

"RESOLVED, That the School Board be requested to adopt the following regulations for protection from fire in the public schools.

1. That all junior or primary classes be held on the ground floor of all school buildings.
2. That an alternative exit be provided from all storeys in schools above the ground floor, except the stairway be fire proof.
3. That all entrance doors in school buildings open outwardly, and be provided with double action bolts instead of locks, and that no door be locked or fastened during school hours.
4. That a fire gong be placed in all school buildings, in such a position as to be heard all over the school, and in cases of the larger buildings, a second gong to be installed, and others if necessary. These gongs to be sounded only in case of fire or for fire drill.
5. The Board to insist on teachers having fire drill at least twice a month, from August to end of October, and once a month during the balance of the year. Fire drills to be reported monthly to the Secretary of the School Board.
6. The School Board to instruct the janitors of all schools to keep the fire escapes clear of ice and snow and other incumbrances.
7. That sheet iron boxes or barrels be provided for ashes, in all cases where the receptacle for holding ashes is not fire proof.
8. That all teachers should be instructed where the nearest fire box is, and how to pull the alarm. And, also that a key to the nearest fire alarm box be kept in the Principal's room, of each school."

#### ACADIAN SCHOOL.

The Board recommend that primary classes be put on the ground floor, and that a ramp be erected on south side of second storey of the school to the girls' playground on the east side of the school. The pipes of the three stoves being within half an inch of the wood work, should be protected by tin from the woodwork.

#### ALEXANDRA SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered that this school was all right, save that one stove has a crack in its side, and there is no tin under it. They recommend that tin be placed under this stove.

#### BLOOMFIELD STREET SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered that this school was all right, but that the fence erected on the east side of the entrance should be removed, and that the thirteen stoves should be carefully inspected, some of them not being very safe. The Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor being present, concurred with the above recommendation.

#### COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered this school safe, except that the sheet iron on wall has no air space. It should have an air space between it and the woodwork. The Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor were present and concurred with this recommendation.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered this school safe, but unanimously recommended that the hydrant be attached to service pipe. The Chairman of the

School Board and the Supervisor were present, and concurred with this recommendation.

#### MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

As the school in the upper storey of this building is soon to be removed, the Board thought it advisable not to make any recommendation save that the exit door of the building be made to swing out.

#### MORRIS STREET SCHOOL.

The Board accompanied with the Supervisor of Schools, carefully went through this school house, and think it safe when the following recommendations are complied with:

1. That all spring doors of the building through which pupils might pass in case of fire be fastened when swung open, by means of a spring catch.
2. That the doors of the cap rooms off the front hall be changed to open into the cap rooms.
3. That all the doors of the building be examined and eased, so as to open and close without catching at the top or bottom.

#### PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building all right.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC ORPHANS' HOME SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this school all right.

#### QUINPOOL ROAD SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building safe.

#### RICHMOND SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered this building safe, as there are two independent stairways by which the scholars can reach the ground.

#### YOUNG STREET SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building safe, save that some of the twelve stoves are not very safe, especially the two in basement with holes in pipe and stoves.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building safe.

#### ST. MARY'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building safe, except that the garbage barrel under the stairs should be removed.

#### ST. MARY'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, considered this building safe, except that two more sheets of iron should be placed over two of the furnaces.

## ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Board visited this school, and found that the Board's recommendations contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council dated June 25th, 1907, had been carried out.

## ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board visited this school and found it safe in case of fire save that the ceilings over the pipes should be covered with tin sheathing.

## ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Board visited this school, and found it safe. They, however, unanimously recommend, owing to the dangerous condition of the furnaces, that the woodwork over the top and around the sides of the furnace be covered with tin sheathing.

## ST. PATRICK'S HOME.

The Board, with the Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor, unanimously considered this building safe.

## TOWER ROAD SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously recommended that a ramp be erected from the North side of the centre of the building to the ground, and rooms upstairs be connected by doorway, and that a larger area of zinc should be placed under the stove in the hall. The Chairman of the School Board and the Supervisor of Schools concurred in the above recommendation.

## JOE HGWE SCHOOL.

The Board visited this school, and found it in a very satisfactory condition, and have no suggestions to make, save that spring catches be put on the spring doors at the exits, so that when opened to the full extent, they will catch and remain open.

## LE MARCHANT STREET SCHOOL.

The Board unanimously considered this school safe, except that there is only one half a pot in one stove, while another stove has a bad crack. The Chairman of the School Board and Supervisor, concurred in the above recommendation.

The Chairman of the Board notified the authorities of the School Board of the above recommendations in regard to all the above named school buildings.

The Chairman was requested, by an unanimous resolution of the Board, to notify the Chairman of the Police Committee, to carry out Sections 6 and 7 of the Third Section of the Building Act. The Chairman complied with this resolution.

## QUEEN HOTEL.

The Proprietor of the Queen Hotel has complied with the Board's report addressed His Worship the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904.

## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

None of the recommendations of the Board contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out. The Chairman of the Board according to the Provisions of Chapter 90, of the Revised Statutes, asked them to comply with the Provisions of the said report.

Your Committee, in closing this report, wish to express their appreciation of the services rendered to the Board by City Engineer Doane, and also by Chief



Broderick. The constant assistance which Chief Broderick has given to the Board has been of infinite service to them.

ALFRED WHITMAN.

*Chairman Board of Fire Escapes.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the same be filed and printed in the Minutes of Council. Motion passed.

SIR SANDFORD FLEMINGS PARK.

Read letter April 11th from Sir Sandford Fleming to Ex-Mayor MacIlreith, confirming telegram of same date offering part of the Dingle property at the North West Arm as a public park for the City of Halifax; also read letter April 22nd, Ex-Mayor MacIlreith in reply.

OTTAWA, April 11th, 1908.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor of Halifax.

YOUR WORSHIP,—I have just received your letter of April 8th in reference to the matter of the City of Halifax obtaining a portion of the Dingle property for the purpose of a public park.

I am quite in favor of the movement, but I am afraid, if the legislature is not likely to be in session later than the 16th there is not now time to arrange terms and conditions for any special legislation. If however, as you indicate, a short Act in general terms can be obtained the details may be worked out later.

Yours faithfully,

SANDFORD FLEMING.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 22nd, 1908.

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING, K. C. M. G.,

"Winterholme," Ottawa.

DEAR SIR SANDFORD,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 11th instant and your letter of the same date.

On receipt of your telegram I at once sent a message to the City Council, a copy of which I enclose herewith, and they unanimously adopted the suggestion made therein that an Act in general terms should be at once introduced in the Legislature. The Legislature passed the Act in question and I now enclose copy herewith for your consideration. It is modelled after the Act respecting Point Pleasant Park in this City and I trust will meet with your approval. You will notice that the Commission is to be made up of three persons to be nominated by you, the Mayor for the time being and three Aldermen of the City to be appointed yearly by the Council. In the case of a vacancy occurring by the resignation or otherwise of any of the three persons nominated by you the vacancy so created is to be filled by a person to be nominated by you. In the case of Point Pleasant Park the appropriation has until this year been \$2000 00 and it was decided to take authority to appropriate a sum not less than \$750.00 for the maintenance of the proposed park to be established through your generosity on the southern portion of your property. I would be glad to hear from you as to whether the Act meets with your approval and if it does would suggest that you nominate the three persons to be named by you as members of the proposed Commission. At the same time, if you so desire, if you will let me have a description of the land you propose to dedicate for park purposes I will have the deed of dedication prepared.

My reason for dealing with this matter so expeditiously is that my term of office as Mayor expires on the 30th instant and knowing your views on this matter I am anxious to have effect given to the same before my retirement



Let me add in conclusion that the City Council and all our citizens appreciate your great generosity in dedicating a portion of your beautiful property at the Arm for the use of the public, and at the regular meeting of Council to be held within a few days a suitable resolution expressing the appreciation of the people of Halifax will be passed and forward to you.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor*.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Whereas*, Sir Sandford Fleming, K. C. M. G., has generously offered to the City of Halifax a considerable portion of his property on the west side of the North West Arm for a Park for the use of the public;

*Be it therefore resolved*, that this Council on behalf of the inhabitants of the City of Halifax tender their most cordial thanks to Sir Sandford Fleming for his generous gift.

