

and due for broken stone, \$138 00, making a total of \$628.00. The committee will require to run the prison for the remaining two months of the year for salaries \$625.00. for maintenance \$300.00—\$925.00. Less cash on hand and bills payable. \$628.00—Deficit, \$297.00.

It is recommended that a special grant of \$325.00 be made by the Council to meet this deficit, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to insert a clause in the borrowing bill to be presented to the Legislature authorizing the City to borrow from Royal Bank of Canada said amount of \$325 00, and place the said amount of \$325 00 and interest in the estimates for 1909-1910.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman*.
P. F. MARTIN,
J. B. DOUGLAS,
I. B. SHAFFNER.

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 there-in recommended.

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

Read petition in re the application of Catherine Dillon for a liquor license covering a Draft Act exempting the premises occupied by Dillon Brothers and Catherine Dillon from the provisions of the Liquor License Act.

The following resolution is submitted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted and the petition be referred to the Committee on Legislation with instructions to assist in procuring legislation to enable the City Council to grant a license in respect to the premises mentioned, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 40 of the Liquor License Act.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Johnson and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,	Aldermen Archibald, Douglas,
Johnson, Murray,	McManus, Hoben
Chisholm, Taylor,	Hubley, Davison.—6.
Kelly, Martin,	
MacKenzie.—9.	

Read report Committee of Fire Wards covering accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 3rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this evening. Present, Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Archibald and Hubley.

The Board recommend for payment the following accounts :—

A. Allison, straps, \$6.30. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$18.35. Austen Bros., hose, etc., \$164.50. Cragg Bros. & Co., lock, 20c. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$4.40. W. S. Craig, sink, \$1.00. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$371.81. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$226.24. Jas. Donohue, repairs lamp, \$1.10. J. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$8.83. John Foley, mason work, \$4.00. Farquhar Bros., fixtures, ect., \$122.22. Globe Laundry, work, \$10.61. Holland & Kuhn, framing, \$8.00. W. W. Healey, granite work, \$2.50. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$24.50. W. C. Knight, harness, \$32.95. J. T. Meagher, horseshoeing, \$3.88. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$136.55. A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$10.75. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$175.12. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$14.94. National Drug Co., acid, \$13.74. Phelan & Co., puncheon, \$2.25. Pitner Lights, goods, \$3.30. Phillips Co., wire, \$110.23. Fred. Parsons, carriage hire, \$5.00. P. Poirier, horseshoeing, \$4.20. Jas. Roue, water, \$3.00. Wm. Robertson, canvas, etc, \$52.15. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$17.13. Halifax Electric Tram Co., power, \$8.64 ; light, \$34.69—\$43.33. Total, \$1,504.08.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of Fire Wards 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 Hubley and passed.

Alderman Hawkins here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Prince Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Charities Committee on tenders for flour.

TENDERS FOR FLOUR.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 24th, 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, Aldermen Shaffner, McManus and Hoben.

Tenders for 100 bbls. of flour were received from Levi Hart & Son. Ltd., Wentzell's Limited, A. L. Doyle & Co., Muir & Son and Gunn & Co.

It was decided to recommend for acceptance the tenders of Gunn & Co., and A. L. Doyle & Co., for fifty barrels each, their prices being equal.

G. A. MACKENZIE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and the recommendation contained therein concurred in.

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

Read report of Joint Committee on Assessment and Laws and Privileges Committee in re Assessment covering Draft Act re Assessment.

REPORT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, March 4th, 1908.

To the Mayor and City Council,

Your Committee on Assessment and Laws and Privileges have prepared a draft of an Act embodying the recommendations of the Committee on Assessment and respectfully submit it for your consideration.

WALTER C. MURRAY,

Chairman of Committee on Assessment.

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 and any official mentioned by name means the official of that name of the said City.

2. For the purpose of assessment and taxation in the City of Halifax any person having his home or domicile or carrying on business or having any office or place of business, or any occupation, employment or profession within that City shall be deemed and taken to be and is hereby declared to be an inhabitant and resident of the said City.

3. Section 334 of the City Charter is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Halifax," the words "and all income derived either within or out of this City by any person resident therein."

4. Section 342 is amended by adding after "foreign" in the 8th line the words "and upon the incomes of residents in the City in the manner hereinafter provided."

5. Section 346 is amended by adding the following sub-sections :—

(5) Subject to the exemptions provided in the City Charter the assessment of the personal property of any person engaged in any of the businesses mentioned in this sub-section shall not be less than the following percentages of the real property occupied or used by such person for that business, that is to say :—

(a.) A brewer 75 per cent.

(b.) Wholesale merchant 75 per cent.

(c.) Manufacturer 60 per cent. Such manufacturer not to be rated as a wholesale merchant by reason of his selling by wholesale goods of his own manufacture.

(d.) Dealer in coal, wood or lumber, lithographer, printer or publisher, club in which meals or spirituous or fermented liquors are sold or furnished, dealer in spirituous or fermented liquors in any premises in respect to which a shop license has been granted, 50 per cent.

(e.) Every barrister, solicitor, notary public, aurist, conveyancer, physician, surgeon, oculist, medical electrician, dentist, veterinarian, civil or mining or consulting or mechanical or electrical engineer, surveyor or architect, and every manufacturer's agent or other agent or intermediary in the business of the sale of goods, who has not the actual custody of the goods or has the custody of samples only, 50 per cent :—

Provided that where any of the foregoing persons mentioned in this clause occupies or uses real property partly for the purposes of his business and partly as a residence, 50 per cent. of the value of the real property occupied or used by him shall be taken as and construed to be the value of the real property occupied or used for his business.

(f.) Every retail merchant or other person engaged in business and not subject to a special tax or otherwise specially assessed, 50 per cent.

6 No person shall be assessed in respect to the same premises under more than one of the clauses of the next preceding sub-section, and when any person carries on more than one of the kinds of business mentioned in such sub-section on the same premises he shall be assessed only in respect to the one of such businesses for which the percentage is the highest.

7. When any of the persons mentioned in the said sub-section (5) occupies or uses any premises partly for the purposes of his business and partly for the purposes of a residence, he shall be assessed in respect to the part for his business only, but this clause shall not apply to the persons enumerated in sub-section 5 (e).

8. Section 357 is amended by adding the following sub-section:—

(3a) Should the special tax of any company mentioned in this section be less than one and one-half per cent. of the value of the premises occupied by such company it shall be increased by such sum as will bring the total up to one and one-half per cent. of the value of the premises occupied.

The City Charter is amended by adding the following sections:

TAXATION ON INCOME DIRECTLY.

