

uniforms, \$19.75. Can. Rubber Co., gong, \$20.50. H. B. Clarke & Son, enamel signs, \$75.00. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$143.73. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$4.40. J. S. Cashen & Co., forage, \$382.55. Can. Gen. Electric Co., insulators, \$8.01. J. C. Calder, polish, \$5.70. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$23.65. Globe Laundry, work, \$6.13. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, &c., \$31.39. Intercolonial Railway, freight, 30c. Holland & Kuhn, framing, \$5.50. W. C. Knight, harness, \$22.55. Longard Bros., furnace, &c., \$613.00. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$2.60. J. T. Meagher, horseshoeing, \$9.40. N. S. Telephone Co., phones, \$72.30. Northern Electric Co., brushings, &c., 63c. P. Poirier, horseshoeing \$3.21. Jas. Roue, distilled water, \$1.50. D. Roche, glazing, \$7.65. F. Reardon, glass cutting, \$1.50. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$3.95. Total—\$1,551.49.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of Fire Wards covering accounts be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payments of accounts therein recommended.

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY PRISON, February 4th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day at the Prison, there being present Aldermen Hubley, (Chairman) Shaffner and Hayward.

The following accounts, amounting to \$142.82, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment:—

Moir's Limited, bread and cake, \$7.48. John J. Carnell, Azle boxes, 80c. Neil Fox, harness repairs, \$6.35. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$1.70. Geo. S. Yates & Son, boots, \$15.00. Hillis & Sons, grate, 45c. Gunn & Co., oats and bran, \$34.19. James Davidson, horseshoeing, &c., \$7.50. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, &c., \$1.25. E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$49.89. W. A. Mailing & Co., ox heads, \$8.75. M. P. McCaffrey, drugs, \$6.90. Halifax Tram. Co., light, \$2.56. Total—\$142.82.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a report of the Governor referring to the ability of certain underkeepers to perform their respective duties.

Your Committee have made on investigation of the statement in the report and by a personal interview with the underkeepers were able to obtain certain information which they think ought to be on record.

William Higlett is sixty-eight years old, has been underkeeper sixteen years, does general work as underkeeper, takes charge of men on farm and stone shed, does all blacksmith work, and considers himself capable of performing his duties.

James Anderson is sixty-two years old does general work as underkeeper takes charge of men on farm and stone shed, does all mowing, never lost a man while at work, has been underkeeper fourteen years and considers himself capable of performing his duties.

Daniel Keating is sixty-two years old, has been underkeeper twenty-five years, does general work as underkeeper and considers himself capable to perform the duties of an underkeeper.

Your Committee are of the opinion that although these men are advancing in years, yet with their long experience, and taking into consideration the class of prisoners committed there, they are still capable of discharging the duties required of them as well as younger men.

It having been brought to the notice of the Committee that the Trachoma Hospital authorities have neglected fencing in their property and that the neighbors' cattle are roaming about at large, your Committee recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Immigration Department requesting them to erect a fence around the Hospital at once.

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

ANDREW HUBLEY, (*Chairman*).

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

February 11th, 1908.

The City Council:

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

N. S. Telephone Co., \$19.25. A. M. Bell, hardware, \$3.40. Can. Rubber Co., hose, couplings and nozzle, \$7.75. Farquhar Bros., stove pipe, etc., \$12.46. Cragg Bros., hardware, \$3.50. Colwell Bros., mackintosh, \$10.99. Alex. Frizzell, police batons, \$1.80. W. F. Pickering & Co., repairs and altering clothing, \$8.50. W. & C. Silver, ulster, \$18.00. W. & C. Silver, ulster, \$18.00. Fire Department, feed for patrol horse for six months to November 1st, 1907, @ \$10.00—\$60.00. Shoeing same for same period, \$7.50. Cleaning materials same period, \$7.50. Feeding mounted police horse, \$60.00. Feed for patrol horse to February 1st, 1908, 3 months @ \$10.00—\$30.00. Shoeing same, \$3.75. Cleaning materials, 3 months @ \$1.50—\$4.50. T. C. Allen, & Co., stationary, \$2.90. Total—\$279.80.

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 report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 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.....	\$1653 82
Streets.....	1314 24
Water Maintenance.....	606 35
Sewer Loan.....	276 35
Permanent Pavement.....	129 30
Internal Health.....	119 50
Permanent Sidewalks.....	99 40
City Hall Lighting.....	78 38
Teams and Stables.....	68 45
Telephones.....	66 00
City Property.....	52 04
Widening Lower Water St.....	24 86
Sewer Maintenance.....	3 20
City Plan.....	3 15
Water Construction.....	1 80
Total.....	\$4497 14

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for January.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 5th, 1908.

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, Alderman Shaffner, McManus and Hoben.

During the month of January there were 53 persons admitted into the City Home. Of the number admitted 27 were chargeable to the Province and 26 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st, was 415, made up of 272 men, 142 women and 1 child.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—

A. L. Doyle & Co., \$317.46. J. & M. Murphy, \$153.86. W. A. Maling & Co., \$470.19. P. T. Shea, \$184.05. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$97.65. F. A. Shaw, \$61.79. Geo. Grigoire, \$34.03. Henry Lovett, \$12.71. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$332.40. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$62.05. N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. Baldwin & Co., \$3.30. Wm. Jakeman & Son, \$3.00. Wm. McFatrige, \$29.00. John McLellen, \$2.05. W. C. Knight, \$1.50. Snow & Co., Ltd., \$2.40. B. Mulcahy, \$162.22. The Fleishman Co., \$5.10. Pay Sheet, \$808.58. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$641.15. Total—\$3395.74.

G. A. MACKENZIE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee covering accounts, etc.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Douglas and Kelly, the following accounts, amounting to \$1,457.19. were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz. :—

St. Patrick's Home, keep of boys for quarter to February 1st, criminals, \$202.01. St. Patrick's Home, keep of boys for quarter to February 1st, truants, \$176.44 Halifax Industrial School, keep of boys for quarter February 1st, criminals, \$256.25 Halifax Industrial School, keep of boys for quarter to February 1st, truants, \$150.00. Religious of the Good Shepherd, keep of girls for quarter to February 1st \$52.50. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery—City Clerk, \$16.51; City Collector, \$1.50; Assessors, \$8.75—\$26.76. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books—City Collector, \$7.00; City Collector, \$21.50; City Treasurer, \$4.50; City Assessors, \$8.00; City Assessors, \$27.50—\$68.50. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$12.13 \$3.60—\$15.73. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$3.30, \$2.90, \$2.20—\$8.40. Blackadar Bros., subscription Recorder, 1907, \$5.00. Royal Bank, rent of Safe No. 21 to December, 1908, \$20.00. Joseph Spencer, removal of bodies, \$12.50. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes and Order of Day, \$65.70. Holloway Bros., printing Report City Engineer, 1905-6, \$348.50. Chronicle Pub. Co., subscription Chronicle to December 31st, 1908, \$12.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., rubber stamps—City Clerk, 80c.; City Treasurer, \$6.00; License Inspector, \$4.00—\$10.80. MacAlpine Pub. Co., six Belcher's Almanacs, \$2.10. Dr. W. D. Finn, certificates of death of child Thos. Kennedy, \$4.00; Wm. Sheehan, \$4.00; Mary E. Sampson, \$4.00; Joseph Aloe, \$12.00—\$24.00. Total, \$1,457.19.

