

That in the opinion of this Convention, where the operation of public utilities as by the municipalities there should be a complete separation of the finances of the undertaking from these of the rest of the City, and that the bond issues for such utilities should be a first charge upon the property and revenues of such undertaking.

The plan of making the Union a federation of the Provincial Unions as well as of the cities and towns to watch legislation in relation to municipal affairs falling within the purview or scope of the Dominion Parliament was adopted.

Among other important matters discussed and acted upon by resolution were the following:—

Municipalities should be empowered to regulate matter of erection of poles and stringing of wires with authority to require that such wires should be placed under ground.

Legislation respecting the rates to be charged by fire insurance companies.

That bills affecting municipalities should be sent to municipality affected before being acted upon.

Legislation respecting the maximum price for supplying light, heat and power and regulating the services to be given.

Legislation respecting railway crossings, the doing away with level crossings and to make companies pay cost of change.

Resolutions were also passed on a number of other important matters, and the Executive of the Union will ask for a conference with the Government at an early day for the purpose of presenting such resolutions and pressing the views of the Union.

Copies of the more important resolutions passed at the Convention as forwarded by the Secretary are attached hereto.

A stenographic report of the proceedings, together with copies of resolutions passed and of papers read, will appear in the October number of the Municipal Journal.

One of the important papers suggested the formation of a Department of the Bureau of Information to supply full particulars as to the money market from the standpoint of municipal securities.

At the closing session of the Convention, when the election of officers came up, one of your delegates was elected to the office of President of the Union for the coming year.

Mayor Lowther, of Amherst, who was in attendance at the Convention, was elected 1st Vice-President for Nova Scotia, and Alderman Johnson, of Halifax, 2nd Vice-President.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. MACILREITH, } *Delegates.*
P. F. MARTIN, }

Filed.

Read petition for catchpit Edward Street.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Read letter J. L. McDougall, ex-Auditor-General of Canada, declining to undertake an audit of the various departments of the City of Halifax. Filed.

Read opinion of City Solicitor in re payment of fees to W. B. Fidler as Architect of Morris Street Engine house.

RE PAYMENT TO W. B. FIDLER,

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 11th, 1907.

To Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The answer to the question whether or not the City can legally pay Mr. W. B. Fidler for his work in preparing the plans for the Morris Street Engine House and superintending the construction of the building depends on whether or not that work is comprised within the scope of the duties of Mr. Fidler's office, for which he is paid by the City. If it is the payment cannot be made, but if not it can.

I have made enquiries as to Mr. Fidler's duties from the Chief of the Fire Department. He informs me that Mr. Fidler's position is that of engineer in charge of one of the chemical fire engines, and his duties are to keep the engine in good order and attend to it when required at fires. He has also, though without any official appointment, attended to some of the carpenter work required by the Department. These duties would clearly not comprise the making of plans and supervising construction.

The Chief also informs me that the work was done by Mr. Fidler in his spare time and without the neglect of his regular work.

It therefore appears clear to me that the work done was not within the scope of Mr. Fidler's employment, and that the payment can consequently be legally made to him.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the City Solicitor having advised that this account could legally be paid, the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and Mr. Fidler paid 2½ per cent. on cost of the Morris Street Engine house.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Mr. Fidler be paid \$250.00 for preparing the plans of Morris Street Engine house, and that this shall not be considered as a precedent.

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

For the Amendment,

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Murray, Chisholm,
McManus, Hoben, Hubley,
Campbell, MacKenzie—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Johnson, Taylor,
Douglas, Kelly,
Davison, Martin,
Hayward—7.

Read a copy of Agreement between the City of Halifax and the Marine and Fisheries Department in re teaming through the Dockyard during the paving of Lockman street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the action of the Committee on Works in this matter be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Murray, that

Alderman Johnson be appointed a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission to succeed himself. Motion passed unanimously.

Aldermen Kelly, Chisholm McManus and Martin are severally nominated to fill the vacant office of School Commissioner caused by the retirement of Ex-Alderman Doyle—term expired.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Alderman Kelly—none.

For Alderman Chisholm—Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, MacKenzie and Hayward—11.

For Alderman McManus—Alderman Douglas—1.

For Alderman Martin—Alderman Davison—1.

Aldermen Chisholm, McManus and Martin excused from voting.

Alderman Chisholm was duly declared by His Worship the Mayor to be elected a School Commissioner for the City of Halifax.

For the office of Commissioner of Schools made vacant by the retirement, term expired, of Ex-Alderman Gastonguay, Aldermen Kelly and Martin are severally nominated.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Alderman Kelly—Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Chisholm Taylor, Hoben, Hubley, MacKenzie, and Hayward.—9.

For Alderman Martin—Aldermen Johnson, Douglas, McManus, Campbell, Davison and Hawkins.—6.

Aldermen Kelly and Martin excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declared Alderman Kelly duly appointed a School Commissioner for the City of Halifax.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hawkins asked if persons assessed on real estate had to take out a license to do a peddling business?

Referred to City Solicitor for report.

Alderman Campbell complained of the condition of Brunswick Street since material from Lockman Street had been dumped there and asked what the intention of the Committee on Works was in the premises.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Alderman Hubley asked what was being done respecting Edward Forhan's complaint on the condition of Cornwallis Street in front of his premises.

Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Alderman Hubley asked when the paving between the rails on Gottingen Street was going to be done.

His Worship the Mayor answered that he and the City Solicitor has scrutinized the Halifax Tramway Company's Charter and found no provision giving the City of Halifax any jurisdiction in the matter.

Alderman Kelly asked for a report on the question asked by him August 5th why the Committee on Works were not using broken stone on the streets for repairs instead of mud.

Alderman McManus asked that the property owners on Barrington Street be furnished with itemized bills of the cost of permanent pavement in front of their properties.

Alderman Martin asked why bills for rent for hatchways had not been sent out before but are now being rendered when they are nearly outlawed.

Alderman Hubley asked when the Committee on Works were going to have attended to the necessary repairs between the rails of the Tramway Company on Windsor Street, North of Quinpool Road.

Alderman Hayward asked when the curbing would be laid at Dixon's corner.

Also when the Committee on Works intended to repair North Creighton Street to make it passable.

Alderman Hoben asked if a new water main had been laid recently in Lockman Street and taken up again and relaid with larger pipe and new service connections made first with the smaller pipe and again with the larger main.

Alderman Davison asked when the proposed crossing would be laid on Maynard Street at the foot of Harris Street.

Alderman Hoben asked if the paving on Lockman Street to the north side of the King Edward Hotel would be completed this year and if not the reason for delay.

