

*Therefore resolved*, that this Committee is of opinion that it was not the intention of the parties to the said agreement to require the company to pay both the additional interest and the full amount requisite to produce the sinking fund, but that the latter payment was intended to be of such an amount only as together with the said interest would produce the said fund. And the City Solicitor is hereby instructed and authorized to accept a mortgage from the company drawn in accordance with this opinion.

*Further resolved*, that this resolution be reported to the City Council for its approval.

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

2. Re application of William Tapp for an auctioneer's license, your committee recommend that this application be granted and a license issued to Mr. Tapp.

A. C. HAWKINS, *Acting Chairman*.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that clause 2 re application of William Tapp for an Auctioneer's license be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 1 re mortgage on property of Silliker Car Company.

A motion by Alderman Hawkins and Johnson for the adoption of the Committee's recommendation having been ruled out of order by His Worship the Mayor as illegal on the advice of the City solicitor and an amendment by Alderman Davison, seconded by Alderman Whitman, to place the matter on the Order of the Day having been withdrawn, the following resolution was submitted :

*Resolved*, That the Mayor on behalf of the City be authorized to loan the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to the Silliker Car Company, Ltd., in accordance with the terms of the Act and agreement authorizing such loan (Cap. 70 of 1907) upon the execution by the company of a mortgage to the City in accordance with such Act and agreement and satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

Read application of Board of Health for an additional grant of \$3500.00.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance and if said Committee report to His Worship the Mayor favorably on said matter that His Worship be authorized to procure the necessary funds and place the same at the disposal of the Board of Health. Motion passed.

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts for payment.

#### PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, PUBLIC GARDENS, October 14th, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common, held this

day, they had before them the following named accounts. The same were approved and passed for payment, and the secretary requested to forward them to the City Council for their information and concurrence: S Cunard & Co., \$110.99 H. H. Fuller, \$33.11. F. A. Shaw, \$3.90. H. E. Tram Co., \$1.85. J. A. Dunn, \$5.00. 63rd Halifax Rifles Band, \$30.00. Total, \$184.85.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

#### POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 17th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Committee beg to recommend for payment the following accounts: Cragg Bross. & Co., mop heads, \$2.40. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$3.40. A. & W. Mackinlay, book, \$7.00. W. Chas. Anderson, groceries, \$0.86. W. F. Pickering & Co., repairs, uniforms, etc., \$21.00. Total, \$34.65.

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for September.

#### CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS, &c.

OCTOBER 4th, 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 Chisholm, McManus and Hoben.

During the month of September there were 24 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 22 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted 20 were chargeable to the City and 4 to the Province. The total number of inmates at the City Home on September 30th was 331, made up of 191 men, 135 women and 5 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—H. W. Wentzell & Co., Ltd., \$478.70. W. A. Maling & Co., \$293.05. Smith Bros., \$99.96. P. T. Shea, \$128.10. George Grigoire, \$24.70. A. M. Bell & Co., \$4.10. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$27.76. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$72.00. C. E. Puttner, \$37.50. B. Mulcahy \$281.05. Hugh D. MacKenzie & Co., Ltd., \$77.94. Brookfield Bros., \$20.68. Wm McFatrige, \$33.00. F. W. Goodwin, \$5.00. Fleischman & Co., \$3.90. Pay sheet, \$631.83.

P. J. McMANUS, *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 McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, and passed.

Read report Cemetery Commission covering an account for payment.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 17th, 1907.

*The Mayor and City Council,*

GENTLEMEN,—The Camp Hill Cemetery Commissioners beg to recommend the following account for payment, viz :—John McFatrige, \$12.05.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Library Commission covering accounts for payment.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 16th, 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Committee beg to report that at a meeting of the committee held this day, the following accounts amounting to \$66.33 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—Library Bureau of Canada, Accession Book, \$3.50. The Ontario Publishing Co., magazines, \$2.00. Annual Review Pub. Co., review 1906, \$3.25. MacAlpine Pub. Co., directory, \$3.50. T. C. Allen & Co., books, etc., \$54.08. Total, \$66.33.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 16th, 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Halifax City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hublely (Chairman), Johnson, Douglas and Martin, the following accounts amounting to \$132.18 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :—Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$3.76. M. P. McCaffrey, seeds and drugs, \$18.03. A. M. Bell & Co., bug poison, &c., \$6.57. W. A. Maling & Co., ox-heads, \$21.50. A. Graham, two suits clothes, \$12.00. H. L. Hart, two pairs boots, \$3.00. Black & Flinn. oats and bran, \$9.15. Isaiah Moser, groceries, \$24.35. A. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1.70. M. Conroy, dry goods, \$7.98. G. S. Yates & Sons, boots, \$9.65. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$0.99. N. S. Telephone Co., one quarter's rent telephone to Dec. 30th, 1907, \$13.50 Total, \$132.18.

The monthly statements of the Governor and Matron were read and filed.

The chairman was instructed to take tenders for a portable front porch and accept lowest tender ;

Also to purchase a second-hand set of sleigh bobs suitable for the prison van, if possible, and if he cannot get suitable second-hand ones to get tenders and accept lowest tender for new ones.



The Chairman was also authorized to engage Mr. John Foley to repair leaks in the chimney in the main building on best possible terms.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the clause of the report relating to repairs to chimney in the main building be referred back to the Committee for further report and that the Committee have a specification prepared of the work to be done and an estimate of the cost.

Amendment put and passed.

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

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

Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 12 against as follows :—

For Adjournment.

Against.

Aldeemen Johnson, Hawkins.—2 Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,  
Whitman, Murray,  
Chisholm, Douglas,  
McManus, Hoben,  
Kelly, Hubley,  
Davison, Martin.—12.

Read letter W. B. MacCoy re claim of Ezekiel Boutilier in re land damages Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 1 voting for the same and 13 against, as follows :—



## For Amendment.

Alderman Johnson—1.

## Against.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,  
Whitman, Murray,  
Chisholm, Douglas,  
McManus, Hoben,  
Kelly, Hubley,  
Davison, Martin,  
Hawkins—13.

Read report City Prison Investigating Committee in re accounts George F. Brady for work and materials at City Prison.

Also read report of said Committee covering recommendations.

Also read report of said Committee in re charge against Alderman Shaffner of delivering goods at City institutions.

## REPORT CITY PRISON INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

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

*To the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The special committee appointed at the meeting of the City Council, held on the 16th day of September last, to make inquiries into certain accounts of Mr. George F. Brady for work done and materials provided for the City, beg to report as follows :—

The Committee first met and organized on September 17th, 1907. On Sept. 18th, the members of the committee met at the City Prison (with the exception of Alderman Archibald, who was absent from the City at the time) with Mr. Brush, the City carpenter, and Mr. Murray, the Governor of the prison, and made an examination of the work done by Mr. Brady and mentioned in his accounts, except a small portion of the same which had been destroyed by the fire on August 1st, 1907. The Chairman made a second inspection of the work in company with Alderman Archibald and the City Carpenter.

The Committee was advised by the City Solicitor that it had no power to enforce the attendance of witnesses, or to administer an oath to any witness who voluntarily attended. Consequently, the only course open to the committee was to request the attendance of the parties whose names were submitted as witnesses and to take their unsworn statements. Of those whose assistance was so sought, three only, namely, Mr. Brady, whose accounts were under examination, and Aldermen Hawkins and Martin, declined to appear or make any statement before the Committee, and the Committee was, in consequence, obliged to proceed without their aid in making the investigation ordered by the Council.