Your committee further recommend that before tenders are asked for supplies for ensuing civic year the City Clerk be instructed to prepare a new schedule of blank forms, stationery, etc., required based on the quantities used during the past year.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re electric light Young and Gottingen Streets.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re electric light Young and Gottingen Streets was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

ELECTRIC LIGHT YOUNG AND GOTTINGEN STREETS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 1st, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the installation of a street light at the corner of East Young and Gottingen Streets. The Council has already ordered the installation of a light on Young Street, a short distance east of Gottingen Street. As there is a light on Gottingen Street at West Young Street which is a short distance only from East Young Street I think the location already decided upon is the better for all concerned. When the petition was sent in the petitioners were not aware that the light had been ordered.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Inglis and Robie Streets extension in connection with Marlboro Woods Land Co.

INGLIS AND ROBIE STREETS EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re Inglis and Robie Streets extension in connection with the Marlboro Woods Land Co. was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council I beg to report the amount of work done and the amount still remaining to be done under an agreement entered into between the North West Arm Land Company, and the City made under a resolution of Council at a meeting held August 14th, 1894.

The Bond entered into for the carrying out of the provisions of the agreement has been missing for years. The company were to grade Inglis and Robie Streets Extension and fence it and pay all the costs, charges and expenses in and about the expropriation and the title. The company graded Inglis Street for a width of 15 feet. The rest of the Street is unfinished. It is claimed by the company that the City removed the material with which they intended to complete the grading. Whether this be true or not, it is a fact that the City did remove a large quantity of gravel which could have been used for the purpose of grading. The grading of Robie Street is not very far advanced and the work done has been performed by the City by making it a dump for garbage in the winter. The cost of expropriation was paid by the company. Attached hereto is a copy of a bond which I believe is a copy of the original, also a copy of the Minutes of Council referred to in the resolution.

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re landing stage at North Ferry.

LANDING STAGE NORTH FERRY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1907.

To the City Council

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re petition of Messrs. Evans for permission to maintain a landing stage and small boat house at the North Ferry was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from George Evans, Sr., and George Evans, Jr., asking for permission to maintain a landing stage and small boat house at the North Ferry.

This location has been occupied by the floating bath during the summer season for some years, but owing to poor patronage the floating bath has been abandoned, and it is not likely that this site will be occupied in future for bathing purposes.

I would recommend that the Messrs. Evans be granted permission for five (5) years to maintain a landing stage, keep boats and operate a ferry at the North Ferry, also to construct and maintain a small boat house, subject to conditions similar to those named in the lease of the foot of South Street, Coburg Road and Hanover Street—any structures erected to be so placed and maintained that they will not interfere with the rights and privileges of the public in this property.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re electric light Creighton Street.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1909.

To the City Council :

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

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The accompanying petition from E. J. Heisler having been referred to me. I beg to report that Creighton Street between North Street and Bloomfield Street is badly lighted and it is doubtful if it can be properly lighted by installing one light. The appropriation, however, will probably be exhausted by the lights already ordered, but if the fines are heavier than estimated the light could be put in.

I would recommend that a light be installed as petitioned for at the corner of Black and Creighton Streets when funds are available.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Catchpits Edward Street.

CATCH PITS EDWARD STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re catchpits Edward Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 4th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of catchpits on Edward Street.

The petition reached this office too late in the season to carry out the work. It would be useless to construct catchpits until the street is graded so that the water would run into the catchpits. The street does not belong to the City, but the ashes collected in the district will be used this winter for the purpose of raising the gutters to the proper grade so that the water would go into the pits and as soon as the weather is favorable in the spring the work asked for can be carried out.

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

Moved by Alderman Murray seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said reports be adopted and the Committee on Works instructed to carry out the work proposed. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Duncan Street electric light.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council re electric light Duncan Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for a change in the location of the light on Duncan Street. The first light installed on Duncan Street was at Chebucto Lane. A request was received from the residents and property owners asking for the removal of the light to a point about half-way between Chebucto Lane and Windsor Street. There was considerable difference of opinion among those interested, and the matter was referred to the Aldermen for the Ward to decide in the best interests of all concerned. After consideration on several occasions it was finally decided by the City Council that the light should be moved as requested and that as soon as another light was available it should be placed between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street. When funds were available I notified the Halifax Electric Tramway Company to put the light up. When they began to do so Alderman Hoben called at

this office and asked me to stop the work saying that he had a petition against the location. I informed him that I had notified the company in accordance with the decision of the Council and had no power to alter the instructions of the Council. He asked me to take the petition, but as the matter had already been settled and the petition was addressed to the Council I asked him to take it either to the Mayor or the City Clerk. I knew nothing further respecting the matter until the petition was read in Council and referred to the Works Committee for report. In the meantime the Tramway Company installed the light in accordance with the instructions of Council sent to them by letter from me.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sale of Old Exhibition Ground Lots.

SALE OF OLD EXHIBITION LOTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re sale Old Exhibition Lots was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have had several enquiries respecting the sale of the remainder of the lots on Tower Road adjoining the Cathedral site at the Old Exhibition property. As I had no instructions from the Council or your Committee I was unable to give any definite information. While personally unfavorable to the sale of the Exhibition property previous to the purchase by the Cathedral Committee, I can see no reason for holding the rest of the lots in that block that have no buildings on them and I would suggest that the sale of these lots be placed in the hands of a committee consisting of the Mayor, the Recorder and the Engineer, the same course as was adopted for the disposal of the property on Lockman Street and which worked very satisfactorily. I have consulted the Assessors in reference to valuations and they agree that the value of the corner lot should be sixteen hundred (\$1600) dollars, practically the same rate as the price paid by the Cathedral Committee, and the adjoining lots be valued at fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars.

I would recommend that the Committee suggested be authorized to sell these lots at the figures named, such sale to be subject to the approval of the City Council. The plan of any building to be also subject to the approval of the City Council, and no building to be erected within fifteen feet of Tower Road.

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

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the reports be received and adopted and that the said lands be sold by public competition and that no bid or tender be accepted unless it comes up to figures mentioned in the report and that they be sold in single lots and to be used for residential purposes only.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Chisholm.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman

Kelly, that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works. Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed, Alderman Hubley and Kelly dissenting.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Tramway Company's roadbed Windsor Street north of Quinpool Road.

TRAM TRACKS WINDSOR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 18th, 1907.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer's report on Minute of Council re condition of Tram Co's roadbed on Windsor Street, north of Quinpool Road was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 18th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Immediately after the complaint was made by Alderman Hubley respecting the track on Windsor Street I asked the Tramway Company to repair it, and attach hereto a copy of the letter. I have also spoken to the Superintendent about it, but the Company has not paid any attention to my request. The Charter of the Tramway Company provides that certain things can be done by the City if the Tramway Company fail to do them, but no provision is made for the funds to carry out the work and it is illegal to take money from any City Works Department fund for any other object than that for which it is voted.

I would recommend in this connection that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to borrow money for such purpose from the Bank and collect the interest on it from the Tramway Company up to the time at which they pay the bill.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said reports be adopted and referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges with instructions to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Street Lights.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council :

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

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to recommend the installation of the following lights asked for when funds are available :—

Robie Street at College Street.
 Young Street between Needham Street, and Gottingen Street.
 Rector Street, at School Street.
 Cogswell Street between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets.
 and a Bernstein light north end of Poplar Grove.