9. (346a) "Income" shall mean the annual profit, or gain or gratuity (whether ascertained and capable of computation as being wages, salary or other fixed amount or unascertained as being fees or emoluments, or as being profits from a trade or commercial or financial or other business or calling) directly or indirectly received by a person from any office or employment, or from any profession or calling, or from any trade, manufacture or business, as the case may be; and shall include the interest, dividends or profits directly or indirectly received from money at interest upon any security or without security, or from stocks, or from any other investment, and also profit or gain from any other source whatever.

10. 346b. Subject to the exemptions provided for in section 333 of the City Charter the following persons shall be assessed and taxed in respect of income:—

(a) Every person not liable to assessment on personal property.

(b) Every person, although liable to assessment on personal property, shall also be liable to the extent to which his income exceeds the amount of such personal property.

(c) Where such income is not a salary or other fixed amount capable of being estimated for the current year, the income of such person for the purposes of assessment shall be taken to be not less than the amount of his income during the year ending on the 31st day of December then last past.

(d) Every person liable to assessment for real or personal property shall not be assessed in respect to income derived from such property. Nor shall any person be assessed in respect to dividends derived by him from shares in the stock of a corporation carrying on a mercantile or manufacturing business which is already assessed.

11. Section 335 relating to exemptions is amended by adding subsection—

(j) The annual income of a householder in this city to the amount of \$1000 and the annual income of every person not being a householder to the amount of \$400.

12 Section 363 relating to the poll tax is hereby repealed.

INFORMATION FOR ASSESSORS.

13. Section 396 is amended by adding—

(3) Every person employing any other person in his trade, manufacture, business or calling shall within ten days after demand therefor furnish or cause to be furnished to the assessors information concerning the names, places of residence, and wages, salary or other remuneration of all persons employed by him whose wages, salary or other remuneration exceed \$1,000 per annum in the case of householders and \$400 in the case of non-householders.

14. The City Charter is amended by adding the following sections:--

396a. (1) Any assessor requiring information from any person, pursuant to section 396, shall cause to be delivered or mailed to the address of such person a notice according to form given in Schedule A accompanied by such blank forms of the assessment returns, to be made by such person as may be necessary; and such person shall within ten days thereafter, enter in the said forms all the particulars required by the notice to be given, in the proper blanks and columns, and deliver or mail such assessment return to the assessor.

(2) Before delivering or mailing the said assessment return to the assessor the same shall be signed by or on behalf of such person, and shall be verified by a statutory declaration in writing attached thereto

(3) Such declaration may be made before the assessor or any justice of the peace or notary public.

15. 396b (1) The assessor shall not be bound by any statement delivered under the next preceding sections, nor shall the same excuse him from making due inquiry to ascertain its correctness; and, notwithstanding any such statement, the assessor may assess every person for such amount as he believes to be just and correct, and may omit his name or any property which he claims to own or occupy, if the assessor has reason to believe that he is not entitled to be placed on the roll or to be assessed for such property.

(2) Except when examined as a witness before any Court no assessor, assessment commissioner, assistant or other person employed by the City shall communicate or allow to be communicated to any person except to the solicitor of the City in the discharge of his duty any information obtained under the provisions of sections 396 and 396a or allow any person to inspect or have access to any written statement furnished under the provisions of sections 396 and 396a and no person other than the assessor or assessment commissioner and their assistants shall be entitled to any information respecting the assessment of any person other than that which may be obtained from the completed assessment roll which is open to inspection by any ratepayer.

(3) Any person who contravenes sub-section 2 of this section shall upon conviction thereof before a court of competent jurisdiction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$200 and to imprisonment until the fine is paid, in the common goal of the county or city for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

16. Section 396 is amended by substituting the number (4) for (3) and inserting after the word "furnished" the words "or makes default in delivering or furnishing any written statement mentioned in this or the next preceding section," and by adding after the word, "dollars" the words "and an additional penalty of five dollars for each day during which default continues."

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said draft Act be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Alderman Campbell here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read Clause 1 of Draft Act—general interpretation clause.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the consideration of the said Draft Act be deferred to a meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday evening next, 11th inst., at eight o'clock, in order to give the citizens an opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell, Davison.—7.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie.—9.

The original motion is put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Kelly, Campbell, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie.—12.	Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Hubley.—4.

Read Clause 2, re definition of "Inhabitant."

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3, re "Income."

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

Read Clause 4, also relating to "Income."

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

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the further discussion of this Act be deferred until a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, March 10th, inst., at eight o'clock, and that in the meantime the whole Act be forwarded to the Legislature for a first and second reading with the request that further proceedings be stayed until it is certified by the City Clerk that the Act is finally adopted by the City Council.

Alderman Murray's motion is put and passed unanimously.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for water meters.

WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 5th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for Water Meters were opened. It was resolved to recommend the purchase of 200 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Tridents at \$10.71 ; 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Tridents at \$16.07 and 900 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Lamberts at \$9.81, the prices being the same as reported on November 7th, 1907.

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

TENDERS FOR WATER METERS.

John MacDougall, Caledonian Iron Works, Worthington,	1" Model B.....	\$ 9 10
"	" ".....	15 50
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"	" " " " " " " "	58
Austen Bros., American Meters. All bronze case	"	10 04
"	" " " " " " " "	15 12
"	" " " " " " " " Bronze top, gal. iron base	9 13
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	13 69
"	" " " " " " " " Full gal. iron case	8 16
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	12 24
H. B. Clarke & Son, Lambert Mtrs, as per tender Nov 7, '07	"	9 81
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	11 20
"	" " " " " " " " " " " " Keystone,	10 25
"	" " " " " " " " " " " " 1/2" or	15 30
Neptune Meter Co., Trident, as per tender Nov. 7, 1907.	"	10 71
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	16 07
John McFatridge, Jr., Empire, as per tender, Nov. 7, '07.	"	13 26
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	19 89
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow. Declined to tender.		

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and that the meters when delivered be placed on the low service.

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether Alderman Murray's amendment is a proper amendment and in order

The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that Alderman Murray's amendment is a proper amendment and in order and His Worship the Mayor ruled in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor.

Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Hubley, appealed to the Council from the ruling of the Chair.

The City Clerk put the question " shall the decision of the Chair be sustained " whereupon there appeared.

To Sustain the Decision of the Chair.	Contrary
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Murray, Taylor,	Chisholm, Hoben,
Douglas, McManus,	Kelly, Hubley,
Martin, MacKenzie.—8.	Campbell, Davison.—8.

Alderman Hoben asked the City Solicitor's opinion as to the course to be followed in this case where the Council was equally divided on the question of an appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The City Solicitor stated that as the decision of the Chair was not over-ruled upon the appeal to Council the ruling of the Chair stands.

The City Clerk declared the decision of the Chair sustained.

Alderman Johnson with leave of the seconder of his motion accepted Alderman Murray's amendment as part of his original motion.