The Committee had several sittings and examined some sixteen witnesses.

According to the terms of the reference, the investigation divides itself into four subjects of enquiry as follows :

1. To enquire whether the City received value for the amount of Brady's account of \$450.00 ;
2. To enquire whether the City received value for the amount of Brady's account of \$467.00 ; and if not, who is responsible ?
3. To enquire as to the quality of the material used by Brady and the work done ;
4. To enquire as to the persons by whom the said several services were performed.

## I.

## BRADY'S ACCOUNT FOR \$450.00.

According to the minutes of the Prison Committee, held on February 8th, 1907, a motion was adopted requesting the City Engineer to prepare a specification of the repairs necessary to the prison, and to get prices for having the work done.

At the meeting held on April 19th, the report of the Engineer was received and it was moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the matter of effecting the repairs be left with the Chairman (Alderman Hawkins), and that he be authorized to have the work done. At a meeting of the same Committee held on May 7th, 1907, Alderman Hawkins reported that he had engaged Mr. Brady to do the necessary repairs to the prison property.

With respect to the proceedings of both those meetings, it is to be noted that they were not reported up to the council in so far as they related to the repairs. Mr. Rhind, the Assistant City Clerk, says it was an omission on his part, and as he was entrusted with the preparation of the report of the Committee, he must be held responsible for the omission.

There is a difference between some of the members of Prison Committee as to what took place at the meetings of the Committee above referred to.

Alderman Hawkins, as appears from the minutes of the meeting of September 9th, stated that he acted under the authority of the resolution of April 17th, and arranged with Mr. Brady to do the work for \$450.00. Alderman Douglas appears to have taken the same view, while Alderman Shaffner and Alderman Hubley allege that in leaving the work with the Chairman (Alderman Hawkins) they understood that the work was done under the supervision of the City Carpenter. At any rate the work was done and so far as we can learn, without any supervision on behalf of the City, and without such specifications as would be likely to ensure good and proper work for the City.

It must be added that most of the work was done after Alderman Hawkins ceased to be a member, and after Alderman Hubley became chairman of the prison committee, and when the latter could have intervened in the City's interest, and his explanation that he supposed the work was being done under the supervision of the City Carpenter, cannot discharge him from all responsibility.

The experts who were called to give their opinions, gave various estimates, all of them far below the amount claimed by Mr. Brady.

The estimate of the City Carpenter for the work is \$237.00 without a profit, and adding 25% for profit we have \$296.25. The Committee are of opinion from their enquiries that \$300.00 would be a fair price to pay an outside contractor for the work for which Mr. Brady claims \$450.00.

## II.

## BRADY'S ACCOUNT FOR \$467.00.

This was for work done in 1906, Mr. Brady having been engaged by the Chairman (Alderman Hawkins,) to do the work. The Chairman's action in this matter was approved by the committee after the work was done, and it was ordered by the Council to be paid, and was paid. The lapse of time and the destruction of a small portion of the work represented by this account, present difficulties in forming an estimate of the value of the work done. The estimate of the City Carpenter, at \$177.00 for carpenter work, painting and glazing; with \$40.00 added for repairing plaster and papering dining room, making a total of \$217.00 we take to be as safe an estimate as can now be made. To that amount must be added a profit of, say 25%, which would bring the amount up to \$271.25. The bill was not certified when it was moved in Committee by Alderman Johnson, and seconded by Alderman Hubley that it be paid.

With respect to this work we find that the City did not get value for the amount of Mr. Brady's bill of \$467.00.

We are asked also to designate who are responsible for the loss to the City. The whole Committee is responsible. We cannot undertake to make an exact division of the responsibility as between the Chairman and the other members of the Committee, although we see some force in the contention that other members frequently feel obliged to look to the Chairman for guidance in matters of this kind.

## III.

## AS TO THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL AND THE WORK DONE.

We beg to report with respect to the work included in the amount for \$450 00, that after inspection we find that some of the stock used was poor and some of the workmanship was inferior.

## IV.

## THE LAST ENQUIRY IS AS TO THE SEVERAL PERSONS BY WHOM THE SAID SERVICES WERE PERFORMED.

In this enquiry we are handicapped by the fact that Mr. Brady declined to appear before us. We are informed that he and his son were engaged in the carpenter work done in 1907, and Alderman Martin stated in his place at a meeting of the City Council that his firm (Martin & Moore) painted the Fire Escapes. This last statement receives some coroboration from the statements of Messrs. Keating and McDonald, employees of the City Prison, that Martin & Moore's team took delivery of the paint pots, &c.

In both cases under investigation the work was given to Mr. Brady without competition, and in neither case were the bills itemized so as to show the amount of material or labor supplied.

With the respect to the unpaid account of \$450.00 the Committee desires to state in fairness to the Prison Committee, that the latter were liable to believe from the estimate of the City Engineer that the work would cost about \$500.00.

The City Solicitor submits the opinion attached hereto that there is no contract between George F. Brady and the City covering this bill of \$450.00.

To safeguard the interests of the City and to prevent the recurrence of circumstances similar to those under investigation, your Committee have prepared and now submit herewith some recommendations which are supplementary to this report, and for which they solicit the favorable consideration of the Council.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman*,  
LEWIS ARCHIBALD,  
J. A. CHISHOLM,  
P. J. McMANUS,  
G. M. CAMPBELL,  
G. A. MacKENZIE.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY PRISON INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

## I.

That all work required to be done for the various City services that is not performed by City employees, be subject to competition through tender and contract, except in cases where the work is of such a nature that this is not practicable, and when the work is of such a nature that it is not practicable to have it done through tender and contract, that 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.



The City Council has resolved that the City Engineer be held responsible for the manner in which the work is performed. II.

That all repairs or alterations to city buildings or property be subject to inspection and supervision of the City Carpenter or some competent City Official who will be held responsible for the manner in which the work is performed.

### III.

That a Committee of the Council be appointed to investigate and report with the view to making possible improvements in the system of civic organization, including methods of accounting and general administration of the various departments and services that are under the direction and management of City officials.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman*,  
LEWIS ARCHIBALD,  
J. A. CHISHOLM,  
P. J. McMANUS,  
G. M. CAMPBELL,  
G. A. MACKENZIE.

### CHARGE AGAINST ALDERMAN SHAFFNER.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct., 17th, 1907.

*To The Mayor and City Council,*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the matter of teams of I. B. Shaffner & Co., delivering goods at civic institutions according to a resolution moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, and passed at a meeting of the City Council held on the 12th day of September, 1907, begs to report as follows:—

Alderman Hawkins was requested to attend the meeting of the special Committee, and he wrote the letter which is annexed hereto in which he declined to attend, and expressed his intention of proposing a different line of action, in the Council, with respect to the matter.

Alderman Shaffner appeared, and made a statement before the Committee, as did also Mr. J. J. Skerry, merchant of this City. Mr. Skerry stated that he had never purchased any goods from Alderman Shaffner and had them sent to the City Prison; that on one occasion he had asked Alderman Shaffner's teamster to deliver some molasses and soap at the Prison for him; and that the teamster did so. The molasses he thought was purchased from N. & M. Smith. He stated furthermore that the articles were delivered without charge to him.

Mr. Gladwin, Alderman Shaffner's book-keeper was called and said that there was no record of any sale of molasses to the prison on the books of the firm, and that he had no knowledge of any such transaction.