Also if any more earth would be hauled off the streets to the City storage field and if such material had been already moved twice this year.

Also the probable use of such material stored on the City field.

Alderman Hubley asked when the crossing at Munnis' corner Brunswick Street and Hurd's Lane would be finished.

Alderman Shaffner asked what was going to be done about the dangerous condition of the hills which have been permanently paved.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the experiment of covering them with sand is being tried.

Alderman Whitman asked if the Stayner's wharf property had been conveyed by the City to the Town of Dartmouth.

His Worship the Mayor answered that it had not.

Alderman Kelly asked why the street railway rails at the corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets were being taken up.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, The City of Halifax requires the land hereinafter described for the purpose of widening Coburg Bead;

Therefore resolved, That L. F. Monaghan, the City Clerk of the City of Halifax, be and is hereby authorized by this Council and on its behalf to enter into a contract with the Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's, or whoever may be the owner of the property described, for the purchase of all the estate, right, title, interest and possession of the said Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's or the proper owner in the said lot of land as shewn on a plan signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, dated February 26th, 1907, and filed in the City Engineer's office, at Halifax, N. S., as Plan Number 1813.

Further resolved, That the said L. F. Monaghan offer the said Dean and Chapter of Luke's, or whoever may be the owner of the said property, the sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty (\$3,750.00) dollars as the value of the said land.

Further resolved, That the said L. F. Monaghan report to the Council at an early date what agreement (if any) has been or can be made with the said Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's or the proper owner, and if they are willing to accept the amount mentioned in this resolution.

The said land is described as follows:

Description of land required by City to widen Coburg Road.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated at the north-west corner of Coburg Road and Robie Street, and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at the north-west corner of Coburg Road and Robie Street, and thence running westerly on the north line of Coburg Road two hundred and fifty feet to the north-east corner of Coburg Road and Edward Street; thence northerly on the east line of Edward Street two feet nine inches; thence by a straight line in a north-easterly direction two hundred and seventy-five feet more or less to a point on the west line of Robie Street one hundred and nineteen feet northerly from the place of beginning; thence southerly by the west line of Robie Street one hundred and nineteen feet to the piece of beginning.

The said lot being shewn enclosed by red lines on a plan entitled "Plan of land required by City to widen Coburg Road," signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax, on the 26th day of February, 1907, as Plan Number 1813.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman, Murray.

Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it, the division of Council being as follows:—

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Johnson, Murray,
Chisholm, Taylor,
Douglas, McManus,
MacKenzie, Hawkins—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley, Campbell,
Davison, Martin,
Hayward—9.

Alderman Johnson gives notice of reconsideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that No. 13 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 13, viz., Message His Worship the Mayor re large Fuel Yard as site for public market. August 30th, 1907.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the City agree to pay the sum of ten thousand dollars for the property known as the Fuel Yard on Bedford Row to be used as a market site.

Further resolved, That in addition to the foregoing the City agree to enter into a bond similar to the bond entered into in connection with the transfer of the little Fuel Yard to the City conditioned to provide a property when required so to do by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War for purposes of war—the cost of such property not to exceed the difference between the sum of ten thousand dollars to be paid as above and the value of the Fuel Yard property at the time of transfer as fixed by appraisers appointed by the Department of Militia and Defence and the City.

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

The following resolution is submitted by leave of Council:—

Resolved, that the Board of Works appoint an additional Water Inspector.

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

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that No. 12 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 12, viz: Letters Supervisor of Coal Weighers in re appointment of two coal weighers. August 30th, 1907. September 12th, 1907. All applications on file for said position.

The following named are severally nominated for one vacancy:—
J. L. Egan, Mark A. Noonan, D. J. Sullivan the first, D. J. Sullivan the second, John H. Sampson and Allan McLean.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For Egan, none. For Sampson, none.

For Noonan: Aldermen Hubley, Campbell and MacKenzie.—3

For D. J. Sullivan the first: Aldermen Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Davison, Martin, and Hayward.—12.

For McLean: Aldermen Hawkins.—1.

His Worship the Mayor declared D. J. Sullivan the first duly appointed a weigher of coal and coke.

The vote being taken for the second vacancy there appeared:

For Noonan, none. For Sullivan the second, none.

For J. L. Eagan—Aldermen Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley Davison and Martin—9.

For John H. Sampson—Alderman Murray—1.

For Allan McLean—Alderman Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Campbell, MacKenzie, Hayward and Hawkins—7.

His Worship the Mayor declared J. L. Eagan duly elected a weigher of coal and coke.

By leave of Council Alderman Murray submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the City Council hereby approves of the Act to provide for the enlarging and improving of the Court House at Halifax passed on the 28th day of April, 1906, being amended so that the amount to be provided for the purpose of enlarging and improving such Court be increased from a sum of money not in any event to exceed twenty-one thousand dollars to a sum of money not in any event to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and agree that the portion of said sum to be provided by the Province of Nova Scotia shall be one-third thereof, and that said Act be amended so as to authorize the issue of debentures by the Municipality of the County of Halifax to an amount sufficient to raise the remaining two-thirds of said sum.

Further resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Halifax any agreement that shall be required to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed *nem. con.*

Alderman Whitman gives notice of motion to restrict or limit the character of business to be conducted by the Silliker Car Company in so far as the said business is aided financially by the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that No. 14 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz: Offer of Patrick Kehoe to accept \$1,250.00 in settlement of his claim in re Halifax and South Western land damages. September 12th 1907.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the City pay to Patrick Kehoe the sum of \$1,250.00 in settlement of his claim in re Halifax and South Western Railway land damages.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Murray, that a special committee consisting of Aldermen Whitman, Johnson and Hoben be appointed to investigate and report on this matter to the Council.

Amendment put and passed.

The following resolution is submitted by leave of Council :—

Resolved, that the Board of Works if they deem it advisable and if funds are available place an electric light on Oxford Street between Coburg Road and South Street.

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

By leave of Council Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Board of Works, if they deem it advisable and if necessary funds are available, place a light on Hollis Street between Salter and Bishop Streets.

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

By leave of Council Alderman Davison submits the following resolution :—

Resolved, that two crossings be laid on Robie and Charles Streets opposite Charles Street Church as the present asphalt ones are in a very bad state.