Alderman Chisholm required the division of the question in two parts, i. e.,

(a) That the report of the Committee on Works be adopted, and

(b) That the meters when delivered be placed on the Low Service.

Moved in amendment to Alderman Johnson's motion by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that in view of the haste in procuring the revised tenders now before the City Council, in view of the fact that the information asked for by this Council on August 30th has not been supplied to the Council and in view of the fact that a very lengthy report has been submitted to the Council by His Worship the Mayor the contents of which have not been read by the Members of the Council and are not fully known.

Therefore Resolved, That further consideration of the meter question be deferred and that copies of the Message of His Worship the Mayor on the City water supply be placed in the hands of the members of the Council and also copies of the information asked for at meeting of Council held on August 30th last.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that His Worship the Mayor address the Council from the floors of the Chamber on the question of the City water supply and the matter of meters. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor vacates the chair, which is taken by Deputy-Mayor Alderman Johnson, and addresses the Council upon the matter under discussion.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

Alderman Hoben's amendment is now put, the vote appearing as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison.—8.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie.—8

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

The following amendment is submitted :—

Whereas, in his report on the water service of this City Mr. Chipman informs us that there is a heavy underground leakage from defective pipes ;

And whereas, Mr. Chipman offers other suggestions besides meters to remedy the shortage of water in certain sections of the City;

And whereas, the experience of other Canadian cities seems to prove conclusively that water meters are not a necessity for the furnishing of a satisfactory water service;

And whereas, the concensus of public opinion in Halifax at the present time seems to be against the expenditure of money for a general installation of water meters;

Therefore be it resolved, that the further consideration of tenders for water meters be deferred until the voice of the citizens can be heard in the important matter of expending the large sum of money necessary to purchase said meters.

And be it further resolved, That a plebiscite of this City be taken on this matter, said plebiscite to be taken in connection with the election of Mayor and Aldermen on April 29th, next.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the question be now put.

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

The motion to adjourn being put there appeared:

<p>For Adjournment</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison.—8.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie.—8.</p>
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His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against adjournment and declared the motion lost.

Alderman Hoben's amendment for a plebiscite is now put and lost 5 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison.—5.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald, Whitman, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie.—11.</p>
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Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the original motion be now put.

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

The motion being put there appeared.

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Chisholm, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Campbell, Davison.—8.

Against it.

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

Alderman Murray's motion that the question be now put being now voted upon, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

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

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Chisholm, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Campbell, Davison.—8.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the motion and declares it carried.

The original motion as divided is now put, viz:

(a) "That the report of the Committee on Works be adopted" the vote being as follows:—

For the Motion.

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

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Chisholm, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Campbell, Davison.—8.

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote for the motion and declared it carried.

The second part of the original motion is now put, viz:—

(b) "And that the meters when delivered be placed on the low service," the vote being as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,
Johnson, Murray,
Chisholm, Taylor,
Douglas, McManus,
Campbell, Martin,
MacKenzie.—11.

Against it.

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

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next 10th inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 1.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 10th, 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 Hayward, Archibald, MacKenzie, Murray, Johnson, Douglas, Shaffner and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Whitman, McManus, Kelly, Hoben, Davison and Campbell.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalks Prince and Granville Streets.

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

Letter J. S. Edwards covering resolutions of a public meeting in re water meters.

Letter W. A. Monaghan re hydrant Mott Street.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENT ACT.

Read clause 5 of Assessment Act.

Alderman Hubley, asked that the Minutes of the last session adjourning the meeting until this evening be now read.

The said Minutes are read.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the main part of clause 5 be adopted.

The following amendment is submitted :

Whereas the basis of assessment in the City of Halifax is an equal dollar rate on the owners of real and personal property ;

And Whereas the measure under discussion provides that persons engaged in business whose assessment on personal property would yield less than the business tax based on the value of the premises occupied shall be assessed on the business tax system and not on the basis of the value of their personal property;

And Whereas such a system would be open to the objection of inequality in taxation in as much as one person would be rated on one principle and another perhaps in the same business would be rated on another and different principle;

And Whereas such inequality in levying taxes would cause dissatisfaction and discontent;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council declares itself opposed to such a system as inequitable and unfair.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hubley, Campbell, Hayward.—5.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Davison, MacKenzie.—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that before the Act is submitted to the Legislature and becomes law an experimental assessment be made to see if the proposed Act is any improvement over the Act now in force, said experimental assessment to be made at the same time as the next regular assessment, and further, that the Assessors' books be made up under both the present and the proposed Acts but only one bill to be rendered to the persons assessed.

Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, MacKenzie, Hayward—8.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Douglas, McManus, Kelly—6.

The Council now proceeds with the consideration of the Act with the view of deciding upon the principles to be submitted to experiment.

The original motion to adopt the main part of clause 5 is put and passed.

Read clause 5 (a) re brewers.

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

Read clause 5 (b) re wholesale merchants.

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

Read clause 5 (c) re manufacturers.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that this clause be amended by inserting after the word "manufacturer" where it first appears in said clause the words "occupying premises valued at \$3,000.00 or more," and that the clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 (d) re certain dealers, etc.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the words "coal" and "wood" be omitted from said clause, and that the clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 (e) re certain professions, etc.

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

Read clause 5 (f) re retail merchants.

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

Read clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that these several clauses be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clauses 10, 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c).

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that these several clauses be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 10 (d).

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald that this clause be amended by inserting in the second last line thereof between the words "a" and "mercantile" the word "banking."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Douglas that the clause be adopted as read. Amendment put and passed.

Read Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that these several clauses be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare such legislation as will be required to enable the City Assessors to obtain the information required to make the experimental assessment directed by the Council to be made under the proposed draft of the new Assessment Act and that the same be submitted to the Legislature and with power

to pay expenses out of Contingent Fund, and if insufficient to borrow from any bank or fund available and to include the same in next year's assessment.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act increasing the amount which the City is authorized to raise for general revenue from one hundred and forty thousand dollars to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

By leave of the seconder and the Council, Alderman Johnson withdraws his motion.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act increasing the amount which the City is authorized to raise for general revenue from \$140,000.00 to \$145,000.00.

By leave of the seconder and the Council, Alderman Hoben withdraws his motion.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that Section 300 of the City Charter be amended by increasing the amount which the City is authorized to raise for general revenue from \$140,000.00 to \$150,000.00 and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary Act and submit the same to the Legislature.

Motion passed unanimously, there being twelve Aldermen present and voting.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that a clause be added to the borrowing bill enabling the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1000.00 for the completion of the stables at the City Prison. Motion passed unanimously, there being twelve Aldermen present and voting.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that a clause be added to the borrowing bill enabling the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$700.00 for heating and plumbing the hospital for infectious diseases.