Mr. Frank Adams who has charge of I. B. Shaffner's teams stated positively that no goods went from the firms' warehouse to any city institution, and that he was of the opinion that Mr. Skerry made a mistake and got Shaffner's and Shatford Brothers' teams confused.

Alderman Shaffner who courted the fullest enquiry into the matter, declared that he had no knowledge of his firm or himself selling any goods directly or indirectly to the City; that he had no knowledge of his teams delivering at the City Prison any goods; and that in any event no charge was made for the truckage. He further stated that the City Auditor was at liberty to inspect his books at any time.

The only difference in the statements made by the parties who appeared before the Committee occurs where Mr. Skerry states that the molasses and goods were delivered by Shaffner's team, and Mr. Adams states that Shaffner's teams could not, without his knowledge, and as a matter of fact did not, deliver those articles.

The evidence in the matter which accompanies this report completely exonerates Alderman Shaffner from the charge of having any improper dealings with the City.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*  
LEWIS ARCHIBALD,  
J. A. CHISHOLM,  
P. J. McMANUS,  
G. M. CAMPBELL,  
G. A. MacKENZIE.

#### ALDERMAN HAWKINS' LETTER.

110 GOTTINGEN STREET, September 17th, 1907.

TO ALDERMAN C. R. HOBEN,  
*Chairman of the Special Committee.*

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt this evening of a notice of this date from Mr. Rhind as secretary of a special committee, appointed by resolution of the City Council to investigate an account of George F. Brady's for repairs to the City Prison, on Wednesday, the 18th day of September, 1907, at 2.30 o'clock p. m., at the City Prison and requesting my attendance thereat, and at a resumed investigation thereon at eight o'clock to-morrow evening at the City Hall.

I have already attended before the City Prison Committee last week and explained to and satisfied it of the City's liability to Mr. Brady, as the work for those repairs was given last year to Mr. Brady by me, on the authority of that committee, on Alderman Hubley's resolution when I was its Chairman, and he was a member of it. The committee at the last meeting of the Council recommended payment of this bill, and with that I beg to respectfully say that I consider my connection with it properly ceases.

If, however, further investigation is necessary, it is, I am advised by the learned City Solicitor, a matter for the learned County Court Judge here, under the provisions of Sections 135-138 of the City Charter, where evidence can be taken under oath, and if that course be adopted, which I submit is the only proper one, I will gladly co-operate with any movement to have a thorough and legal enquiry made.

A. C. HAWKINS.

#### CITY SOLICITORS OPINION.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Halifax, Sept. 18th, 1907.

C. R. HOBEN, Esq., *Chairman Special Committee.*

DEAR SIR,—The statement in Alderman Hawkins' letter to you which you have shewn to me to the effect that I advised that the proper course to pursue in the matter of the present charges would be to proceed before a County Court Judge hardly represents what took place between Alderman Hawkins and myself. I informed Alderman Hawkins of what I had told the Committee namely:—that they had no power to compel the attendance of a witness or to take evidence upon oath, but I did not advise that any course should be pursued. The Committee as I told you have of course the power to collect information and to make such a report as they see fit on the information so gathered.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the report relating to Alderman Shaffner be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the reports relating to the Brady accounts and the Alderman Shaffner charges be placed on the Order of the Day.

Alderman Hawkins submits a lengthy written amendment to refer the whole matter to the County Court Judge for investigation.

His Worship the Mayor rules Alderman Hawkins' amendment out of order on the ground that there is already one amendment before the Council.

Alderman Hawkins withdraws his amendment.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council do now adjourn until Monday evening next, 21st inst., at eight o'clock.

Motion for adjournment put and passed, 7 voting for and 5 against it, the division being as follows :—

For Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Archibald, Whitman, Murray, Chisholm, Kelly, Hubley, Davison—7.	Aldermen Johnson, Douglas, McManus, Martin, Hawkins—5.

Alderman Shaffner excused from voting.

Council adjourns 12.45 a. m.



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8.10 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, October 21st, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening pursuant to adjournment. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Chisholm, Hoben, Martin, Hawkins, Archibald, Davison and Hubley.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Johnson, Douglas, McManus, Kelly, Campbell and MacKenzie.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted in addition to those handed in at previous meeting.

Report Finance Committee by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following :—

Report of Delegates to Union of Canadian Municipalities.

City Solicitor's report re City of Halifax vs McLaughlin Carriage Co.

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz. :

Fire Extinguishers City Hall.

Water Extension Intercolonial Railway Round House.

John's Lane.

Boat House foot of Hanover Street

Accounts.

Report City Engineer re Stables, Rockhead.

Report Chief of Police re Violations Liquor License Act on Sunday.

Letter Bandmaster Ryan re discontinuance of Royal Canadian Regiment Saturday band concerts on Grand Parade.

Letter John Mullane re rebate in rent of Empire Rink.

Petition in re electric light Duncan Street.

Read extract from Minutes of meeting October 17th, in re City Prison Investigating Committee.

The amendment moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the reports relating to the Brady accounts and the Alderman Shaffner charges be placed on the Order of the Day is now withdrawn.

Alderman Hawkins re-submitted as an amendment the lengthy amendment introduced by him at meeting October 17th, to refer the Brady accounts and the Alderman Shaffner charges to the County Court Judge for investigation. The amendment is seconded by Alderman Douglas.

At the request of Alderman Chisholm, Alderman Hawkins divided his amendment separating the Brady accounts and the Alderman Shaffner charge.

Alderman Hoben having asked for a ruling His Worship the Mayor acting upon the opinion of the City Solicitor rules the amendment as submitted and also as divided out of order, the charges contained in the same not being explicit enough to submit to the Judge of the County Court for investigation.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the motion be now put. Motion passed.

The motion that the Committee's report relating to Alderman Shaffner be adopted is now put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report of the special committee relating to the Brady accounts be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the City Auditor be heard in regard to a statement made by Alderman Hubley that the Auditor told him (Alderman Hubley) that some members of the City Prison Committee wanted Brady's account paid on being certified by Alderman Hawkins. Motion passed.

The City Auditor here stated that no such remark had been made by him to Alderman Hubley.

The motion to adopt the report of the committee is put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the recommendations of the special committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said recommendations be placed on the Order of the Day.

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

Motion put and lost 6 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows :

For Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Douglas, Hawkins—6.	Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie—9.

The amendment to place the recommendations on the Order of the Day is put and passed, and the Clerk instructed to furnish each Alderman with a copy of the same.

Read report City Solicitor in re suit The City of Halifax vs. The MacLaughlin Carriage Company, covering bills of taxed costs, \$456.86.

THE CITY OF HALIFAX vs. THE MACLAUGHLIN CARRIAGE CO.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, September 12th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I have delayed making my report to the Council on the result of this action until I had obtained from Ottawa the reports of the judgment of the Supreme Court.

The action arose out of the assessment on the defendant Company for the \$100 license tax imposed by section 313 of the old charter on all companies doing business in the City. From this the Company appealed to the Court of Tax Appeals. The only question before that Court being whether or not the Company was doing business in the City. That Court was unanimously of opinion that it was. From this judgment the Company appealed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia by way of a case stated to which it was entitled under section 343 of the charter. On the hearing a new point was raised by the Company—namely: That the only companies liable to the tax were those of the same class as the Insurance Companies and others specifically mentioned, or what is termed in law the doctrine of *idem genus* and to the contention our Court acceded. As this was to my mind manifestly wrong and would have had most serious effects for the City, I felt obliged to recommend an appeal. The judgments of the Supreme Court of Canada it will be observed are unanimous in declaring that the judgment of our Court was erroneous.