Moved by Alderman Davison, seconded by Alderman Martin, and passed, and referred to the Committee on Works to carry out.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that No. 7 on Order of the Day, viz, Order in Council re debentures for loan for heating Albro Street School, July 4th, 1907, and No. 9, viz, Alderman Hubley's notice of motion to rescind resolution passed June 27th, 1907 re purchase of certain properties for extension of Central Engine House, July 4th, 1907 be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that No. 10 on Order of the Day, viz, Report City Engineer re water pipes on certain streets August 5th, 1907, be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Murray, that No. 5, viz, Alderman Whitman's notice of motion for two meetings each month, June 27th, 1907, be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Alderman Johnson resigns as a member of the Committee on Laws and Privileges. The resignation is accepted.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Alderman Chisholm be appointed a member of the Laws and Privileges Committee in place of Alderman Johnson. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that No. 15, viz.: Account of George F. Brady, \$450.00, for work at City Prison, May and June, 1907, September 12th, 1907, be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Archibald, Murray, Johnson, Douglas, and Hubley.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Chisholm, Taylor, Hoben, Davison, Campbell and Martin.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Murray, Chairman.

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

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

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

Reports (majority and minority) of special committee in re Patrick Kehoe claim, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Point Pleasant Park Commission covering accounts.

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

Report Coal Weighers for October.

Report City Health Board re condition of Brunswick Street.

Letter City Treasurer re issue of Certain debentures.

Letter City Auditor re deficit Exhibition Commission 1907.

Report Committee on Works on questions by Aldermen.

Report Committee on Works covering accounts.

Claim E. L. Fenerty in re water pipe line of 1893.

Notice of Action by George F. Brady against the City for work at City Prison.

Cash statements City Collector for September and October.

Letter County Council respecting fees for persons peddling farm produce in the City.

Alderman Johnson submits an Ordinance on the subject.

Letter Minister of Railways re fitting up S. S. "Alfreda" as a fire boat.

Letter W. B. A. Richie re alleged ownership by Trinity Church of a portion of North side of Cogswell Street.

Petition for an electric light at corner of School and Rector Streets.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION ON ORDER PAPER.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Johnson's notice of reconsideration of resolution in re purchase of property for widening Coburg Road, November 11th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed.

The question before the Council at the previous meeting is now read as follows:—

Whereas, The City of Halifax requires the land hereinafter described for the purpose of widening Coburg Road;

Therefore Resolved, That L. F. Monaghan, the City Clerk of the City of Halifax, be and is hereby authorized by this Council and on its behalf to enter into a contract with the Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's, or whoever may be the owner of the property described, for the purchase of all the estate, right, title, interest and possession of the said Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's or the proper owner in the said lot of land as shewn on a plan signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, dated February 26th, 1907, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax, N. S., as Plan Number 1813.

Further Resolved, That the said L. F. Monaghan offer the said Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's, or whoever may be the owner of the said property, the sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty (\$3,750.00) dollars as the value of the said land.

Further Resolved, That the said L. F. Monaghan report to the Council at an early date what agreement (if any) has been or can be made with the said Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's or the proper owner and if they are willing to accept the amount mentioned in this resolution.

The said land is described as follows:—

Description of land required by City to widen Coburg Road:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated at the North-west corner of Coburg Road and Robie Street in the City of Halifax and bounded as follows:—

Beginning at the north-west corner of Coburg Road and Robie Street and thence running westerly on the north line of Coburg Road two hundred and fifty feet to the north-east corner of Coburg Road and Edward Street; thence northerly on the east line of Edward Street two feet nine inches; thence in a straight line in a north easterly direction two hundred and seventy-five feet more or less to a point on the west line of Robie Street one hundred and nineteen feet northerly from the place of beginning; thence southerly by west line of Robie Street one hundred and nineteen feet to the place of beginning—the said lot being shewn enclosed by red lines on a plan entitled "Plan of land required by City to widen Coburg Road" signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and filed in the City Engineer's office at Halifax on the 26th day of February 1907, as Plan No. 1813.

Moved by Alderman Johnson seconded by Alderman Murray.

The resolution being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 4 against it, the division being as follows :—

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Murray, Chisholm,
Taylor, Douglas,
Hoben, Martin.—8

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Hubley, Campell.—4.

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Arch. Graham, suit, etc., \$8.30. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$3.01. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove pipe, etc., \$13.20. J. J. Skerry, groceries, \$28.02. W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$30.14. James Lamb, boots, \$9.00. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$10.00. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$4.20. John Foley, repairing chimney, \$44.54. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., light, \$2.44—\$200.85. Less Fraser Account, \$44.54. Total, \$156.31.

ANDREW HUBLEY,
I. B. SHAFFNER,
J. B. DOUGLAS.

The following resolution is submitted.

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

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

Read notice of motion against the City of Halifax by George F. Brady, in re account for work at City Prison.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the action if brought. Motion passed.

Read report Library Commission on various matters.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS, &c.

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

To the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Commission recommend the following accounts for payment :—

Library Bureau, magazine \$1.00. Morang & Co., books, \$6.20. Librarian University of Toronto, books, \$9.96. Mutual Subscription Agency, Magazines, \$133.55.

Cazenove & Sons, books, £46.19.0—\$228 65. T. C. Allen & Co., books, \$83.32. Total, \$462.68.

The Library Commission recommend that non-ratepayers who are engaged in business or are employed in the City but who reside without the City but within the County, be granted the privileges of the library upon complying with the usual conditions, and upon the payment of an annual fee of two dollars (\$2.00)

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park re accounts.

POINT PLEASANT PARK ACCOUNTS.

DECEMBER 2nd, 1907.

W. L. BROWN, ESQ. :

DEAR SIR,—Please find enclosed two bills of the Chronicle and Recorder for \$4.38 and \$4.30 respectively that have been passed as correct.

HECTOR MACINNES, *Secretary Commissioners Point Pleasant Park.*

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 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	\$1904 96
Street lighting	1626 21
Rockhead insurance	288 25
Teams and stables	1664 36
Water maintenance.	639 99
Water construction.....	2573 72
Internal Health	136 79
Permanent pavement	40
Permanent sidewalks	32 25
City Hall lighting.....	71 45
Public Baths.....	67 62
Streets	438 87
City property	65 76
Morris Street Engine House.....	7 54

Public Gardens fence	\$ 44 75
Widening Lower Water Street	102 22
Parade improvement	420 27
Total	\$10085 41

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

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

Read Cash Statements City Collector for September and October. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for October. Filed.

Aldermen Hawkins and MacKenzie here arrive and take their seats in Council.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, PUBLIC GARDENS, Dec. 3rd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

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

H. E. Tram. Co., \$5.01. N. S. Nursery, \$62.56. F. A. Shaw, \$17.53. John MacInnis & Son, \$57.78. Baldwin & Co., \$9.00. H. H. Fuller & Co., \$12.71. A. H. Buckley, \$0.40. W. C. Archibald & Sons, \$75.00. Brown Brothers Co., \$42.29. J. M. McGrath & Co., \$13.93. Total, \$296.21.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for November.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

DECEMBER 4TH, 1907.

