

1st. Application of Alex. Laing for a bill poster's license.

Your Committee recommend that this application be granted.

2nd. Application J. L. White for a refund of deposit made with his application for a liquor license.

Your Committee recommend that the License Inspector refund the amount deposited less the cost of advertising.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee held on the 7th inst. at 4.30 o'clock p.m., there being present Aldermen Chisholm (Chairman), Archibald, Douglas, Hubley and Hawkins, your Committee had under consideration several matters deferred from previous meeting.

1st. Re letter of Joseph S. Hubley re weighing and inspection of hay in the City.

Your Committee have gone pretty thoroughly into this matter. At the invitation of the Committee a number of hay dealers attended the meeting and expressed their views on the subject to the effect that there was a great necessity at the present time for the inspection of as well as the weighing of hay, and suggested that an ordinance be enacted.

Your Committee have instructed the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance giving the weighers of hay authority to inspect and classify hay as well as to inspect it, and recommend its adoption by the Council.

2nd. Re petition licensed peddlers and others re peddlers' licenses, your Committee have heard the views of a number of peddlers, and are of the opinion that fees as at present are too high.

Your Committee have instructed the City Solicitor to draft an amendment to the City Charter and the ordinance re peddlers' license fees, and recommend their adoption by the Council.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

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

Read Draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 22, entitled "Petty Trades."

PETTY TRADES LICENSES.

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 22 of the City of Halifax, entitled "Petty Trades."

Ordinance No. 22 of the City of Halifax entitled "Petty Trades" is hereby amended as follows :-

The fee payable for a license to peddle the produce of the farm or garden from place to place in the City with a horse and cart shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars. Such license shall entitle the licensee to peddle such produce only and may be cancelled on proof of peddling other goods.

Filed.

Read draft Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 28, "The Weighing of Hay."

The said Ordinance is now read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said Ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Said Ordinance it now read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Edwards submitted the following questions:—

1. Does the license law of the City of Halifax permit any person or persons to keep for sale or sell intoxicating liquor without a license granted by the Halifax City Council? If so, give Act and Section.
2. Does the fact of any certain number of men becoming incorporated under the Joint Stock Company's Act of Nova Scotia empower these men to open a bar room? If so give Act and Section.
3. Does an Act of Incorporation under the Nova Scotia Joint Stock Company's Act enable the Company so incorporated to ignore the license law of Halifax and take to itself the power to dispose for a money consideration intoxicating liquors to shareholders or others?
4. If the License Inspector enters the premises of a Joint Stock Company and finds intoxicating liquor there and can prove that shareholders or any other persons buy and pay for any portion of the stock of intoxicating liquor located on the premises, has the Inspector the right under the law to raid such premises and confiscate the stock of liquor.

Alderman Edwards also submits the following questions:—

1. How many persons were liable for poll tax last year?
2. How many persons paid the poll tax?
3. What steps (if any) have been or are being taken to recover the tax from the persons who did not pay?

Alderman Edwards also submits the following question:—

Are there any buildings on Gottingen Street not connected with the sewer? If so, how many, who were the owners and why were connections not made before the permanent street and sidewalks were laid down?

Alderman Shaffner asked in the newspaper reporters were allowed to attend meetings of the Committee on Works and if it was true as stated in the *Evening Mail* that reporters were turned out of the meeting of the Committee on Works to-day.

His Worship the Mayor stated that while the Committee on Works was in session to-day a reporter called but there was not space enough in the room in which the meeting was being held for reporters. As long as he could remember the reporters were excluded from the meetings of the Committee on Works. The minute book of the Committee on Works was always open to the inspection of the reporters or any ratepayer immediately after the meetings of the Board.

Alderman Hebb asked what had become of the petition for catch-pits Edward Street.

The City Engineer answered that Edward Street had not been taken over by the City. The street was now being filled in with ashes and would in this way be graded as soon as possible.

Alderman Smith asked if it was the intention to pave the junction of North and Lockman Streets with scoria blocks.

The City Engineer stated it was not too late to have this work done with any material the Council might decide upon.

His Worship the Mayor stated the Committee on Works would take the matter into consideration.

Alderman Wilson asked for a list of streets that have not been taken over by the City and as to the rights or powers of the City Council to do work on the same.

Alderman Smith asked for information as to the method or system of disbursing the appropriation for streets. He desired the information because of the deplorable condition of streets in the west end of Ward Three.

Alderman Hubley submitted the following questions :—

Resolved, That the Recorder be requested to answer the following questions :—

1. What authority, if any, had the City to purchase or pay for the 3,000 meters recently ordered by the City? If under the City Charter give section or sections thereof, and if under special Act or Acts of the Legislature give Act or Acts and sections.

2. What authority, if any, had the City or Committee on Works to instal said meters or any of them? And, if any, how many and under what terms or instructions? If under the City Charter give sections thereof. If under special Act or Acts of the Legislature give Act or Acts and sections.