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

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said reports be adopted and that all the electric lights ordered at this meeting take precedence according to the dates of the several reports instead of in the order in which they were passed. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION CEDAR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 26th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from B. H. Power asking for water extension to a barn on his premises on Cedar Street. The district is high service, size of pipe 6 inches; excavation rock; distance 80 feet; estimated cost:—

Pipe	\$ 48 00
Excavation and pipe laying	120 00
One service pipe	30 00
	\$198 00
Interest on estimated outlay at 5 per cent.	9 90

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions on the high service, the special rate to be \$9.90.

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

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

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

WATER EXTENSION CLIFTON STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached

report of the City Engineer in re water extension Clifton Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Charles H. Kirby asking for extension of the water service to his house on Clifton Street.

The district is high service ; size of pipe, 6 inch ; distance, 127 feet.

Estimated cost :

Pipe	\$ 76 20
1-6 inch valve.....	20 00
25 lbs. lead	1 25
Excavation and pipe laying	158 75
One service pipe	20 00
	\$276 20

Interest on estimated outlay at five per cent., \$13.81.

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions, the special rate to be \$13.81.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer Summit Street.

SUMMIT STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re Summit Street sewer from Windsor Street west was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer on Summit Street from Windsor Street west.

The length required to drain the houses on this street is about 400 feet. Estimated cost, \$2,450. Estimated assessment \$975.00.

I would recommend that the sewer be constructed in its turn.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re improvements Kent Street.

KENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council re concrete sidewalk, curb, and gutter Kent Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on Kent Street and Queen Street. Some of the property owners on this street objected to the construction of this sidewalk when it was proposed at first, but since they have seen the sidewalk constructed at the Pleasant Street end they have decided to ask the Council to extend it to Queen Street. The estimated cost is \$1,564.00. I would recommend that the work be done in turn if funds are available.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the said reports be adopted and the work carried out when funds are available.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said reports be placed on the Order of the Day. Amendment passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re granite curb and gutter corner of Windsor and Cunard Streets.

CURB WINDSOR AND CUNARD STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 5th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re granite curb and gutter, corner Cunard and Windsor Streets, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Messrs T. J. Barron & Co., have asked for the construction of a sidewalk with granite curb and gutter at the south-east corner of Windsor Street and Cunard Street. The corner is much exposed and teamsters drive their waggons over the sidewalk making it dangerous for pedestrians and cutting the sidewalk up. The water lies in a pool immediately at the corner.

I would recommend that a gravel sidewalk with granite curb and gutter be constructed at the south-east corner of Windsor and Cunard Streets. The estimated cost of the work is \$75.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re complaint of Edward Foran, Cornwallis Street.

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor on Minute of Council re complaint of Edward Foran were read and referred to Council for its information.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from E. Foran with reference to the sidewalk grade at No. 26 Cornwallis Street. This sidewalk was laid some years ago and has not been altered since it was originally completed. There is a granite curb and surface of tar concrete. The surface of the sidewalk is above the sill of the door. The property owner has put a block of concrete on the door sill which prevents the water from running into the hall.

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

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

RE EDWARD FORHAN'S CLAIM.

Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR,—The City is entitled to raise or lower the grade of a street and incurs no liability for so doing. If the water of which Mr. Forhan complains was an accumulation at that spot the City would not be justified in discharging it upon Mr. Forhan's property, but such, as I understand, is not the case, but only the ordinary flow of surface water from the street. From this, in my opinion, the property owner must protect himself.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the reports be filed and a copy sent to Mr. Forhan. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sanding the hills paved with bitulithic.

SANDING PAVED HILLS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re sanding the hills paved with bitulithic was read and recommended for adoption.

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

PAVEMENT ON HILLS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 9th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition respecting the bitulithic pavement on Duke Street, George Street and Prince Street.

The petitioners ask that steps be taken to render these hills more convenient and safe for traffic. As the Council are aware, they are paved with bitulithic, a 2 inch surface being laid on a 4 inch concrete base. Asphalt is well known to be one of the most slippery pavements and not suitable for grades over four per cent., while it is laid in all large cities, it is probable that horses fall more frequently on this pavement than any other. When this work was petitioned for the agent of the Warren Bituminous Paving Co. induced the property owners to petition for bitulithic. The company claimed that their pavement was not slippery and persuaded the Council to lay it. The result has proved that it is only suitable for flat grades, not only along, but across the street also. In enquiring into this matter I have interviewed a number of policemen and truckmen and none of those questioned have reported any difficulty on the block pavement on Buckingham St., or at the intersection of Cornwallis St. Grooving the bitulithic has been suggested as a remedy, but such treatment would break the bond of the pavement and be the beginning of its destruction. We have been trying the effect of sand in wet weather and find that it is a great improvement. As a result of enquiry I am unable to suggest more than two courses—one, to take up the bitulithic surface and lay some kind of brick or block pavement; the other to keep the streets sprinkled with sand whenever necessary. As the first means entire new pavement laid on these hills, I should hesitate to recommend it. I think, however, that the use of sand will make these hills much safer for traffic than they would be without it. So far we have used it only on one block of Duke Street and one block of George St. There has been very little complaint since we have been using it, and horses seem to keep their feet much more easily. Truckmen who have occasion to load or work on these two blocks have expressed considerable satisfaction with the change. It is the method used in the large cities to prevent horses from falling, and as we have the patrol cleaning men on this pavement all the time, the additional expense would only be the cost of the sand. We have not tried it on Sackville St., where I understand there have been a good many falls, but if it is decided to adopt this recommendation we will use it wherever the pavement has been complained of. It is endorsed by the street authorities in the large cities and seems to be the only practicable remedy.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the reports be filed and that the Committee on Works continue to sand the hills upon which bitulithic pavement is laid.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed unanimously.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and covering four reports from the chief.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS RE TENDERS, ACCOUNTS, ETC.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee of Fire Wards met on the afternoon of February 5th, and beg to submit the following report:—

Members present—Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Hubley, Archibald, Campbell Hayward and Taylor.

1. In response to advertisement in the newspapers, the Board received various tenders for certain painting, furnishings, supplies and equipment, and after due consideration of the same beg to recommend as follows:—

