

SINKING FUNDS

Under Chapter 65 Acts of 1898.....	200 00	“
“ “ 51 “ 1902.....	3000 00	“
“ “ 54 “ 1903-4.....	5000 00	“
“ “ 49 “ 1905.....	1300 00	“
“ “ 60 & 65 “ 1906 and Acts of 1907, as far as borrowed.....	3309 00	“
	12809 00	“
Add one per cent for short collection.....	508786 77	“
	5087 86	“
Less from unexpended balances.....	513874 63	“
	5000 00	“
Total assessment.....	\$508874 63	

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the general and ordinary assessment, amounting to \$139,257.36, and the extra assessment, amounting to \$374,617.27, as per the yearly estimates for 1908-9, making a total of \$513,874.63, less \$5,000.00 to be taken from unexpended balances, be confirmed, and do now pass, and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$508,874.63.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st December, inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1909, on the basis of the said amount of \$508,874.63.

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

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration of the whole estimate.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and lost.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards covering letter from Agent-General for Nova Scotia enclosing certificate of the Chief Engineer Officer of the London Fire Brigade that the steam fire engine “Alexandra” built for this City by Shand, Mason & Co. had complied with the tests required by the City and recommending for payment the account of Austen Brothers for the engine and for the English hose etc., purchased.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE “ALEXANDRA.”

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day. Present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman) Hayward and Taylor. The Committee beg to report that the steam

fire engine "Alexandra" ordered from Shand, Mason & Co., through Austen Bros., and also the hose purchased in the same way by resolution of Council, are expected to arrive to-morrow in the S. S. "Sicilian." The contract price for the engine delivered on dock at Halifax was \$5,330. The bill for the hose and connecting lines, including duty, amount to \$1179.10. Messrs Austen Bros. have passed papers through the Customs which will enable the City to take delivery of these goods immediately upon their arrival and your board recommend that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign cheques for the payment of these accounts as soon as the goods are landed upon wharf at Halifax.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30th, 1907.

CITY CLERK,

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, Esq.,
Halifax, N. S. :

DEAR SIR,—Messrs. S. Cunard & Co. just inform us by 'phone that the S.S. "Sicilian" is now at Newfoundland, and is likely to arrive here at this port on Wednesday, in which event, as Wednesday is a holiday, it is absolutely necessary, should the engine be landed, for you to take immediate delivery of same along with the hose, and to enable you to do this we can hand you to-morrow a special order from the Collector (we having paid all duty on the 26th), so that you can take immediate possession of engine and hose, and in the event of our doing this could you not arrange this afternoon so as to let us have the cheque to-morrow, for the engine and the hose matter can stand until you have the meeting of the Council?

AUSTEN BROS.

27th November, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 15th inst. re fire engine, I now beg to enclose the report of Mr. Gordon, Chief Engineer of the London Fire Brigade, regarding the trial of the engine on the 22nd and 23rd inst., which you will notice he considers satisfactory. My secretary attended during the two days the engine was being tested to see that everything was carried out in a fair and satisfactory manner. By the courtesy of the Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board, who allowed the engine to be tried on their ground, an abundance of water was obtainable.

In compliance with your last cable I have wired you to-day as follows under code: "Engine moturam'muricand Corsican pionates," i. e., "Engine test satisfactory; will be shipped by Corsican 6th December." Messrs. Shand & Mason having informed me that they intended despatching it by this boat.

I regret the delay which has occurred in carrying this matter through, but I hear that Messrs. Shand & Mason always take a long time with regard to supplying orders, but they put in most excellent work.

I trust, therefore, that the engine will prove in every way satisfactory. I had a photo taken, which I enclose, as probably it will be of interest to you to see the appearance of the engine.

Assuring you at all times of my desire to be of service in connection with any future matters in this or other connections, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

J. HOWARD.

ROBERT T. MACILREITH, Esq.,
Halifax, N. S.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE.
REFERENCE SHEET.

From.....

To.....

The Engineer, Workshops.

The Chief Officer L. F. B.

LONDON ENGLAND, 25th, November, 1907.

I have to report that, in accordance with the Chief Officer's orders, I witnessed the trials of the steam fire engine built by Messrs Shand, Mason & Co., for the Corporation of Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the Battersea depot of the Southwark & Vauxhall water works, on Friday and Saturday, the 22nd and 23rd instant.

The following were the tests made:—

Starting from cold water (half a glass) with fuel consisting of shavings, wood and coal, the following times were recorded from the time when smoke first issued from the chimney:—

10 lbs. of steam in 5 minutes	30 seconds.
20 " " 6 " 20 "	
30 " " 7 " 40 "	
60 " " 9 " "	
100 " " 9 " 45 "	

The engine was then started and threw a jet through 250 feet of unlined hose and a $1\frac{3}{4}$ " nozzle to a horizontal distance of 100 feet. The engine was kept at work for 15 minutes during which time steam was maintained at a pressure of 120 lbs.

With two lines of $2\frac{3}{4}$ " rubber lined hose, each 700 feet long, and two $1\frac{3}{4}$ " nozzles, the engine threw jets to a height of over 85 feet. With the same lines of hose, leading into a 2 into 1 breeching, with a $1\frac{3}{4}$ " nozzle, the engine threw a jet to a height of over 85 feet.

With the same lines of hose, each ending in a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " nozzle, the engine threw jets to a height of over 110 feet.

The working pressure of the boiler is 125 lbs., on the square inch, and I witnessed a test with cold water to 250 lbs., on the square inch, which the boiler stood satisfactorily.

I compared the pressure gauges, both steam and water, with our standard gauge and found them correct.

During the above trials steam was easily maintained in the boiler at a pressure of 120 lbs., the engine being worked by the manufacturers' men.

I consider the engine generally to be satisfactory.

E. A. H. GORDON.

Forwarded to the Agent-General for Nova Scotia,
57a Pall Mall, S. W.

UPPER GROUND STREET,
BLACKFRIARS ROAD,

LONDON, S. E., Dec. 6th, 1907.

MESSRS. AUSTEN BROS.,

Halifax, N. S.:

GENTLEMEN,—Confirming our wire of yesterday, the railway company received the engine this morning, guaranteeing to deliver it in Liverpool to-morrow morning for shipment per the S. S. Carthagena, which sails on Tuesday next, and we hope you will receive the engine safely.

We shall write you by next mail giving particulars and information which will be useful to the authorities in working and maintaining the engine.

The trial took place on Saturday, the 23rd November, on the premises of the Metropolitan Water Board at their old station at Battersea, which is about three miles from our works. We enclose a photograph of the water column against which the jets were measured, and this column is 185 feet high to the bell mouth at the top. The day was not favorable, as it was raining part of the time and blowing pretty strongly.

In the first test steam was raised in a few seconds over nine minutes. The engine was started, and pumping through 250 feet of hose a $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch jet was thrown to a distance of 180 feet in exactly ten minutes.

The two lines of hose were connected, each 700 feet long, with $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch jets on each line, and a vertical height of 90 feet was reached.

The jets were then changed to one $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and one $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter; these were thrown to a height of 120 feet.

Two lines were then siamesed and a single jet $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter was thrown to a height of 110 feet.

We then shortened the line of hose, running out four lines each 400 feet long into a four into one breeching piece, and with a $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch jet it was thrown to a height of 10 feet above the top of the bell mouth of the water column shown in the photograph. The water column to this point is 185 feet, this making the height of the jet 195 feet.

We send you two photos. We were obliged to work up one side of the pipe as the other side is blocked by a staging which runs across near to the roof of the engine house. We had some protection from the wind by working on the leeward side of the pipe, but a circular pipe does not give much protection, and when the big jet was at work the spray blowing towards the camera was very heavy, and practically blocked out the view, therefore we took the photo when no jet was running in order to show you the position where the jet was worked and to give an idea of the shape of the water column.