There still remained the original point in the case—namely—whether as a matter of fact the Company was doing business in the City, and on this the Court was divided in opinion, the Chief Justice and Iddington and Duff, J. J., being of opinion that it was not and Davies and McLennan, J. J., that it was. The result of course is that the City has lost, but it has succeeded in getting rid of a judgment which would have been most unfortunate in its effect and the only practical effect of the judgment will be to somewhat determine the question as to what companies can legally be said to be doing business in the City.

I beg to submit herewith copies of the judgments at Ottawa and also of the case on appeal and of my factum.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re Accounts.



## CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 17th, 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 the Department were submitted, approved and recommended for payment:—

Street Lighting .....	\$1608 64
Sewer Loan .....	1313 06
Streets .....	1132 78
Water Maintenance .....	578 08
Rockhead Insurance Account .....	404 07
City Property .....	145 24
Permanent Sidewalks .....	143 77
Internal Health .....	129 41
Teams and Stables .....	116 47
City Hall Lighting .....	66 35
Telephones .....	66 00
City Plan .....	30 85
Fire Insurance Baths .....	30 00
Permanent Pavement .....	2 88
Total .....	\$5767 60

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

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

Read report Special Committee on City Prison Investigation, covering accounts for payment.

## INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 14th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your special committee appointed to investigate the account of George F. Brady for repairs at the City Prison, beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz: Fred Parsons, carriage hire, \$11.00. Misses Pettipas and Holland, typewriting, \$2.40, \$1.20—\$3.60. M. A. Hunter, stenographer, \$15.00. Total, \$29.60.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

## REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Finance met this day at four o'clock, P. M. Present, Aldermen Johnson, (Chairman), Kelly, Shaffner, Douglas, Campbell and Hawkins.

Read application of City Health Board for an additional grant of \$3,500.

Your Committee recommend that His Worship the Mayor provide the sum asked for, namely, \$3,500.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Kelly, and recommended to the Council for adoption :—

*Whereas*, According to the City Charter the Board of Health has authority under certain circumstances to spend what money may be required in addition to the regular grant ;

*And whereas*, Circumstances have already arisen whereby they have called for an additional amount of \$7,500 and considerable more may yet be required ;

*And whereas*, The Charter provides that such sum shall be included in the next assessment ;

*And whereas*, Such assessment would mean an additional rate of four or five cents ;

*Therefore*, This Committee recommend to the Council that the City Solicitor should prepare an Act authorizing a temporary loan to extend over a period of five years to cover such extraordinary expenditure up to December 15th and that such legislation should contain a clause legalizing the rate that may be struck for the year 1908-9.

The Committee also had under consideration a number of important matters affecting the financial affairs of the City and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Mayor enter into communication with Mr. McDougall, late Auditor General of Canada, or some other equally qualified gentleman, and ascertain from him on what terms he will undertake to examine the methods of the various departments of this City, and particularly the financial methods practiced in them ; and if improvements can be made he suggest the same, and in making such investigation an audit of each department be made, and that the Mayor report to the Council the result of his correspondence.

*And Further resolved*, That if it is decided to engage such person that the cost of same be included in the next year's estimate.

Your Committee had under consideration a letter of the Board of Trade re letter of F. S. Wright, agent of the *London Times* in reference to advertising Halifax in the *London Times*.

Your Committee cannot make any recommendation in this matter as there are no funds available to meet the expenditure, but recommend that a sum be put in next year's estimate to meet such expenditure in the future.

The following accounts amounting to \$311.03 were passed for payment: H. B. Clarke & Sons, printing, 300 bonds, \$100 00 ; cards, \$3.20—\$103 20. Chronicle Pub. Co., advertising notice to investors, \$37.80 ; advertising, \$2.78—\$40.58. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., City Solicitor, \$2.10 ; License Inspector, \$2.50 ; City Collector, \$21.05 ; City Treasurer, \$1.10 ; City Clerk, \$12.20—\$38.95. Post cards supplied to arbitrators, H. & S. W. Railway, \$4.00. A. & W. Mackinlay, lead pencils for Auditor's office, \$2.10 ; minute book, City Clerk, \$3.40—\$5.50. Holloway Bros., printing minutes and order of day, \$55.80 ; appeal R. T. MacIreith vs. Hart, \$63 00—\$118.80.

Your Committee had also under consideration the account of O'Connor & Meagher for costs Supreme Court of N. S. and Supreme Court of Canada in the matter of the City of Halifax vs. MacLachlan Carriage Co., \$456.86.

Your Committee recommend that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to negotiate for a temporary loan to pay this account and that he obtain from the Premier an undertaking that a short term loan will be passed at the next session of the Legislature to pay this amount.

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 the accounts therein recommended.

Moved by Alderman Jonnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas and passed

Read report City Engineer re City Prison stables and work shops.

CITY PRISON SHOPS AND STABLES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The City Works Department is erecting work shops and stables to take the place of those burned at the City Prison. The amount of insurance was \$2200. We have expended to date about \$1600 and the balance, \$600, will not complete the work in accordance with the requirements of the City Prison Committee. When we reach the end of the appropriation the work will be stopped unless it is the intention of the Council to provide further funds to erect the new structure complete.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Committee on Works complete the work of erecting the sheds and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to make temporary arrangements for providing funds and endeavor to obtain from the Provincial Secretary an undertaking to pass a bill at the next session of the Legislature to legalize the same. Motion passed.

Read letter Bandmaster Ryan, Royal Canadian Regiment re discontinuance owing to the uncertainty of the weather, of the Saturday morning band concerts on the Grand Parade.

The following resolution is submitted :

*Resolved*, That this Council desires to express its warmest appreciation of the kindness of the Colonel, Officers and Bandmaster of the Royal Canadian Regiment in favoring the public with the concerts given by the Band of the Regiment on the Grand Parade on Saturday mornings during the summer, and to convey on behalf of the citizens their thanks for the great pleasure afforded by delightful music performed at those concerts.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 12.10 o'clock.



## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, November 8th, 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 Archibald, Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Davison, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins, 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 Charities Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

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

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Letter Provincial Secretary in re Salvation Army Rescue Home.

Letter Provincial Secretary in re School Board Loan.

Report Police Committee in re accounts.

Report Chief of Police re Violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.

Report Coal Weighers for September.

Cash Statements City Collector for August.

Resignation of Nicholas Power as Chief of Police.

Application of John A. Rudland for position of Chief of Police.

Letter Trinity Church re ownership of land north side of Cogswell Street.

Reports (7) Committee on Works. viz :—

Water meters.

Windsor Street widening.

Architects' fees Morris Street engine house.

Mulberry Lane water extension.

Accounts.

Tenders for fodder.

Wm. Robinson lease North West Arm.

Letters L. J. Hesslein, DeWolfe Carriage Co. and J. H. Mont & Co. in re tenders for hose wagon.

Application Clayton & Sons for a bill poster's license.

The Council proceeds to deal with papers submitted at this and previous meetings.

Read report Committee on Works re fire extinguishers and hose for City Hall.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CITY HALL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council in re clause 14 Board of Firewards report was read.

As the funds at present in City Property Account will not permit of the outlay, it was resolved to request the Public Accounts Committee to provide the funds for same in the next year's estimates.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension to new Intercolonial Round House, Willow Park.