Harness, etc.—2 sets 3-hitch harness with snap collars, each \$145.00	290 00
3 sets double harness with snap collars, each \$90 00	270 00
10 snap collars, each \$25.00	250 00
2 doz. spanner belts, each 50c	12 00
All to W. C. Knight.	
Cuspadores—4 doz., Cragg Bros. & Co., at \$15.00	60 00
4-3 gal fire extinguishers—L. J. Hesslein, Badger, at \$13 50 each, and extra for 6 ft. hose and stop nozzles, about \$3 00	66 00
12 copper torches—J. E. Myers, \$3.50 each	42 00
4 Cooper hose leaks—H. H. Fuller & Co., \$32.50 each	140 20
6 axes—Canadian Rubber Co.	13 50
2 doz. hose becketts—Laid over for report.	
4 Eastman holders with nozzles—Canada Rubber Co., each \$54.00	216 00
2 doz. spanners—Chief to purchase same, about	12 00
2 cellar pipes—Chief to report.	
2 chemical nozzles—Canada Rubber Co., \$9 35 each	18 70
3 pick axes—not now required, as the Quebec axe is axe and pick combined.	
3 small hand wire cutters—H. H. Fuller & Co., \$5 85 each	17 55
3 fire lanterns—H. H. Fuller & Co., \$3.25 each	9 75
3 smoke lanterns—Chief to purchase same, about	21 00
7 smoke respirators—H. H. Fuller & Co., at \$1.66	11 62
3 Regan patent plaster hooks—Chief to purchase same, about	15 00
3 door openers—Chief to purchase same, about	45 30
7 steel crowbars,	7 00
6 pairs rubber gloves—Canada Rubber Co., \$1 95 pair	11 70
1 Siamese connection with valves—Canada Rubber Co.	7 50
1 " " without valves,	25 00
6 Berry harness springs—H. H. Fuller & Co., \$19 00 each	114 00
1 arrow gum—H. H. Fuller & Co.	25 00
1 brass sliding pole—Chief to have same made in City, about	20 00
1 landing pad—Austen Bros	14 25
1 alarm gong—J. Starr, Son & Co.	249 00
2 wheel jacks—Chief to purchase same—about	20 00
24 Firemen's badges,	24 00
1 branch pipe—Canada Rubber Co.	16 00
2 tin and zinc cutters—Chief to purchase same, about	10 00
12 brass hose patches—Austen Bros., 30c. each	3 60
Painting, &c., West Street House—G. M. Cullen & Co.	165 00
Total	\$2221 37

2. Tenders were also received from N. S. Furnishing Co., W. L. Kane & Co. and W. B. Freeman & Co. for certain furniture, floor cloths, &c., and a special committee consisting of the Chairman and Aldermen Taylor and Hubley was appointed to inspect the samples and report to the Board.

3. As to the gong recommended above, the Chairman reported that in constructing the new Morris Street House the Committee on Works had called for tenders for an indicating gong, and had decided on the purchase of one at a cost of \$249.00. As such a gong is also required in the Grafton Street Chemical House he had caused two to be ordered instead of only one for the new house. This second gong would be placed in the Grafton Street House and the present Grafton Street gong removed to the Bedford Row House. The present Bedford Row gong would then be available as a spare gong in case of accident to any of the others. The Chairman's action in this matter is recommended to the Council for concurrence.

4. It is recommended that the City Engineer be asked to submit to the Fire Wards a schedule as to where in his judgment additional fire hydrants could be located on both the high and low service, as it is more economical to place extra hydrants than to purchase hose.

5. John Honey, spare driver, who has been sick since November 27th last, has not yet reported for duty. The Chief was instructed to continue his pay for the present.

6. John McGrath, Call-man No. 4 Engine, has resigned.

7. It is recommended that Wm. McGuire, Supernumerary on No. 4 Engine, be appointed Call-man, vice John McGrath, resigned.

8. Also that Frederick Rafter be appointed Supernumerary on No. 4 hose.

9. Attached hereto is a report from the Chief recommending the purchase of hose.

It is recommended that 2000 feet of 2½ inch hose be purchased and a short loan provided for to pay the same. Alderman Hubley dissenting.

10. It is also recommended that if the City purchase an aerial ladder that 150 ft. of 3 inch hose be supplied for it, cost about \$165.00, and a ladder turret attachment, cost \$250.00, in order to utilize the aerial as a water tower.

11. A report from the Chief recommending the purchase of a modern ladder truck carrying 450 feet of trussed ladders, cost about \$2000, is reported up to the Council without recommendation.

12. It is recommended that 25 tons of Baird's Gartshore steam Coal (Scotch Coal) be purchased, cost about \$250.00. A report from the Chief on this matter is subjoined.

13. At an emergency meeting of the Board held on the 10th inst., the Chairman reported that while the Waterous Engine "King Edward" was returning from Taylor's Shoe Factory fire on evening of 7th inst., the hind wheels slewed on Morris Street and bringing up against the curbing split a number of spokes in one wheel and sprung the hind axle about an inch and a half and he at once ordered a new wheel. When the new wheel arrives the broken one can be repaired and reserved as a spare wheel. The Chairman's action was approved.

In consequence of this accident it is recommended that Mr Condon be ordered to fit Spelman band brakes on each hind wheel of both the "King Edward" and the "Alexandra" engines, thus permitting the use of ice spikes on the tires in icy weather.

14. It is also recommended that J. H. Mont & Co., be requested to provide a three horse hitch for the "Alexandra."

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The said report is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 re purchase of equipment.

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

Read Clause 2 re Tenders for furnishings

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

Read Clause 3 re purchase of indicating gong.

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

Read Clause 4 re Fire Hydrants.

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

Read Clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 relating to certain firemen.

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

Read clause 9 re purchase of hose.

Also read report of the Chief on the subject.

FIRE HOSE.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT,

HALIFAX, N. S., February 5th, 1908.

TO THE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF FIRE WARDS :

SIR,—Agreeably to your request. I beg to report that we have now in service in the Fire Department only 11,000 feet of fire hose, which amount is less than we had ten years ago. I would respectfully suggest that the City purchase 4,000 feet of 2½ inch hose, the same being urgently required. The cost would be about \$4,600.00.

I would also recommend, if the City purchase an aerial ladder that 150 feet of 3 in. hose be supplied for it—cost about \$165.00—and a turret attachment, cost about \$250.00

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

Also read letter Austen Bros., re hose,

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That clause 9 of the report be amended by the size of the hose being left out and that tenders be called for 2000 feet of hose suitable for our Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Whitman.

The following amendment is introduced :

That the City purchase 2,000 feet of Maltese Cross Brand hose, 2½ inch, at the price quoted by Austen Bros.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Douglas.

The amendment being put, there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Douglas, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Davison, Mackenzie,
Hawkins—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,
Whitman, Johnson,
Murray, Chisholm,
Taylor—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment and declares it lost.

The following amendment is submitted :—

Resolved, that clause 9 of the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be adopted and the Board authorized to call for tenders for the 2,000 feet of hose suitable for the Department.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn until Monday evening, 24th inst., at 8 o'clock.

Motion to adjourn put and lost.

The vote on the amendment is now taken and appears as follows :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison, MacKenzie, Hawkins—7,	Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment and declares it lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the clause of the report be amended by substituting 4,000 feet of hose for 2,000 feet.

At 11.30 o'clock Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, moved for a call of Council, there being four members of the Council absent.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council adjourn until Tuesday evening, 25th inst., at 8 o'clock, Motion put and lost.

His Worship the Mayor instructed the Chief of Police to notify the absent members to attend the Council.

The Council agreed to proceed in the meantime with the balance of the report.

Read clause 10 re aerial ladder equipment.

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

Read clause 11 re purchase of a ladder truck and 450 feet of trussed ladders.

Also read report of the Chief on the subject.

LADDERS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT,
HALIFAX, N. S., February 5th, 1908.

The Chairman and Board of Fire Wards :

SIR,—At your request I have the honor to make a special report on the ladder equipment of the Department.

I have very frequently in my reports and verbally called the attention of the Board to the necessity of a better ladder service. A number of recent fires demonstrated that something must be done in this connection. I have no hesitation in stating that none of our longer ladders are fit for fire service and the shorter ones are very old and cumbersome to handle.

The City has only purchased one long ladder during the last 25 years and by an accident last year it was broken and has not yet been repaired. Our two longest ladders do not respond to bell alarms because we have no vehicle to carry them on and they have to be sent for went required.