Motion passed unanimously, there being twelve Aldermen present and voting.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the City Solicitor prepare an Act authorizing the City to borrow from any bank or other fund available a sum not exceeding \$500.00 to meet deficiency of appropriation for City Prison for 1907-8 and a sum not exceeding \$1000.00 to meet deficiency of appropriation for City Home for 1907-8, the said sums to be assessed in next year's assessment and repaid.

Motion passed unanimously, there being twelve Aldermen present and voting.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re improvements for City Treasurer's office.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 5th, 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 letter of City Auditor Foster for better accommodations in City Treasurer's office was read and recommended to Council for adoption and that legislation be obtained to provide funds therefor.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 5th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I have looked into the conditions complained of by the City Auditor and have come to the conclusion with him that the only practicable solution is to remove the Mayor's office to the office at present occupied by the Recorder, adding the alcove in the hall as an outer office or using the latter as a private office and the former as an outer office. The Recorder's office to be removed to the room formerly occupied as an official library, the present Mayor's office and Treasurer's office be re-arranged so that the Mayor's private office could be used by the Auditor, the outer office by the City Treasurer and the office at present occupied by the Treasurer to be used by the City Collector—a door being cut through the wall between the present Treasurer's office and the Mayor's outer office. It would be necessary to build a vault from the basement up through the police court up to the Treasurer's office. This proposal is approved by the Auditor and the Treasurer and will give increased accommodation to the Collector. The estimated cost is \$2500.00.

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

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

Motion put and lost, 9 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Archibald,
Whitman, Johnson,
Murray, Douglas,
McManus, Davison,
MacKenzie—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley—3.

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that a clause be added to the borrowing bill enabling the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$2400.00 for the purchase of fire hose.

Motion passed unanimously, there being twelve Aldermen present and voting.

Read clause of report of Charities Committee recommending accounts for payment. (For list of accounts see printed minutes of next meeting.)

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

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

March 10th, 1908.

To the City Council :

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

City Works Department, repairs to padded cell, \$23.78. W. C. Knight, candles, 60c. A. & W. MacKinlay, street report book, \$12.00. Total—\$36.38.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, 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, March 5th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Work held this day the attached bills for the several services of this department were submitted approved and recommended to Council for payment

Street Lighting, \$1612.95. Morris Street Engine House, \$299.40. Bedford Row Engine House, \$249.00. Sewer Loan, \$100.49. Streets, \$89.20. City Hall Lighting, \$82.70. Teams and Stables, \$61.51. Internal Health, \$40.96. Cleaning Paved Streets, \$21.00. City Property, \$13.61. Permanent Pavement, \$3.60. Permanent Sidewalks, \$2.93. Water Maintenance, \$467.86. Total—\$3045.21.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Chisholm, Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Privileges, be added to the special Committee on Legislation. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 12.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 16th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening, "at the request of Aldermen Hubley, Whitman, Shaffner, Kelly, Chisholm and Hoben, for the purpose of dealing with a report from the Charities Committee, for the reconsideration of a motion to purchase meters and for the consideration of other matters now in the hands of the City Clerk, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

By order of the Mayor."

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hayward, Davison, Kelly, Shaffner, Campbell, Whitman, Hoben and Chisholm.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Alderman Hubley.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 19th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening, "To proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

By order of the Mayor."

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen McManus, Archibald, Douglas, Martin, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Murray.

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

8.30. o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Alderman Johnson.

There being no quorum present to do business the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 20th, 1908.

A special meeting of the City Council was called for this evening pursuant to the following notice :—

“ You are requested to attend a special meeting of the City Council on Friday next at 8 o'clock p. m., in response to the following requisition :

To His Worship the Mayor :

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned Aldermen respectfully request Your Worship to call a meeting of the City Council on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, March 20th, for the purpose of considering a report of the Charities Committee, the notice of reconsideration re water meters of Alderman Hoben, and other business.

George M. Campbell, John F. Kelly, Andrew Hubley,
Robie S. Davison, Alfred Whitman, I. B. Shaffner,
C. R. Hoben.

To proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

By order of the Mayor.”

At 8.10 o'clock there were present, Aldermen Hubley, Davison and Hayward.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that in the absence of His Worship the Mayor and the Deputy-Mayor, Alderman Kelly be appointed chairman of this meeting.

The motion was put by the City Clerk and passed unanimously.

The roll being called the members above indicated answered to their names.

There being no quorum to do business the chairman declared the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 26th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour, there were present Aldermen Campbell, Douglas, Archibald, Martin, Taylor, Chisholm, Hayward, Murray, Hawkins and Davison.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Johnson, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to "proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business, by order of the Mayor."

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, REPORTS AND OTHER PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

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

Petition in re Green Street Sidewalk, by Alderman Whitman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Letter City Auditor re Morris Street Engine House, Contractor's Account.

Petition of Kaulbach & Schurman re taxes Maritime Business College.

Report Coal Weighers February.

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

Report City Treasurer re Cancelled Bonds.

Cash Statements City Collector for February.

Applications Charles E. Neville, Edward Coleman and Joseph H. Balfie for refund of deposits made with applications for liquor licenses.

Application of W. A. Doyle for license for a moving picture show.

Report special Committee re tenders for purchase of Old Exhibition Lots.

Report Committee on Works re collection of water rates between Landlord and Tenant.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read application of W. A. Doyle for a license for a moving picture show.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition against construction of concrete sidewalk on Green Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Alderman Hoben asked when would be the proper time to bring up his notice of reconsideration re water meters now on the Order of the Day.

His worship the Mayor stated he thought now was the proper time.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz: Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration in re water meters, March 5th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the resolution of Council in respect to meters having been carried out and the meters purchased the question of reconsideration falls.

Alderman Hoben asked for a ruling of the Chair as to whether the Council could not now vote on a motion to reconsider that part of the resolution of March 5th, which referred to placing the meters on the low service.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that Alderman Hoben's notice was for the reconsideration of the whole resolution and adhered to the ruling already given that the notice of reconsideration is out of order. His Worship stated as his opinion that the only way under the rules the matter could be brought before the Council would be under a notice of motion to rescind.

Aldermen Hoben and Chisholm asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor stated he had been spoken to by Alderman Hoben upon this question of reconsideration and had put his opinion in writing. He now read and filed his opinion that the motion of reconsideration is not in order.

RECONSIDERATIONS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Halifax, March 26th, 1908.

The reconsideration of a resolution is not known in English parliamentary procedure. It is entirely of American origin, and it is therefore by the American authorities that we must be guided. Of these the chief is the Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies

by Cushing. That author states (sec. 1278) that the effect of a reconsideration is to entirely annul the vote and place the deliberative body in the same position in which it was before the vote was taken. It would appear clear from this that where it is impossible to do this a reconsideration cannot be had and Cushing accordingly (sec. 1276) states it as "a general principle that there can be no reconsideration of an order the execution of which has already commenced."