#### I. C. RAILWAY ROUND HOUSE WATER EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re water extension to Round House was read and referred to Council without recommendation.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—Mr. W. B. MacKenzie, Chief Engineer of the I. C. R., asks for the extension of the main from Windsor Street from the end of the pipe north of Young Street to the new railway yard. The estimated cost of the extension is \$1556.80. It will be advisable to extend the high service main to the railway property for fire protection, but it would not be advisable to allow them to draw the supply which they will require from the high service in its present condition. If the low service were in a satisfactory condition it would be better to pump the required supply from the 27 inch main which passes the property. Pumping from the low service main in the present condition of the low service will injure that service almost as much as drawing the supply from the high service will injure the latter. I would recommend that the high service main on Windsor Street be extended to the property for fire protection, but that the supply be taken from it at night only, and that as soon as improvement is made in the low service they be required to take their whole supply, except for fire purposes, from the 27 inch main.

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said reports be placed on the Order of the Day.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it on a show of hands.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re changing name of John's Lane to Armoury Street.

#### ARMOURY STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Oct. 21st, 1907.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached minute of Council with Engineer's report thereon in re changing the name of John's Lane to Armoury St. was read. It was resolved to recommend the adoption of the City Engineer's report.

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

#### JOHN'S LANE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 17th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Allan McCarthy asking that the name of John's Lane be changed to Armoury Street.

There is always confusion where names are duplicated and as there is a John Street in the North end it would be advisable to change the name of this street as requested. I would therefore recommend that the name be changed to Armoury Street.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Davison, that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works in re boat houses and landing stages of Charles Duggan and St. Joseph's Rowing Association near foot of Hanover Street.

#### LANDING PRIVILEGES HALIFAX HARBOR.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Sept. 28th, 1907.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to recommend to Council that permission be granted to Chas. Duggan to erect a small boat house and landing stage on the City water lot foot of Hanover Street, Richmond, subject to the usual conditions as laid down by the City Engineer in the cases of the James Meagher and Wm. Robinson grants at the North West Arm.

Also resolved that the encroachment at same place by St. Joseph's Rowing Association be allowed to remain subject to the same conditions.

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



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

Read reports (3) Chief of Police October 17th, 1907, reporting one violation of Liquor License Act on Sunday, and October 21st and November 8th reporting no violations since previous report.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, 17th Oct., 1907.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council I beg to report that one violation of the Liquor License Act on Sunday has been reported to me since last meeting of Council, viz., William Carmichael, No. 144 Upper Water Street, unlicensed, reported on 15th September. Fined \$20.00 on 23rd September, 1907.

N. POWER, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report Board of Health in re Quigley's saw mill corner of Maynard and Falkland Streets.

#### QUIGLEY'S SAW MILL.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Sept. 26th, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held last evening I was directed to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a report from the Sanitary Inspector relating to condition of saw mill corner of Maynard and Falkland Streets.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

September 25th, 1907.

*To the Chairman and Members of City Health Board:*

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report on condition of saw mill corner Maynard and Falkland Streets. The building is unoccupied and very much out of repair with windows and doors open. There is a large quantity of furnace ashes in the cellar, but nothing of an insanitary nature.

S. E. PARKER, *Sanitary Inspector.*

Referred to Committee on Works to deal with.

Read application of John Mullane for rebate on rent of Old Exhibition Building.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition in re electric light Duncan Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Ritchie & Robertson for Trinity Church in re ownership of land north side of Cogswell Street.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Provincial Secretary covering Order-in-Council recognizing as a reformatory institution for girls and women the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital and Children's Home.

SALVATION ARMY REFORMATORY.

HALIFAX, 5th Nov., 1907.

GEORGE F. FIELDING, ESQ., *Stipendiary Magistrate.*

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, dated 5th November, 1907, recognizing as a reformatory institution for girls and women the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital and Children's Home in the City of Halifax.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy-Provincial Secretary.*

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for September. Filed.

Read letter Provincial Secretary covering Order-in-Council re issue of debentures for loan for erecting a fire escape on the Halifax Academy.

FIRE ESCAPE COUNTY ACADEMY.

HALIFAX, 5th Nov., 1907.

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

DEAR SIR,—I beg to transmit herewith a certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, dated the 5th November, 1907, directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the amount required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to carry out a contract with Hillis & Sons, Limited, for erecting a fire escape on the north side of the Halifax Academy Building.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy-Provincial Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read application Clayton & Sons for a Bill Poster's license.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for August. Filed.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

CITY PRISON REPORT.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held on the 28th ult., at which there were present Aldermen Hubley (Chairman) Shaffner, Johnson, Martin, Douglas, Hayward and His Worship the Mayor, they had under consideration the matter of effecting repairs to the chimney, which was referred back to them by the Council for specification and estimate of cost.

Your Committee were of the opinion that nothing could be done until a staging was erected, and unanimously agreed to request the Committee on Works to erect a staging around the chimney and to charge the Prison Committee with the actual cost of labor

and materials used, also that the Chairman be authorized to have the chimney pointed and at the same time to have the plaster in Governor's bedroom repaired.

A subsequent meeting of the Prison Committee was held on the 6th inst., there being present Aldermen Hubley (Chairman) Shaffner, Johnson and Douglas.

The Chairman reported that he had purchased a pair of bobs for Prison van for \$7.00; also he had taken tenders for a storm porch and had accepted that of Mr. Chas. Carmichael (\$10.00) it being the lowest tender.

Also that the City Carpenter had erected the staging around the chimney at a cost of \$10.06 and that he had engaged Mr. John Foley to point chimney and repair slates by day's work, under the supervision of the City Carpenter.

The Chairman's action in these several matters was concurred in by your Committee.

Your Committee further report that they have instructed the Governor to procure tenders for five suits of uniform clothing for underkeepers and submit same at next meeting; also that the Governor was authorized to purchase one suit of clothes and one overcoat, not to exceed \$12 00, for prisoner McLeod whose clothes were burned in recent fire.

The following accounts, amounting to \$142.85, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

M. S. Clarke, 1 sett of bob runners, \$7.00. W. A. Mailing & Co., ox heads, \$10.25. Freeman's Depart. Store, dry goods, \$34.13. Crowell Bros., hardware, \$9.21. Halifax Tramway Co., electric light, \$1.64. E. J. Horne, shoes, \$19.45. W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$24.49. W. S. Walker, suit, \$7.25. Gunn & Co., oats, \$10.72. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$3.50. Neil Fox, reps. harness, \$5.15. Committee on Works, erecting staging, \$10.06. Total,—\$142.85.

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 the accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for supplies and other matters.

#### CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT.

OCTOBER 28th, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:*

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

From October 1st to date there were 30 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 16 discharged, and 4 died. Of the number admitted 9 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to the Dominion Government, and 20 to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is 338, made up of 201 men, 134 women, and 4 children.

Tenders for supplies to the City Home for one year from November 1st, 1907 were received, and the following tenders being the lowest are recommended for acceptance, viz.:—

Milk ..... Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd.  
Fresh meats ..... W. A. Maling & Co.



Pork .....	W. A. Maling & Co.
Forage .....	F. A. Shaw.
Butter .....	P. T. Shea.
Fresh Fish .....	George Grigoire.
Leather .....	Henry Lovett.
Groceries .....	A. L. Doyle & Co.
Dry Goods .....	J. & M. Murphy.