No. 1 ladder truck now carries 309 ft. of ladders. This I consider insufficient and would remmend that a modern ladder truck carrying 450 feet of trussed ladders be purchased. Cost about \$2,000.00.

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

Also read letter from L. J. Hesslein re Seagrave ladder truck.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the same be referred back to the Committee for further report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Davison, that the Council adjourn. Motion lost.

Read clause 12 re purchase of Scotch coal covering a report from the Chief.

SCOTCH COAL.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT,
HALIFAX, N. S., February 5th, 1908.

To the Chairman Committee of Fire Wards :

SIR,—The Chief Engineer reports to me that the Scotch Coal (Baird's Gratshore steam coal) recently purchased is more than half gone. Mr. Condon says it is the best coal he has ever used for the steam fire engines and recommends that more be purchased at once. Twenty-five tons (25) would cost about two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Read clause 13 re brakes for the steam fire engines "King Edward" and "Alexandra."

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

Read Clause 14 re three horse hitch for the fire engine "Alexandra."

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report as amended with the exception of clause 9 be adopted as a whole.

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next, 25th inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 25th, 1908.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

- Report Chief of Police re sundry violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.
- Report Charities Committee re tenders for flour.
- Report (supplementary) Laws and Privileges Committee re superannuation of Assessors Phelan and Cairns.
- Letter City Treasurer re cancelled debentures.
- Letter City Auditor applying for an increase in his salary.
- Application of Philip McGuire for position of City Assessor.
- Opinion of City Solicitor re purchase of City debentures by Trustees of Sinking Funds.
- Draft Act relating to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.
- Application of Board of Health for grant of certain moneys.
- Cash Statements City Collector for January.
- Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz. :
 - Bedford Row Engine House.
 - Kempt Road extension by Intercolonial Railway.
 - Gate house Chain Lakes.
 - New City workshops.
 - Letter City Treasurer covering requisition from School Board for \$710.00.

Read No. 15 on Order of the Day, viz. : Clause 9 of report of Committee of Fire Wards in re purchase of fire hose, deferred under a "call of Council" February 18th, 1908.

Also read extract from Minutes of last session of Council relating to said matter.

The Chief of Police now reports that he had been unable to secure the attendance of the Aldermen who were absent at the time of the call of Council at the last session.

Alderman Hawkins' amendment moved at last session that 4,000 feet of hose be purchased instead of 2,000 feet as recommended is now put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that clause 9 of the report of the Fire Wards be referred back to said Committee for further report.

Amendment put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Archibald, Whitman,
Johnson, Murray,
Taylor, Martin,
MacKenzie—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Douglas, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley—4.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re new City workshops near the Common north of Wanderers' Athletic Grounds.

NEW CITY WORKSHOPS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 25th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the City Engineer submitted a report and plans for the new workshops made necessary by the sale of the Exhibition lots for the new Cathedral. It was decided to recommend to Council that his report be adopted, the plans submitted be approved, and tenders be called for the construction as soon as possible.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feby. 25th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The decision to sell the Old Exhibition property makes it absolutely necessary to erect new workshops, storehouses and stables. I have endeavored to obtain a suitable location for such shops at a reasonable cost for land, but have been unable to find a site that would be large enough and at the same time convenient at any figure that would not be prohibitory. The Military authorities have been communicated with and have approved of the proposal to erect new workshops, etc., on the North end of the Wanderers' grounds, being the south end of the yard at present used by the City for storage purposes and for concrete work. The ground plan has been completed and the detail plans will be ready in a few days. I would recommend that the Works Department be authorized to proceed with the preparatory work and that that portion of the building which it would be advisable to construct by contract be put up to tender with the other work and contracts be advertised in a few days.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hubley that this matter be placed on the Order of the Day.

Amendment put and lost 5 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Archibald, Whitman, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley—5.	Aldermen Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, Martin, MacKenzie and Hayward—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that before any work is undertaken in connection with the erection of these buildings upon the property referred to in the report the Council be informed of the cost.

Amendment put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Archibald, Whitman, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, MacKenzie and Hayward—7.	Aldermen Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas and Martin—5.

The original motion for the adoption of the reports is now put and passed unanimously.

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

Read Cash Statement of the City Collector for the month of January. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re gate house Chain Lakes.

GATE HOUSE CHAIN LAKES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 25th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re Gate House Chain Lakes was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 25th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—We have plans ready for the Venturi Meter House already ordered by the Council at the Chain Lakes, and propose to take tenders in a few days. While on this work we have also prepared plans for a stone gate house. The present wooden gate house is very much exposed, and we have great difficulty in keeping it from freezing up. It is important that there should be no danger of freezing, and further, that the care of the gate house in winter when anchor ice is forming should not be too great a hardship on the man in charge.

I would recommend therefore that tenders be invited for a new gate house at the same time as the tenders are asked for for the meter house.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Kempt Road Railway Crossing.

KEMPT ROAD RAILWAY CROSSING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 25th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re extension of Kempt Road by the I. C. R. authorities was read.

After consultation with Chief Engineer MacKenzie, who was present to explain the several plans submitted, it was decided to recommend the adoption of that approved by the City Engineer providing for two 20 feet openings and the light required.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feby. 25th, 1908

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The City Works Department have been in communication with the Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway and the Railway Department with reference to the crossing of Kempt Road by a branch line from the main line to the new Railway yard. The present Cotton Factory siding crosses Kempt Road at grade and the Works Department has been anxious if possible to abolish the grade crossing at this point. The proposal has been investigated not only by the engineering staff of the Railway but also by the Deputy-Minister. Their deliberations have resulted in two proposals for which the Chief Engineer, Mr. W. B. MacKenzie, has forwarded plans.

In the first it is proposed to depress Kempt Road from a point about 400 ft. south of the present crossing to a point about 400 ft. west of the present crossing the highway passing under the railway and leaving a clear head room of 14 ft. The Railway authorities propose to make the sub-way 40 ft. wide, leaving about 20 ft. on the east and north side at the present grade so that access would be given to the properties where houses are erected. The sub-way would have a retaining wall on each side and immediately at the crossing the width of the sub-way would be only 20 ft. Owing to the form of construction, the sub-way being on a curve, it is probable that there would be a good deal of difficulty with snow, but the most objectionable feature of the proposed scheme is the narrow space of 20 ft. to be allowed under the railway. Taking into consideration the character of the traffic at this place I fear that such a narrow span would be dangerous. It is claimed by the Railway authorities that this work would cost from \$40,000 to \$45,000 and that they cannot afford to spend any larger amount. They offer, however, an alternative plan starting on Kempt Road south of the present crossing, swinging northwardly opposite the house formerly owned by W. J. Veith and about on the location of the old Cotten Factory siding, the road being depressed so that there would be 14 ft. clear head room under the railway track where the trestle is at present in the line north of Kempt Road, then turning westwardly it would run by an easy grade to Kempt Road at about the same point as in the first plan. In this case there would be a shorter sub-way and consequently less danger of its being filled with snow. That portion of the sub-way that is liable to be drifted will be comparatively

straight instead of curved as in the first plan. The bend in the road will be sharper, but it is difficult to avoid it.

Of the two plans I think the latter is the better and I would therefore recommend that it be approved, provided that the Railway Department will give the City, in addition to the work contemplated, a right of way the full width of 60 ft. and two spans of 20 ft. instead of one, also that they agree to maintain a light on each side of the overhead bridge at the crossing.