Alderman Hoben asked if the Committee on Works contemplated repairing the walks on Citadel Hill.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Officer Commanding in which he was informed that the Military authorities had an appropriation for the purpose and that in a few days he would know what was to be done.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8:10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, June 4th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Wilson, MacKenzie, Edwards, Chisholm, McManus, Hebb, Shaffner, Whitman and Smith.

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

8.30 o'clock. Rolled called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas, Kelly, Hobeu, Hubley, Campbell, Martin and Thompson.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

CASUAL ELECTIONS WARDS 2 AND 6.

Submitted—City Clerk's returns of elections to fill vacancies in Wards Nos. 2 and 6.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the said returns be now read. Motion passed.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Frederick P. Bligh for the office of Alderman to fill the vacant office of Alderman for Ward No. 2, caused by the resignation of Alderman Jacob A. Johnson, he being the only candidate nominated for said ward for the election held May 27th, 1908.

The City Clerk declares Frederick P. Bligh duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. 2.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of James Adams and John Rankine to fill the vacant office of Alderman for Ward No. 6., caused by Alderman Arthur C. Hawkins consenting (in writing) to be nominated for the office of Mayor and thereby vacating his office of Alderman, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said ward at the election to fill the said casual vacancy held on the 27th of May, 1908, said returns showing John Rankine to have received 422

votes and James Adams 376 votes, giving John Rankine a majority of 46 votes.

The City Clerk declares John Rankine duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. 6.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Dr. Rankine being now present in the lobby be now sworn into office. Motion passed.

Dr. Rankine is introduced by Aldermen MacKenzie and Edwards whereupon he is sworn into office before His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the City Council by subscribing and taking the oaths of allegiance, of qualification and of office and the oath of Justice of the Peace, and signs the Roll of Aldermen.

Alderman Rankine takes his seat in Council.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Reports (2) Charities Committee, by Alderman McManus, Chairman.

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

Report Tenders Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Message His Worship the Mayor re delegation to Ottawa respecting double tracking of Intercolonial Railway and other matters.

Message His Worship the Mayor in re petition of Veterau Firemen's Association.

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Reports (12) Committee on Works, viz :

Accounts.

Tenders for fire insurance.

Agricola Street Water Extension.

Streets unaccepted.

Lease boathouse North Ferry.

Cost of new workshops and stables.

Documents in re water meters.

Paving at Lockman and Cornwallis Streets.

South Park Street sidewalk.

Water extension James Coolin's house.

Henry Street water extension.

Allan Street sewer and water extension.

- Report City Auditor re bonds of officials.
 Report City Health Board re compensation for Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Walker.
 Report City Solicitor in answer to questions by Alderman Hubley in re water meters.
 Report City Collector re poll taxes.
 Report Chief of Police re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday.
 Annual Report Chief of Police.
 Annual Report Salt and Grain Measurers.
 Annual Report Coal Weighers.
 Letter F. W. Bissett & Co. re lease of Stayner's wharf property.
 Complaint of Mrs. Moren, 188 Pleasant Street, against water meter.
 Letter MacInnes, Mellish, et al re employment of Miss Marion Hall.
 Application of J. M. Henneberry for position of Assistant Superintendent City Home.
 Application L. M. Young for refund of liquor license deposit.
 Petition Mrs. S. Walker for Compensation from City Health Board.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, PUBLIC GARDENS, June 1, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this day at 4 p. m. Present—Chairman Kelly, Commissioners Shaffner, McDonald, Bishop, Powell, Power and the Superintendent.

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

H. H. Fuller & Co., \$9.19. J. MacInnes & Son, \$1.80. Brandram Henderson, \$117.99. Brookfield Bros., \$2.90. W. N. Brown, \$10 05. Wm. Robertson & Son, \$17.48. T. Robinson, \$29.00. National Drug Co., \$8.31. The Connon Floral Co., \$57.18. J. McGrath & Co., freight and truckage, \$5.07. R. & J. Farquhar, \$12 53. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$1.78. Steele, Briggs Co., \$5.00. James Umlah, \$15.00. F. A. Shaw, \$15 43. Donovan & Brennan, \$38.59. Acadian Recorder, \$4 20. Herald Pub. Co., \$5.85. J. Fearon, \$5 60. James Walsh, \$15.79.

EDWARD T. POWER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 2nd, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held on the 18th May, there being present Aldermen Kelly (Chairman), Wilson, Hebb, Hubley and Edwards.

It was decided to request the City Auditor to prepare a schedule of the quantities of groceries purchased during the past year, and that tenders be taken for the larger quantities of supplies required.

At a subsequent meeting held on May 26th at the City Prison, there being present Aldermen Kelly (Chairman), Wilson, Hebb and Edwards, the Chairman submitted the schedule prepared by the City Auditor of groceries as supplied to Prison last year. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for tenders for supplies for this year on basis of this schedule, Alderman Edwards dissenting.

