor re claim of Davis and Fraser for tax exemption on their pork packing establishment.

RE DAVIS & FRASER'S CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, August 3rd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In my former opinion on this matter I gave it as my opinion that the claim could not be mentioned under clause (2) of Sec. 344 of the Charter, but that the Council could if it saw fit grant it under clause (b) of that section. In so doing I may have been under a misapprehension as to the facts. I was unavoidably absent from the meetings of the Committee at which the matter was considered and consequently had not the opportunity of being thoroughly informed as to the facts.

I still adhere to my opinion that the claim cannot be sustained under clause (2), as the exemption is not claimed in respect to the enlargement or extension of any premises used by the claimants on the 28th March, 1906.

As to the powers of the Council under clause (b), the matter is not so clear as I at first understood it. The clause gives the Council power to grant an exemption to any person or company proposing to purchase land or erect a building in the City for the purpose of establishing a manufacturing industry. I assumed that the claimants as a matter of fact fulfilled these conditions, or otherwise the Council would not have referred the matter to me. Obviously unless they do the Council has no power to grant an exemption; but whether or not the claimants do comply with the conditions is a matter of fact of which the Council must largely be the judge. The language of the section is somewhat obscure, but the words "propose" and "establish" clearly indicate that the Legislature intended dealing with industries not previously existing in the City, and which it is desirable to encourage by an exemption. If it were plain that no person or company doing business in the City could possibly entitle himself or itself to this exemption it would be clear that the present claimants could not bring themselves within the clause; but I should hesitate to say that a person who proposed to establish some large industrial enterprise in the City would be shut out by the fact that he was already engaged in a small way in an industry of a similar character or covering a smaller part of the field proposed to be covered by the new industry. On the other hand, it would, I think, be clear that no person or company could be fairly said to be "proposing to establish" an industry in the City if they merely shifted, with incidental enlargement, an existing industry from one site to another; and if the Council is of opinion that this is all the present claimants have done then I do not think it can legally grant the exemption.

I am aware that this opinion is not as pronounced as the Council would probably like it, but the difficulty is that the question is more one of fact to be determined on each case as it arises than of law, and it was probably in view of this that the legislature left each case to be determined by the Council. All I can do is to explain the clauses as well as I can and indicate my views as to how the Council may deal with the questions of fact as they arise.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas that the opinion of the City Solicitor and the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further report. Motion passed.

Read opinion City Solicitor re application of George E. Boak and Son for Civic subsidy for excursion steamer "Acadia."

IN RE APPLICATION OF GEORGE E. BOAK FOR SUBSIDY TO A STEAMER.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—By Clause (2) of Section 28 of Chapter 69, Acts of 1907, the Council is authorized by a two-thirds vote to spend a sum not exceeding \$500.00 in aiding a steam-

boat to ply on Halifax Harbor. In the absence of any language expressly authorizing the expenditure for the present year this is simply one of the subjects for which the Council may provide by estimate when making up the amount to be rated upon the citizens. By section 303 of the Charter all sums for which it is intended to provide must be included in the estimates, and by section 304 it is made unlawful to charge against the revenues of any civic year any sum of money which has not been authorized by the estimates for that year. It is, consequently, in my opinion, clear that the Council cannot grant the subsidy asked for in the present year.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Whitman that the opinion of the City Solicitor be accepted and a copy sent to George E. Boak & Son. Motion passed.

Read opinion City Solicitor re application of Kaulbach and Schurman for tax exemption on their Commercial College.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION OF KAULBACH & SCHURMAN'S
COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, July 29th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The facts of the case, so far as I understood them, are the following:—

The building and property for which the exemption is claimed is used for the purpose of a Business College, that is: a place in which persons are instructed how to engage in business. It is not for the purpose of giving a general education. It is conducted by its proprietors entirely as a business enterprise. It has no connection with the public school system or subject to any public control. The question is whether an institution of that description is entitled to an exemption under Clause (d) of Sec. 335 of the City Charter as a college, incorporated academy, school-house or other seminary of learning?

The language of the exempting clause has been a part of the law governing the City for many years. It appears in the consolidation of 1864. About the same time the clause respecting exemptions appeared in the General Statutes of the Province. The Assessment Act in 1851 contains no exemption clause, but in the second revision of 1859 the "real estate of every college, academy or other seminary of learning and every public school-house" was exempted. The phrase itself is a common one in the Statutes of the American States. It is identical with that of New York and several others.

It appears to me plain that the institutions intended to be covered by the exemption must at any rate be those in which a general education is furnished. Whether even such an institution, entirely unconnected with the public school system or the colleges of the province and conducted entirely as a private enterprise for the profit of its proprietors would come within the exemption is a point which will have to be dealt with when it arises. The exact point arose in *Chegary vs. the Mayor of New York* 13 N. Y. 220 in which the Supreme Court of New York held on a Statute identical with our own that the exemption did not cover even a large unincorporated private school for general educational purposes.