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

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

Read letter City Treasurer covering requisition of School Board for \$710.00 to meet expenditure on fire escape on the County Academy.

LOAN FOR COUNTY ACADEMY.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit for your information a requisition from the Board of School Commissioners for the sum of seven hundred and ten (\$710 00) dollars.

As this amount was not included in the sum authorized by the Council to be borrowed at the meeting held on 5th August, 1907, I would respectfully ask the Council to pass a resolution authorizing the issue of Consolidated Fund 1905 debentures or stock, or both, under Chap. 67, Acts of 1907, for an amount to realize the sum asked for by the Board.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to borrow from the Royal Bank the sum of \$710.00 required by the School Board to pay Hillis & Sons' account for fire escape on the High School until such time as debentures are disposed of for the amount and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue debentures for an amount sufficient to realize the said amount of \$710.00.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed unanimously.

Alderman Hawkins here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read letter City Treasurer recommending the destruction of certain cancelled debentures.

CANCELLATION OF OLD DEBENTURES.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, Feb. 25th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that I have in my office a number of debentures cancelled and for which stock certificates have been issued. I would ask the Council to order the destruction of such debentures as provided by law—Chap. 24, Sec. 7, Acts of 1880.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the Treasurer's recommendation be concurred in provided a list of said debentures be first made and placed on the table of the Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

Read opinion of City Solicitor re purchase of City Bonds by the Trustees of the City Sinking Funds.

IN RE THE PURCHASE OF CITY DEBENTURES BY THE TRUSTEES
OF THE GENERAL SINKING FUND.

CITY HALL, Dec. 30th, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The question on which my opinion has been asked by the Council is whether or not the trustees of the General Sinking Fund can legally purchase debentures of the City at par when the market price of the same is considerable below par.

The sole object of the Sinking Fund as stated by Section 319 of the Charter is for the redemption of the funded debt of the City. The sole duty of the Trustees is to receive the moneys directed by sections 320 and 321 to be paid to them, and to invest them to the best advantage of the fund and in accordance with section 324 by which one of the securities in which investment is directed is the debentures or stock of the City. The Trustees have no other duty than to conserve the funds so entrusted to them to the best of their ability.

In so doing they are entitled to use their judgment as to the best investment available. If they are honestly of opinion that, with a view solely to the best interests of the Fund, the purchase of the City securities at par is the best investment open to them or as good as any other, they would be entitled to make such an investment, but not otherwise. In other words, they are bound by Act exactly as any other Trustee would be bound to act in respect to the funds entrusted to them and are not justified in regarding the interests or convenience of the City when to do so would in any way prejudice the interests of the Fund.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the opinion be filed. Motion passed unanimously.

Read application of City Health Board for legislation authorizing certain extra money grants for said Board.

LOAN FOR HEALTH BOARD.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17th, 1908.

F. H. BELL, Esq., K. C., *City Solicitor.*

DEAR SIR,—Kindly draft a Bill to enable the City Health Board to borrow an extra amount of six hundred and fifty (\$650.00) dollars for heating and plumbing at Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Also to amend Section 790 of the City Charter, making the amount to be placed to the credit of the City Health Board five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) instead of four—said amount also to be in addition to the \$500.00 provided by Section 39, Chapter 69 Acts 1907—and to provide that the extra thousand dollars shall be placed to the credit of the Board for Civic 1908-09.

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the changes proposed in said letter be taken up when other new legislation is under consideration by the Council. Motion passed.

Read Draft Act relating to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company empowering the City to borrow money in certain cases.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Whereas, in and by the Act to incorporate the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, being Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1895, or in or by any Act in amendment thereof, it is provided that any act, matter or thing shall be done by the company, and that upon the default, neglect or failure of the company to do such act, matter or thing the same may be done by the City of Halifax, or by any committee, board or official thereof, the City may borrow the amount of money requisite to do and perform such act, matter or thing from any bank or any fund available, and may recover the amount expended by the City in the performance of such act, matter or thing with interest thereon at the rate paid by the City on the money so borrowed from the company by action at law in the name of the City.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read application of Philip McGuire for position of Chief City Assessor. Filed.

Read application of City Auditor for an increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the same be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Police Committee respecting the salaries of the Members of the Police Force.

SALARY OF POLICE FORCE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, February 18th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Attached hereto is a petition from the members of the Police Force for an increase of pay. The Police Committee have considered the same and beg to recommend that the City Charter be amended as follows:—

(1) That section 237, sub-section (2) of the City Charter be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

“ From and after the first day of May, 1908, the salary of such Detective shall be eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) dollars.”

(2) That section 237 of the City Charter be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

“ (5) The salary of the Assistant Detective, from and after the first day of May, 1908, shall be seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars.”

(3) That section 240 of the City Charter be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

“ On an after the first day of May, 1908, the remuneration of the Police Force be as follows:—

" (a) Privates, five hundred (\$500) dollars for the first year ; six hundred (\$600) dollars for the second year, and six hundred and fifty (\$650) dollars for the third and subsequent years.

" (b) Sergeants, seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars per year.

" (c) City Marshal, not exceeding eight hundred (\$800) dollars a year, to be fixed by the Police Committee.

" (d) Deputy Chief, nine hundred (\$900) dollars per year."

(2) That section 247 of the City Charter be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

247. There shall be deducted from the pay of the Chief of Police, Deputy-Chief, City Marshal, Detective, Assistant Detective, Sergeants and men of the Police Force, monthly, an amount equal to four per cent. of the salary paid, which amounts shall be paid into such fund.

(3) In addition to the above mentioned sums, the members of the force shall be provided with suits of uniform as the Police Committee considers necessary.

(4) Until the first day of May, 1908, the remuneration of such force shall be as provided by section 240 of the City Charter hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES.

	As per Estimate for 1908.		As per amendments recommended.
Chief of Police	\$ 1,050 00		\$1,050 00
Deputy-Chief	800 00		900 00
Detective	710 00		850 00
Assistant Detective	650 00		750 00
City Marshal	800 00		800 00
Six Sergeants @ \$700	4,175 00	@ \$750	4,500 00
less \$25			
24 Policemen @ \$600	14,400 00	650	15,600 00
9 " " 500	4,500 00	600	5,400 00
3 " " 450	1,350 00	500	1,500 00
1 " " 400	400 00	500	500 00
	\$28,835 00		\$31,850 00
Increase			\$ 3,015 00

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

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report of the Police Committee be received and adopted with the amendment that commencing from 1st May, 1908, each Police Officer deserving thereof shall be furnished with a good conduct stripe for each five years of service, each of such stripes to entitle such officer to an addition of \$20.00 to his salary per annum, and that the maximum of the Chief's salary be increased \$100.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the last resolution be referred to the Police Committee to work out details of schedule of increase, and with the assistance of the City Solicitor to draft an Act and forward the same to the Legislature for concurrence. Motion passed.

Read report Special Committee on Assessment.

ASSESSMENT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 23rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Assessment respectfully submit the following interim report:—

Your committee have borne in mind the evils of a system of unloading and the necessity of keeping the City's revenue unimpaired. The changes which they believe to be advisable have for their object the levelling up of the assessment of those who have hitherto escaped their just share of the burden of civic taxation.