We have been very indebted to the Chief Officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for the interest which he has shown in the testing of the engine, and for the facilities given for measuring the jets at the reservoir at the Metropolitan Water Board. We think this is about the only position where such a test could have been made within the London boundary.

We hope the engine will prove satisfactory and we may look for further orders from Nova Scotia.

The conditions of the tests are very severe, and are in such a form that nothing but a very powerful engine could carry them out. In future specifications it will be a distinct advantage if amongst the other conditions as to time of raising steam etc., the power of the engine was gauged simply by the delivery of so many galls., per minute against a definite pressure. This, is really the work of the engine, the question of height of jets through certain lengths of hose is not a question really affecting the engine itself, and as we believe we have already mentioned to deliver a $1\frac{3}{4}$ jet at a height of 85 ft., means a pressure on the pump of 220 pounds per square inch, and a pressure at the jet of about 50 pounds. You would obtain a much better effect and the same quantity of water with a smaller jet, however, we have carried out the tests according to the specification and we think we may say that no engine has hitherto been made of a less weight that would perform this work.

On the Monday morning following the day of the test, Mr. Gordon came to our works and saw the hydraulic pressure of 250 lbs. per square inch put on the boiler and it was perfectly sound.

We enclose a photo of the engine which was taken on rather a foggy day, and also a full view of the water column. The engine was at work near to the small stack which you can see dimly.

We hope to have some clearer photos shortly and we will forward copies to you.

SHAND, MASON & Co.

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

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

Council adjourns at 6.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, January 9th, 1908.

A regular 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, Murray, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Hoben, Davison, Campbell, Martin, 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.

Rsports (2) of Committee of Firewards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Reports (2) City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Reports (3) Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Murray, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Police Committee re accounts.

Cash Statements City Collector for November.

Reports (3) Chief of Police re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.

Report Coal Weighers for November.

Letter City Auditor in re grant for Victoria School of Art and Design.

Reports (15) Committee on Works, viz.:

Final payment to Barber Asphalt Company.

Rebate rent Old Exhibition Building.

Accounts

Edward Street catchpits.

Duncan Street electric light.

Sale of Old Exhibition lots.

Tram Company's road bed

Street Lights.

Water Extension Cedar Street

Water extension Clifton Street.

Summit Street Sewer.

Kent Street Improvement.

Windsor Street Curb and Gutter.

Edward Foran's claim.

Sanding the paved hills.

Application of J. L. White for refund of Liquor License deposit.

Letter War Department re transfer of Large Fuel Yard.

Letter J. S. Hubley re hay weighing.

Applications of S. R. Phelan and J. P. Cairns, City Assessors, for superannuation.

Petition of certain hucksters re peddlers' License Fees.

Letter J. P. Longard re condition of Lockman Street.

Application of Alex. Laing for Bill Poster's License.

Petition for electric light corner Young and Gottingen Streets.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1, viz: Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of Estimates 1908-8. Dec, 31st, 1907,

Alderman Johnson rising to a point of order asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Council could reconsider the Estimates after December, 31st.

The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that under the Rules of Council any resolution could be reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Minutes of Council meeting of December 31st, 1907, be amended by recording Alderman Hoben as dissenting from the passing of the final resolution adopting the Estimates for 1908-9.

Motion being put is passed on a show of hands, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it.

His Worship the Mayor stated that acting upon the opinion of the City Solicitor he ruled Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration to be order, though his personal opinion was that it was not in order.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the several resolutions passed at the last meeting of Council relating to the Estimates for 1908-9 be now re-considered.

Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it.

The names being called for, there appeared :—

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell—6.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—9.</p>
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CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report of Committee of Fire Wards re accounts.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January, 7th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this day and beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts :

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., light and power, \$82.53. A. Allison, harness work, \$4 15. W. C. Knight, harness work, \$17.55. John T. Meagher, horseshoeing, \$1.11. P. Poirier, horseshoeing, \$5.41. Austen Bros., bal. on lanterns, \$2 40. Jas. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$3.15. John A. Dunn & Co., nickel plating, \$4.90. Recorder, advertising, \$4.35. City Home, wood, \$13.80. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$374 65. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$497.10. J. F. Crowe & Co., lard, \$0.75. Canadian Rubber Co., hose, &c., \$22.15. G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$3.90. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, &c., \$10.51. Freemans Store, bedding, &c., \$62.10. Globe Laundry, work, \$4.76. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$15.95. Meagher's Express, cartage, \$0.50. J. E. Myers, plumbing, \$9.65. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$10.45. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$65.50. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$3 58. MacDonald & Co., machine work, &c., \$25 76. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$6.95. Pitner Lights, globes, &c., \$3.35. J. Starr Son & Co., coils, \$7.50. War Department, rent, \$30.50. W & C. Silver, bedding, &c., \$102.40. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$52.35. Total, \$1419.71.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized no sign warrants for the payment of the accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report Finance Committee re Accounts, etc.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 28th, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman) Shaffner, Douglas, Kelly, Campbell and Hawkins, the Committee had under consideration a letter of the City Auditor re N S. Provincial Exhibition Deficit 1907 submitted at meeting of Council held on Dec. 5th, last and referred to this Committee for report.

Your Committee have carefully looked into this matter, the accounts have been carefully audited by the City Auditor and found correct, the statement of accounts has

been published in the Minutes of Council for December 5th. Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the Auditor's letter.

The following accounts, amounting to \$1435 15, were examined found correct and recommended for payment :—

Dr. Finn, M. E., Certificates of death of unknown male infant, autopsy, \$12.00. John Wilson, \$4.00; A. C. Dane, \$4.00; A. Porrior, \$4.00; Thos. O'Leary, \$4 00; Annie Mansfield, \$4.00; Kate Pineo, \$4.00; Mary Shanks, \$4.00; Vera J. McDonald, \$4.00; John Roan, \$4.00—\$48.00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery—City Collector's office, 13.50; City License Inspector's office, \$2.50; City Clerk's office, \$26.95; City Treasurer's office, \$1 50; City Police Department, \$2.50—\$46 95, City Free Library, bindery—City Collector, \$4.40; City Clerk, \$8.25—\$12.65. British American Bank Note Co., preparing and printing Stock Certificates and Bonds, \$1,200 00. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, etc.: City Collector, \$0.70; City Clerk, \$5.50—\$6.20. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes and Order of Day, \$95.10—\$26.25—\$121.35. Total, \$1,435.15.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted.

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

Read report of Charities Committee for December.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 8th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present: The Chairman, Aldermen McManus and Campbell:

The Superintendent's report for December, 1907, shows that during the month there were 65 persons admitted into the City Home: 1 born, 32 discharged and one died. Of the number admitted 22 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Pictou County, 1 to Victoria County and one to Halifax County. The total number of inmates December 31st was 406, made up of 259 men, 143 women and 4 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz: A. L. Doyle & Co., \$325.97. W. A. Mailing & Co., \$456 89. J. & M. Murphy, \$134 06. F. A. Shaw, 115.53. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$97.65. P. T. Shea, \$178.08. George Grigoire, \$33.16. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$58.33. Henry Lovett, \$10.59. Wentzell's Ltd., \$575.00. Faulkner & Co., \$44.50. B. Mulcahy, \$287.21. Wm. McFatrige, \$30.00. Baldwin & Co., \$8.45. Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$16.35. William Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$12.51. R. T. Kinsman & Son, \$12.08. A. M. Bell & Co., \$4.95. Brookfield Bros., \$4.00 Mumford Bros., \$26.76. C. E. Puttner, \$37.50. Chronicle Publishing Co., Ltd., \$13.02. Blackadar Bros., \$9.41. W. C. Knight, \$1.00. H. D. Mackenzie Co., Ltd., \$376.21. V. G. Hospital, \$100.84. Pay Sheet, December, \$634.33. Canadian Casualty and Inspection Co., \$35.00. Fleischmann Co., \$8.55. Total, \$3647.93.