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 and Campbell.

The Superintendent's report for November shows that during that month there were 57 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 25 discharged and 2 died. Of

the number admitted 14 were chargeable to the Province, 5 to Lunenburg County and 38 to the City. The total number of inmates November 30th, 1907 was 364, made up of 219 men, 138 women and 7 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—

A. L. Doyle & Co., \$263.92. W. A. Maling & Co., \$384.44. J. & M. Murphy, \$103.23. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$94.50. F. A. Shaw, \$66.27. Geo. Grigoire, \$29.13. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$48.63. B. Mulcahy, \$142.88. John F. Outhit, \$22.50. Brookfield Bros., \$30.00. Huxtable and Courtney, \$27.60. P. Dowd, \$7.00. R. T. Kinsman, \$7.23. Farquhar Bros., \$5.33. Pay Sheet, \$632.33. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$279.54. Black & Flinn, \$513.77. Wm. McFardridge, \$29.50. Wentzell's, Limited, \$575.00. Total, \$3 262.80.

GEO. M. CAMPBELL, *Acting-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 Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hoben and passed.

Read report City Health Board in re condition of Brunswick Street.
Referred to Committee on Works.

Read report City Treasurer re issuing of debentures.

DRY DOCK LOAN, &c.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, Dec. 5th, 1906.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that it will be necessary to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars for half of Dry Dock subsidy and four thousand dollars for purchase of fire hose.

The first named amount was payable on 1st December, and the hose has been in hand for some time.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Whereas, The sums of five thousand dollars and four thousand dollars are required for Dry Dock Subsidy and purchase of Fire Hose respectively ;

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized and instructed to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund a Stock Certificate Consolidated Fund 1880 for five thousand dollars under the authority of Chapter 52 Acts of 1889 ;

And five debentures of eight hundred dollars each payable in five equal annual instalments under authority of Chapter 60 acts of 1906, the said certificate and debentures to be issued at par and bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald.

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Trustees of the Sinking Fund can legally invest Sinking

Fund moneys in City debentures at par when their value in the money market is under par.

The City Solicitor said he would have to look into the question before giving an opinion.

Alderman Johnson asked that His Worship the Mayor request the City Treasurer to prepare a list of all cancelled debentures which have not been destroyed and to have the same placed on record.

Moved in amendment to Alderman Johnson's resolution by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds debentures and the Stock Certificate mentioned in the Treasurer's report at the current market value.

Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 9 against it, the division of Council being as follows :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell—6.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred until the City Solicitor submits his opinion on the subject. Amendment passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon Present—Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Taylor and Archibald. Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. That the Board be authorized to call for tenders from the local dealers for forage for the Fire Department horses for the period between January 1st and October 31st, 1908.
2. That four tenders for forage for the month of December were received and the tender of J. S. Cashen was accepted in accordance with resolution passed by the Council October 17th.
3. The Board received a petition from the permanent drivers of the Department asking that their pay be increased to \$12 00 per week. Your Board recommend that the pay of the drivers of the chemical engines be fixed for next civic year at \$12.000 per week, and that the pay of all the other drivers be increased each \$1.00 per week.
4. In March last the Council decided to purchase the O'Donnell and Evans properties on Albemarle Street for the extension and improvement of Central Engine House

and later legislative authority was obtained for the purpose and the properties were purchased. Mr. W. B. Fidler has recently gone carefully into this matter and reported to the Board the cost of making such improvements as are absolutely necessary at the Grafton Street House and at Central, and has also drawn plans for enlarging Central House. Mr. Fidler estimates the cost of improving Grafton Street House at \$1700 00, adding stable and hay loft and fitting up tower for hose drying at Central at \$6725.00—a total of \$8,425 00, as against \$15,000.00 for extending the present Central Engine House to Albemarle Street. One or the other of these plans must be adopted, and your Board is of the opinion it would be in the interest of the Department and the most economical to extend the Central Engine House to Albemarle Street according to Mr. Fidler's plans and abandon the Grafton Street House. The Grafton Street property would sell for about \$3,000.00, which would leave the difference between the two plans \$3,575.00, and provide the Department with a first-class up-to-date house, with more satisfactory arrangements and less expense than altering and maintaining two separate houses.

It is therefore recommended that the Committee on Works call for tenders for erecting an addition to the Central Engine House on Albemarle Street according to Mr. Fidler's plans; that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue sufficient debentures or stock to provide the necessary funds under the Acts of 1907, and that the Grafton Street Engine House be sold and the proceeds applied as directed by the City Charter.

5. Since the removal of the fire alarm bell from the engine house at the top of Gerrish Street complaints have constantly been made that the alarm bell on West Street house is inaudible. Mr. Fidler has reported that this trouble can be remedied for \$550 00, and the Board recommends that tenders be asked for raising the tower of this house according to Mr. Fidler's plans—the work to be paid for out of current account.

6. It is also recommended that tenders be invited for installing heating apparatus for Quinpool Road House. It is estimated the work will cost about \$700.00.

7. It is recommended that the Chairman and Chief purchase certain bed clothing, &c., required for various of the houses upon inspecting samples and receiving tenders.

8. Also that the Chairman and Chief be authorized to sell any of the Department horses that are unfit for fire duty and to purchase such other horses as may be required.

9. Also that prices be obtained and the Chairman authorized to purchase two 10 foot lengths of 2½ inch suction hose with couplings for No. 4 steamer.

10. The Chairman reported that he had received a cablegram from John Howard, Agent-General for Nova Scotia, stating that the Shand, Mason & Co., steam fire engine would be shipped from England on the S. S. "Corsican" on the 6th inst.

11. The following report of Chief Broderick is recommended for adoption:—

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

The Chairman and Board of Fire Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to make the following report and recommendations:—

That Edward Pearson, Call-man on No. 1 Engine, has resigned.

Also Charles Fisher, Supernumerary on Engine No. 2 resigned.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That George McDonald, Supernumerary on Engine No. 1, be call-man on Engine No. 1, vice Edward Pearson, resigned.

That Charles Yeadon, Supernumerary on Engine No. 1, be permanently appointed Blacksmith's helper.

That William Branch be appointed Supernumerary on engine No 2.

That the Supernumeraries be supplied with oil clothing.