Your committee have examined other systems of taxation now in force in Canada, and are of the opinion that the Ontario system is an improvement on the older systems. This system was the result of a long and careful investigation and was adopted for the entire province. It should therefore prove adaptable to the most diverse conditions. Further, it has stood the test of practice surprisingly well. It seems therefore not unreasonable to assume that those interests to which the Halifax system is more lenient than the Ontario are not bearing their full share of the burden of taxation.

Your committee are in favor of adopting certain features of the Ontario system as supplementary to our own. Where the proposed plan will yield more assessable property than the present, there it is to be followed; but where it will yield less, the present system is to prevail.

The proposals of your committee will in all probability yield about \$1,500,000 more assessable property. This estimate is not exact. Your committee regret that the Assessors, because of illness, were prevented from giving all the assistance which they desired.

The first proposal of your committee relates to a "Business Assessment," which is to take the place of the "Personal Property Assessment," wherever it would yield a larger revenue. The Business Assessment is based upon the value of the premises used for that business and upon the nature of the business. The Ontario system assesses, for example, a wholesale establishment at 75 per cent., a manufacturer at 60 per cent., a professional man at 50 per cent., a retail business at 30 per cent., of the value of the premises which are occupied for that business. It is at once evident that the business carrying a large stock of merchandise would be assessed more highly upon personal property than upon a business assessment. Your committee hold that here the Assessors should assess upon personal property. This will prevent loss of revenue and the evils of unloading. On the other hand, where the stock of merchandise is light, the business assessment will exceed the personal property assessment. In such cases the Assessors will apply the business assessment. This will yield a larger revenue, and by lowering the general rate of taxation bring some relief to everyone.

Where only a portion of a building is used by a business the assessment for that business is based on the value of the portion used and not upon the whole building.

The other proposal of your committee relates to the income tax of the Ontario system. It seems to avoid many of the evils of other systems of assessing incomes. Its primary object is to catch those who escape through the meshes of the personal property or business assessment. It is not a tax added to other taxes, but an alternative tax to be applied where it yields more than the personal property assessment.

The Ontario system draws a distinction between the house-holder and the non-householder. It exempts the first \$1000 of the income of the householder and only the first \$400 of the income of the non-householder. The reason for this is plain. The house-holder bears all, or nearly all, of the tax of the house which he occupies and is usually assessed for a few hundreds on his furniture. These taxes come out of his revenue and it seems unfair and burdensome to tax that income a second time. The exemption relieves the recipient of a small income of the burden. On the other hand

his companion who boards pays but an infinitesimal part of the tax of the house which he occupies and probably is not assessed on personal property.

Further, the evils of double taxation are also avoided by not assessing income from property already assessed by the City. Thus the owner of real estate or of merchandise does not pay a tax upon his real estate or merchandise and also upon his income from that real estate or merchandise. Should, however, his income exceed his personal assessment or business assessment he is also assessed upon the excess of his income over his personal property or business assessment.

Perhaps the most serious objection to an income tax is the difficulty of discovering the exact amount to be assessed. Usually the clerk or the person on a small but fixed salary is assessed to the last cent, while the millionaire pays on but a very small fraction. Where the tax is National and the income is discovered at its sources, as in Britain, this defect is comparatively slight. But in a small municipality whose inhabitants are interested in ventures far beyond its boundaries the income assessment is usually a wild guess. If your Committee proposed to place the burden of taxation upon incomes this difficulty would be insurmountable. Your Committee, however, regard the income tax simply as a device to reach those who would otherwise escape. Further, since the great majority of those whose incomes are variable in amount and beyond the ken of the Assessors are assessed through the real or personal or business assessment the evils are reduced to a minimum.

A third objection is the unfairness of taxing an income derived from property assessed elsewhere and property to which the City does not contribute the slightest degree of value. It is further urged that such a tax will deter men of large incomes, received from abroad, from taking up a residence in a City which burdens income. This objection is a very serious one where it applies not to the income but to the full value of the personal or real property owned abroad. But where the income only is assessed the burden upon the owner, who is usually well able to bear it, is so slight that he will hardly give it serious thought, and, if he does, he will deem it but a slight return for the many advantages which he derives from living in a City well supplied with light and water, with good sewers and clean streets, well guarded from fire, disorder and violence, and offering not only the advantages of an excellent system of schools but also many facilities for recreation and enjoyment.

Your Committee believe that neither the business Assessment nor the Income Tax will prove burdensome to anyone, but that both when applied as a supplement to the present system will draw from a considerable number now contributing but little to the revenue of the City increased contributions which while they do not amount to a considerable sum in any particular instance will in the aggregate materially increase the City's revenue and bring relief to all property now assessed.

Your Committee request the Council to refer this report back to them with instructions to prepare, with the assistance of the City Solicitor, such amendments to the present law as will give effect to their proposals and that these be reported back to the Council for their consideration at an early date.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Committee be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to draft such amendments to the present Charter as will give effect to these recommendations and that these be referred back to the Council for their consideration.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, and passed unanimously.

Alderman Martin gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Catherine McIntyre for a liquor license.

Alderman Taylor gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of W. J. Coles for a liquor license.

By consent of Council Alderman Johnson is permitted to introduce a motion.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that No. 6 on Order of the Day be now taken up, viz. :

Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving Pleasant Street from South Street to Inglis Street, July 4th, 1907.

Report Committee on Works re petition against paving said portion of street. Oct. 17th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, (at 11.03 o'clock) that a call of Council be now made—there being only twelve members of Council present.

His Worship the Mayor instructed the Chief of Police to send for the absent Aldermen.

The Council decided to proceed with the transaction of other business in the meantime.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering various draft Acts.

AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting of the committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Chisholm (Chairman), Archibald, Hubley, Douglas and Martin, they had under consideration the accompanying draft Acts, viz. :—

An Act to amend Chapter 70 of the Acts 1907, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to assist the Silliker Car Company, Limited."

An Act to amend City Charter in respect to pedlers' licenses.

An Act to amend the laws relating to the City of Halifax.

An Act to amend the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act (1905, C. O. B. 51).

Your committee recommend that the same be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Filed.

Read draft Act entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the City of Halifax."

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :—

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City; and any committee or official herein

mentioned by name means the committee or official of that name of the said Council or City; the expression "the Charter" means the Halifax City Charter brought into force on the first day of March, 1907, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council dated the 20th day of February, 1907; and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered; and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof.

Section 357, clause (3), is amended by adding thereto the words following—

- (m) Every plate glass insurance company doing business in the City \$25 00
- (n) Every steamship company doing business in the City \$100 00

Section 359 is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—

(5) The taxes imposed by this section shall be in addition to any tax imposed by law upon any real property owned by the company, firm or individual doing business as a broker or agent.

Section 790 is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

790. (1) A sum not exceeding five thousand dollars shall be placed in the civic estimates each year and rated and collected for the purposes of public health. Every account contracted by the Board shall be certified by the Chairman and paid on the warrant of the Mayor and Auditor in the same manner as the other accounts of the City.

(2) If the said sum of five thousand dollars is insufficient for the requirements of the Board for any one year, or if any extraordinary expenditure is required by reason of the outbreak or threatened outbreak of any epidemic disease in the City, the Council shall on the request of the Board grant all such extra amounts as the Board calls for, and may, if necessary, borrow the amount required from any bank.