Mr Justice Di Ion also in his great work on Municipal Corporations sec. 290 states the law to the same effect, viz:—That there can be a reconsideration only where the rights of third parties have not vested. Our own ordinance (Ord. 11, Sec. 18) provides: "No motion to rescind or to reconsider shall have the effect of delaying or impeding the action necessary to give effect to any resolution unless the Council orders otherwise."

It would manifestly be impossible to give effect to the provision if the action taken on a resolution could be undone by a reconsideration.

My predecessor, when the question came before him, always ruled that when the resolution of the Council had been carried into effect a motion to reconsider was not in order: See minutes of Council for 30th December, 1901.

In the present case the resolution of the Council having been carried into effect by the execution of contracts for the purchase of the meters, for breach of which the City would be liable in damages, a motion to reconsider is not in order.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Alderman Hoben appealed to the Council from the ruling of the chair.

The City Clerk put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained."

The names being called there appeared:

To sustain the decision of the Chair.	Against.
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie Hawkins.—9.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Hayward.—9.

The City Clerk declared the decision of the Chair sustained the same not having been over-ruled by Council.

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the authority of the City Clerk to give a decision upon a tie vote under the circumstances.

The City Solicitor stated that the City Clerk could not do otherwise than rule as he did.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read applications of Charles D. Neville, Edward Coleman and Joseph H. Balfe for refund of deposits made with applications for liquor licenses. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for February. Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED AT THIS AND PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee in re retirement of Chief City Assessor Stephen R. Phelan.

Also read supplementary report of the said Committee on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said report be adopted.

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

The amendment being put there appeared on a show of hands 8 for and 10 against it.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted, that Mr. Phelan's request for retirement be acceded to, that he be retired according to the Statute and that he receive a superannuation allowance as provided for in the Act at the rate of \$800.00 per year, to take effect from May 1st next.

Alderman Hoben asked that the amendment be divided and put to the Council in two parts :

1st as to the adoption of the report and

2nd as to the superannuation of Mr. Phelan.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the amendment did not permit of such division.

Alderman Johnson being asked to reduce his amendment to writing, submits the following :

Resolved, That Assessor R. Phelan's request for superannuation as per his letter be acceded to and that he be retired beginning May 1st, 1908 in accordance with the Act passed by the Legislature. and that he receive eight hundred dollars per year payable monthly

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Murray.

Alderman Chisholm, by leave of Alderman Douglas and the Council now withdraws his motion for the adoption of the report.

Alderman Johnson's written resolution now becomes the main question:

The following amendment is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for a further report.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

The amendment is put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the resignation of Mr. Phelan be not accepted at the present time.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Hayward.—8.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—10.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred until July 1st, next.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Hayward.—8.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—10.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the resolution be placed on the Order of the Day.

Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 8 against it the names on the division being as follows :—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Campbell, Davison, Hayward, Hawkins.—10.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Martin, MacKenzie.—8.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee in re retirement of Assistant City Assessor John P. Cairns.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSOR PHELAN.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 1st, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed to enable the City to superannuate two of the Assessors, Messrs. S. R. Phelan and J. P. Cairns. The enactment (Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1907, section 41) is as follows :—

"The Council may superannuate Stephen R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, at a yearly allowance of eight hundred (\$800 00) dollars; and may also superannuate John P. Cairns, Assistant Assessor, at a yearly allowance of six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$666.66) such allowances to be paid monthly, and the amounts thereof to be included in the amount rated upon the inhabitants and property.

By letter dated the 31st December, 1907, Mr. Phelan requests that, on account of his impaired health, he be retired from office on the 1st May, 1908, and he presents the certificate of the City Medical Officer dated January 29th, 1908, to the effect that he is afflicted with a total cataract of the right eye, causing an entire loss of vision of that eye, and also that the left eye is to some extent impaired.

Mr. Phelan is upwards of 67 years of age, having been born December 25, 1840. He was first appointed to the service as an Assistant Assessor on October 26, 1882, at a salary of \$800.00 a year, the Chief Assessor at the time being the late John L. Barry, and the late James R. Graham being the other assistant. In 1886 his salary was raised to \$1000.00. In 1889 he succeeded Mr. Barry as Chief Assessor at a salary of \$1,200.00. This salary was raised to \$1,400.00 in May 1906, and to-day stands at that figure.

For the past year or two Mr. Phelan has paid into the pension fund; and on May 1st, 1908 he will have paid into said fund the sum of \$112 00.

The statute above quoted fixes the amount of superannuation which the retiring officers shall receive and the Council has no power to alter the amount. The Council is simply authorized to retire the said Assessors at any date with the superannuation stated.

In the case of Mr. Phelan, your Committee is of opinion that on account of his infirmities he ought to be retired. He and his colleague have served the City for a long period faithfully and to the best of their abilities and it is no discredit to either of them to state that the efficiency of the service now demands younger and more vigorous men.

Your Committee therefore recommend that Mr. S. R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, be retired.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 11th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—As supplementary to the reports on the applications of Messrs. Phelan and Cairns, I append hereto the opinion of the City Solicitor in regard to the powers of the Council touching the appointment of successors to officials who resign office, and stipulate that their resignations shall take effect on a future date.

At the request of some of the members of the Council the following statement prepared by the City Auditor by request is presented. It gives the name of former employees of the City who are now drawing allowances, the amount of the allowance and the sources from which the same are drawn:—

Name.	Taxed for.	Police Sup. Fund.
James McDonald.....	\$400 00	
Reuben Shaw.....	250 00	
Sergt McNally.....	167 13	£297 12
Chief O'Sullivan.....	297 14	631 36
Sergt. Baker.....	148 57	315 68
Sergt Leahan.....	148 57	315 68
Recorder MacCoy.....	600 00	
Chief Power.....	331 36	597 14
Policeman Blakeney.....		267 14
	<u>\$2,342 77</u>	<u>\$2,424 12</u>

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman of Committee on Laws and Privileges.*

HALIFAX, N. S., February 1st, 1908.

F. H. BELL, ESQ., K. C.,

DEAR SIR,—Having reference to the applications of Messrs. Phelan and Cairns who have tendered their resignations, "to take effect on May 1st, 1908." will you kindly give me your written opinion as to whether the Council can regularly appoint successors to them before the date of their actual retirement from office?

An early answer will oblige as I desire to have it before the next meeting of our Committee

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Feb 5th, 1908.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, K. C.,

Chairman Committee on Laws and Privileges :

DEAR SIR.—In reply to your request for my opinion whether or not the Council can exercise the right to appoint successors to the present Assessors who have tendered their resignations to take effect on 1st May, 1908—before that date and their actual retirement—I beg to say that in my opinion the Council cannot. The resignation is only an intimation of intention to resign at a future date. In the meantime the office is not vacant, and the Council has consequently not power to act. An attempted appointment before the occurrence of the actual vacancy would be practically an attempt to usurp the powers of a future Council. If this could be done three months in advance, why not three years?