Tenders for flour were also received, but the price asked, six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6 25) per barrel, was considered too high, and the Superintendent was directed to call for tenders for 200 barrels, 100 for immediate delivery, and 100 for delivery December 15th, 1907.

Tenders for the purchase of the offal of City Home were received and the tender of Samuel Walker for \$144.00 per year being the highest, is recommended for acceptance.

During the month of November it will be necessary to purchase 1,300 bushels of potatoes for use up to the end of the civic year, and we would recommend that said amount be purchased.

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

H. W. Wentzell, Ltd., \$566.01. W. A. Maling & Co., \$293.84. J. S. Cashen, \$65.88. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$75.20. H. D. MacKenzie & Co., Ltd., \$149.02. N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$34.27. Henry Lovett, \$13.65. F. A. Shaw, \$4.25. Baldwin & Co., \$3.30. T. Larsen & Co., \$21.48. W. C. Knight, \$1.00. C. S. Lane's, \$3.00. B. Mulcahy, \$144.36. John F. Outhit, \$40.00. Pay Sheet, \$806.83. N. S. Hospital, \$669.07. W. N. Brown, \$7.75. The Fleischman Co., \$7.80. Faulkner & Co., \$26.70. Total, \$3,161.64.

G. A. MacKENZIE, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 1st, 1907.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

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

Tenders for 200 barrels of flour were received and that of Wentzell's, Limited, for 100 barrels of Beaver at five dollars and ninety cents (\$5.90) per barrel and Swansdown at five dollars and sixty cents (\$5.60) per barrel, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

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 reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening Windsor Street.

WIDENING WINDSOR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 7th, 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 minute of Council and letter of A. M. Bell, Trustee re widening Windsor Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

WINDSOR, WILLOW AND CHARLES STREETS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter and plan from A. M. Bell, Trustee, with reference to property bounded by Windsor St., North St. and Chebucto Road.

Mr. Bell proposes to deed to the City free of charge the land necessary for the widening of Windsor Street, as shewn on the plan on consideration that the City will alter the sidewalk and roadway on Windsor Street, and set out a row of trees on the west side, and further that they will agree to accept the plan for the extension of Willow and Charles Streets so that these streets can be deeded to the City and opened at any time that the owners may consider it in their interest to open them.

With reference to Windsor Street, the proposed alteration is desirable, in fact, absolutely necessary, and will be shewn on the official plan now being prepared. It is not unreasonable to ask the City to move the fence and sidewalk and to plant a row of trees.

The proposed extension of Willow and Charles Streets is in line with the existing streets and on the location already laid down in our draft official plan. These streets cannot be accepted by the City until they have been graded as required by the City Charter. The location of Willow Street will be satisfactory. Charles Street at the west end where it should make the junction with Chebucto Road is obstructed by buildings erected within the last few years, and it is not desirable that these obstructions should be permitted to alter the street design in this block. Mr. Bell proposes to make an abrupt turn in Charles Street when it reaches these buildings in order to reach Chebucto Road. Charles Street could not be opened or accepted unless it opens at the west end on Chebucto Road and the junction proposed by Mr. Bell will comply with the Act, but will not comply with the official street design. Mr. Bell and the owners of the property are not prepared to go to the expense of moving back the obstructing houses, but offer to agree to give sufficient land in the rear to permit the moving back of the houses.

Under the circumstances I think their proposition is a fair one, and I therefore recommend that it be approved with the exception that the ultimate location of Charles Street shall be in accordance with the official design whenever the City sees fit to carry it out.

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Nov. 8th., 1907.

*To the City Council :*

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

N. S. Telephone Co., rent telephone, \$19.25. J. H. Mont, repairing and painting police patrol, \$38.85. A. M. Bell, hardware, \$1.00, \$0.40—\$1.40. W. C. Knight, repairs, harness, etc., \$9.00, \$1.00—\$10.00. Colwell Bros., mackintosh coat, \$10.99. W. F. Page, ulster, \$8.50. Thos. D. Spike, cleaning clock, etc., \$3.00. Total, \$91.99.

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

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

Read report Finance Committee covering accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting of the committee held this day, at which there were present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Shaffner, Douglas and Kelly, the following accounts, amounting to \$1,881.06, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment :—

Dr. Finn, certificate of death Mary Grant, \$4.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., rubber stamp, City Collector, \$6 00. T. C. Allan & Co., stationery and printing :— License Inspector, \$12.63 ; City Solicitor, \$5.40 ; City Collector, \$12.95 ; City Clerk, \$5 90—\$36 88. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$23.25, \$3.30, \$26.80—\$53.35. Chronicle Publishing Co., Advertising, \$24.42, \$13.14, \$5.58, \$18.34, \$6.36—\$67.84. Institution Deaf and Dumb 1906 account, \$150.00 ; 1907 account, \$540.00—\$690.00. Home of Good Shepherd, maintenance of girls for quarter ending Nov. 1st., 1907, \$77.22. Halifax Industrial School, maintenance of boys, one quarter, ending Nov. 1st, 1907, regular commitments, \$270.00 ; truants, \$243.32—\$513.32. St. Patrick's Home, regular commitments, \$194.67 ; truants, \$237.78—\$432.45. Total, \$1,881.06.

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.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 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 :—

Street Lighting	\$1586 08
Permanent Sidewalks	645 94
Sewer Loan	718 47
Water Maintenance	638 77
Rockhead Insurance	557 18
Streets	939 47
Permanent Paving	446 00
Fuel City Hall	401 75
City Property	255 15
Teams and Stables	87 16
City Hall Lighting	67 88
Internal Health	31 50
Public Baths	14 10



Widening Lower Water Street .....	\$ 7 23
Morris Street Engine House .....	447 09
Public Gardens Fence .....	5 78
Sewer Maintenance.....	30 00
Insurance .....	33 00
Bedford Row Engine House .....	745 00
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R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of property foot of South Street, North West Arm, to William Robinson.

#### LEASE FOOT OF SOUTH STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 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 Minute of Council re petition of William Robinson for renewal lease of property foot of South Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

#### WILLIAM ROBINSON'S LEASE.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1906.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from William Robinson asking for the renewal of his lease of a portion of the landing at the west end of South Street on the North-West Arm. Mr. Robinson has held the lease for several years and has operated a ferry and kept boats for hire. As far as I can ascertain he has given general satisfaction not only to his patrons but to the property owners in the neighborhood. Mr. T. E. Kenny who owns the property on the North side of South Street has expressed satisfaction with Mr. Robinson's tenancy on more than one occasion. He has spent considerable money in establishing his business there and I would recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted on terms similar to those of the old lease.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works in re tenders for fodder.

#### TENDERS FOR FODDER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 7th, 1907.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for the supply of fodder for use of this department were opened as follows:—

	Hay.	Straw.	Bran.	Chop Feed.	Oats.
F. W. Fraser.....	\$21-\$24	\$12-\$14	\$28-\$28	\$39-\$40	68c.-75c.
F. A. Shaw.....	\$21-\$25	\$12-\$12	\$28-\$28	\$39-\$40	70c.-72c.

The prices quoted are for immediate delivery and when required.

It was decided to recommend the acceptance of F. W. Fraser's tender as being the lowest.

It was also decided to report to Council that although tenders were supposed to be received up to 12 noon, Mr. Shaw's tender was not received until 3 p. m.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Mulberry Lane.

MULBERRY LANE WATER EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 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 letter of F. Gordon Zwicker re water extension Mulberry Lane was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from F. G. Zwicker for water extension from Wellington Street west to Mulberry Lane to a point opposite a house owned by him at the western end of the lane.