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 accounts mentioned therein.

Moved by Alderman Mackenzie, seconded by Alderman McManus and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 8th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Alderman Hubley, (Chairman), Shaffner, Johnson, Douglas and Martin, the following accounts, amounting to \$146.71 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment :—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$2.82. H. L. Hart, pair boots, \$1 50. Jordan & Man, horseshoeing, \$4.13. Mumford Bros., chickens, \$9.00. W. H. Cabot, dry goods \$7.05. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$1.89. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, \$1.20. A. Graham, 3 suits, \$18.00. Frank W. Fraser, oats, &c., \$45.40. J. E. Murphy, repairs wheels, \$1.75. John J. Carnell, repairs waggon, \$3.45. Campbell & Co., groceries, \$25.28. W. A. Mailing & Co., ox heads, \$15.24. Charles Carmichael, outside porch, \$10.00. Total, \$146.71.

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 the payment of the accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council :

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

G. A. Burbridge, drugs 75c. ; R. B. Adams & Co., groceries, \$1.75 ; G. C. Bateman, reps. handcuffs, etc., \$3.75 ; David Roche, glazing, \$1.50 ; W. F. Pickering & Co., reps clothing, \$52.25. Total \$60.00.

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

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

Read Cash Statements City Collector for November. Filed.

Read reports, majority and minority, of special committee in re claim of Patrick Kehoe in connection with Halifax and South-Western Railway Land Damages.

CLAIM OF PATRICK KEHOE.

(Majority Report.)

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 23rd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your special committee appointed to investigate and report on claim of Patrick Kehoe for land damages Halifax and South-Western Railway right-of-way and his offer to accept twelve hundred and fifty (\$1250.00) dollars in full payment of such claim, beg to report as follows :—

Your committee, together with the City Engineer carefully inspected, with Mr. Kehoe, the property for which land damages are being sought.

Your committee subsequently met to consider the offer of Mr. Kehoe for a settlement. Mr. Kehoe again appeared before the committee and from evidence your committee were able to obtain they are not in a position to recommend the acceptance of his offer.

Your committee are of the opinion that under Chapter 80, Acts 1907, Sec. 5, the City and County alike are responsible for any damages appraised under this Act on property of Mr. Kehoe.

Your committee recommend that Mr. Patrick Duggan, Auctioneer, be appointed a commissioner under the terms of the Act to enquire into and report on the nature and extent of the injuries done by the passage of the said line of railway through the property of Mr. Kehoe both in respect to the land actually taken by the said railway and the extent to which the remainder of the said property is injuriously affected, and also upon amount of compensation previously awarded and whether the same is sufficient or, not and if not sufficient what in the opinion of the commissioner would be a proper amount of compensation for such injury; and further, that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax, notifying it of the appointment of said commissioner.

J. A. JOHNSON,
C. R. HOBEN.

(Minority Report.)

December 5th, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—As a minority of the special committee appointed to investigate and report on the Claim of Patrick Kehoe against the City for land damages, Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way, and his offer to accept Twelve hundred and Fifty Dollars in full payment of such claim, beg to report as follows :

Your committee carefully inspected with persons acquainted with the value of quarry properties and also with Mr. Kehoe, the property for which damages are being sought. Your committee subsequently met on the 23rd day of November, at the Committee Room of the City Hall to consider their report, and Mr. Kehoe again appeared before the Committee and was heard at length.

We were told by Mr. Kehoe that he bought the land on which his house stands, and the four acres on which is the quarry in question, at two different times from the late B. W. Chipman. That he purchased, paid for and got the deed of the house property before he bought the quarry property. That he paid \$1000 for the quarry property alone, and bought it solely for the quarry. Against this we were informed by reliable authority that Mr. Kehoe purchased both the house property, containing one acre and the water power and quarry property, containing 4½ acres, at the same time, and paid \$600 for them both. This information is verified by the fact that on examining the registry of deeds, we find a deed dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1879, and recorded in Book 232, page 221, from B. W. Chipman conveying both properties to him

for the consideration of \$600. He is described in that deed as a mill owner. It therefore seems pretty clear, taking into consideration the value of his house property containing one acre and water privilege, that the quarry part of the property formed a small proportion of the \$600 which he gave for the whole property, and that at a time when the quarry was well known, and when there was a good demand for ironstone and ironstone quarries, which has not existed for some years past owing partly to the use of concrete in its place.

Mr. Kehoe also stated that he sold the stone delivered in town for \$2.00 per ton, and that one team could take four loads per day from the quarry to the Dockyard. Our best information was that till quite recently sixty and seventy-five cents per ton was the regular price for such stone, and now the regular price is \$1.00 per ton.

All the expert opinion I could get, save one, thought the amount allowed by the valuers, \$209 was not too small. The one who thought larger damages should be allowed, put it on the basis that 28,000 tons of stone had been, according to his estimate taken by the Railway and made up the amount by multiplying this 28,000 tons by five or ten cents per ton. This would not give a very accurate estimate of the market value of such a property, especially when we consider that it is very difficult to make a sale at any price of this iron stone. By this system of valuation, the City property adjoining would be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the Queen's quarries, comprising 200 acres and an excellent wharf and water lot, would be worth a fabulous sum, while its market value, as tested by a recent sale, was only \$1100 and the quarry recently purchased by a prominent builder at Purcell's Cove being 80 to 100 feet wide and a half mile deep, would be worth a very large sum indeed, instead of the \$600 which was given for it.

The valuers who fixed the valuation at \$209 say now that they are satisfied that the award was enough. They also say that when they appraised the property, Mr. Kehoe met them there, and pointed out the boundaries, and the City Engineer then and there gave them the amount of land taken by the railway.

My opinion is that when Mr. Kehoe got \$209 he got full value for his damages.

Before closing this report, I wish to refer to the history and legislation concerning these land damages.

The introduction of the question of the payment by the City of Halifax of these land damages was first made at a meeting of the City Council held on the 31st July 1902, when a resolution of the Council of the Board of Trade was read, requesting the City to undertake to pay whatever sum, if any, in addition to the \$5000 provided by the County Council, may be found necessary to supply the Railway Company, free of cost, with the land required for track and station purposes. The President of the Board of Trade and others addressed the Council urging the City to make the grant.

At this time the contract was completed with the Railway Company, and they had to provide at their own expense for the right-of-way.

A resolution was introduced somewhat in line with the request, and an amendment was also introduced, "That the City of Halifax guarantee the South Shore Railroad \$10,000 to procure a right-of-way in the County of Halifax in addition to the \$5000 voted by the County municipality, if said amount should be required." The resolution passed.

At a meeting of the Council on the 6th of April, 1903, the President of the Board of Trade again and others attended, and urged the Council to grant the right-of-way, and at this meeting of the Council a resolution was passed embodying the principal provisions of Chapter 75 Local Acts 1903, a copy of which proposed Act was before the meeting and is printed in the minutes thereof.

This resolution was passed. This Act provided among other things:

That the City of Halifax should pay the land damages, less the \$5000 granted by the County of Halifax.

That the work on the Railway be commenced within the City of Halifax on or before the 1st of July 1903, and continue westward to the County line.

That the damages be fixed by three arbitrators, and that their award or awards be final and conclusive.

That the lands be valued at their true market value, and no allowance shall be made for any prospective or consequential loss or damage, and the City of Halifax shall be in no way responsible to the owner or person interested in the said lands so taken for said right-of-way, beyond the amount awarded by said arbitrators, and the said City shall pay the arbitrators' fees.

That the owners of the lands taken by the said Halifax and South Western Railway Company under the provisions of its Charter, shall have no action or claim for compensation, loss, damages or expenses arising therefrom against the City of Halifax or said Company, but all such claims for compensation or damages shall be payable out of the funds paid into the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court hereunder.