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

12. The following named accounts are recommended for payment :—

F. A. Shaw, forage, \$382.94. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$15.52. A. Allison, harness, \$99.00. W. C. Knight, harness, \$6.15. John T. Meagher, horseshoeing, \$14.40. P. Porrier, horseshoeing, \$4.33. Geo. Thompson, brooms, \$7.00. MacDonald & Co., machine work, \$8.87. Charles Ryder, removing soil, \$5.00. Pitner Lighting Systems, supplies, \$8.55. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$13.90. T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, \$3.10. J. A. Dunn, nickel plating, \$1.75. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$1.89. Chronicle advertising, \$4.63. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, \$3.42. LeMonte Buskins, chimney sweeping, \$14.75. National Drug Co., alcohol and sponges, \$7.75. J. McD. Taylor, oil, \$0.70. Globe Laundry, work, \$6.26. Henry Lovett, leather, \$0.50. J. F. Crowe & Co., soap, \$2.25. S. Cunard & Co., Scotch coal, \$118.07. E. B. Eddy & Co., paper, \$7.65. Total, \$738.41.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clause 1 and 2 re tenders for forage, and clause 3 re increase of pay for the drivers of the Department are severally read and adopted on motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Campbell.

Read Clause 4 re amalgamation of Grafton Street and Central Engine Houses.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that this clause be adopted.

The motion being put there appeared :

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, Campbell, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—11.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Hubley—4.
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His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, the same not having received a two-thirds vote.

Alderman Johnson gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 5 re raising bell tower of West Street engine house.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that this be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Read clause 6 re heating apparatus for the Quinpool Road house.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are severally read and adopted on motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald.

Read clause 12 re accounts.

The following resolution is introduced :—

Resolved, That the clause of the report of the Board of Fire Wards re accounts 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 Murray, and passed.

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

Read petition for an electric light, corner of School and Rector Streets.

Referred to Committee on Works.

Read letter County Council asking for the appointment of a special committee respecting license fees for persons peddling farm produce.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the request be complied with, and that the special committee on assessment be appointed as such committee.

Alderman Johnson submits as an amendment to the motion an Ordinance to amend section 8 of Ordinance 22 "Of Petty Trades," and moves that the same be received and referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

The amendment is put and passed.

Read letter Minister of Railways re fitting up the Government steamer "Alfreda" as a fire boat.

S. S. ALFREDA AS FIRE BOAT.

OTTAWA, 21st Nov. 1907.

DEAR MR. MAYOR,—On my recent visit to your City you will remember a suggestion was made, for the protection against fire, that appliances be placed on the steamer belonging to the Militia Department. You will also remember that I promised to bring this matter before the Minister of Militia on my return. If you will write Sir Frederick Borden bringing this matter to his notice in a formal application that steps be taken, I think something will come of it. Thanking you and the City Council for their courtesy to me during my stay in Halifax, believe me,

Yours truly

GEORGE P. GRAHAM.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said letter be referred to His Worship the Mayor to acknowledge and to thank the Minister of Railways for the interest manifested by him in this matter. Motion passed.

Read letter W. B. A. Ritchie re alleged ownership by Trinity Church of a strip of land north side of Cogswell Street.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee.

Read letter City Auditor re Provincial Exhibition Deficit 1907.

EXHIBITION DEFICIT, 1907.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, Dec. 4th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Manager of the Provincial Exhibition for the current year 1907, and find deficit on same to be \$14,383.54. Of this amount the City is responsible for one-half, \$7,191.77. Will you kindly arrange for payment of same.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

EXHIBITION OF 1907.

DR.		CR.	
Oct. 31.	Horse Department... \$ 100 30	Oct. 31.	Rentals..... \$270 00
	Agricultural Depart .. 66 50		Less H. & P... 50 00
	Arts Department..... 350 00		\$ 220 00
	Poultry Department .. 150 44		Old Buildings..... 170 00
	Transportation .. 92 25		Entries—Ordinary 825 50
	Sheep and Swine 35 00		“ Speed 5,046 00
	Educational 42 00		Privileges 1,452 67
	Horticultural..... 159 30		Admissions..... 16,050 85
	Ticket 724 50		Dining Hall 96 14
	Lighting..... 854 61		
	Mines 18 00		
	Manufacturers..... 259 00		
	Cattle 120 00		
	Speed ... 711 81		
	Machinery 134 69		
	Insurance 2,066 67		
	Caretaker 456 25		
	Interest 437 05		
	Postage 364 97		
	Fisheries 81 32		
	Fire Department 77 25		
	Attractions.. \$3,866 96		
	Bands..... 1,110 00		
	4,976 96		
	Commissioners 153 76		
	Secretary's office 2,407 02		
	Domestic 104 66		
	Printing & Advertising 3,857 81		
	Reception and Meals . 269 10		
	Lodging Bureau 26 10		
	Police 671 90		
	Judges..... 620 83		
	Expenses..... 626 70		
	Maintenance 527 70		
	Prizes, ordinary 8,599 75		
	Speed. \$8,450 00		
	Less Cont ... 350 00		
	8,100 00		
	\$38,244 70		\$23,861 16

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the same be referred to the Finance Committee and that the amount of deficit to be raised be extended over a period of three years.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alder-

man Shaffner, that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee and that said Committee report on the Exhibition accounts at next meeting of Council.

Amendment put and passed on a show of hands 12 voting for the same and 3 against it.

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

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 16th, 1907.

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

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Taylor, McManus, Kelly, Hoben, Campbell and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider School Board Estimates for 1908-9, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Letter City Solicitor in re Notice of Action George F. Brady vs. The City of Halifax.

Letters Provincial Secretary and Secretary School Board covering Estimates for Public Schools for 1908-9.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz : Alderman Johnson's notice of reconsideration of resolution in re amalgamation of Grafton Street and Central Engine Houses. December 5th, 1907.

Alderman Johnson declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter and the item is struck from the Order of the Day.

Read letters Provincial Secretary and Secretary Board of School Commissioners in re Estimates for Public Schools 1908-9.

The said Estimates totalling \$139,715.00 are also read.

The following resolution submitted by Alderman Johnson.

Resolved, That the Governor-in-Council be informed that this Council is of opinion that the following amounts should be added to such Estimates :—

To provide Sinking Fund to redeem bebtenture issue of \$105,860.00 at maturity	\$ 1,846 17
To provide one per cent. on old debt	3,361 00
To provide interest on new debt	4,234 40
To repay interest on money advanced previous to 1st January 1908.....	669 07
To pay interest on probable bank overdraft for schools.....	2,500 00
	\$12,610 64

Further Resolved, That this sum be reduced by \$1,779.19 if before the hearing by the Governor-in-Council the School Board forward a cheque to the City Treasurer for the amount of \$1,779.19.