The district is low service; size of pipe required, 4"; distance, 260 feet; excavation earth; estimated cost:—

Pipe.....	\$ 104 00
One 4 inch valve.....	20 00
One 6 x 4 branch.....	4 70
One 6 inch thimble.....	1 68
Lead and paint.....	5 00
Three service pipes.....	50 00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	156 00

\$ 341 38

Interest on estimated outlay at 5 per cent..... 17 07

I would recommend that the extension be made on a bond to cover a special rate of not less than \$17.07 for the houses supplied.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re architect's fees Morris Street engine house.

## MORRIS STREET ENGINE HOUSE ARCHITECT'S FEES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1907.

*To The City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached letter from W. B. Fidler was read.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that he be paid 2½ per cent. on contract price (\$17,616) of Morris Street engine house.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the report be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether the account can legally be paid to Mr. Fidler. Amendment put and passed.

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

## REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Firewards met this evening. Present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman) Hubley, Campbell and Taylor. The Committee beg to report as follows,—

1. The Chief reported upon the narrowness of Upper Water Street from the brick freight shed to the Dockyard gate having on inspection found that it is too narrow to properly handle fire apparatus and recommended that it be widened. The Chief also recommended that two fire alarm boxes be installed by the Government in the Dockyard and connected with the City fire alarm system.

It is recommended that a copy of the Chief's report be forwarded to the Minister of Militia with the request that his Department take action in the matter.

2. It is recommended that the following be appointed supernumeraries,—George McDonald, George Yeaton and Arthur Verity on No. 1 steamer and John Toomey on No. 2 steamer.

3. In accordance with the resolution of the Council tenders for two horse hose wagon were called for, and the following were submitted, namely,—

The Truro Carriage Company furnished a specification, a blue print and tender for .....	\$ 865 00	
J. H. Mont & Co., a cut, no specification and tender for.....	\$810 00 &	\$40 00
John J. Carnell a letter declining to tender.....		
Seagrave.....		1095 00

It was decided on motion of Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that as Mr. Carnell declined to tender, and J. H. Mont and Co., furnished no specification and declined to provide complete equipment for the wagon at their tender price, to recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Truro Carriage Company, provided they will give the usual five years' guarantee.

4. Tenders for, forage for the month of November were awarded to F. A. Shaw as follows.



Hay per ton .....	\$20 00
Oats per bus .....	70
Bran per 100 lbs .....	1 40
Straw per ton .....	11 00

5. The following named accounts are recommended for payment, —

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light \$23.35 power \$7.06—\$30.41. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$56.56. P. Poirier, shoing, \$4 58. John T. Meagher, shoeing, \$9 30. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$189.16. Walsh Bros., painting, \$23.00. W. C. Knight, harness work, \$3 90. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$20.18. A. Allison, harness work, \$13.20. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4 74. J. W. Churchill, carpenter work, \$30 00. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$8.60. Farquhar Bros., stove fittings, \$32.01. John Foley, mason work, \$5.00. Blakadar Bros. advertising, \$2 90. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$119.37. Pitner Lighting Systems Plant, etc., \$50.80. National Drug Co., acid, etc., \$6.15. Total, \$609.86.

6. The engineer, with the assistance of Mr. Esdaile, prepared a report which was submitted to the meeting showing the necessary additions to the Government steamer "Alfreda," to fit her for a fire boat, copy of which is attached. This specification shows that if this boat was so fitted, she would throw 1,500 gallons a minute. The Committee left it to the Chairman to interview the Minister of Railways when he visited Halifax.

Since that time the Chairman attended a meeting of the Board of Trade and laid the matter before the Minister and other I. C. R. Officials, and the Minister expressed himself as being pleased that the matter had been brought to his attention and felt the absolute necessity of doing something towards the protection of their vast amount of property on the waterfront. At his request I furnished him with a copy of the memorandum prepared by Mr. Condon, and I fully believe it will have prompt attention.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re narrowness of Upper Water Street.

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

Read clause 2 re appointment of Supernumeraries.

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

Read clause 3 re tenders for two-horse hose wagon.

Also read letters (submitted at this meeting) from L. J. Hesslein, DeWolfe Carriage Co. and J. H. Mont & Co. in reference to the subject.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the clause of the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the tender of H. Cameron & Co. of \$1,095 for a Seagrave wagon be accepted.

At the request of Alderman Whitman Chief Broderick appears before the Council and recommends the purchase of a Seagrave wagon.

The amendment is put and lost.

The following amendment is submitted :

*Resolved*, That the clause of the report relating to two-horse hose waggon be referred back to the Fire Board and that they with the Chief of the Fire Department be and are hereby instructed to prepare a specification of a wagon most suitable for the Department and that the Board solicit tenders for the same from Halifax manufacturers.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Shaffner.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hoben that J. H. Mont & Co., be given an order to construct a two-horse hose wagon with Hart turrent attachment in accordance with their tender and also their letter of 8th inst. for \$840.00 subject to the approval of the Committee of Fire Wards.

Amendment put and passed.

Read clause 4 re tenders for forage.

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

Read clause 5 re accounts.

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

Read clause 6 re services of S. S. "Alfreda" as a fire boat.

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

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

Read resignation of Nicholas Power as Chief of Police, to take effect November 30th, 1907.

The following resolution is submitted :—

*Whereas*, Nicholas Power, Chief of Police of the City of Halifax, has expressed his wish to resign from that office and from the Police Force of the City ;

*Resolved*, That this Council accedes to the request.

*Further resolved*, That this Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the long and valuable services rendered to the City by Mr. Power.

He entered the Police Force of the City in the year 1864 as policeman and was made a sergeant in the year 1871. In both positions he evinced the same excellent qualities which became so conspicuous in the higher position to which he afterwards attained. In the year 1882 he was appointed Detective which position he retained until appointed Chief in the year 1905. In all positions, from the lowest to the highest, Mr. Power uniformly displayed all the qualities which make up the ideal police officer dauntless courage in the discharge of his duty, the most complete integrity and rectitude of life, industry and zeal that never spared himself in the discharge of his duty, and a ready submission to discipline when in the lower ranks of the service with a firm yet kindly enforcement of it when he had risen to the higher. As a detective the skill and untiring capacity for work with which he unravelled the many difficult problems submitted to him made his name familiar not only in the City but throughout the Maritime Provinces. The term of his office as Chief has been only too brief, but the admirable condition of the force, in which the citizens can justly take pride, is the best proof of the





In the first freezing the Nash, Empire and Worthington were frozen. The Nash was warped so that the joint opened and leaked. The Worthington was affected in the same way, but the joints were made tight so that the meters could be tested. The Empire meter had the bottom broken and one of the screws holding the piston chamber also broken. Unfortunately in thawing this meter met with an accident and could not be re-tested. The Hersey Company submitted a new meter all bronze, and the National Meter Co. sent a new Empire meter. The Hersey, Trident, Empire, Lambert and Keystone were tested under half pressure and full pressure with the following result :—

(80 gallons = 12.84.)

	Half Pressure.	Percentage.	Full Pressure.	Percentage
Hersey No. 293370.....	13 05	101.63	12.86	100.15
Trident No. 312725 .....	12.90	100.46	12.77	99.45
Lambert No. 343115 .....	12.80	99.69	12.79	99.61
Empire No. 586646 .....	12.88	100 31	12.74	99.22
Keystone No. 178865 .....	13.19	102 72	12.99	101.17

They were then tested for efficiency under a fine stream, the result being :—

(3 gals. in 1 hour 48 ; 7 gals. in 4 hours 1.12 = 1 $\frac{2}{3}$  gals. per hour.)