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

SUPERANNUATION ASSISTANT ASSESSOR CAIRNS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY PRISON, February 1st, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Mr. John P. Cairns applies by letter dated Dec 31st, 1907, for superannuation under the terms of Chapter 69 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1907, section 41 (quoted in the report on the application of Mr. Stephen R. Phelan of even date herewith).

He produces two certificates, one from the City Medical Officer that he suffers from chronic sciatica and almost continuous pain with occasional exacerbations of a severe kind which make any attempt at actual work extremely painful; the other from Dr. Murdoch Chisholm stating that he has been suffering from sciatica for the past year and that it is with much difficulty that he can move about.

Mr. Cairns was born on June 24th, 1839, and was appointed Assistant Assessor on April 1st, 1888. His salary on appointment was \$1000.00, and on May 1st, 1906, it was increased to \$1100.00, the amount at which it now stands.

Mr. Cairns applies for retirement on May 1st, 1908. By that time he will have paid into the pension fund the sum of \$88.00.

Your Committee is of the opinion that for the reasons mentioned in the case of Mr. S. R. Phelan Mr. Cairns ought to be retired, and your Committee recommends accordingly.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report be received and placed on the Order of the Day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman McManus, that Assistant Assessor John P. Cairns' request for superannuation as per his letter be acceded to, and that he be retired beginning May 1st, 1908, in accordance with the Act passed by the

Legislature and that he receive \$666.66 per year, payable monthly, and that this resolution be placed on the Order of the Day and taken up and dealt with at the same time as the case of Chief Assessor Phelan.

Amendment put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the clause of the supplementary report covering statement of City Auditor relating to former City Officials now under superannuation be referred to the Chairman of the Laws and Privileges Committee with the request to have the same completed by adding thereto the names of all other officials who had been superannuated. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee on various matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Mar. 25th, 1908.

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 were present: Aldermen Johnson, (Chairman), Shaffner, Douglas, Kelly, Campbell and Hawkins.

The following accounts, amounting to \$266 00, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Dr. W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of Death: Ernest Bell, \$4.00; D. Lockhart, \$4.00; Sidney Bond, \$4.00; Henry Gullickson, \$4.00; Cecil Ewing, \$4 00; male child of L. Dee, \$4.00; Ellen M. Pellow, \$4.00; Robert Moore, \$4.00; John Jones, \$4 00—\$36 00. Chronicle Pub. Co., advertising, Chronicle, \$4.59; \$5.58; \$16.05; \$11.52; \$3.75; \$26.98—\$68.44. Blackadar Bros., advertising, Recorder, \$7 20; \$7 50; \$21.96—\$36.66. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps, \$0 50. Herald Publishing Co., sub. to Herald, 1907; City Collector \$6 00; City Clerk, \$6 00—\$12.00. Canada Law Book Co., Annual Digest, 1907, \$3 65. A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., books: City Collector, \$8.60; License Inspector, \$3.50—\$12.10. T. C. Allen & Co, stationery, &c.: City Assessor, \$5.95; City Clerk, \$12.70, \$35.00, \$15 10; City Collector, \$2.50; City Solicitor, \$0.40; City Auditor, \$25.00—\$96.65. Total, \$266.00.

Your committee further report that they had under consideration a letter of the City Solicitor re taxed costs in suit of Hart vs. MacBreith showing a total of \$764.13. Your committee after going into the history of the whole case arrived at the following conclusions:—

The Mayor was named by the unanimous voice of the Council to be the delegate from this City to the meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Winnipeg in 1905. The late R. I. Hart contested the right of the City to send the Mayor and City Engineer on this mission and demanded that the City should lend him the use of its name in an action against the Mayor and City Engineer to compel repayment of the moneys paid them for expenses of this trip and brought an action in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Meagher on 5th March, 1906, who gave judgment for both defendants. Mr. Hart appealed from this judgment and the case was tried before full bench in November, 1906. Two members of the Court, Messrs. Justice Graham and Justice Russell, reversed the judgment of Mr. Justice Meagher, in favor of the Mayor, while Judge Longley sustained the decision of Judge Meagher.

The City Council then instructed the City Solicitor to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Canada. The appeal was heard at the November term, 1907, and the judgment of the Nova Scotia court sustained.

Your committee unanimously recommend that the bill of costs be paid by the City

and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary papers to give effect to this resolution, which is as follows:—

Resolved, that the City do hereby under the authority conferred by the Acts of 1906, Chapter 61, Section 17, authorize and approve of the expenditure of two hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$231.00) paid by the City to R. T. MacIlreith for his expenses of attending at the Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Winnipeg in the year 1905 as the delegate of the City and for the purpose of enabling the said R. T. MacIlreith to repay the said amount to the City as directed by the order of the Supreme Court made in the suit of Hart vs. MacIlreith, A. No. 14713, do pay to the said R. T. MacIlreith the said sum with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent. from the 18th day of October, 1905, and that on repayment of the said amount with interest as aforesaid by the said R. T. MacIlreith to the City the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sign a receipt for the same and lodge such receipt with the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax as directed by the said order.

Further resolved, that the City do pay the plaintiff's taxed costs of the said action amounting to the sum of seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-three cents (\$733.83), and also the Ottawa Agency charges in the same suit amounting to thirty dollars and forty cents (\$30.40).

Further resolved, that the City do borrow from any bank or any funds available the amount required to pay the above sums, and that the amounts so borrowed with the interest paid thereon be included in the annual assessment and rated upon the property and inhabitants for the civic year beginning 1st May, 1909, and rated and collected along therewith, and the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and submit to the Legislature the legislation required to carry out this resolution if any such is required.

Your committee further report that they had under consideration the application of the City Auditor that his salary be fixed at \$1800.00 on account of additional duties imposed on him.

It is recommended that the request of the City Auditor be granted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an amendment to the City Charter to that effect and forward the same to the Legislature for enactment.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the matter of expenses incurred in the floating of the recent loan which amounted to \$1496.52 By an Act passed at the present session of the Legislature the City has power to issue stock or debentures to meet these expenses

Your committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to issue stock or debentures, or both, to meet this expenditure.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, March 24th, 1908.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee:

SIR,—Mr. E. P. Allison, solicitor of the plaintiff in the suit of Hart vs. MacIlreith, has written me asking payment of the plaintiff's taxed costs in that action, amounting in all to \$733.83, and I would like at the same time to have the amount of my agent's charges at Ottawa—\$30.40—in the same suit.