Further Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ask the Governor-in-Council to require the School Board to amend the Estimates in the above particulars.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the Governor-in-Council be requested by this Council to amend the item of Teachers' Salaries \$94,750.00 by striking out the increase of \$4,250.00 making the item to read \$90,500.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that all the words after the word "That" in Alderman Hubley's motion be struck out and the following words substituted therefor: "the Governor-in-Council be requested by this Council to amend the estimates prepared by the Board of School Commissioners by striking out the item \$1,000.00 allowance for Commissioners and that legislation be sought to amend the Act so that this item may not be provided for in future.

Amendment put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Governor-in-Council be requested by this Council to amend the item of Teachers' Salaries \$94,750.00 by striking out the increase of \$4,250.00 and substituting therefor an increase of \$2,125.00, making the total estimate for this item \$92,625.00.

Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the Finance Committee be the committee to appear before the Governor-

in-Council in the matter of the School Board Estimates. Motion passed.

Read letter City Solicitor in re notice of action by George. F. Brady against the City of Halifax for work at City Prison.

BRADY VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Dec. 16th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—There are several matters in this case on which I feel I should be properly instructed before entering on a defence of the action, and I would therefore ask that the matter be referred to some committee with whom I can discuss it freely.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

P. S.—I take the liberty of suggesting that the committee which has already had this claim under investigation would be very well adapted to deal further with the matter.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report of the City Solicitor be concurred in and that the special committee appointed to investigate the Brady accounts be the special committee to confer with the City Solicitor. Motion passed.

Read Report Police Committee covering accounts for payment :

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

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

The City Council:

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

Howard McFatridge, V. S., boarding horse, \$24.75. W. C. Knight, horse rug, etc., \$3.75. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.50, \$2.50—\$5.00. Citizens' Free Library, binding dictionary, \$1.00. James Halliday, repairing and altering clothing, \$2.25—\$36.75. J. H. Mont & Co., putting on tin, \$2.00. Total, \$38.75.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.25 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 31st, 1907.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Taylor and Martin.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Hubley that the time for meeting be extended until 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Kelly, Hoben, Davison, Hayward, Hawkins, and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to consider the Estimates for 1908-9, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman, in re fire engine "Alexandra."

Estimates for 1908-9 by Alderman Johnson, Chairman of Finance Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read Estimates for 1908-9.

Alderman Johnson reads and submits his address on the Estimates.

ALDERMAN JOHNSON'S ADDRESS ON ESTIMATES.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 31st, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—As Chairman of the Finance Committee I beg leave to lay before you the estimates for the year 1908-9 as recommended by the committee for adoption by the Council. The chief concern to the public is to note what the aggregate is and the difference over last year, and our duty is to explain how this increase came about. By referring to the end of the report you will notice that the increase over last years' estimate is \$41,120.16. The increases of this year over last year under the various headings, are as follows :

Salaries.....	\$ 1000 00
Police Department.....	850 00
Rockhead Prison.....	1050 00

City Works	\$1881 00
Fire Department	536 00
Miscellaneous (Principally advertising and printing)....	1271 05
County of Halifax.....	300 00
Schools, including Sinking Fund and Interest	13046 45
City Home	2120 00
Point Pleasant Park	500 00
School for the Blind.....	315 00
Deaf and Dumb Institution.....	120 00
Truants.....	613 22
Protestant Home for females.....	300 00
Camp Hill Cemetery.....	500 00
Board of Health.....	8453 29
Deficit of Provincial Exhibition	7191 77
City Charter.....	2000 00
Expenses of McLaughlan Suit	456 86
Increased interest and Sinking Fund.....	1514 16
Making a total of	\$44018 80

This amount, after being adjusted by deducting certain items of income, is brought down to \$41,120.16.

The increase in the salaries of officials of the City will no doubt meet with the approval of at least all the broadminded men of the community, as the majority of these officials have served the City faithful for many years.

The Police Committee regret that, on account of the present Act, they were unable to report an increased appropriation. The present Act provides that a policeman shall start with \$400.00 and have an increase yearly of \$50.00 until he reaches the maximum. It is proposed that the law be changed during the present session, giving each policeman \$500.00 at the start and a yearly increase of \$100.00 until he reaches \$700.00; and that the superior officers have a corresponding increase. It is hoped that the Council will pass such an Act and that it take effect May 1st, an amount being borrowed to meet the additional cost, and said amount go into the next estimates

On account of the fire which occurred at Rockhead Prison, considerable unforeseen expenditure had to be met. There was a very small sale of broken stone during the year. At present there are about eight thousand bushels on hand for sale. After careful investigation, the Prison Committee recommended \$700 for repairs, but the Finance Committee cut it down to \$350.

The chief items of increase in the Department of Works is \$500. additional for cleaning paved streets, and \$1000 for teams and stables. By investing this \$1000 in additional teams, the ashes and garbage will be removed in a much more expeditious manner than in the past.

There is \$800 for additional lights. It was hoped that we would be able to provide for an every-night service during the coming year, but it was deemed advisable to adhere to the moonlight schedule. The committee would earnestly impress on the Board of Works the necessity of the electrician seeing that a better service is given in the coming year than in the past. A moonlight schedule should mean full moon; otherwise the streets in the business section of the City where the buildings are high are absolutely dark. It would be better if the Chief of Police had charge of this matter.

The item for preparing Official Plan, \$500 is cut out, as it is believed the plan will be completed under the present appropriation.

Last year the estimate for the Fire Department was \$41 600. This was quite an increase over previous years, and was to cover additional men and equipment. Part of this equipment has not yet been received, and a considerable unexpended balance will be available and should be used to put the Department in good condition by supplying many very necessary and inexpensive articles. The report of the Fire Wards, which will be presented to the Council to-day, will deal with that matter.

A new item appears under "Miscellaneous," viz., \$500 for advertising the City. On various occasions the City has been put to some annoyance by not having such a fund to make known its advantages to the outside world.

Under Probable Income there are a number of items, all based on actual experience. The chief increase is \$3500 from Liquor Licenses, and \$1500 from Hack, Truck and other licenses.

One item, which created a great deal of feeling in the City, principally among the merchants who are our largest tax-payers, has been cut out, viz., Rent of Hatchways, \$2000. This was an objectionable tax and difficult to collect, as it is not a lien on the properties.

According to law, we can only expend \$140,000, after allowing for our probable income, for the Internal Government of the City. That is, salaries, police, prison, works, fire department, and miscellaneous. This amounts to \$139,757.36.

Under Extra Assessment there is an increase of \$13,046.45 for schools. No just criticism can be made of this as the School Commissioners are simply doing their duty in putting the school buildings and equipment in proper condition. This large increase was principally brought about by erecting St. Patrick's Girls' High School, and a large amount on the Joe Howe School, formerly known as Albro Street School.