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

Also read letter May 4th, Sir Sandford Fleming to Ex-Mayor MacIlreith suggesting the inauguration of the proposed park by the laying of a foundation stone of a memorial tower on the elevated point between the Arm Village and the Club Houses in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the attainment of responsible government in Nova Scotia.

OTTAWA, May 4th, 1908.

R. T. MACILREITH, ESQ.,

MY DEAR SIR,—My absence from town and my engagements in connection with Queen's University have prevented me sooner writing you on the subject of your letter of April 22nd which with enclosures you were good enough, as Mayor of Halifax to send me.

Possibly I should send my acknowledgements to the new Mayor, but for the present allow me to address you personally. The truth is I attach so much importance to some points that I feel I should run down to Halifax to confer about the proposed park with gentlemen in authority and others. I fear however that I shall be unable to do so for some weeks. Meanwhile there is a matter on which information, and possibly action is desirable without much delay.

I have reference to the fact that the present year is the semi-tercentenary of the establishment of popular government in any part of the outer empire as it stands to-day, and that the first House of Representatives of the people, who were elected under instructions from His Majesty the King, assembled in Halifax on October 2nd, 1758. Arrangements having been made by Governor Lawrence representing the King, the previous May—this very month 150 years ago.

The fact alluded to is of great significance and it has an intimate relationship to the development of the Empire. To-day Representative Government, essentially an outgrowth of the love of justice and liberty inherited from the races forming the British people, reached its present stage through centuries of conflict dating back to the conquest of 1066. The spirit of representative government is inherited from England and it is worthy of notice that the first Legislative Assembly in the Dominion,—the first in the whole Empire outside of England, was assembled under instructions from the British King in Nova Scotia in 1758.

After the lapse of a century and a half, when representative government is becoming co-extensive with civilization, is it not fitting that Nova Scotians should in some marked manner denote an historical fact in which they are so much interested and directly associated.

Should they see the way to erect a memorial tower or other building there is no site more admirable than the elevated point of land in a line between the "Arm" village and the Club Houses on the opposite shore. A lofty tower on this spot would be seen from the entrance of the "Arm" to its head. There is no better site anywhere. It would remind every visitor and coming generations of the part which Nova Scotia has played in history, and the spirit of liberty which her sons have inherited.

If the idea be favored could it not be arranged that the proposed new public park be inaugurated by laying the foundation stone of such a memorial, on the most beautiful spot on either side of the "North West Arm?"

Yours most truly,

SANDFORD FLEMING.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the matter of the Sir Sandford Fleming Park be referred to a special committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman and Hobeu for report. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works on petition against paving Lockman Street.

#### PAVING LOCKMAN STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 11th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the Minute of Council in re petition against paving Lockman Street was read. The City Engineer reported that the work was nearly half done, and the balance would shortly be completed

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

Filed.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for veterinary services.

#### VETERINARY SERVICES.

CITY WORK'S OFFICE, May 14th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the new tenders for the veterinary services of this department were opened as follows:

Philip A. Gough .....	\$2 25 per horse per year.
Dr. William Jakeman & Son .....	2 00 " "
Dr. H. McFatrige .....	2 00 " "

It was resolved to recommend the acceptance of Dr. McFatrige's tender, as he is now doing the work in continuance of last year's contract.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re repairs South Bland Street.

## REPAIRS SOUTH BLAND STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 14th, 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 repairs South Bland Street was read. It was decided to recommend the adoption of the report, the ashes of Ward One when available to be used.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for repairs on South Bland Street. This Street has not been taken over by the City. A sidewalk has been made on the west side of it by depositing ashes there. In the same way the roadway could be decidedly improved using the ashes that are available from collections in Ward One. The Street could not be taken over by the City until it is graded, and it requires a good deal of material to bring it to grade. If the petitioners do not do this work it can be gradually overtaken with the ashes.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Extension Pepperell Street.

## PEPPERELL STREET WATER EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 14th, 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 water extension Pepperell Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension Pepperell Street. The district is high service; size of pipe, 6 inches; length of pipe required, 48 feet. Estimated cost:

Pipe .....	\$28 80
Excavation and pipe laying .....	91 20
Two service pipes .....	60 00
	\$180 00

One of the petitioners has a house under construction which is opposite the pipe line already installed. There is one house built and another house under construction which will require a supply. The fourth petitioner has no house or any indication of one in the near future.

I would recommend that the pipe be extended to supply the houses built and under construction.

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



MAY 14TH, 1908.

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

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

## CEDAR STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 14th, 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 a petition for a sewer in Cedar Street from Louisburg Street eastwardly was read.

It was resolved to recommend its adoption, the work to be done in its turn when funds are available.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 14th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sewer in Cedar Street from Louisburg Street eastwardly.

There are only two houses to be supplied on this extension, and they can be supplied by an extension of about 150 feet. Mr. Maxwell has no buildings on his property. It has not been the custom to extend a sewer where there are no houses.

I would recommend the construction of a sewer for a length of about 150 feet to drain the houses of Mr. Garrety and Mr. Theakston. The estimated cost is \$925.00. Estimated assessment, \$250.00.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering electric light accounts.

## ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 11th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached bills for the balance of contract for year 1907-8 were submitted, approved and recommended for payment :—

Street lighting.....	\$2026 45
Teams and stables.....	1 76

Halifax Electric Tram Co.'s electric lighting bills.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works in re increase of pay for City Laborers.

## INCREASE OF PAY TO LABORERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 11th, 1908.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minutes of Council in re increase in pay to City workmen were read and considered.

It was decided to report to Council that the hourly men had been increased at the rate of two cents per hour, the truckmen to 28 cents per hour, watchmen to \$1.62 per night, ash men \$1.50 per day, and that hereafter all increases must be reported for approval by the City Engineer to this Committee.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Edwards asked if residents of the City were given preference in employment on City Works.

His Worship the Mayor stated that was the intention of the Committee on Works.

Read reports of Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer and water extension Brussels Street.

## BRUSSELS STREET SEWER AND WATER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 11th, 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 sewer and water extension Brussels St., was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the sewer and water main on Brussels Street from Atlantic Street north.

The length of sewer required to supply the petitioners is about 600 feet. Estimated cost \$3,570 00. Estimated assessment \$1,475 00.

The houses on this street have no means of disposing of their sewerage and as the land in this vicinity is flat the construction of a sewer is advisable.

I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done in its turn when funds are available.

The estimated cost of extending the water to supply four houses, independent of the sewer is \$657.00 and if the extension is made in this way there should be a special rate of \$8.21. If the sewer is laid, however, I would recommend that the water pipe be laid on the side of the sewer trench as far as the sewer is constructed, in which case it would not be necessary to have a special rate.

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

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters.

## REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 14th, 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 being present Aldermen Hoben (Chairman), Smith, Whitman, Thompson and Edwards, the Committee had under consideration the accompanying letter of the City Auditor re payment of balance of \$60,000 due the Silliker Car Company (as per agreement) on completion of their works, and covering policies of insurance for \$35,000, which together with the amount previously reported on (\$66,000) makes a total of \$101,000 insurance held by the City as security on loan.

Your Committee recommend that the suggestions of the Auditor be adopted.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Silliker Car Company the said sum of \$60,000 (that being the balance due them on account of agreement under Chap. 70, Acts of 1907, and amended by Acts 1908), as soon as the funds are available, and when gates are provided at the railway crossing on Almon Street to the satisfaction of this Council.