(3) If the extra amount so required does not exceed one thousand dollars the Council shall include the same in the amount of the next civic estimates and collect the same therewith. If such amount exceeds one thousand dollars the Council may at its option either—

(a) include the same in the next estimates; or

(b) provide for the payment of the same by instalments under the provisions of sections 312, 313 and 314 of the City Charter.

Whenever by any enactment the City or any Committee, Board or official of the City is empowered to destroy or remove any building or structure after the failure of the owner thereof to comply with any order directing him to destroy or remove such building or structure, the City may borrow from any bank or from any other funds available the money requisite to effect such removal or destruction and the building or structure or the materials thereof be sold and the proceeds applied to defray the expenses of such removal or destruction, and any balance of such expenses remaining shall be a lien on the property or lot of land on which such building stood and shall be added to the next yearly rates thereon and be collected along therewith and with the like rights and remedies.

In respect to any contravention or failure to comply with any provision of the Charter or of any ordinance or by-law made under the authority thereof, which contravention or failure of compliance continues from day to day, the Court or Magistrate before whom the matter of any contravention or failure of compliance is heard may in addition to the penalty imposed by law for such contravention or failure impose a further penalty not exceeding five dollars, or in default of payment one week's imprisonment for each day during which such contravention or failure has continued, provided that notice in writing of the contravention or failure has been given to the person committing the same.

Every person who, while in a drunken condition, is found sleeping or reposing on the Common or Citadel or in Point Pleasant Park or in any other park or public square of the City may be forthwith taken into custody by a police officer and shall be liable

to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars, or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

It is agreed to consider the same clause by clause.

Read Interpretation Clause. Passed.

Read Clause 1 re Plate Class Insurance Company fees \$25.00.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said license fee be placed at \$50.00.

Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Taylor, Kelly, Hubley,
Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—8.

Aldermen Whitman, Murray,
Douglas, Hoben.—4.

Read Clause 2, re Steamship Company License fee—\$100.00.

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

Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Murray,
Douglas, Hoben, Hubley,
Martin and Hawkins.—7.

Aldermen Whitman, Johnson,
Taylor, Kelly and
MacKenzie.—5.

Read Clause 3, re Brokers' or Agents' taxes.

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

Read Clause 4 and its various sub-sections relating to water rates, &c.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works and City Solicitor for report. Motion passed.

Read Clause 5 Sec. 1, re \$4000.00 grant annually for Board of Health.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this section be adopted substituting the sum of \$5000 instead of \$4000. Motion passed.

Read Clause 5, Sec. 2, making provision where the ordinary annual grant for the Board of Health is insufficient.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said section be adopted. Motion passed.

The Chief of Police now reports (at 11.33 o'clock) that he had been unable to find the absent Aldermen.

Alderman Johnson's motion that No. 6 on the Order of the Day be taken up is now put to the Council by the chair and lost, 4 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows.

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Johnson, Taylor, MacKenzie, Hawkins—4.	Aldermen Archibald, Whitman, Murray, Douglas, Hoben, Keily, Hubley, Martin—8.

The draft Act is resumed.

Read Clause 5, Sec. 3, re assessments for extraordinary expenditure of the Board of Health.

The following amendment to said clause is now submitted:

In the event of any extraordinary expenditure of the Board of Health due to an epidemic amounting to \$10,000.00 or less said amount shall be assessed the following year; if the amount exceeds \$10,000.00 said amount shall be assessed in sums of \$10,000.00 each year or fraction of \$10,000.00 for last year until the whole amount is paid.

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

Read Clause 6, re destruction of buildings.

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

Read Clause 7 relating to penalties in the courts.

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

Read Clause 8 relating to persons found drunk in certain places.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said Act as amended be adopted as a whole and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read Draft Act to amend the City Charter in respect to certain Peddlers' licenses.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED ACT TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER IN RESPECT TO PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Chapter 502, sub-section (2) is amended by striking out therefrom the clause marked (c) and substituting therefor the following—

- (c) To any person assessed in respect to personal property—
- (i) in a sum not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) if the fee for the license required by law exceeds ten (\$10.00) dollars; and
- (ii) in a sum not less than six hundred dollars (\$600.00) if the fee for the license required by law does not exceed ten (\$10.00) dollars.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for concurrence. Motion passed.

Read Draft Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1907, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to assist the Silliker Car Company, Limited."

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE ACTS OF 1907, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO ASSIST THE SILLIKER CAR COMPANY, LIMITED."

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :—

1. Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1907 is hereby amended by adding after the word "debentures" in the third line of the first section the words "or stock."
2. The mortgage and the Bill of Sale or Chattel Mortgage given by Silliker Car Company, Limited, to the City of Halifax to secure to the City the amount of \$125,000 loaned by the City to the Company, both dated _____ are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be binding upon the said Company and the City in manner and form as the same are expressed and executed, and whether the same are or are not in all respects in conformity with the provisions of the said Chapter 70 and of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Company mentioned in the said Act and printed as a schedule thereto.
3. It shall not be necessary for the said Bill of Sale or Chattel Mortgage to be accompanied on filing the same in the Registry of Deeds by any affidavit of the Company or any officer or official of the same which but for the passing of this Act would have been required by the provisions of the Bills of Sale Act, nor shall it be necessary at any time to renew the same by filing any renewal statement or affidavit in the manner directed by the said Act.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for concurrence. Motion passed. Alderman Whitman dissenting.

Read Draft Act entitled "An Act to amend the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905."

AN ACT TO AMEND THE HALIFAX CITY CONSOLIDATED FUND ACT (1905, CAP. 51)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :—

The lien and charge created in favor of the stock or debentures of the City of Halifax by section 3 of Chap. 51 of the Acts of 1905, and the exemption from taxation thereof by the said section conferred shall apply and enure to the benefit of not only the three million dollars of such stock and debentures mentioned in that section, but also to and in favor of all stock and debentures of the said City at any time issued under the authority of the said Act or which are directed by any enactment to form part of the

Halifax City Consolidated Fund whether before or after the passing of this Act without any priority or preference whatever.

(1) Whenever any money is borrowed by the City of Halifax on stock or debentures issued under the provisions of the Halifax Consolidated Fund Act, or under those or any other Act authorizing such a loan, the City may, out of the proceeds of the sale of such stock or debentures, pay the cost of preparing stock certificates or debentures, of advertising the loan and any other expense reasonably incidental to the floating of the loan, and may issue the additional stock or debentures necessary to realize the sums so paid.

(2) The provisions of this section shall apply to any loan heretofore made by the City.

Passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

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

Resolved, That a clause be appended to the Bill to be submitted to the House respecting the Statute making the City jointly liable for the deficits of the Provincial Exhibition substituting a section requiring the City to grant a sum of four thousand five hundred dollars to the Commission each year in which an Exhibition is held provided the Local Government give at least a like amount.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same, and 4 against it—the names on the division being as follows:—

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Murray, Taylor,
Douglas, Kelly,
Martin—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Hubley,
MacKenzie—4

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that proceedings on the vote for an annual grant for the Provincial Exhibition be stayed until the proposed reconsideration is disposed of.

Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben,
Hubley—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Murray, Taylor, Douglas,
Kelly, Martin,
MacKenzie—8.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that a Special Committee consisting of Alderman Johnson, Murray and Martin, be appointed to watch the progress through the Legislature of Bills affecting the City of Halifax. Motion passed.