Another very large increase is \$8,453.29 for the Board of Health. This was brought about by the scourge of small-pox appearing in the City. There were about seventy cases, and as the people in the quarantined houses had to be fed and a large number of wachmen paid, the expenses soon ran up. According to the Charter, this must be assessed in one year. The Board of Health has unlimited power to spend money for such a purpose, and it would be a serious matter for the City if such expenditure should in any one year, reach a very large amount. The Charter should be amended so that, if it exceeds a reasonable amount, it should be spread over five years.

For many reasons, which it is unnecessary to state here, the City's share of the Provincial Exhibition deficit is a very large one, viz., \$7,191.77. Prior to 1901 such deficit was spread over a series of years. For instance, in our present estimate we are paying the sixth payment of the deficit of 1901, although that deficit only amounted to \$4,343.94.

Your Committee thought it desirable to face the existing conditions and include the total amount of these extraordinary expenditures in the estimates rather than to divide them over a series of years.

The members of the Council will no doubt incur some criticism for the increase in the rate, particularly by the citizens who will not investigate the various items which have gone to increase the rate. One question for every citizen to ask himself is whether it would be more desirable to allow smallpox to become rampant in the City or to wipe it out at a cost of about \$8,000. Happily it has been stamped out, and there is no case in the City at present. There are a number of large items in these estimates which will not appear in that of next year, namely:

Smallpox	about \$ 8000 00
Deficit Provincial Exhibition	7191 77
City Charter	2000 00
McLaughlin law suit	456 86
Superannuation N. Power	195 00
Wiswell's claim	118 88
Brennan claim	100 00
	\$18062 51

In other words, the Council for 1909-10 can expend over \$18,000 without increasing the rats; that is, the citizens are called upon to pay about six cents on the rate for this purpose in order to wipe these amounts out in one year.

If it had not been for these extraordinary expenditures and the \$13,000 addition for schools the rate would practically be the same for the incoming year as the present

one. On account of taking over the Cunard property by the Dominion Government and other reasons the City lost about \$230,000 assessable property. This is partly made up by the large amount of building that has gone on during the year, and our income will be increased on account of a new bank and various other companies coming into the City. If the existing conditions are the same every \$2812 will put our rate up a cent, so that \$41,120 would mean 14 2/3 cents. This will make the rate 1.94. It is expected the rate will be 1.92.

The additional cost of schools will put up the rate to 4.63, about 5 cents. The small-pox will mean 3 cents

The Exhibition deficit and other small items which will go off next year will mean 3.57.

The present City rate is 1.15, school rate 59, County rate 5. The City rate next year will be about 1.23, school rate 64, and County 5

I wish to impress on the citizens that about 7 cents of this is temporary, and goes off next year, but for that our City rate this year would be about 1.16.

It may be well to notice that \$100,000 of the 5 per cent. debt of the City was paid off last July, and that there is one more year left for subsidy to the Dry Dock.

For nineteen years we have been assessing the citizens \$5,000 a year and adding to the debt of the City \$5,000 a year. all on account of this Dry Dock.

In 1910-11 the City will be relieved of this annual charge of \$10,000.

A few years ago Halifax appeared as if it did not belong to anybody. Its streets and sidewalks were in a dilapidated condition. Now every citizen feels considerable satisfaction that the City has been discovered, and that there has been a tremendous improvement in its streets, sidewalks, sewers, fire department, and in many other respects. It would be a God-send to this City and the province if we had a few optimistic men of the type of the late lamented J. Israel Tarte, whose wish would be to develop Canadian trade and make that trade go through Canadian ports. Then the Isthmus of Chignecto would be hardly wide enough to contain the lines of railway that would be coming into Nova Scotia, and we would no longer be the hermit province so far as communication with the rest of the Dominion is concerned. Then the harbor front of Halifax would be one magnificent wharf, and this City would reach its proper destiny.

There is a reference to this estimate reaching over half a million, but it has cost over half a million to run this City for many years. I hope to live to see the day when Halifax will be so increased in population that it will cost a million to run the City.

It is absurd to think that this City will ever become great until such time as the harbor front is properly equipped and until we have the C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk Pacific running here. On account of the manner in which the estimates of this City were made out for many years past the total cost of running the City never appears. It would be something like this for one year :—

Total amount of present estimates.....	\$509379 64
Probable income	57250 00
Income from banks, Ins., Loan and other Companies....	42700 00
Interest and sinking fund charged to water.....	47142 00
Salaries charged to water.....	5750 00
	\$662221 64

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shaffner that the Estimates be received. Motion passed.

The said Estimates are now taken up item by item.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT.

Salaries.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$1000 00	Passed.
The City Solicitor.....	1200 00	"
The City Treasurer.....	1800 00	

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

Motion passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Item	\$1800 00	Passed.
The City Clerk	1350 00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman McManus, that this item be placed at \$1,400 00.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Ald. Johnson, Taylor,	Ald. Shaffner, Whitman,
Douglas, McManus,	Chisholm, Hoben,
Davison, Marti,	Kelly, Hubley—6.
MacKenzie, Kayward,	
Hawkins—9.	

Item	\$1400 00	Passed.
Assistant City Clerk	1100 00	"

Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2500 00	"
City Engineer.....	3000 00	"
Assistant City Engineer.....	1600 00	"
City Auditor.....	1500 00	"
Collector of Rates and Taxes and 4 sub-collectors.....	4000 00	"
First Clerk in Collector's Office	\$850.00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this item be placed at \$800.00.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. Chisholm, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison.—6.	Ald. Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Taylor, Douglas, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—9.

Original motion put and passed.

Item.....	\$ 850 00	Passed.
Second Clerk in Collector's Office.....	\$850 00	“

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this item be placed at \$800.00.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Item.....	\$ 850 00	Passed.
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Alderman Hubley dissenting.

City Assessor.....	\$1400 00	Passed.
Two Assistant Assessors @ \$1100.00 each.....	2200 00	“
Registrar of Voters.....	200 00	“
Janitor City Hall.....	800 00	“
City Medical Officer.....	1000 00	“
Water Inspector.....	\$800 00	“

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this item be placed at \$728.00

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelley, Hubley, Davison.—7.	Ald. Johnson, Taylor, Douglas. McManus, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—8.

The original motion put and passed.