Your Committee further recommend that whereas the following sums are required, viz :

To repay debentures falling due 1st July .....	\$90,000
To pay balance due Silliker Car Company .....	60,000
To complete paving .....	4,000
Fire Department improvement .....	3,500
Purchase of hose .....	2,400
Rockhead—barns, stables and sheds .....	1,000
Heating and plumbing Infectious Diseases Hospital.....	700
Children's Hospital .....	5,000

\$166,600

All of which has been authorized by law, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for tenders for a loan to realize the said sum of \$166,600, and that said tenders be received up to the 15th June next.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the matter of providing an overdraft to meet current expenses until the taxes for the present year are collected and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Your Committee further had under consideration a letter from the Board of Trade re advertising the City of Halifax in the "Standard of the Empire" and recommend that the communication be acknowledged and filed, as there is no appropriation in the estimates to meet such expenditure.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Industrial School, quarter ending May 1st, 1908—Truants, \$144.99; Reg. Commitments, \$275.00—\$4119.99. St. Patrick's Home, quarter ending May 1st, 1908—Truants, \$102.43; Reg. Commitments, 267 18—369.61. Religious of Good Shepherd, maintenance of women for quarter ending May 1st, 1908, \$79 25. King's Printer, printing city bills, \$36.00. Halifax Bill Posting Co., posting bills, \$8 90. Dr. Finn, certificates of death, J. Wilson, \$4.00. A. & W. MacKinlay, books, &c.—City Treasurer, \$18.75; City Auditor, \$5.75; City Clerk, 17.00—41.50. T. C. Allen & Co.—stationery—City Assessors, 53.13; City Collector, \$28.35; City Treasurer, \$1.00; City Clerk, \$79.05—\$161 53. S. H. Holmes, Prothonotary—filing records, \$10.30. Total \$1131.08.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.



Read Clause 1 re Insurance on Silliker Car Works, covering letter City Auditor. Passed.

Read Clause 2 re payment of \$60,000.00, balance of loan to Silliker Car Co. Passed.

Read various items Clause 3, amounts to be borrowed.

Debentures due July 1st, 1908,	\$90,000 00	Passed.
Balance due Silliker Car Co.	60,000 00	"
Paving Pleasant Street,	4,000 00	"
Fire Department Improvement,	3,500 00	"
Purchase of hose,	2,400 00	"
Rockhead Stables,	1,000 00	"
Heating, &c., I. D. Hospital,	700 00	"
Children's Hospital,	5,000 00	"
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	\$166,600 00	"

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read Clause 4 re overdraft from the Bank.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Whereas*, it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would if now collected be applied that the City of Halifax do borrow under section 310 of the City Charter from the Royal Bank of Canada an amount not exceeding thirty per cent. of the taxes for the current year now uncollected;

*And whereas*, the taxes uncollected for the current year now amount to the sum of \$508,874.00.

*Be it resolved*, that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$150,000.00 to be applied for defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would if now collected be applied, to be repaid to the said bank out of the said taxes when collected; and that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor.

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

Read clause 5 re advertising Halifax in "The Standard of the Empire," London, England. Passed.

Read clause 6 re accounts.

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 Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, and passed.

Read report (March 30th, 1908) Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters. (See Minutes of Council April 30th, 1908.)

#### REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 30th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

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

The following matters referred to the Committee were dealt with, and the Committee report as follows:—

1. (a) Application of W. A. Doyle for a license to operate a moving picture show and illustrated song theatre in the building corner Buckingham and Barrington Streets formerly occupied by the Globe Laundry.

(b) Application of George A. Wooten for a license to operate a moving picture show and entertainment hall in the new building 49-53 Sackville Street.

(c) Application of R. D. Leahan for a license to operate a moving picture show at Chalmers Hall, Duke Street.

It is recommended that licenses be granted to the owners of the premises for which these applications are made with the provision that the premises so to be occupied are constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Building Act and are approved by the City Engineer, the license fee to be as recommended in the report.

2. Applications of Charles E. Neville, Edward Coleman and Joseph H. Balfe for refunds of deposits made with their applications for liquor licenses.

It is recommended that the amounts deposited be refunded less the cost of advertising in each case.

3. Re petition of Kaulbach & Schurman that the City seek legislation exempting the Maritime Commercial College from taxation, your Committee regret it cannot recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition.

4. Re petition of ice dealers for a reduction in the amount of their license fee, it is recommended that no change be made in fees at present.

5. Re resolution of City Council meeting held February 18th, 1908, requesting this Committee to draft an Act in re Halifax Tramway Company's roadbed, your Committee report that this Act has been prepared and is now before the Legislature.

6. Re report special committee on assessment covering resolution of Council requesting this Committee to draft the necessary Act to give effect to the report.

Your Committee have been informed by the City Solicitor that the Act was prepared and submitted to the Legislature, but on account of the opposition to it it had been withdrawn.

7. Re letter City Auditor on appropriation for Victoria School of Art and Design for 1908-9, it is recommended that the grant be continued for the present.

8. Re claim of Lawson Fenerty for compensation for land claimed to be taken in laying water pipe line 1893. Your Committee submitted the matter to the City Solicitor for his opinion in writing, which is attached to this report.

Your Committee recommend (acting under the City Solicitor's opinion) that Mr. Fenerty be informed that the City cannot entertain his claim and that he be forwarded a copy of the City Solicitor's opinion.

9. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the matter of fixing license fees to be charged to moving picture shows and illustrated song theatres and penny arcades for incoming year.

It is recommended that the following fees be charged :—

Moving picture shows and illustrated song theatres .....	\$250 00
Penny arcades .....	100 00

10. Re resolution of Council re list of former officials now under superannuation requesting to have the same completed by adding thereto the names of all other officials who have been superannuated—the Chairman has had this list completed, and it will be placed on file with this report.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.* X

HALIFAX, March 27th, 1908

*To the Mayor and City Council.*

GENTLEMEN,—I annex hereto a letter from the City Auditor, which purports to give the information called for by the resolution moved by Ald. Murray at the meeting of Council last night, touching certain officials, superannuated by the City of Halifax.

JOSEPH A CHISHOLM,

*Chairman Committee on Laws and Privileges.*

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 27th, 1908.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, ESQ.,

*Chairman Laws and Privileges Committee.*

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your enquiry of 26th inst., in re superannuations to the City Officials other than those mentioned under date Jan. 29th, 1908, I find on enquiry from older officials here and reference to Acts and Records of the City that

	Superannuation.	Source from which paid.
Henry Pryor, Stipendiary was paid	\$1,200	from direct taxation.
Robert Motton “	1,000	“
Thomas Rhind, City Clerk, “	750 of this \$200	“ \$550 Successors.
E. G. W. Greenwood, Treasurer “	800	“ 800 “
A. J. McDonald, Electrician “	300	“ Fire Department.

W W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

#### E. L. FENERTY'S CLAIM.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The accompanying letter from Mr. E. L. Fenerty was handed to me by Your Worship some months ago, but owing to pressure of work I have been unable until recently to obtain the information necessary to enable me to report upon it.