The Legislature at its next session, without the consent of the City, enacted Chap. 55 of the Acts of 1903-4 as follows: "Section 6 of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903 is amended by striking therefrom the words, "and shall not allow for any prospective or consequential loss or damages," being parts of lines 3 and 4 thereof, and by substituting therefore the following; "and may make reasonable allowance for any consequential damages that may be proved to have been occasioned by reason of the said lands having been taken for the said right-of-way."

Mr. W. F. MacCoy, the late City Solicitor, in a report, to the Council, on legislation dated the 7th April 1904, after the passing of the above amendment, says:

"When this matter was before the Council in 1903, several gentlemen on behalf of the Railway Co., and others, represented to the Council that the amount of damages could not exceed from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and an Act was passed making the City responsible for damages outside the City to the Lunenburg County line in which they were only to pay the market value of the lands taken and not be responsible for any prospective or consequential damages. The matter was discussed fully before the Council, and the Act was in accordance with their wishes and the liability they undertook.

At the last session of the House, an Act was passed striking out the words 'prospective and consequently damages' and giving the arbitrators power to make reasonable allowance for any consequent damages the owners might prove to have been occasioned by reason of the lands taken for the said right-of-way. This imposed very grave and serious responsibility upon the citizens. The original Act was the contract and agreement upon which the City Council undertook to pay the damages, and it seems strange to me that any legislative body would undertake to impose additional responsibility upon a corporation without first having submitted the Act for their approval. I am satisfied that if this Act had affected any other municipality than that of this City it would not have passed without both members at least having agreed to it, which was not the case in this instance. The bill was opposed by the Hon. Mr. Murray, the Attorney-General and the Hon. David McPherson, on the ground that the City Council having made a contract, ratified by an Act of the Legislature, it should not be altered without their consent. The bill, however, finally passed, notwithstanding every effort was made to defeat it."

In a subsequent report to the Council, dated April 13th 1904, Mr. MacCoy states that the Company should have been liable for any consequential damages and not the City, and that the Act of 1903 had been tampered with in its passing through the Legislature to the prejudice of the citizens.

Instead of \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00, these land damages to date have amounted to \$51,000.00.

Last winter, the Legislature passed an Act, Chapter 80, opening up the award of the arbitrators, appointed under the Provisions of Chapter 75 Local Acts of 1903, in the case of the property of Patrick Kehoe, situate at Dutch Village Road near the City, and enacting that the City Council and Municipal Council shall pay to the owner of such property the difference between the amount already awarded for compensation and the amount which the commissioner reports as sufficient. I understand this

legislation was enacted against the strenuous opposition of Alderman Johnson the chairman of the committee who had charge of City legislation.

This committee however, secured a clause enabling the City to compromise the claim with Mr. Kehoe, in which case the City had to pay the entire compromise, and the County got off scot free,

The City originally by a statutory agreement consented to pay only the value of the lands taken at their true market value, no allowance being made for any prospective or consequential damages.

The next year the Local Legislature, against the will of the City, changed this statutory agreement, making the City liable for prospective and consequential loss.

The original statutory agreement provided in the strongest terms, that the award of the arbitrators should be final and conclusive.

Last winter the Local Legislature, against the will of the City, further altered this provision of the agreement, by opening up the award of Patrick Kehoe.

I think this agreement should have been immutable and secure from the interference of any Legislature

I think the City and the County of Halifax should refuse to act under said legislation, and should protest against the same and should ask the Local Legislature to repeal the same.

I think if this award of Patrick Kehoe is opened up, every award between the City and the County line may be opened up, and that we should do all we possible can to prevent such a serious danger.

The gentlemen above referred to who thought Mr. Kehoe had not been awarded sufficient damages, thinks that Mr. Lawson Fenerty, whose lands adjoin those of Mr. Kehoe has been awarded an inadequate sum in the award of \$35.00.

I think this Council, as a body, should repudiate any responsibility to the citizens for this improper legislation enacted in such abvious bad faith.

I think resolutions should be passed by the Council embodying the above, and be made as public as possible, and also forwarded to the members of the Government and to the member of the County of Halifax.

And further, that the Municipal Council of the County of Halifax should be asked to join us in this protest.

ALFRED WHITMAN.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the majority report be adopted and the City Clerk instructed to forward a copy of the same to the County Council which is now in session.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the minority report be adopted and that this Council refuse to appoint an arbitrator or to entertain the claim of Mr. Kehoe, and that the County Council be requested to co-operate with the City in this matter in line with the recommendations in the minority report.

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 Douglas, that a special committee consisting of Aldermen Whitman, Campbell, Hoben, MacKenzie, Huble and Murray be appointed to confer with

the County Council and ask their co-operation in this matter. Motion passed.

Read reports (3) Chief of Police showing two violations of Liquor License Act on Sundays since last report was read in Council. Filed.

Read report of Coal Weighers for November. Filed.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Hubley, (Chairman), Shaffner, Johnson, Douglas, Martin and Hayward, tenders were opened for uniform clothing for the Underkeepers, as follows :—

Clayton & Sons, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.50.

James H. Young, 4 samples, \$17.50 each.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of Clayton & Sons No. 12759, at \$13.50 per suit, and that the Council authorise the purchasing of five suits.

Your Committee further report that whereas a sufficient additional amount has been placed in the estimates for the Prison for 1908-9 to provide for bread for prisoners, the Governor be instructed to serve all prisoners in his charge with one-half pound of white bread per day after the first day of May next.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read application of Alexander E. Laing for a bill posters license.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter John P. Longard re condition of Lockman Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application of James L. White for refund of Liquor License deposit.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition of A. White and others in re fees for peddlers license.

Deferred for consideration with report Laws and Privileges Committee on the subject.

Read petition for an electric light corner Young and Gottingen Streets.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Committee of Firewards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 28th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—About fifteen years ago the Halifax Fire Department consisted of a volunteer force, and the amount of annual charge upon the City for maintenance of property, etc., was about \$10,000.

When a part permanent and part call force was established at that time the cost to the taxpayers was doubled.

At the end of the first decade of the new system the cost of maintenance had further increased about \$8,000.00 a year.

The changing from the old volunteer system to the part paid department cost double the money, but provided a much reduced number of men and no more appliances.

Doubling the cost of the Fire Department raised the amount to be rated upon the citizens by \$10,000.00 a year, and the taxpayers opposed spending more money for this service at that time. The result was that from an equipment standpoint the Department remained practically stationary for ten years after the re-organization.

Under pressure from the Fire Underwriters a few years ago the City Council was induced to realize that they could no longer delay the necessity of properly equipping the department and a start was made to place it on a modern footing.

The estimates for 1904-5 were pared as closely as possible (\$29,000.00), but this amount from various causes was insufficient, and the end of the year exhibited a deficit of \$2,500, to which add \$1,100 for new hose, and the total for the year actually spent was \$32,600.00.

In 1905-6 the allowance for maintenance was increased by \$1,900.00, and \$30,000.00 additional was voted for improvements, making \$60,900.00 for the year.

The following year \$33,468.00 was voted for maintenance, \$4,000.00 for new hose, and \$27,000.00 for improvements; in all \$64,468.00.

The present year, 1907-8, \$41,600.00 was appropriated for current account and \$2,200.00 for the O'Donnell and Evans properties, making \$43,800.00.

Adding the amounts voted for the four years from 1904-5 to 1907-8 for both maintenance and special expenditure makes a total of \$201,768.00—an average of over \$50,000.00 a year for this period. Except for the portion of current appropriation unexpended, all of this money has been either paid out or contracted for, and before the end of this civic year will be all applied.

In addition to the above, last winter \$20,000.00 was authorized for an engine house on Campbell Road and \$20,000.00 more for amalgamation of the Grafton Street and Central Engine Houses. It has not yet been determined to spend this \$40,000.00.

Among the serious problems the City had to face upon the re-organization of the Department were:

First—The doubling of the cost of changing from a volunteer to a part paid department.