Item.....	\$800 00	Passed.
Clerk of Works Department.....	\$1300 00	“

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

Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Item	\$1300 00	Passed.
Stenographer	\$ 600 00	"
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers	1000 00	"
Superintendent of Water Department	1200 00	"
License Inspector	\$1200 00	

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

Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Item	\$1200 00	Passed.
Librarian Citizens' Free Library	475 00	"
Assistant Librarian	350 00	"
Second Assistant Librarian	\$250 00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this item be placed at \$300.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Item	\$ 300 00	Passed.
Plumbing Inspector	850 00	"

Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Electrician	\$1200 00	Passed.
Total salaries passed at	<u> </u>	\$35675 00

Less :

CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

Assistant City Engineer	\$1600 00	Passed.
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	850 00	"
Superintendent Water Department	1200 00	"
Water Inspector	800 00	"
Clerk of Works Department	1300 00	"
	<u> </u>	\$5750 00

CHARGED TO SEWERAGE.

Part Salary of Stenographer	\$ 300 00	"
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers	1000 00	"
	<u> </u>	\$1300 00

CHARGED TO VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

License Inspector (License Fund)	\$1200 00	"
Librarian and Assistant Librarians (Library)	1125 00	"
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health)	850 00	"
	<u> </u>	\$3175 00
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		\$10225 00
Salaries		\$25450 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance.....\$32850 00 Passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron..... 1200 00
Underkeepers, one @ \$540 and three @ \$510=\$2070 00

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the salaries of the three Underkeepers who were not increased be increased \$30.00 each.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Item.....	\$2070 00	Passed.
Messenger.....	540 00	"
Maintenance.....	\$2225 00	
Less probable income from broken stone.....	400 00 1825 00	"
To replace tools lost at fire.....	65 00	"
Repairs to buildings.....	\$350 00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this item be placed at \$500.00.

The amendment being put 7 voted for the same and 7 against it, the names on the division being as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. Whitman, Hoben, Helly,	Ald. Johnson, Chisholm,
Hubley, Martin,	Taylor, Douglas,
MacKenzie, Hayward—7.	McManus, Davison,
	Hawkins.—7.

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the amendment and declared it lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

Item.....	\$350 00	
Total Rockhead Prison.....	—————	\$6050 00 Passed.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Cleaning Paved Streets.....	\$ 5500 00	Passed.
Streets.....	25000 00	"
Internal Health.....	17000 00	"
Maintenance of Sewers.....	500 00	"
Teams and Stables.....	6000 00	"

Fuel.....	\$ 1100 00	Passed.
Telephones.....	270 00	"
Lighting City Hall.....	856 00	"
Lighting Streets.....	22800 00	"
Insurance.....	850 00	"
City Property.....	\$2500 00	"

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Whitman that this item be placed at \$2,650.00.

Amendment put and passed.

Item.....	\$2650 00	Passed.
Maintenance of Baths.....	200 00	"
Electric Wiring equipment.....	175 00	"
Inspection of Electric Wiring.....	550 00	"
Total Dept. of City Works.....	—————\$83,451 00	"

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance.....\$42,136 00

Read application of Call Fireman for a further increase of pay than that included in the Committee's recommendation.

The same is referred to the Committee of Firewards.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the item pass at \$42,136.00. Motion passed.

Item.....\$42136 00 Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationary.....	3000 00	"
" " Short for Civic Report, 1906-7.....	350 00	"
Interest on Commutation Fund (common Lots) \$5509 @ 4 p.c.....	220 36	"
Contingent, Including Fees Medical Examiner.....	3000 00	"
Revising and Printing Juries Lists.....	\$200 00	"

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this item be dropped from the Estimates.

Amendment put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the amendment.</p> <p>Ald. Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, and Hayward—13.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Ald. Johnson and Hawkins—2.</p>
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Advertising Halifax..... \$500 00

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

The vote being taken there appeared :

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Ald. Johnson, Taylor, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie, and Hawkins—6.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Ald. Shaffner, Whitman Chisholm, McManus, Hoben, Hubley, Davison & Hayward—8.</p>
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The item is dropped.

Total Miscellaneous	\$ 6570 36	Passed.
	\$196507 36	"

Less.

PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses	\$32500 00	Passed.
Hack, Truck and Other Licenses.....	4500 00	"
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts.....	4000 00	"
Rents City Property.....	1750 00	"
Dog Tax.....	1500 00	"
Current Interest	1000 00	"
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	12000 00	"
	\$ 57250 00	

Total General Assessment	\$139257 36	"
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EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax.....	11900 00	Passed
Public Schools including interest and sinking fund.....	148046 45	"
Bank, for Interest on Advances to Public Schools	2500 00	"
City Home	27800 00	"
Public Gardens and Common	6000 00	"
Point Pleasant Park	2500 00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman,

Item	\$	Passed.
E. Brennan, (under Acts 1907, Chap. 69)	7191 77	"
Bal Revising City Charter (under Acts 1907, Chap 69)	100 00	"
W. G. Wiswell, et al arbitrating etc	2000 00	"
McLaughlin Carriage Co., expenses suit	118 88	"
	456 86	"
	<u>\$244336 31</u>	"

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

10th payment on loan for Public Baths (\$3,000)	800 00	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4%	16 00	"
6th payment on loan Deficit Provincial Exhibition 1901 (\$4,343.94)	440 50	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4½%	108 49	"
6th payment on loan for House Public Gardens (\$4,000)	405 57	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4½%	99 88	"
3rd payment on loan for various purposes (\$22,300)	4400 00	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4%	440 00	"
1st payment on loan for hose (\$4,000)	800 00	"
Interest on same at 4%	160 00	"
	<u>7670 44</u>	"

CITY HALL DEBENTURES.

\$25,000 at 4%	}	2125 00	"
25,000 at 4½%			

HALIFAX AND SOUTH WESTERN R'WAY LAND DAMAGES.

Debentures (\$46,000) at 4%	1840 00	"
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CONSOLIDATED FUND 1880.

\$ 686,000 at 5 per cent	34300 00	"
1,143,700 at 4½ per cent	51466 50	"
1,042,890 at 4 per cent	41715 60	"
67,000 at 3½ per cent	2345 00	"
	<u>\$129827 10</u>	

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent	\$ 7,650 00	"
679,600 at 4½ per cent	30,582 00	"
214,000 at 4 per cent	8,560 00	"
10,000 at 3½ per cent	350 00	"
	<u>47142 00</u>	"
	<u>\$82665 10</u>	"

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905.

\$683,200 at 4 per cent 12 months	27328 00	"
Less.		
Charged Silliker Car Co. \$ 71,076 at 4%	\$2,843 04	"
Charged Water Acct. 54,675 at 4%	2,187 00	"
Charged Public Schools 105,860 at 4%	4,234 40	"
	<u>9264 44</u>	"
	<u>18063 56</u>	"