Thirteen or fourteen years ago, as stated by Mr. Fenerty, the City laid a 27" pipe from Chain Lake to the north end, the route followed from Chain Lake to the Arm being the same as that traversed by the old 24" and 15" mains. I am not aware that the city workmen trespassed on Mr. Fenerty's property, but I take it that he means that the trespass was the act of laying the pipe through his property. I consulted His Honor the Recorder at the time and he instructed me that the City had a right-of-way through Mr Fenerty's property. As a matter of fact the City has had its water pipes running through Mr. Fenerty's property since it purchased the water works system from the Company and the pipes were there before Mr. Fenerty owned the property. As Mr. Fenerty states, I told him that if the City had taken anything that did not belong to it or were doing anything that it had no right to do he would be treated justly. In the meantime the Recorder looked into the matter and advised me that we had a perfect right to carry on our work. I have heard nothing further from Mr. Fenerty in refer-



ence to it until he found a few months ago a record of a document in the Registry of Deeds office which had been obtained from Mr. Kehoe. Mr. Kehoe was not paid at that time for the right-of-way as the City already possessed a right-of-way through his property the same as through Mr. Fenerty's. In laying the main through Mr. Kehoe's property the work prevented Mr. Kehoe from obtaining access to his stone quarries and the City workmen without authority took stone from Mr. Kehoe's land to use along the pipe trench. Mr. Kehoe brought the matter to my attention and I consulted His Honor the Recorder in reference to it. The City employees were clearly wrong in taking the stone and Mr. MacCoy was of the opinion that Mr. Kehoe might also have a claim for interruption of his stone quarrying business. We offered Mr. Kehoe one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in settlement of his claims, and in order to prevent the possibility of a similar claim from Mr. Kehoe in case of future operations on the pipe line we obtained the document referred to by Mr. Fenerty containing special conditions prepared by the Recorder. The one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was not paid for the right-of-way, which Mr. MacCoy advised me we already owned, but was paid to prevent an action for damages from Mr. Kehoe which the Recorder believed the City would lose. There was no such damage done on Mr. Fenerty's property, and as he bought the land with the pipes through it, I am unable to see any injustice in the City's treatment of his case.

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

IN RE E. L. FENERTY'S CLAIM IN RESPECT TO PIPE LINE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, March 30th, 1908.

*Chairman of Committee on Laws and Privileges :*

SIR,—I have consulted with Mr. Doane and Mr. Johnston in this matter, and the facts appear to be as follows :—

The property was originally that of Mr. Hosterman, and the 12" pipe was laid through his property by the old Water Company in 1848. It is immaterial at this date whether this was done by agreement or otherwise. In 1856 a second pipe (15") was laid alongside of the first one. In 1861 the 12" pipe was replaced by a 24" pipe. Mr. Fenerty purchased the property in 1874. In 1893 the 27" main was laid directly alongside of the other two pipes. There has been ever since 1848 a defined pipe line on the ground which was somewhat increased when the second pipe was laid in 1861, and has not been materially increased since that date. If anything, the roadway has been improved, and the land is wilderness of very little, if any, value.

Under these circumstances it appears clear to me that the laying of the third pipe in 1893 alongside of the other two could not possibly have occasioned any loss to Mr. Fenerty as the right-of-way had already been acquired. At most it could only have given rise to a claim for nominal damages for trespass. Any action for this would of course be now barred by the Statute of Limitations, and I do not see any reason for a claim for compensation where no possible loss can have arisen.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Read Clause 3 re Kaulbach & Schurman's taxes. Passed.

Read Clause 4 re Ice dealers fees. Passed.

Read Clause 5 re Tram Company's roadbed. Passed.

Read Clause 6 re New Assessment Act. Passed.

Read Clause 7 re Grant for Victoria School of Art and Design. Passed.

Read Clause 8 re Claim of E. L. Fenerty in connection with water pipe line 1893, covering opinion of City Solicitor. Passed.

Read portion of Clause 9 re Penny Arcades.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for further consideration and report.

Read Clause 10 re Superannuation of officials covering a report from the Chairman on the subject. Passed.

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

Read report April 23rd, Committee of Fire Wards on various matters. (See Minutes of Council, April 30th.)

#### REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

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

*To His Worship the Mayo and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report that at a meeting held this afternoon there were present, Aldermen Taylor, (Vice-Chairman), Campbell, Hayward, Hubley and Archibald.

1. The Chief report that of the 1500 feet of Maltese Cross hose purchased in 1906, six lengths, or 300 feet burst inside the guarantee of four years. The Board decided to notify the local agents and ask what they intend to do about it.

2. Andrew Duggan, driver of No. 4 hose waggon, was reported for being under the influence of liquor April 19th. He pleaded guilty and promised to change his habits. It is recommended that his suspension last for one week from date of offence with consequent loss of pay, that he lose his holidays this summer, and that he be reinstated upon production of a certificate of his having taken the pledge for one year. Violation of the pledge to render him liable to dismissal.

3. Captain Major, No. 3 steamer, thrown from the engine at fire alarm box 14, March 19th, reported for duty April 13th.

4. It is recommended that springs be placed on all doors at West St. house where required.

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

Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$8.25. Waterous Engine Co., supplies, \$15.00. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$55.30. L. J. Hesslein, extinguishers, \$66.00. N. S. Telephone Co., rent, \$0.72. National Drug Co., meal, etc., \$7.93. W. N. Brown, repairs wheels, \$14.00. J. MacInnes & Son, lumber, \$9.74. Lane's, uniforms, \$4.50. Hillis Ltd., grates, \$1.10. Recorder, advertising, \$4.35. Chronicle, advertising, \$10.24. Halifax Brush Co., brushes, \$2.50. Truro, Carriage Co., hose waggon, \$895.00. Canadian Rubber Co., nozzles, etc., \$38.83. Total, \$1,233.46.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report April 30th, Committee of Fire Wards on various matters. (See Minutes of Council, April 30th, 1908.)

## REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 30th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock Present—Aldermen Johnson (Chairman), Archibald, Taylor, Campbell and Hubley.

1. Tenders were opened for veterinary services for the Fire Department for 1908-9 as follows :—

Wm. Jakeman & Son .....	\$3 25 per horse.
Philip A. Gough. ....	2 75 “
Howard McFatridge .....	2 00 “

It is recommended that the tender of Howard McFatridge, being the lowest, be accepted.

2. In response to an advertisement in the newspapers calling for tenders for 2,000 feet of hose, tenders for various brands of hose were received from

Austen Bros.,  
 Guildford & Son,  
 George G. Shortt.  
 Stairs, Son & Morrow.  
 Canadian Rubber Company.

It is recommended that 1,000 feet of Keystone wax and gum treated hose be purchased from Guildford & Son at \$1.00 per foot less 3% for cash 20 days and 1,000 feet of Paragon cotton hose from Austen Bros. at \$1.00 per foot.

The tenders and letters attached thereto accompany this report.

3. A report from J. P. Esdaile and J. H. Dow as to the efficiency of the Shand, Mason & Co. fire engine “Alexandra” is submitted for the information of the Council.

4. In reference to clause 1 of a report from this Committee dated April 23rd respecting the bursting of six lengths of Maltese Cross hose, the Committee has received a letter from Austen Bros. asking that this hose be sent to the factory for inspection. Not anticipating this request, five of the lengths have been repaired, rendering inspection by the makers impossible. Your committee have decided to hand the other length to the agents to forward to the makers. The agents' letter is attached hereto.

5. At the request of the School Board the City Electrician has prepared an estimate of connecting the public schools with the fire alarm system. The Electrician finds the total cost to be approximately \$1,450.50. The report is appended and a copy forwarded to the School Board.

6. The following accounts were recommended for payment :—Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$25.25; power, \$6.83—\$ 32 08. J. P. Esdaile, preparing specifications, &c. \$75.00. F. Boutilier, expenses Wolfville, &c. \$10.00. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$15.90. Wm. Jakeman & Son, veterinary services, \$150.00. Walsh Bros., glazing, \$12.85. Halifax Breweries, 1 horse, \$250.00. Eunice Lane, 1 horse, \$250.00. H. H. Fuller & Co., tools, \$25.00. W. J. Hopgood, candles, 20c. F. C. Ryan, keys, 50c. A. & W. Mackinlay, books, &c., \$21.35. John Starr, Son & Co., wire, 78c. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$2.95. McDonald & Co., machine work, \$12.68. N. S. Telephone Co., wire, 60c. Total, \$859.89.

J. A JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said report with the exception of the portions of it adopted April 30th, be referred back to the Fire Wards. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Concrete walk Parade footpath.