Second—Utilizing engine houses as dwellings for permanent men and as stables for horses which were only intended as store houses for apparatus and occasional meeting places for the volunteers.

Third—Handling the existing apparatus under new conditions with a very greatly reduced staff.

When the citizens realized within the last three or four years that efficiency was being sacrificed for the sake of economy, the first step taken was to provide proper engine houses, and \$38,000.00 has been spent in providing two new buildings.

Two new fire engines, a combination chemical engine and an aerial ladder have been provided for and considerable money expended in furnishing smaller equipment during the period referred to.

The Department has arranged with the Acadia Sugar Refining Company for the services of the S. S. "Mikado" as a water boat, and negotiations are now nearly completed with the Dominion Government whereby the demands of the Fire Underwriters will be met by the placing in commission of the D. G. S. "Alfreda" as a second and fully equipped fire boat capable of discharging 1500 gallons of water a minute.

A large expenditure has been made in installing additional and up-to-date fire alarm boxes and putting tappers in the houses of the call firemen.

Notwithstanding all this expenditure, the Chief complains that his department is not properly equipped. He is in absolute need of many small appliances, the separate items of which do not cost much, but in the aggregate amount to considerable.

Out of this year's appropriation the Board finds that from various causes with which the Council is familiar they have a surplus which may be devoted to meeting the requirements of the Chief, and they therefore recommend the purchasing of the following equipment, the Board to have authority to call for tenders for such of the same as they deem advisable.

The Chief emphasizes his claim that the more equipment he is furnished with the fewer men he needs, and that whereas the pay of men is a fixed annual charge the installation of appliances is only a charge for first cost :

1. APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENTS.		Each.	
4 Cooper Hose Leaks	.....	\$ 32 50	\$130 00
6 Axes	.....	3 00	18 00
2 doz. Hose Beckets	.....	8 00	16 00
4 Eastman Holders with nozzles	.....	50 00	200 00
2 doz. Belts	.....	1 00	24 00
2 doz. Spanners	.....	6 00	12 00
2 Cellar Pipes	.....	100 00	200 00
2 Chemical Nozzles	.....	10 00	20 00
3 Pick Axes	.....	1 50	4 50
4 Three-gallon Extinguishers and Stands	.....	23 00	92 00
3 Small Hand Wire Cutters	.....	12 00	36 00
3 Fire Lanterns	.....	3 00	9 00
12 Copper Torches	.....	3 50	42 00
3 Smoke Lanterns	.....	7 00	21 00
7 Smoke Respirators	.....	2 00	14 00
3 Regan Patent Plaster Hooks	.....	5 00	15 00
3 Door Openers	.....	15 00	45 00
7 Steel Crowbars	.....	1 00	7 00
6 pair Rubber Gloves	.....	2 00	12 00
2 Siamese Connections	.....	12 00	24 00
6 Berry Harness Springs	.....	20 50	123 00
10 Snap Collars	.....	25 00	250 00
1 Arrow Gun	.....	25 00	25 00
1 Brass Sliding Pole, Quinpool Road	.....	20 00	20 00
1 Landing Pad,	.....	14 25	14 25
1 Alarm Gong, Bedford Row	.....	125 00	125 00
2 Wheel Jacks, capacity 10 tons	.....	10 00	20 00
24 Fire Badges	.....	1 00	24 00
1 Branch Pipe	.....	13 00	13 00
2 Tin and Zinc Cutters	.....	5 00	10 00
12 Brass Hose Patches	.....		2 50
			\$1568 25

2. It is also recommended that the following provision be made for furnishing the engine houses named :—

QUINPOOL ROAD HOUSE.

Drivers' Room, 23 yards oilcloth	at \$ 1 00	\$28 00
Hall, 12 yards oilcloth	1 00	12 00
Stairs, 16 "	1 00	16 00
Twenty rubber stair treads	30	6 00
Twenty brass nosings, 30 ft	15	4 50
Two bedroom chairs	2 00	4 00
Two bedroom tables	2 50	5 00
Two cocoa mats	2 50	5 00
Two bedroom mats	1 50	3 00
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		\$83 50

WEST STREET HOUSE.

Men' bedroom, 92 yards oilcloth	at \$ 1 00	\$92 00
Hall and stairs, 56 "	1 00	56 00
Twelve window blinds	1 25	15 00
Twenty-five rubber stair treads	30	7 50
Twenty-five brass nosings, 38 ft	15	5 70
Eighteen chairs	50	45 00
Three arm chairs	3 00	9 00
Two round tables	15 00	30 00
Three bedroom tables	2 50	7 50
Eight bedroom chairs	2 00	16 00
Two cocoa mats	2 50	5 00
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		\$288 70

CENTRAL HOUSE.

Men's bedroom, 73 yards oilcloth	at \$ 1 00	\$73 00
Hall, 42 inch wide, 28 yards oilcloth	1 25	35 00
Two wardrobes	10 00	20 00
Two bedroom tables	2 50	5 00
50 feet brass nosing	15	7 50
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		\$140 50

FOR ALL HOUSES.

Four doz, cuspadores at \$12.00 per doz	\$ 48 00
Looking glasses	21 00
Painting side walls, two coats, and varnishing ceiling main floor West Street House	145 00
Painting halls and bedroom floors and laying strips of oil- cloth West Street House	107 00
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	\$833 70

3. Tenders have been received for heating apparatus for Quinpool Road House. It is recommended that the tender of Longard Bros. (\$639.00), being the lowest, be accepted.

4. Tenders for forage for the ten months ending October 31st, 1908, were received from F. W. Fraser and J. S. Cashen. The tender of J. S. Cashen—

Hay	\$20 00
Oats	59
Bran	27 00
Straw	11 00

being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

5. Your Board received a communication from J. H. Mont & Co. declining to enter into a contract with the City for the construction of a two-horse horse waggon at their tender price, but offering to build the same for \$1050.00.

Under these circumstances, your Board recommend the acceptance of the next lowest tender, that of the Truro Carriage Company (\$865.00).

Alderman Hubley dissents from this recommendation.

6. It is recommended that legislation be sought to enable the Fire Department to vote annually a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for the holding of Firemen's Tournaments in the City or send delegations away to attend tournaments in other cities or to send one or of the officers of the department away, for the efficiency of the department.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report be considered clause by clause.

Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Murray, Chisholm, Hoben,
Hubley, Campbell,
Davison, Martin, MacKenzie,
Hawkins—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Johnson, Taylor,
McManus—3.

Read clause 1 re purchase of equipment.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Campbell that this clause be adopted and the equipment enumerated therein purchased. Motion passed unanimously.

Read clause 2 re furnishings and painting for certain engine houses.

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

Read clause 3 re tenders for heating apparatus for Quinpool Road engine house.

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

Read Clause 4 re tenders for forage for ten months.

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

Read Clause 5 re two-horse hose waggon with turret attachment.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alder-

man Whitman, that a Seagrave hose wagon with turret attachment be purchased instead of the waggon recommended by the Firewards.

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

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, McManus, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell, MacKenzie—7.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, Davison, Martin, Hawkins—8.</p>
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Original motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for, there appeared.

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie Hawkins—10.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Whitman, McManus Hoben, Hubley, Campbell—5.</p>
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Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that proceedings under the resolution last passed be stayed until the determination of Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration.

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

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, McManus, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell—6.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—9.</p>
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Read Clause 6 re appropriation of \$500 annually for Firemen's Tournaments', &c.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the clause be referred to the committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

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

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Campbell—7.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Hubley, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins—8.</p>
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The original motion is put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 12, against it, as follows :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Johnson, Taylor,
Campbell—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray,
Chisholm, Douglas,
McManus, Hoben, Hubley,
Davison, Martin, MacKenzie,
Hawkins—12.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be amended by adding to the schedule of equipment to be purchased three sets of harness at \$50.00 each.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee re Claim of Trinity Church to a strip land north side Cogswell Street.