As some of the members of the Committee may not be familiar with the circumstances of this action, I beg to briefly recapitulate them:

The suit arose out of the action of the City Council in sending the Mayor as delegate from the City to attend the meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Winnipeg, in 1905, and also of the Board of Works, in directing the City Engineer to accompany him for the purpose of inspecting water systems and gaining other information of use to the City. A full statement of the circumstances under which the Mayor and Engineer were appointed will be found in the letter of His Worship, published in the minutes of the Council of 27th December, 1905. The late Mr. R. I. Hart, believing

that the expenditures incurred in connection with this delegation were improper, demanded that the City should lend him the use of its name in an action against the Mayor and Engineer to compel repayment of the moneys paid them for expenses. This letter was referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges who reported against granting Mr Hart's request. Mr. Hart then began action against the Mayor, Engineer and the City which the Council directed to be defended. The action was defended on several grounds, the principal of which were that the expenditures were proper to be made by the City, that having been paid for they could not be recovered back, and that as the action was for a public matter Mr. Hart, as a private citizen not specially interested, could not maintain an Action which could only be maintained by the Attorney-General. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Meagher on the 5th of March 1906, who gave judgment for both defendants. From this judgment Mr. Hart appealed to the Supreme Court in banco. In the meantime the City has obtained legislation authorizing a similar expenditure in the future and empowering it to pay the principal and costs of the then outstanding action, acts of 1906, C. 61, s. 17.

The appeal came on before the full Court in the November term 1906. Two members of the Court, Graham and Russell, reversed the judgment of Meagher J. as to Mr. MacIlreith, but confirmed it as to Mr. Doane. One Longley J. was of the opinion that the judgment of the trial judge should be confirmed as to both defendants. I reported the result of the appeal to the Council at a meeting on the 16th May, 1907, pointing out that so far the Nova Scotia judges had been evenly divided in opinion, and that eminent judges in both of the other Maritime Provinces were of the same opinion as Mr. Justice Meagher, and that the point as to whether the City was liable to have all of its expenditures called into review at the suit of any inhabitant was a serious one. The Council thereupon directed an appeal to be taken to the Supreme Court of Canada. The appeal was heard at the November term, with the result, I regret to say, of the judgment of our court being sustained.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read clause 1 re accounts.

The following resolution is submitted.

Resolved, That Clause 1 of 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 Kelly and passed.

Read Clause 2 re taxed costs in suit Hart vs. MacIlreith, covering letter from City Solicitor.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the City do hereby under the authority conferred by the Acts of 1906, Chapter 61, Section 17, authorize and approve of the expenditure of two hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$231.00) paid by the City to R. T. MacIlreith for his expenses of attending at the Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Winnipeg in the year 1905 as the delegate of the City and for the purpose of enabling the said R. T. MacIlreith to repay the said amount to the City as directed by the order of the Supreme Court made in the suit of Hart vs. MacIlreith, A. No. 14713, do pay to the said R. T. MacIlreith the said sum with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. from the 18th day of October, 1905, and that on repayment of the said amount with interest as aforesaid by the said R. T. MacIlreith to the City the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sign a receipt for the same and lodge such receipt with the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax as directed by the said order.

Further resolved, that the City do pay the plaintiff's taxed costs of the said action amounting to the sum of seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-three cents (\$733.83), and also the Ottawa Agency charges in the same suit amounting to thirty dollars and forty cents (\$30.40).

Further resolved, that the City do borrow from any bank or any funds available the amount required to pay the above sums, and that the amounts so borrowed with the interest paid thereon be included in the amount assessed and rated upon the property and inhabitants for the civic year beginning 1st May, 1909, and rated and collected along therewith, and the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and submit to the Legislature the legislation required to carry out this resolution if any such is required.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

The question was put to the Council by Deputy-Mayor Alderman Johnson and passed. Aldermen Hubley and Hoben dissenting.

Read Clause 3 re amendment to City Charter to fix salary of City Auditor at \$1800 a year.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this clause be placed on the Order of the Day.

Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against, on a show of hands.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act fixing the minimum salary of the City Auditor at \$1500.00 and the maximum at \$1800.00.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Murray, Chisholm, Campbell, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins.—8.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison, MacKenzie.—10.</p>
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The motion for the adoption of the clause is put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 6 against, the names on the division being as follows:—

<p>For the Motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Chisholm, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Campbell, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—12.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Davison.—6.</p>
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Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 4 re Expenses of the recent City Loan.

The following resolution is submitted :—

Whereas, by an Act passed this session of the Legislature (House Bill, No. 3) the City is authorized to issue stock or debentures necessary to realize the expenses of any loan ;

And whereas, the expenses incurred in floating the late loan amounted to the sum of fourteen hundred and ninety-six 52/100 dollars.

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be authorized and instructed to issue stock or debentures or both of the Consolidated Fund, 1905 for an amount sufficient to realize the said sum of fourteen hundred and ninety-six 52/100.

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

By leave of Council Alderman Hoben is permitted to submit a motion.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Murray, that His Worship the Mayor be requested to nominate a special committee to confer with a Committee of the Children's Hospital in respect to the site to be provided by the City and other matters. Motion passed.

Alderman Murray suggested that Alderman Hoben and the Committee on Works be included in the membership of such special committee when the same is nominated.

Read report City Auditor in re requisition for payment of \$3260.00 to George B. Lowe, contractor for Morris Street Engine House.

MORRIS STREET ENGINE HOUSE.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 19th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The enclosed papers have been handed to me with Engineer's certificate and releases from mechanics of any claims they may have against the city, asking for payment to Mr. Geo. B. Lowe of \$3260.00 due him on account of Morris Street engine house. My reason for sending these papers to Council is to get your authority to pay this amount as the margin retained for final payment is only \$156.00 Contract was \$17,616.00.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

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

Read report Committee of Firewards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 26th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards met this afternoon at four o'clock.

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

1. Your Board beg to report that the Dominion Government authorities have recently handed over to the City free of cost the 350 imperial gallon steam fire engine built by Shand, Mason & Co. in 1896 for the Dockyard here on condition that the City will do the wiring for an alarm box with an auxiliary pull box they intend purchasing for the Dockyard.

The engine was thoroughly overhauled and put in first-class order at a cost of \$65.20 and will be stationed at the new Morris Street House.

2. The Board has further considered the matter of the purchase of hose, and beg to recommend that tenders be advertised for 2,000 feet of fire hose suitable for our Fire Department, the specification to include in addition to the usual conditions the following provisions:—

(a) That this hose be purchased under a 300 pound four year guarantee, the specification to be worded in a general way so as to permit makers of either rubber hose, or cotton rubber lined, hose to bid.

(b) That every section purchased be subjected to a pressure of 200 lbs. per square inch in the presence of a representative of the City.