## PARADE FOOTPATH.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 2nd, 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 Parade footpath was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—The walk on the eastern side of the Grand Parade leading from the entrance on Barrington St. to the main entrance of the City Hall becomes muddy in the spring and fall, and it is necessary to lay a board walk. In spite of this precaution many visitors to the City Hall walk over the sod, cutting it and destroying it. The board walk does not add to the beauty of the Parade, and is by no means permanent. I would recommend that a concrete walk be laid at an estimated cost of \$692.00. There is a considerable balance in the Parade Improvement Fund—much more than will be required for this work.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the same be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report. Motion passed.

Read report of His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re destruction of certain cancelled debentures.

## CANCELLED DEBENTURES.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, Halifax, N. S., Mar. 20th, 1908.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

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

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that the debentures specified below, having been duly cancelled, were destroyed by burning in our presence this third day of April, A. D. 1908.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

## LIST OF CANCELLED DEBENTURES OF CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1905.

(Lithographed impression.)

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

## LIST OF CANCELLED DEBENTURES OF CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1880.

No.	Denomination.	Rate of Interest.
12, 22, 24	\$1,000	5 per cent.
29, 30, 31	do	do.
35, 36	do.	do.
73 to 77	do.	do.
138 to 142	do.	do.
144 to 147	do.	do.
153 to 156	do.	do.
159, 160, 161	do.	do.
165 to 173	do.	do.
11	\$500	do.
527 to 559	\$1,000	4½
568	do.	do.
625 to 631	do.	do.
796	do.	do.
811 to 825	do.	do.
836	do.	do.
841 to 851	do.	do.
856 to 859	do.	do.
862	do.	do.
939 to 967	do.	do.
506	\$1,000	4
1018 to 1083	do.	do.
1117 to 1149	do.	do.
1364, 1365	do.	do.
1550, 1588	do.	do.
640, 641	\$5,000	4½

Filed.

Read letter Provincial Secretary in re duties of Board of Fire Escapes.

## FIRE ESCAPES.

HALIFAX, N. S., 28th March, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to invite your attention to Section 24 of Chapter 90, Revised Statutes 1900, the Fire Escapes Act, which provides as follows :—

“The Chairman of every Board shall report annually to the Provincial Secretary on or before the fifteenth day of January.

- (a) the number of fire escapes erected during the year,
- (b) the alterations made in buildings by order of the Board,
- (c) the name of persons who have neglected and refused to comply with the orders of the Board,
- (d) the proceedings taken to enforce such orders, and the result, including the amount of the penalties paid.”

The provisions of this section have not been complied with by practically any of the Chairmen of the Boards of Fire Escapes throughout the Province, and the Provincial Secretary thinks that it is very important that the information called for by the section should be furnished in accordance with the statute. I am therefore to request you to be kind enough to instruct the Chairmen of the Boards of Fire Escapes appointed by your Council to furnish reports for the past year, and in future to report annually to the Provincial Secretary as required by the Section above referred to.

FRED. F. MATHERS,  
Deputy-Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

Alderman Whitman, Chairman of Fire Escapes, verbally reported that he had complied with the request in the letter.

Read petition for paving of one side of Lockman Street at a time. Filed.

Read letter Truro Board of Trade in re sending delegation to Ottawa to advocate projected railway from Amherst to Truro via Parrsboro.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Board of Trade of Halifax had requested the City Council to send a delegation to Ottawa on this matter.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Hubiey, that His Worship the Mayor be appointed a delegate to represent the City Council at Ottawa on this subject and that if His Worship is unable to go that he appoint an Alderman to go in his place. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board recommending certain compensation for Mrs. W. Rowe for loss sustained through being quarantined for smallpox.

MRS. ROWE'S CLAIM.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, April 24th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday last the following resolution was passed, and I am directed to transmit the same to you for your consideration:

*Resolved*, that the City Council be recommended to pay Mrs. W. Rowe the sum of \$30.00 in compensation for loss sustained by her through being quarantined for smallpox.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

A copy of City Solicitor's opinion relating to above attached.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, April 23rd, 1908.

RE MRS. ROWE.

J. A. WATERS, ESQ.,

*Secretary City Health Board:*

SIR,—Section 788 of the Charter provides that "the City Council may on the recommendation of the Board make compensation to any person who has suffered pecuniary loss by the enforcement of any by-law of the Board."

I do not gather clearly from your letter how the order of the Board occasioned loss to Mrs. Rowe, or how the refusal of the men to pay their board was the direct consequence of the action of the Board.

That, however, would be a matter for the Board, and the language of the section is wide enough to authorize the Board to recommend and the Council to direct payment of compensation if they are satisfied that she has sustained loss by the action of the Board.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson,



that said report be referred back to the Board of Health for further report.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,  
Wilson, Hebb,  
Chisholm, Kelly,  
Hubley, Thompson,  
Martin, MacKenzie,  
Edwards—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Smith, Hoben—2.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re street lights Marlboro' Woods and vicinity.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 23rd, 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 the residents and property owners of the Marlboro' Woods, so-called, and vicinity was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 23rd, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for street lights.

All the lights asked for are necessary, and the neighborhood that would be lighted by them is very much shaded by trees, so that it is very dark on ordinary and dark nights.

I would recommend the installation of three lights when funds are available—one at the corner of Robie and Inglis Sts., one at the west end of Inglis St., and one about 150 yards south, to be maintained for the present from the first of May to the first of November.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Extension Oxford Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION OXFORD STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 23rd, 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 Oxford Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 24th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Oxford Street from Quinpool Road to the house South of Mott Street.

The district would be low service. Excavation rock. Distance 800 ft. Estimated cost :—

Pipe .....	\$ 480 00
Two valves .....	40 00
Four Branches .....	20 00
One 2½ x 6 Saddle .....	4 00
Lead and paint .....	12 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	1840 00
Six service pipes .....	180 00
	\$2576 00
Interest on estimated outlay at 5% .....	128 50
Special rate .....	21 47

This district is now supplied from a domestic hydrant at the corner of Mott and Seldon Streets which is almost constantly out of order and not only wastes a great deal of water but causes inconvenience and annoyance and perhaps loss to some of the properties in the neighborhood.

I would recommend that the extension be made on above rate and that 12" pipe be laid, looking to the future, as this pipe will supply the whole low service district south of Quinpool Road.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk George Street.

## SIDEWALK GEORGE STREET.

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 letters of Canadian Bank of Commerce and Wm. Patrick re sidewalk George Street in front of premises was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions from Mr. Patrick and the Bank of Commerce asking for a sidewalk on George Street.

I would recommend that a new cement concrete sidewalk be laid on the north side of George Street from a point opposite the Bank of Commerce to the west side of the Royal Bank, the remainder of the sidewalk in this block being already permanent work. The estimated cost is \$180.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said reports be adopted and the work proceeded with at once. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Dockyard water supply, covering draft agreement.

DOCKYARD WATER SUPPLY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 7th, 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 Dockyard Water Supply with copy of draft agreement was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, April 6th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—When the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty withdrew the men-of-war and Dockyard staff from the Halifax station they gave the necessary notice and terminated the agreement under which the dockyard was supplied with water. Since the termination of the agreement they have been supplied on the same basis, being charged only for that portion of the premises which was in use. At the time the change was made a draft agreement was under consideration, under which water was to be supplied through meters and charged for accordingly with a fixed sum in lieu of fire protection. During the last year the Marine and Fisheries Department have again taken the matter up, and have now approved of the draft agreement submitted to them. The agreement is on the lines of the existing agreement between the City and the Railway Department. It has been approved by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, but was sent to the Department with the understanding that it had not been approved by the City, and must first be submitted to the Committee on Works and City Council. I would recommend that the draft agreement submitted be approved, and that when signed it come into force on the first day of May, 1908.

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

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the same be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Green St. sidewalk.

GREEN STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 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 petition of Wm. Chisholm et. al., against a concrete sidewalk etc., on Green St. was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the instructions of your Committee, I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking the City Council not to pave the sidewalk on Green Street. The petition states that it has been reported that it is the intention of the Works Committee acting upon instructions, to lay a concrete pavement on the sidewalk on Green Street. The petition is the first I have heard of any such proposal. I am not aware that it has even suggested, and am therefore unable to understand the object in sending in the petition.