LAND COGSWELL STREET.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 12th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges has considered the application made on behalf of the Director, Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Parish with reference to the strip of land on the north side of Cogswell Street, at present used as a sidewalk by the public. Your Committee has enquired into the facts and finds that there were negotiations between the City and the War Department for the use of the said strip as a right-of-way which said negotiations resulted in a letter, dated December 27th, 1892, from Lieut.-Col. Hill, to the City Engineer, whereby the use of the said strip as a sidewalk by the City was sanctioned subject to certain conditions which it is not material to detail. Colonel Hill's letter will be found in the Minutes of Council for December 26th, 1892, at page 231.

We are advised by the City Solicitor that the said negotiations and letter and the action taken in pursuance of them, constitute a sufficient dedication of the said strip for use as a sidewalk, and we beg therefore to report against the application of the Director, Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Parish.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Laws and Privileges Committee in re claim of Ezekiel Boutilier arising out of expropriation of land for Halifax and South Western Railway.

CLAIM OF EZEKIEL BOUTILIER.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 13th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The claim made by Ezekiel Boutilier of Boutilier's Point, St.

Margaret's Bay, arises out of the expropriation of lands for the right-of-way of the Halifax and South-Western Railway. He claims that in preparing the official plan of the right-of-way, the Company's engineers made a mistake by representing thereon the amount of land taken from him as 185 x 100 feet instead of 253 x 100 feet—thus depriving him of 68 feet. The area for which compensation is now claimed, 68 x 100 feet, was represented on the plan as belonging to a neighbor who applied for and received the damages paid into Court in respect of the same. Mr. Boutilier now looks, not to his neighbor who received the money, but to the City of Halifax, which has already paid it, for the amount paid for the 68 feet and he expects the City to pay the amount over again and to himself.

Your Committee on Laws and Privileges has not verified Mr. Boutilier's allegations of fact; but assuming them to be correct, the City Solicitor advises that Mr. Boutilier has no enforceable legal claim against the City.

When we consider the circumstances out of which the claim arises, we feel assured that the unreasonableness of the same, apart from the legal aspect of it, will be quite apparent. At the meeting of Council of July 31st 1902, it was represented to the Council that the land damages which the City would be called upon to pay to provide a free right-of-way to the Company would not exceed \$5,000.00; and the Council thereupon agreed to pay for the land and buildings taken for the right-of-way, but not for any consequential damages, and a resolution to that effect was accordingly passed at that meeting. It now appears that there was no necessity for incurring such a liability at all in as much as a long time before the date of that meeting the Company had signed a contract with the Government of Nova Scotia for the construction and equipment of the railway before December 31st, 1903, and had given the Government satisfactory security that the road would be built within that time. That agreement is dated the 20th August 1901 and is set forth at length in Chap. 1 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for 1902.

Later on, legislation was procured by interested parties without the assent of, and in the face of strong opposition from, the City, whereby the City was made responsible not merely for the lands and buildings taken for the right-of-way for which they had agreed to pay but for all consequential damages as well.

In due course the damages were appraised and it appears from the City Auditor's report of 1904-5 (page 64 of Annual Report) that the City paid \$45,711.51 to provide a free right-of-way for the Railway Company which sum is exclusive of the sum of \$5,000.00 contributed by the County. The sum paid into the Prothonotary's office for damages was \$48,546.00 and of this amount upwards of \$16,000.00 was for consequential damages as distinguished from sums paid for lands and buildings. The amount paid to Mr. Boutilier for 185 x 11 feet was \$175.00 for land and buildings and \$25.00 as consequential damages. It is to be added that every foot of the right-of-way from the City to Lunenburg County was appraised by the arbitrators and every dollar of the amount awarded by them was paid into Court by the City under the provisions of the Statute.

In view therefore of the fact that the City in the first instance was under no necessity to pay anything for the right-of-way and that the amount paid for lands and buildings taken was far in excess of what was represented; the fact also that the City was forced to pay nearly \$17,000.00 beyond the amount it had agreed; the further fact that it has already paid for the 68 feet and that Mr. Boutilier's grievance, if he has any, arises not from the negligence or default of the City or of any person for whose acts the City is in the smallest degree responsible but from the mistake of the Railway Company's officials—your committee feel obliged to report against the claim in toto. We may observe that if the matter were re-opened such action would probably unsettle the whole appraisal and the City would probably be asked to agree to a review of every award that was made by the arbitrators.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Alderman Chisholm (Chairman) Archibald and Douglas.

The following matters were under consideration :

1. Application of Clayton & Sons for a Bill Poster's License.

Your Committee recommend that a license be granted to Messrs. Clayton & Sons.

2. Application of Charles Pickram for refund of deposit made with his application for a liquor license.

Your Committee recommend that the amount deposited, less the cost of advertising, be refunded Mr. Pickram.

3. Re application of F. P. Ronan for a license for a moving picture and illustrated song theatre at the Dreamland, formerly Trinity Church. Your Committee recommend that the license be granted to Mr. Ronan on usual conditions, the license fee to be \$50.

4. Re draft ordinance to amend an ordinance of the City of Halifax, No. 22, relative to Petty trades.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following amendment :

“The license fee payable by any person bringing into the City any produce of the farm, garden or dairy, and disposing of the same from place to place, shall be five dollars (5.00).”

Your Committee further recommend that a rebate of \$15.00 each be made to any of the license holders who will be affected by this amendment who have paid the full fee of twenty dollars for the present year.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Also read petition of certain licensed peddlers in re amount of license fee.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that clause 4 of the report in re license fees together with the petition just read be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further report. Motion passed, 7 voting for the same, and 4 against it on a show of hands.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report as amended be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read letter J. S. Hubley in re weighing of hay.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report Library Commission re leave of absence for Miss Warren the Librarian.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21th, 1907.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

The Library Commission, having considered the application of the Librarian, Miss Warren, for six months' leave of absence on account of ill health, and having read the certificate of Dr Anderson, agreed to recommend that Miss Warren be granted leave of absence for six months from January 1st 1908, on condition that she provide a substitute satisfactory to the Commission.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman McMauss, that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read letter War Department re transfer of Large Fuel Yard to the City.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application of S. R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, and J. P. Cairns, Assistant Assessor, for superannuation.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the said applications be placed on the Order of the Day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Chisholm that the applications be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Amendment passed unanimously.

Read letter City Auditor in re appropriation for the Victoria School of Art and Design.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Read claim of E. L. Fenerty in re water pipe line of 1893.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report of Committee on Works covering accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

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.....	\$ 1623 07
Teams & Stables.....	1262 04
Sewer Loan.....	605 75
Fuel.....	296 66
Streets.....	231 43
City Hall Lighting.....	76 38
Internal Health.....	71 68
Insurance.....	31 62
Cleaning the Paved Streets.....	21 00
City Property.....	17 14

Public Gardens Fence.....	\$ 10 00
Rockhead Insurance.....	6 95
Sewer Maintenance.....	4 86
Permanent Sidewalks.....	2 50
Water Maintenance.....	224 94
" Construction.....	166 52
Permanent Pavement.....	7642 88
Total.....	\$12295 42

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

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

Read report of Committee on Works re rebate of rent of Old Exhibition Building to John Mullane.

RENT OLD EXHIBITION BUILDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 5th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the Minute of Council with John Mullane's letter attached re debate of rent for Old Exhibition Building owing to the sudden termination of his lease was read. It was resolved to recommend to Council that the rent of the building be charged in full to April 30th, 1907.

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

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

Read report of Committee on Works re final payment for completed work to the Barber Asphalt Paving Co.

PAYMENT FOR STREET PAVING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held 18th inst., the attached letter from the Barber Asphalt Paving Co. in re final payment for work done on completed streets was read. It was decided to recommend to Council such payment provided the Company give an undertaking to complete their contract and furnish the security bond required.