The word "School-house" has in the American Statutes been always held by the Court to refer only to a school-house of a more or less public character, and the expression "incorporated academy" and "seminary of learning" plainly point to institutions of a more or less public character. The word "other" before the expression "seminary of learning" is also to my mind most significant as denoting that whatever the institution might be it must be such as can fairly be classed as a "seminary of learning." That expression has frequently been before the Courts and had invariably been held to denote an institution of the higher educational description in which instruction was given in the branches of learning which constitute a general education.

For this reason, apart from others, I am of opinion that the institution is not entitled to claim the exemption.

Since writing the above my attention has been called to an opinion of my predecessor on a claim for exemption by a private school of general education, which will be found in the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on May 11th, 1904. I am pleased to find that the construction put upon the Statute by myself agrees with Mr. MacCoy's.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the City Solicitor's opinion be adopted and a copy sent to Kaulbach and Schurman. Motion passed.

Read Message from His Worship the Mayor in re Large Fuel Yard.

RE LARGE FUEL YARD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, August 30th, 1907.

Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting Deputy-Minister of Militia and Defence stating that action on the request of the City for the transfer to the Corporation of the large Fuel Yard for a market site is in abeyance pending receipt of an offer from the City.

I had a conference with the Minister of Militia when he was in Halifax a short time ago in reference to the above matter, and it appears that our offer to purchase the property in question for the sum of \$10,000, or, in the alternative, to purchase a site to be selected by the Department and to erect buildings thereon, the whole cost not to exceed \$10,000, to take the place of the buildings and the land sought to be acquired, was not satisfactory to the War Department.

It would seem that if in addition to the above offer the City would enter into a bond, as was done in the case of the transfer of the little Fuel Yard in 1903, conditioned to pay the difference between the sum of \$10,000 and the valuation of the Fuel Yard in case the Imperial Government or the War Department should request the Dominion Government to furnish them with lands or buildings required by them for defence purposes of an equivalent value, the matter might be favorably considered by the Imperial authorities. The value of the Fuel Yard would be fixed by arbitrators appointed by the Military authorities.

As this matter has been the subject of negotiations for a great many years, and it is desirable that the City should acquire the property, it would seem proper that we should deal with the matter promptly.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report Committee on Works re telephone poles and conduits.

TELEPHONE LINES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, August 21st, 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., was again considered, and on motion of Alderman Hawkins it was resolved to recommend to Council that permission be granted provided that the work is proceeded with at once and that the Telephone Co. furnish an undertaking to remove all the poles from the streets the wires from which have been

placed in such conduits, poles to be removed within — months from the laying of the conduits, the penalty for non-removal of the poles and the form of the undertaking to be settled between the company and Committee on Works.

Your Committee also recommend that they be empowered to confer with the Telegraph and Telephone Companies with a view to having all the fire alarm and telegraph wires placed under ground.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Read report Board of Fire Wards.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Commissioners have been handed by Messrs. Austen Bros. a letter from Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co., who are constructing a steam fire engine for the City of Halifax. Application is made in this letter for the loan of 1400 feet of our 2½ inch hose, or in the alternative that they be permitted to use in the testing of this engine hose which is used in England, and that if they purchase this hose to conduct the tests that the City of Halifax purchase it from them at cost price. There being only three members of the Board present at this meeting, and Alderman Hubley objecting to the Board dealing with the matter as it is now before the Council, the Board refer the letter of Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. to the Council without recommendation.

The Chairman reported to the Fire Wards that upon the recent visit of Intercolonial Railway officials to the City he conversed with them as to the water front fire protection and was given to understand that the Railway authorities are willing and anxious to co-operate with the City in making arrangements for better service in this connection. The Secretary was instructed to write the authorities of the Intercolonial Railway, the Department of Militia and Defence and the Marine and Fisheries Department with reference to the steamboats under their control, and it is expected some definite arrangements will shortly be arrived at which will materially affect the settlement of this long-discussed question of water front fire protection.

J. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 re Shand Mason & Co., Steam fire engine.

Also read letter July 31st, 1907, John Howard, Agent-General for Nova Scotia, covering letter, July 30th, 1907, Shand Mason & Co.

SHAND, MASON & CO. ENGINE.

LONDON, 31st July, 1907.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, Esq., City Clerk.

DEAR SIR,—As it was some time since I heard from Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co., with reference to the inspection of the above engine, I wrote them again on the matter, and now beg to enclose copy of their reply to my communication, from which it appears that it may be some little time yet before the engine is finally ready for inspection.

J. HOWARD.