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



Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the reports be filed and a copy sent to the petitioner. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Prince and Granville Streets.

SIDEWALK PRINCE AND GRANVILLE STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 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 in re concrete sidewalks on Prince and Granville Streets was read. It was resolved to recommend its adoption.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the attached petitions asking for permanent sidewalks on the north and south sides of Prince St., between Hollis St. and Bedford Row, and on the west side of Granville St. between Sackville and Blowers Sts.

This block of Prince Street is in the centre of the business district and is not in a creditable condition. Adjoining, as it does, one of the principal streets in the City, it should be put in good order at an early day. The estimated cost is \$1,285.00.

The Granville Street sidewalk is also in the heart of the business district, and is not in keeping with the streets in its neighborhood. The property owners are anxious for improvement and I think the work should be carried out. The estimated cost is \$1,520.00.

I would recommend that these two sidewalks be ordered to be constructed under the Halifax Permanent Sidewalk Act.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Atlantic Street for A. P. Calnen.

WATER EXTENSION ATLANTIC ST.

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 petition of A. P. Calnen for water extension to his house on Atlantic Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on Mr. A. P. Calnen's petition for water extension to a dwelling house which he proposes to erect on Atlantic Street. It is not probable that the City will require a main pipe in either of the streets leading to this property for a

good many years, if at all, and I could not recommend the expenditure of any money for such work. I have explained the matter to Mr. Calnen and told him that the City would in all probability lay a pipe to the line of Young Avenue as they would have to do for any property owner who erected a building on any property fronting on that street. He proposes to carry the pipe from the street line of Young Avenue to his house at his own expense, and I would recommend that the City lay the pipe to the line of Young Avenue and instal a meter at that point. Mr. Calnea to be liable for all water registered by the meter so located.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said reports be adopted with the exception of putting on the meter; that Mr. Calnen pay all costs from the City line and that the pipes be laid subject to the approval of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re surface water Mercklesfield.

#### SURFACE WATER MERCKLESFIELD.

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 petition A. Hubley, et al, in re surface water Mercklesfield, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 20th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking that some effort be made to intercept the surface water from Agricola Street and Longard Street which runs eastwardly through the Hennessey property across Gottingen Street.

The petitioners ask that a trench be dug along Agricola St. to a catchpit at Young St. In order to carry the water to Young Street it will be necessary to open a trench along the side of the street into the sewer in Young Street. While it is practicable to conduct the water to this point, it will leave a dangerous open ditch, as in order to get the fall to Young Street the ditch must be deep at the Young Street end. I cannot promise the petitioners or the Council that it will prove to be a satisfactory remedy for their complaint and to construct a culvert would be the same as building a sewer. There should be a sewer in this portion of Agricola Street to carry off the surface water from the Hennessey swamp and I would recommend that a sewer be constructed from Young Street to the culvert across Agricola Street. The estimated cost is \$1740.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re fares on Dartmouth Ferry.

#### FARES DARTMOUTH FERRY.

APRIL 22nd, 1908.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Works have now to report in reference to Minute of Council 5th day of March last referring a letter of County Councillor S. W. Lydiard

in reference to the Dartmouth Ferry, that they met with the representatives from the Dartmouth Town Council and the Dartmouth Ferry Commission and agreed on a basis for the future operation of the Dartmouth Ferry, a memo. of which is hereto attached.

The whole plan hinged on the Provincial Government agreeing to subsidize the ferry. A conference was held by the representatives of the different bodies interested with the Local Government, and at the conclusion of the interview the delegation was informed that the Government was not prepared to recommend a subsidy at this time. The whole matter is therefore off for the present.

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

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to obtain information as to the working of the ferry and to suggest a basis for the reorganization of the Commission along the line of joint ownership and control by the town of Dartmouth, City of Halifax and County of Halifax, and the assumption by the two latter corporations of a fair share of the responsibility now altogether carried on by the town of Dartmouth, beg to make the following suggestions:—

1. That all commutation tickets be abolished.
2. That a rate of two cents be charged for all foot passengers, and a further reduction made at the earliest possible day to a one cent rate.
3. That all other fares be reduced by forty per cent. ; a further reduction to be made as soon as possible.
4. That an application be made to the Local Government for subsidy.
5. That legislation be obtained permitting the organization of a new Commission composed of seven members, two of whom shall be elected by the Council of the City of Halifax, two by the Council of the town of Dartmouth, one by County Council, one by the Government and one from Dartmouth by the Chief Justice. The Councils of the City of Halifax and town of Dartmouth shall each elect one of their members from outside the Councils.
6. That the qualification of a member of the Commission be an assessment of five hundred dollars on real estate.
7. That the Chairman of the Commission be elected by the Board.
8. That the property actually used by the Commission for ferry purposes not be assessed.
9. That the Commission assume the bonded debt and other liabilities of the present Commission and take over at a valuation to be determined the dock in Halifax now used by the Ferry Commission and the Stayner property at the cost of same to the City.
10. That the deficits, if any, be borne by the three corporations in following proportions:—Forty per cent. each by the City of Halifax and the town of Dartmouth and twenty per cent by County of Halifax.
11. The change proposed to be subject to ratification by the Councils of the three corporations and the approval of the ratepayers of Dartmouth.
12. That provision be made for refund of fares of pupils using the ferry attending the High School upon certificate of attendance by teacher.
13. That commissioners cross free under regulations to be made by the Commission.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said report be filed. Motion passed.

Read His Worship the Mayor's nomination of special committee in



re Children's Hospital site, &c., viz: The Mayor and Aldermen Hawkins, Taylor, Hoben and Johnson.

Also read report special committee on Children's Hospital site.

#### CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SITE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 30th, 1908.

*Members of the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee on Children's Hospital site beg to report that they met, visited the proposed site for the Hospital and now recommend that a particular lot of land situated at the north-east corner of the City Home property beginning at the western boundary line of the Hospital property and running westerly along the south side line of Morris Street one hundred and eighty-eight feet and thence at right angles southerly two hundred and thirty feet, thence easterly parallel with Morris Street to the said western boundary of the Hospital property and thence northerly to the place of beginning.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Solicitor take the necessary steps for the transfer of the said site to the Children's Hospital authorities.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Wilson that the report be referred to the Charities Committee for report.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read report March 4th, 1908, Charities Committee re resignation of James H. Dow, Superintendent, and Mrs. Dow, Matron, City Home. (See Minutes of Council March 10th, 1908.)

#### REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, N S., March 4th, 1908.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

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

The Superintendent's report for February shows that during the month there were 26 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 27 discharged and 8 died. Of the number admitted 18 were chargeable to the Province and 18 to the City. The total number of inmates February 29th was 415, made up of 267 men, 146 women and 2 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz: A. L. Doyle & Co., \$577.17. W. A. Maling & Co., \$405.80. J. & M. Murphy, \$94.80. Geo. Gregoire, \$37.36. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$91.35. P. T. Shea, 164.88. H. D. Mackenzie Co., Ltd., \$196.85. F. A. Shaw, \$48.17. The Fleischmann Co., \$5.25. Gunn & Co., Ltd., \$275.00. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$46.07. Brookfield Bros., \$15.93. Blackadar Bros., \$5.00. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$9.79. B. Mulcahy, \$158.32. David Roche, \$7.10. G. A. Wooten & Co., \$2.70. T. Larsen & Co., \$18.25. Baldwin

& Co., \$6.75. Farquhar Bros., \$1.00. P. Dowd, \$30.95. W. D. Finn, M. D., \$5.00. W. Bruce Almon, M. D., \$5.00. W. C. Knight, \$1.80. Pay Sheet, \$634.33. Wm. McFatridge, \$29.00.

The Committee had under consideration the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Dow, Superintendent and Matron of the City Home, which had been referred to this Committee by the City Council, and would make the following recommendations :

1st. That the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Dow as Superintendent and Matron of the City Home be accepted.