At a meeting held under this date the security bond of the Company (The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.) was approved by the City Solicitor and ordered to be filed by Clerk of Works.

It was again decided to recommend such payment as soon as the Company give an undertaking to complete their contract.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Johnson,

that the report be adopted with the provision that the amount be not paid over until the company gives an undertaking to complete their contract. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

that the report be adopted with the provision that the amount be not paid over until the company gives an undertaking to complete their contract. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

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Evening Session.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 11th, 1908.

A 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, Murray, Johnson, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Davison, Campbell, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to consider applications for liquor licenses, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report License Inspector recommending the granting of certain liquor licenses.

Report License Inspector submitting, without recommendation, certain applications for liquor licenses.

Application of Licensesd Victuallers' Association for the privilege of speaking before the Council in relation to the granting of liquor licenses.

Also application of Halifax Temperance Alliance for a similar privilege.

Application of W. E. Messervey for re-appointment as License Inspector.

Letter City Solicitor in re suit Brady vs. City of Halifax

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the applications of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and the Temperance Alliance to be heard before the Council be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that one representative only from each of these organizations be heard and that each address be limited to fifteen minutes.

Amendment put and passed.

Mr. R. H. Murray, on behalf of the Temperance Alliance, here addressed the Council offering a general objection to about 60 applications for licenses and filing written objections signed by Mr. E. D. King against said applications for violations of the screen and internal communication clauses of the Act.

Mr. J. J. Power, on behalf of the Licensed Victuallers, here addressed the Council in opposition to the claim made by Mr. Murray

Read report License Inspector recommending that licenses be granted to each of the following named applicants for the year 1908-9 :

LIQUOR LICENSES, 1908.

WARD No. ONE.

John Courtney, Shop, North side head Gas Lane.
David M. Finlay, Shop, 17 Victoria Lane.

WARD No. TWO.

William P. Graham, Shop, 8½ Rottenburg Street.
W. J. Forrestall, Shop, 12 Rottenburg Street.
A. J. Finlay, Shop, 13 Rottenburg Street.
Thomas Major, Shop, 62½ Dresden Row.
A. Keith & Son, Brewers', 88 to 94 Lower Water Street.
A. P. Calnan, Shop, 104 Lower Water Street.
Evelyn Burns, Hotel, 30 to 34 Salter Street.
Richard Cahill, Shop, 126 Lower Water Street.
Mary O'Brien, Shop, 52 Sackville Street.
Annie Cahill, Hotel, 25 Argyle Street.
Dillon Brothers, Wholesale, 76 Sackville Street.
John T. Giles, Shop, 140 Hollis Street.
E. L. MacDonald, Hotel, Hollis Street (Halifax Hotel).
John McGrath, Shop, 6 Sackville Street.
James E. Ryan, Shop, 157 Lower Water Street.
William Neville, Shop, 117 Hollis Street.
James P. Fairbanks, Hotel, Hollis Street (Queen Hotel).
Peter C. Flemming, Shop, 156 Lower Water Street.
John W. Naylor, Hotel, Sackville Street (Albion Hotel).
Edgar D. Blair, Shop, 21 Sackville Street.
L. J. Redmond, Hotel, 155 Hollis Street.
Simon Fraser, Hotel, 43 Argyle Street.
James Hogan, Shop, 62 Grafton Street.
John T. Murphy, Shop, 5 Sackville Street.
Nathan Cornfoot, Shop, 65 Granville Street.
Catherine Dillon, Shop, corner Sackville and Albemarle Streets.
Patrick Ryan, Hotel, 201-206 Lower Water Street.

WARD No. THREE.

E. W. Wright, Hotel, 8-10 Duke Street.
Thos. W. Hardy, Hotel, 100-102 Granville Street.
Edward J. Quirk, Shop, 217 Lower Water Street.
Jeffry Terrio, Hotel, 13 Upper Water Street.
John Glassey, Shop, 196 Hollis Street.
James T. Hogan, Shop, 143 Albemarle Street.
Thomas H. Renner, Hotel, 1 Upper Water Street.
Catherine Coleman, Hotel, 33 Upper Water Street.

Susan C. Fiske, Hotel (Acadian), 68 Granville Street.
 David Fraser, Hotel, 78 Bedford Row.
 David Andrews, Hotel, 82-84 Granville Street.
 H. W. Brown, Shop, City Wharf, foot of George Street.
 James P. Mackasey, Shop, 9 Upper Water Street.
 Charles Hamm, Shop, 136 Grafton Street.
 John Tobin & Co., Wholesale, 15 Upper Water Street.
 Kelly & Glassey, Wholesale, 196-204 Hollis Street.
 Halifax Breweries, Ltd., Brewers, 50 Duke Street.
 James M. Power, Shop, 13 Buckingham Street.
 James M. Allen, Shop, 180 Granville Street.
 Daniel Connors, Shop, 63 Duke Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, Shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 Annie Wilson, Hotel, 102 Upper Water Street.
 Peter Hartry, Shop, 1 Bell's Lane.
 Ellen Meagher, Shop, 144 Argyle Street.
 Daniel Morrissey, Shop, 211 Barrington Street.
 Edward Donahoe, Shop, 53 Buckingham Street.
 Charles AuCoin, Shop, 46 Upper Water Street.
 William Glassey, Shop, 234 Hollis Street.
 William S. Quigley, Hotel, 94 Upper Water Street.
 R. N. MacDonald, Shop, 152 Barrington Street.
 Grace & Gastonguay, Wholesale, 72 Upper Water Street.
 Wiloughby Smith, Shop, 174 Grafton Street.

WARD NO. FOUR.

Michael P. Inglis, Shop, 2½ Starr Street.
 Michael Goulding, Shop, 176 Upper Water Street.
 Charles A. Norton, Shop, 146 Upper Water Street.
 William P. Duggan, Shop, 93 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Ferguson, Shop, 200 Upper Water Street.
 Annie Mitchell, Shop, 159 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas Killeen, Shop, 87 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney, Shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 N. A. Ross, Hotel, 212 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney & Co., Wholesale, cor. Jacob and Brunswick Streets.
 Thomas O'Malley, Shop, 16 Cornwallis Street.
 George E. James, Hotel, 290 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas E. Chalmers, Hotel, 183 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnson, Shop, 270 Upper Water Street.
 R. M. Anderson, Shop, 53 Creighton Street.
 Robert A. Gibson, Shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.
 Daniel Johnson, Shop, 47 Maynard Street.

WARD NO. FIVE.

Thomas Keating, Hotel, 7 Cornwallis Street.
 Adam L. Miller, Shop, 155 Gottingen Street.

Wm. Parsons, Jr., Shop, 141 Gottingen Street.
 Dougal MacDonal, Shop, 101½ Gottingen Street.
 J. P. O'Connor, Shop, 147 Gottingen Street.
 Gaetano Verdi, Shop, 2 Cunard Street.
 John Ford, Shop, 89 Cornwallis Street.
 John Handly, Shop, 91 Gerrish Street.
 Simon Meaden, Shop, 17½ Agricola Street.
 Geoffrey Meagher, Shop, 20 West Street.
 John Mullane, Shop, 33 West Street.
 John Walsh, Shop, 172 Gottingen Street.
 Charles T. Kehoe, Shop, 174 Gottingen Street.
 Edward Rolston, Hotel (Revere), 22-26 North Street.

WARD No. SIX.

Thomas Pearson, Shop, 5 Almon Street.
 John F. Wells, Hotel, 1 Almon Street.
 D. H. Doody, Shop, 33 Almon Street.
 William Wilson, Hotel (King Edward), 222-226 Lockman Street.
 Thomas Devaney, Shop, 43 Almon Street.
 Highland Spring Brewery, Ltd., Brewers, Sullivan Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted, and that the licenses therein recommended be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the further consideration of the sixty applications against which Mr. E. D. King has filed objections at this meeting through Mr. Murray be deferred for one week.