(c) That on delivery one length in each lot of five taken at random be subjected to the guaranteed pressure of 300 lbs., any failure to be cause of rejecting entire lot of five lengths.

(d) That in cases where agents (not direct representatives of hose manufacturers) file a bid they must specify the brand of hose to be supplied and the bid must be accompanied by the manufacturers' guarantee.

(e) That any bid may be rejected in whole or in part.

Attached hereto are letters from the Chiefs of the Fire Departments of various Canadian cities relating to hose

3. Your Board have further considered the matter of the purchase of a new ladder truck, and report that no action has been taken in the matter, but recommend that the subject be referred to the incoming Board. Alderman Taylor dissenting.

4. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

W. C. Knight, snap collars, \$58.00. T. Robinson, harness hire, \$0.50. A. W. Redden & Co., boots, \$5.25. Stairs, Son & Morrow, mops, etc., \$4.55. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$22.75. Hillis & Sons, tracks, etc., \$70.20. T. Hogan & Son, repairs boiler, \$65.29. J. Dempster & Co., lumber, \$10.35. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$28.71. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$245.42. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$166.65. T. C. Allen & Co., printing, \$1.95. Globe Laundry, work, \$8.00. W. B. Freeman, furnishings, \$170.80. M. S. Brown & Co., badges, 12.60. Recorder, advertising, \$4.35. Canadian General Electric Co., wire, \$2.41. Canadian Rubber Co., axes, \$13.50. H. Cameron & Co., grate bars, etc., \$61.90. Chronicle, advertising, \$5.58. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$4.40. Total, \$963.16.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read petition Kaulbach and Schurman re taxes on Maritime Business College.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report,

Read report Coal Weighers for February. Filed.

Read reports (3) Chief of Police reporting no Sunday violations of the Liquor License Act since last report. Filed.

Read report City Treasurer, covering lists of cancelled debentures.

CANCELLED DEBENTURES.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, March 20th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In response to the resolution of the City Council passed February 25th, 1908, I hereby submit lists of cancelled debentures in my hands for the information of the Council.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

List of cancelled debentures of Consolidated Fund, 1905 (Lithographed impression) in the hands of the City Treasurer and for which Steel Engraved debentures have been substituted :—

No.	Denomination.	Rate of Interest.
328, 361,	\$1,000.	4%
376, 377, 378,	"	"
381, 382,	"	"
385, 386, 387,	"	"
389 to 410,	"	"

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

List of cancelled debentures of Consolidated Fund, 1880, in hands of the City Treasurer and for which stock certificates have been issued.

No.	Denomination.	Rate of Interest.
12, 22, 24,	\$1000,	5%
29, 30, 31,	"	"
35, 56,	"	"
73 to 77,	"	"
138 to 142,	"	"
144, 147,	"	"
153 to 156,	"	"
159, 160, 161,	"	"
165 to 175,	"	"
11,	\$500	"
527 to 559,	\$1000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
625 to 631,	"	"
796,	"	"
811 to 825,	"	"
836,	"	"
841 to 850,	"	"
856 to 859,	"	"
862,	"	"
939 to 967,	"	"
1018 to 1083,	\$1000	4%
1117 to 1149,	"	"
1364, 1365,	"	"
1550 to 1588,	"	"

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the cancelled debentures listed in the Treasurer's report be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Read application of G. A. Wooten for a license for an Entertainment Hall and Moving Picture Show 49-53 Sackville Street.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter W. A. Monaghan in re hydrant Mott Street.

Referred to the Committee on Works.

Read report special committee covering tenders for purchase of certain lots of the Old Exhibition Property.

OLD EXHIBITION GROUND LOTS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Mar. 26th, 1908

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, your committee have advertised for tenders for the sale of lots on the Old Exhibition Grounds fronting on Tower Road, south of College Street.

Tenders were invited on two divisions of this block. One for four lots 36' 7½" front by an average depth of 142' 6"; the other for three lots 48' 10" wide and the same average depth.

W. A. Black tendered \$3000.00 for the three large lots.

J. A. Clarke tendered \$1800.00 for one large lot at the corner.

R. G. Beazley tendered \$3500.00 for two large lots next to the corner and \$2700.00 for two small lots next to the corner.

The price per square foot of Mr. Beazley's tender for the small lots is about 26c., and for the large lots about 24c. The price received from the Cathedral Site Committee is about 25c.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report be placed on the Order of the Day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the tender of Richard G. Beazley of \$2700.00 for two small lots next to the corner fronting on Tower Road south of College Street be accepted.

Amendment passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and lost 8 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Chisholm, Douglas,
Hoben, Hubley,
Campbell, Hayward—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Murray, Taylor,
McManus, Davison,
Martin, MacKenzie,
Hawkins.—9.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re condition of Bedford Row Fire Station.

BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION.

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 condition of the Bedford Row Fire Station was read.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the contractor be required to make good all damages immediately, and in the event of his not doing so that the City Solicitor be empowered to take action for the carrying out of his guarantee.

R. T. MACLEBETH, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feby. 21st, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The Chief of the Fire Department reports to me to-day that "the roof of the Bedford Row Fire Station is leaking all over." He has reported to me from time to time that this roof was leaking, and I have inspected it on several occasions and found that the water was running down, destroying the plastering and injuring the building. This roof was constructed under a guarantee, but the contractor, although notified several times, has failed to make it tight. Some action should be taken to prevent further damage to the building and inconvenience to the occupants.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the reports be referred back to the Committee on Works to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor and report.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murray seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to take action if he deems the City has a good case against the Contractor.

Amendment put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council adjourn until Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman,

that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost 7 voting for the same and 11 against. as follows :—

For Adjournment	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Hubley, Campbell, Hayward.—7.	Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Taylor, Douglas, McManus, Kelly, Davison, Martin, MacKenzie, Hawkins.—11.

Read report Committee on Works in re collection of water rates between Landlords and Tenants.

COLLECTION OF WATER RATES BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 26th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day in re collection of water rates between landlord and tenant it was resolved to report to Council that the Board recommends that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to provide by ordinance for the protection of landlords from the excessive consumption of water by their tenants and from the failure of their tenants to pay the meter rates in cases in which they have contracted to pay the same; and for that purpose enabling landlords to collect meter rates by action and distress after the removal of the tenant as well as before and also empowering the City to assist in such recovery by stoppage of the water from tenants in arrears both on the premises in respect such arrears accrued or in any other premises to which the tenant has removed and any other remedy suitable to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

R. T. MACLEITH, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted and that the proposed legislation also authorize the Council to make provision by by-law for the protection of the tenant against the landlord.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the suggested legislation be deferred until such time as the Committee on Works adjust the proposed revenue from meters.

The vote being taken on the amendment there appeared:

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

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