2nd. That B. Mulcahy, Assistant Superintendent, be appointed Superintendent, and Mrs. Mulcahy be appointed Matron.

With respect to a superannuation to Mr. Dow, the Committee as a whole make no recommendation.

The Committee make no recommendation with regard to the following proposal submitted by the Chairman :

That the services of Mr. Dow be retained in some capacity to be hereafter defined, at a salary of five hundred dollars a year.

That B. Mulcahy be appointed Superintendent at a salary of one thousand dollars a year, and that Mrs. Mulcahy be appointed Matron at a salary of three hundred dollars a year.

That a clerk be appointed at a salary of five hundred and twenty dollars a year.

G. A. MacKENZIE, *Charman.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said report be filed. Motion passed.

Read circular letter J. M. Courtney, Secretary National Battlefields Commission re contributions. Filed.

Read report Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.

#### REPORT CAMP HILL CEMETERY COMMISSION.

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

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Camp Hill Cemetery Commission beg to report that at a meeting held this day, the Commission approved of the transfer of a lot from Arthur Croucher to T. R. Holloway, and of a lot from estate Francis S. Parker to Peter Johnson.

Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, who has acted as Treasurer for the Special Improvement Fund, submitted statement of receipts and expenditure showing receipts \$295.28 ; expenditure \$261.88. A balance of \$33.40 is still on hand, a cheque for which is hereto attached.

Your Commission recommend that this balance be devoted for the further improvement of the cemetery.

G. A. MacKENZIE, *for Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for installing water meters.

## INSTALLATION OF METERS.

APRIL 9TH, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—For the information of Council the Committee on Works beg to report that on April 2nd, tenders for the installation of Water Meters were opened when it was found that the tender of J. E. Myers was, in the opinion of the City Engineer, the lowest, and it was decided to make a contract with him for the performance of work not to exceed \$500. At a later meeting of the Committee held on April 4th the Engineer reported that Messrs. J. McFatridge, Jr., W. S. Craig and M. F. Burns were likely to agree to do the work at the same rate named by J. E. Myers and it was thereupon decided to make contracts with them on the same terms as with J. E. Myers. Messrs. Myers and Burns have not yet signed contracts, while contracts have been executed between the City and Messrs. Craig and McFatridge.

The Committee being fully alive to the necessity of improving the fire pressure as quickly as possible, are of opinion that contracts should be entered into with all plumbers willing to undertake the work at once, and that all meters ordered should be installed as speedily as possible. While under the Charter the Committee is, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, empowered to make contracts up to \$500.00, they think that the Council should authorize them to make contracts with all plumbers willing to undertake the work of installing all the meters ordered.

In conclusion, it may be pointed out that no one firm can instal the number of meters ordered under six months, and it is therefore desirable that the work should be given to all plumbers willing to undertake it.

Copy of tenders received attached hereto.

R. T. MACLLREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

## TENDERS.

	½ inch Meters.		¾ inch Meters.	
	Wipe joints.	Cup joints.	Wipe joints,	Cup joints.
J. E. Myers.....	65c.	35c.	65c.	35c
W. S. Craig.....	75c.	35c.	85c.	40c
M. F. Burns.....	80c.	40c.	85c.	44c
J. G. O'Toole.....	90c.	60c.	\$1 00	70c
John McFatridge, complete.....	\$2 25	\$2 00	2 35	\$2 15
Day & Kinsman, ".....	2 40	2 10	2 50	2 40
J. G. Crump, ".....	2 40	2 30	2 50	2 40
T. J. Haley, ".....	2 40	1 80	3 25	2 70
G. A. Perrier, ".....	2 45	2 35	2 50	2 40
Farquhar Bros., ".....	4 75	4 25	5 00	4 50

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that in the opinion of the Council the action of the late Committee on Works in making contracts for installing meters by dividing up the contract and attempting to let the same in four parts and in letting two contracts of \$500.00 each in contravention of the spirit of the City Charter was highly improper and meets with the decided disapproval of this Council.

Alderman Chisholm asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the motion is in order.

The City Solicitor stated that in his opinion the resolution is in order.



Motion put and passed, Alderman McManus desiring to be recorded as voting against it.

His Worship the Mayor stated that after his election as Mayor he had instructed the City Engineer not to instal any more meters, and had ordered that the shipment of any more meters be stayed for the present.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the action of His Worship the Mayor in staying orders in the matter of water meters be approved of by this Council.

Alderman Whitman asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the legal effect of the action of His Worship the Mayor.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council, and that the papers in connection with the subject be laid before the Council.

Alderman Chisholm asked that the original motion be divided, 1st as to installing meters, and 2nd as to staying further shipment of meters.

His Worship the Mayor ruled Alderman Chisholm's request out of order.

The amendment being put is passed, eight voting for the same, and six against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, Chisholm, McManus, Smith, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie—8.	Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Edwards—6.

Read report Committee on Works re tender of W. S. Craig for installing water meters.

#### WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 30th, 1908.

#### *Members City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day tenders were opened for the installation of meters, and the tender of W. S. Craig being the lowest it was decided to make a contract with him for installing meters, the work to be done thereunder not to exceed five hundred dollars in amount. This action was taken pending the action of the new Council and for the reason set forth in the previous report of the Committee of Works on this subject.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman*,

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said report be referred back to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Read letter J. S. Edwards covering a resolution of a public meeting in re water meters held in St. Patrick's Hall.

## WATER METERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 10th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of enclosing you herewith copies of resolution unanimously adopted at a mass meeting of citizens held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday the 9th inst.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman of Meeting.*

*Whereas*, on the 8th day of November, 1907, the Board of Works of the City of Halifax reported to the Council in favor of purchasing and installing three thousand water meters at a cost of \$42,000.00 ;

*And whereas*, after a discussion of said report the Council voted that the consideration of the matter be indefinitely deferred ;

*And whereas*, on March 3rd, 1908, the water meter question was again suddenly brought before the Council in a Message from His Worship the Mayor, the whole of which Message has not yet been placed in the hands of the Aldermen ;

*And whereas*, in view of the fact that the price of metals had greatly declined since the November tenders were submitted the Board of Works was at this meeting instructed by the Council to call for new tenders ;

*And whereas*, said tenders were not publicly advertised for ;

*And whereas*, at a meeting of the City Council held only two days afterwards, namely, on the 5th of March, the matter was again brought before the Council on a report of the Works Department, of which Department His Worship the Mayor is Chairman, reporting that the meters could not be bought at a less price than that before quoted ;

*And whereas*, on a vote for the adoption of the report of the Board of Works in favor of the purchase of 3,000 meters two members of the Council, namely, Alderman Hayward and Alderman Hawkins, were absent, the vote on the motion resulted in a tie ;

*And whereas*, His Worship the Mayor gave a casting vote in favor of the report of the Board of Works recommending the purchase of said 3,060 meters ;

*And whereas*, in cases of tie it is customary on a large money vote for the presiding officer to vote against the expenditure ;

*And whereas*, notwithstanding the fact that a notice of reconsideration of the motion was made at the meeting it is generally believed that the entire order for these meters was placed by telegraph within twenty-four hours after the vote was passed ;

*And whereas*, as a result of the vote carried by the casting vote of the Mayor nearly one-third of the entire order for these meters has been placed with his own father-in-law ;

*Now therefore resolved*, that the citizens and ratepayers of Halifax here assembled do most emphatically condemn the action of Mayor MacIlreith in his casting vote forcing the above large and unnecessary expenditure upon the ratepayers of the City under such questionable circumstances ;

*Further resolved*, that if the orders for these meters have been placed that the Mayor be requested to take immediate steps to cancel the same ;

*Further resolved*, that a copy of this resolution be promptly placed in the hands of our Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Nelson B. Smith.

Seconded by Richard Flinn.