	3 gallons.	Percentage.	7 gallons.	Percentage.
Hersey .....	.45	93.75	.74	.66
Trident .....	.42	87.50	.55	.49
Lambert .....	.21	43.75	.47	.42
Empire.....	.60	125.00	1.18	105.36
Keystone.....	.61	127.08	.51	.45

The above test was made for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of these meters would register a dribble, but it is not usual to require such a fine test. The specification for meters in the City of Cleveland makes the minimum flow for testing purposes at the rate of about 10  $\frac{2}{3}$  gallons per hour.

After the foregoing test the Hersey, two Tridents, Lambert, Empire, American and Keystone were frozen. The Lambert was provided with a cast iron top, supplied by the makers. The top on the Lambert was broken, but no other damage done to it. The Hersey was opened in the joint, which was afterwards made tight, so that it could be re-tested. The Worthington (formerly frozen) was damaged so that it would not register, and the American and Nash (formerly frozen) to such an extent that they would not register correctly. The injury to the Hersey also destroyed its accuracy. The other meters were uninjured. The result of the test after the freezing was as follows :—

(80 gals. = 12.84 )

	Half Pressure.	Percentage.	Full Pressure.	Percentage
Hersey.....	10.46	81.46	11.11	86.52
Trident No. 312735 .....	12.91	100.54	12.76	99.37
Trident No. 293701 .....	12.89	100.39	12.62	98.28
Lambert .....	12.30	95.79	12.42	96.73
Empire .....	12.71	98.98	12.42	96.73
Keystone .....	13.21	102.88	12.93	100.70
American No. 84810 .....	8.00	62.30	7.83	60.98
Worthington No. 272004 .....	No registration.			
Nash No. 582872'.....	7.49	58.33	8.82	69.69

The two Tridents, the Empire and Keystone were frozen the second time, and this time the Empire broke in the bottom and the screw was broken off as before. There was no apparent injury to the Tridents or the Keystone, but the accuracy of the Empire was seriously affected. The broken screw was replaced before testing by a screw from another Empire meter.

The result of the last test after the second freezing was as follows :—

	Half Pressure.	Percentage.	Full Pressure.	Percentage.
Trident .....	12.85	100.07	12.98	101.09
Trident .....	12.80	99.69	12.73	99.14
Empire .....	11.81	91.97	11.64	90.65
Keystone. ....	13.20	102.80	13.11	102.10

The result of these tests in my opinion justifies the recommendation made in the former report. The Lambert and the Empire show the same percentage of accuracy on the full pressure test, while the Lambert is closer on full pressure test in the first instance. In the dribble test none of the meters registered accurately, some registering too little, others over-registering, which is always objectionable. In the freezing test the Keystone is the only meter besides the Tridents which were not affected by the freezing. As the Keystone has a cast iron top close to the gear wheels as mentioned before, I could not recommend it. My opinion formed as a result of the tests made in 1898, that the Trident was the only meter which is likely to stand the frost without injury has been confirmed by these tests. For houses properly heated, where there is no probability of the meter being frozen, the Lambert makes the best showing for an all bronze meter, considering price, and I therefore adhere to my former recommendation.

A claim has been made by one of the selling agents that disc meters are not as good as piston meters. Piston meters are older than disc meters, which accounts for the number of piston meters in use, but the sales of disc meters in recent years are much larger than those of the piston meters, and companies making meters have been obliged to make disc meters to comply with the demand. In the annual report of 1906 to the Commissioner of Public Works of Chicago, by Walter A. Shaw, Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Engineering, it is stated that the results of the annual tests in 1905 and 1906 was that the disc meter is more durable than the piston type.

I made an effort to get the result of the United States Government test at Washington, but was informed by the Engineer Commissioner that they did not send the information away from the office, but that it would be open to anyone visiting the office. I have also tried to obtain the result of tests made at Cleveland, Ohio, but have not been successful.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the consideration of said reports be deferred.

Amendment put and passed on a show of hands, 9 voting for and 7 against it.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock on Monday evening, 11th inst. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.55 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

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### ADJOURNED MEETING.

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8 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, November 11th, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening pursuant to adjournment.

There were present at the above hour His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Davison, Campbell, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Petition for catchpit Edward Street.

Letter ex-Auditor-General of Canada in re auditing the various departments of the City.

City Solicitor's opinion in re payment of architect's fees Morris Street engine house.

Copy of agreement between the City and the Marine and Fisheries Department re teaming through the Dockyard during pavement of Lockman Street.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED AT THIS AND FORMER SESSION.

Read report of delegates to Convention of Union of Canadian Municipalities held at Fort William and Port Arthur August 12th-16th.

#### CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct., 1907.

*To the Members of the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your delegates to the Seventh Annual Convention of the Union Canadian Municipalities have to report that pursuant to resolution of the Council they attended the Convention which was held at the Twin Cities of Port Arthur and Fort William.

The attendance of delegates was very large, embracing representatives from cities and towns from the East to the West of Canada, and the Convention was most successful.



From the various reports presented it was clearly demonstrated that the Union is on a solid basis and is recognized by both Federal and Dominion Governments as well as by the Railway Commission, as a power to be listened to in reference to matters of municipal government and municipal rights and franchises.

Your representative on the Executive Committee attended all the sessions of the Executive, and both of your delegates were present at all meetings of the Convention.

Amongst the most important matters considered was the question of municipal ownership and operation. On this subject there was considerable diversity of opinion among delegates to the Convention whether or not it is the best course to adopt in every case. Hence no declaration either for or against municipal ownership was made. The following series of resolutions, based on the report of findings of a strong United States Commission, were submitted to the Executive by your delegates and were approved, and were afterwards unanimously adopted by the Convention :—

Moved by Mayor MacIlreith, of Halifax :

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the opinion of this Convention, as public utilities are so constituted that it is impossible for them to be operated by competition, that—

(a) They should be controlled and regulated by the Government, or

(b) That they should be operated by the public ; and that they should not in any event be left to do as they please.

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the opinion of this Convention, municipal ownership should not be extended to revenue producing industries which do not involve the public health, the public safety, public transportation or the permanent occupation of public streets, and pounds, and similar principles ; and that municipal ownership should not be undertaken solely for profit.

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the opinion of this Convention, all future grants to private companies for the construction and operation of public utilities should be determinable at a fixed period, and that meanwhile at certain stated times during such period cities should have the right to purchase the property for operation, lease or sale, paying its fair value.

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the future provision be made for a competent public authority with power to require from all public utilities a uniform system of records and accounts, giving all financial data and all information concerning the quality of service and the cost thereof ; data to be published and distributed as official reports.

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the opinion of this Convention, no stocks or bonds for public utilities should be issued without the approval of some competent public authority, thus settling the capitalization by official investigation.

That a standard rate of dividend should be fixed, which may be increased only when the price of the commodity sold or the rate of transportation has been reduced.

Resolved unanimously :—

That in the opinion of this Convention, where the management of public utilities is left with private companies the City should retain in all cases an interest in the growth and profits of the future, either by a share of the profits, or a reduction of the charges ; the latter being preferable, as it ensures to the benefit of those who use the utilities, while a share of the profits benefits the taxpayers.

Resolved unanimously :—