Alderman Hubley asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the legality of Alderman Martin's motion to pass the licenses en bloc.

The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that the Council could only deal with applications as were duly received by and reported upon by the License Inspector and that it was as competent for the Council to grant the licenses for the whole City en bloc as it was to grant them by wards as had been done in many previous years.

His Worship the Mayor ruled Alderman Martin's resolution to be in order.

Mr. R. H. Murray addressed the Council in opposition to granting a license to Catherine Dillon.

Mr. J. J. Power addressed the Council in favor of the application.

Read report of License Inspector covering application of Catherine Dillon for a shop license.

Read Mr. E. D. King's written objections to the granting of sixty of the licenses applied for on various grounds.

The amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment (to Alderman Martin's motion) by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald that the application of Catherine Dillon be considered separately from the other applications referred to in the report of the License Inspector.

The amendment is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Archibald, Whitman,
Murray, Chisholm,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley, Campbell,
Davison, MacKenzie,
Hawkins.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson,
Taylor, Douglas,
McManus, Martin,
Hayward.—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley that all the applications for licenses be considered seriatim.

Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Murray, Hubley,
Davison, Hawkins—6

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Chisholm,
Taylor, Douglas, McManus,
Hoben, Kelly, Campbell,
Martin, MacKenzie,
Hayward—12.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The original motion as amended is now put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the Council do now proceed with the consideration of the application of Catherine Dillon. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that Mrs. Catherine Dillon be granted the shop license applied for.

Motion put and passed 11 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Johnson,
Chisholm, Taylor,
Douglas, McManus,
Kelly, Martin,
MacKenzie, Hayward,
Hawkins,—11,

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Whitman,
Murray, Hoben,
Hubley, Campbell,
Davison.—7.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of W. E. Messervey re-appointment as Chief License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that W. E. Messervey be re appointed Chief License Inspector at the same salary as at present. Motion passed.

Read letter City Solicitor in re suit Brady versus the City of Halifax.

BRADY VS. CITY OF HALIFAX.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, Feb. 11th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In this action the committee which has the matter in charge has instructed me to pay into court the sum of \$300.00. The Auditor does not feel justified in giving me a cheque for that amount without an express resolution of the Council, and I would ask you to request the Council to pass a resolution authorizing payment, to be made at this evening's session.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the sum of \$300.00 be paid into Court in the suit of Brady versus the City of Halifax in accordance with the recommendation of the special committee appointed by the Council. Motion passed.

Read report of License Inspector covering various applications for liquor licenses without making any recommendation with respect to the same.

LICENSES NOT RECOMMENDED.

WARD TWO.

John Frain, Shop, 149 Lower Water Street.
Joseph Balfe, Hotel, 30-32 Sackville Street.
Wm. Conway, Hotel, 51 Granville Street.
Charles E. Neville, Shop, 199 Lower Water Street.

WARD THREE.

Charles S. Foley, Shop, 50 Upper Water Street.
John S. Power, Shop, 36 George Street.
J. W. Salterio, Shop, 14 Bell Street.
W. J. Coles, Hotel, 37 Buckingham Street.

WARD FOUR.

James Campbell, Shop, 95 Upper Water Street.
Edward Coleman, Shop, 184 Upper Water Street.
L. M. Young, Shop, 174 Upper Water Street.

WARD FIVE.

Mary Meagher, Shop, 168½ Gottengen Street.
Catherine McIntyre, Shop, 96 Gottengen Street.

WARD SIX.

W. L. Purcell, Shop, 5 Bilby Street.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 18th, 1908.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Reports (2) Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Reports (4) Laws and Privileges Committee, viz. :

Applications for licenses and other matters and covering Draft Ordinance re weighing of hay.

Legislation affecting the City and covering Draft Acts.

Retirement of City Assessor Phelan.

Retirement of Assistant Assessor Cairns.

Report Police Committee re salaries of Police Force.

Report Special Committee on Assessment.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Reports (2) Coal Weighers for December and January.

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Cash Statement City Collector for December.

Letter Provincial Secretary re Compton Avenue School.

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz. :

Accounts.

Creighton Street electric light.

North Ferry landing stage.

Young and Gottingen Streets electric light.

Inglis Street extension.

Reports (2) Chief of Police re Liquor License Act violations.

Application of Children's Hospital that provision be made for payment of certain moneys.

Letter McInnis, Mellish & Fulton in re appointment of a Commissioner in re Kehoe claim.

Letter L. J. Hesslein in re Seagrave Ladder Truck.

Letter Austen Bros. in re fire hose.

Resignation of J. H. Dow, Superintendent of City Home.

Application of J. J. Hall for position of Superintendent of City Home.

Application of E. J. Cole for position of Secretary of City Home.

Application of W. G. Naylor for position of City Assessor.

Application of R. D. Leahan for license for moving picture show.

Petition of ice dealers for reduction of license fees.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read reports (2) Coal Weighers for December and January.
Filed.

Read letter Provincial Secretary in re Compton Avenue School.

COMPTON AVENUE SCHOOL.

HALIFAX, 13th Feb., 1908.

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

SIR,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to notify you for the information of the City Council that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, in accordance with Section 812 of the City Charter, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 67, Acts of 1907, has requested the approval of the Governor-in-Council of a contract for the purchase by the Board from Messrs. A. M. Bell and associates for \$5,250 of two lots of land, one a lot say 390 feet on the proposed extension of Charles Street by 255 feet along west line of a proposed cross street between Chebucto Road and Charles Street, which cross street, however, they are not obliged to open, and measuring 465 feet on Chebucto Road, leaving an opening between the western end of the road and the property owned by Peters as a temporary exit until Charles Street is extended to Chebucto Road, the sewerage on Chebucto Road to be paid by the vendors; two, a piece of land consisting of 10 lots, Nos. 14 to 23, on the plan bounded by North Street, by Oxford Street, and by Chebucto Road and the proposed extension of Willow Street, with the option of the two lots Nos. 13 and 24 adjoining on the east at \$125 each.

Parcel No. 1 to take the place of the present Compton Avenue School site, and Parcel No. 2 for the erection of a school to meet the requirements of the more western section of the district.

I am also to state that the Board in accordance with Section 6, Chap. 67, Acts of 1907, has requested the approval and authority of the Governor-in-Council for the Board to sell and dispose of its property (Compton Avenue School property) on Compton Avenue and Cunard Streets.

I am also to state that the Governor-in-Council will consider these applications in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, on Saturday next, at

11 o'clock a. m., and the City Council may appear at such time and place, and any objection they may have to offer will be duly considered.

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

Filed.

Read resignations James H. Dow, Superintendent, and Annie F. Dow, Matron, City Home. Referred to Charities Committee for report.

Read applications of J. J. Hall for position of Superintendent and E. J. Cole for position of Secretary of City Home. Filed.

Read application of W. G. Naylor for position of City Assessor. Filed.

Read application of R. D. Leahan for license for moving picture show. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read reports (2) Chief of Police in re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday, one reporting no violations and the other reporting three, viz: Beatrice McLean 198 Grafton Street, unlicensed, 12th January; Sadie Flemming 44 Bower Street, unlicensed, January 19th; and Maud Kerwin 226 Upper Water Street, unlicensed, 26th January. Filed.

Read petition of ice dealers for reduction of license fees. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter MacInnes, Mellish, Fulton and Kenny re appointment of a commissioner in re claim of Patrick Kehoe in connection with Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges and the City Solicitor for report.

Read application of Children's Hospital that provision be made for payment of certain moneys.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for the month of December. Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED AT THIS AND PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards covering accounts for payment.

FIRE WARDS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 10th, 1908.

To The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Fire Wards met on the 5th day of February, and passed the following accounts, which are recommended for payment:—

Austen Bros., turnbuckles, \$4.50. A. Allison, harness, \$6.75. Thos. Brenton,