*Whereas*, A strenuous effort is being made by His Worship the Mayor, by the City

Engineer and by certain Aldermen to have meters placed on all service pipes in the City as a means of preventing waste of water ;

*And Whereas*, If this course is adopted it will entail a large annual charge upon the citizens equal to an increase of about 50% on the present water rates ;

*And Whereas* Other cities throughout the Dominion are able to successfully manage their water system without the general use of meters, the following cities having a smaller percentage of service pipes metered than Halifax has, viz : Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Kingston, Charlottetown, St. John. ;

*And Whereas*, There is sufficient water entering the mains at the lakes to supply the citizens of Halifax with an abundance of water if underground leaks were stopped and the system properly managed and controlled ;

*And Whereas*, The City Charter contains ample provision for the adequate inspection and control of water which has not been carried out but has been grossly neglected ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this meeting that there is absolutely no justification whatever for imposing upon the taxpayers the additional burden which a general installation of meters will made necessary.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this meeting express its strongest disapproval of the action of the Mayor, Aldermen and officials who were instrumental in attempting to press this further burden upon the citizens.

*And Further Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be immediately sent to the Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Wm. P. Buckley

Seconded by S. J. Harivel.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be printed in the Minutes of Council. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering draft Act re water rates. (See Minutes of Council April 13th, 1908.) Filed.

#### WATER RATES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 5th, 1908.

To The City Council :

GENTLEMEN —At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council in re water rates, etc., was read and it was decided to concur in the draft Act as submitted by City Solicitor.

R. T. MACLEITH, Mayor and Chairman..

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1. Subject to the conditions hereinafter provided the Council may make a reduction of the amounts charged to any person for water which has passed through a meter.
2. No such reduction shall be allowed unless the Committee is of the opinion
  - (a) that the amount of water charged for was in excess of that which was fairly required by the owner or occupant of the premises in respect to which the same is charged, and
  - (b) that such excess has passed through the meter by reason of unavoidable accident or otherwise, without the negligence, default or failure to use proper care and precaution on the part of the owner or occupant of such premises.
3. Any claim for any such reduction shall be made in writing to the Committee on



Works within one month after the record of water consumed for the month in respect to which the reduction is claimed has been delivered to the owner or occupant of the premises, or the agent of either, and such writing shall set out fully the nature of the accident or other cause on which the claim is founded.

4. The Engineer shall investigate the matter of such claim and report in writing whether the same is well founded, and whether or not the same should be allowed, and the extent of such allowance.

5. Upon such report the Committee may

- (a) refuse to allow the claim, or
- (b) recommend the allowance of it in whole or in part and on such terms and conditions as the Committee may see fit to impose.

6. If the Committee unanimously resolves not to allow the claim in whole or in part, such resolution shall be final, but if such resolution is not unanimous the matter shall, on the application of the claimant, be referred to the Council, and the Council may make the reduction asked for in whole or in part.

7. Any resolution of the Committee recommending the allowance of any claim for reduction in whole or in part shall be sent by the Committee to the Council, and the Council may confirm the same in whole or in part or disallow the same, or may attach such terms to any allowance as it deems fit.

8. Any claim for reduction which might be allowed under this section, but which arose within one year before the passing of the Act, may be dealt with and allowed under the section, provided that a claim therefor has been made in writing before the passing of this Act, or is made within one month thereafter.

9. Nothing in this section shall authorize the remission in respect to any premises of the amount rated thereon for fire protection.

10. Except as is in this section provided no reduction or allowance in respect to any water rates shall be made or given.

Alderman Edwards asked permission to submit a series of questions.

The Council declined to grant permission at this stage of the meeting.

Read report Committee on Works covering six reports City Engineer on various questions by Aldermen.

#### QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 5th, 1907.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached City Engineer's reports on the following questions were read and ordered to be sent to Council:

Alderman Hoben re water pipe laying Lockman St.

Alderman Hubley re crossings at Brunswick and Hurd Streets.

Alderman Davison re crossing at Maynard St., foot of Harris Street.

Aldermen Kelly and Campbell re use of muddy material on the streets.

Alderman Hayward re curb and gutter at Dixon's corner, etc.

Alderman Hoben re Lockman Street paving.

Alderman Kelly re railway curve Granville Street.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

## WATER PIPE, LOCKMAN STREET.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Hoben's question, Mr. Morrison, Foreman of the Water Department, states that he misunderstood the instructions respecting the laying of pipe on Barrington Street and had laid three 12 ft. lengths of 6 inch pipe at the intersection of Proctor Street before he discovered his mistake. He took up the three lengths and laid 9 inch pipe instead. There are no service pipes at this point.

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

## CROSSINGS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to questions asked by Aldermen Hubley and Davison, attached hereto, the crossings on Brunswick Street and Maynard Street will be laid as soon as the weather is suitable. We have had great difficulty in getting granite enough to keep us going this year, and although we had some on hand the Council had been assured that the curb and gutter on Agricola Street would be laid this year and it was reserved for that purpose. The contractor will continue to cut granite through the winter, and by the spring we hope to have overtaken all orders.

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

## USE OF MUDDY MATERIAL ON THE STREETS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—With reference to questions asked by Alderman Kelly and Alderman Campbell, attached hereto, I beg to report :

Alderman Kelly's question probably originally referred to the use of material removed from Gottingen Street by the Paving Company and deposited on North Park Street. This street was worn out and required a good deal of material to round it up so that the water would be thrown off to the side. It was not the intention to use this material as a wearing surface, and when properly compacted it will be covered with broken stone so that a good roadway can be made.

The roadway on Tower Road between Morris Street and South Street was made in this way and it is generally agreed that it is one of the best roadways in the City.

In answer to Alderman Campbell's question, the Foreman was instructed to use such material from Lockman Street as was suitable for repairing Brunswick Street. Instead of selecting material it was taken just as it came and in consequence the greater part of it is mud totally unfit for any such use. It will have to be scraped off and removed as soon as the weather is suitable.

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

## CREIGHTON AND BILBY STREET WORK.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Hayward's question, attached hereto, the curb and gutter has been laid at Dixon's corner Bilby and Agricola Streets. As the street appropriation has been exhausted, it will not be possible to repair the north end of Creighton Street this year. It is not, however, as the question might indicate,

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impassable, and while it is in need of repair it is not wise to place anything on the records of the Council that would convey the inference that the street is impassable.

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

LOCKMAN STREET PAVEMENT.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Hoben's question, attached hereto, I beg to report that the paving of Lockman Street to the north side of the King Edward Hotel will not be completed this year, as such work cannot be done during cold weather.

With reference to the material hauled to the City Yard, it is very difficult, in fact almost impossible, to obtain suitable material for binding and for repairing sidewalks. We have on one occasion paid \$1,600 for a property on Wellington St. solely for the purpose of obtaining the material on the property. While the material hauled to the yard is not the best, it is as good as we can get. We use all the ashes that we can in repairing sidewalks, but householders object to the use of such material unless a sprinkling of gravelly soil is covered over it. On sidewalks on hills ashes wash out, and no other material, except permanent material, will stand the rains. The same applies to the binding of broken stone in the roadway on hills. Screenings will wash out, while the gravelly soil will stand the rain longer. The material stored in the field will probably be used for such purpose. The material must necessarily be moved twice as it has to be screened, and this work cannot be done on the street without delaying pavement work.

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

RAILWAY CURVE, GRANVILLE STREETS.

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Kelly's question attached hereto I beg to report that the rails at the corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets were removed because they were nearly worn out. They would have lasted perhaps a year or two longer, but as paving work was being done it was considered advisable by the company to make the change now rather than to tear up the street a year or two hence.

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

Filed.

Read letter Fredericton, N. B. Local Improvement Association re Governments contributing towards civic expenditure.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, (January 27th, 1908), covering Draft Ordinances.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 27th, 1908.

*To 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, Douglas, Hubley, Martin and Hawkins, they had before them a number of matters referred to them for consideration, and they report as follows :—