The Governor was authorized to purchase a number of tools to replace those destroyed in recent fire, including a hay rake at \$26.00 and one two-section harrow at \$12.50.

Your Committee inspected the buildings and farm and found everything kept in a satisfactory condition. It was decided to confer with the Engineer to see if some better provision could not be made for storing the crops, the loft over the new stables and sheds not being large enough.

Your Committee further report that they met again on the 2nd inst., at which meeting there were present Aldermen Kelly (Chairman), Wilson, Hubley and Edwards.

One tender only was received in response to the advertisement for grocery supplies, that from Wentzell's, Limited.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the grocery supplies for the present year be purchased in the usual way, Alderman Wilson dissenting.

The following accounts, amounting to \$137.49, were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment:—

Jas. J. Skerry, groceries, \$24.45. W. S. Walker, shirts, etc., \$4.50. Mumford Bros., potatoes (seed), 75c. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$2.25. Amherst Boot and Shoe Co., boots, \$18.00. J. H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$16.02. Gunn & Co., oats and bran, \$15.60. Frank H. Fraser, oats, \$31.20. Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.95. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$6.28. Wm. Robertson & Son hardware, \$11.41. Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$4.65. Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, 43c. Total, \$137.49

J. F. KELLY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hebb.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the tender of Wentzell's, Limited, for groceries for the Prison be accepted and that the report as so amended be adopted.

Amendment put and passed.

Read report Library Commission covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 29th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day. Present—Aldermen Chisholm (Chairman), Wilson, Kelly, McManus, MacKenzie, Messrs. G. W. T. Irving and Jas. C. Barnstead.

The following accounts, amounting to \$42.32, were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment:—

Heaton's Agency \$1.25. T. C. Allen & Co., books, &c., \$32.66. Mutual Sub. Agency, balance, \$8.41. Total, \$42.32.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

Farquhar Bros., electric supplies, 90c. N. S. Furnishing Co., chairs, etc., \$42.20. N. S. Telephone Co., rent phone, \$19.25. W. & C. Silver, uniforms, \$1250.30. R. B. Adams & Co., groceries, 90c. John Starr, Son & Co., repairs flashlights, etc., 95c. Total, \$1314.50.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

Streets	\$2038 72
Street Lighting.....	1719 90

Sewer Loan.....	\$855 17
Internal Health.....	127 44
Permanent Sidewalks.....	184 88
Teams and Stables.....	262 53
City Hall Lighting.....	78 86
Morris Street Engine House.....	28 50
City Property.....	132 17
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	21 00
Insurance.....	720 24
Fuel.....	78 25
Water Maintenance.....	820 72
Police Commission 1907-8.....	330 00
Electrical Wiring Inspection.....	3 82
New Workshops.....	67 98
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A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards was held this evening at eight o'clock. Present—Aldermen Hubley (Chairman) Edwards, Whitman, Thompson and McManus.

The following report of the Chief was considered clause by clause, and recommended for adoption by the Council:—

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

To the Chairman and Board of Fire Commissioners:

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

- a. That John Wells, Captain No. 4 Hose, resigned May 1st.
- b. That John Tobin, Callman No. 2 Hose, resigned May 1st.
- c. That John Toomey, Driver No. 1 Truck, resigned May 15th.
- d. That John Moir, Engineer No. 1 Engine, resigned May 16th.
- e. That Richard Stone, Captain No. 2 Engine, who was injured at fire April 19th, reported for duty May 26th.
- f. James Merlin, Callman No. 2 Engine, was suspended on May 16th for using unbecoming language to the Chief.
- g. John Lomas, Callman No. 3 Engine, and Wm. McDonald, Callman No. 1 Engine, are reported for not sleeping in their engine houses when ordered to do so.
- h. In the resignation of Captain John Wells of No. 4 Hose, caused by an accident which happened while on duty at an alarm of fire from box 73, Oct. 3rd, 1906, the Fire Department loses a good fireman and one of its best officers, which the entire Department very much regret.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Quinpool Road Engine House be connected to the sewer.

2. The Chief Engineer recommends that No. 1 Fire Engine, Columbia, Amoskeag, stationed at Central Engine House, and now out of commission, be stripped and her boiler examined, as she has been in service for sixteen years.

3. It is recommended that James Keefe, Lieutenant on No. 4 Hose, be appointed Captain of No. 4 Hose, vice Capt. John Wells, resigned

4. That Alex. Clarke, Hoseman on No. 4 Hose, be appointed Lieutenant on No. 4 Hose, vice Lieutenant Keefe, promoted to Captain.

5. That William McGuire, Callman No. 2 Engine, and Thomas Power, Callman No. 4 Hose, be appointed Drivers on the permanent force.

6. That the following Supernumeraries be appointed Callmen: Bingham Johnston, Jeremiah Shea, John Verity, John Sullivan, George Gallagher, John Lynch, John McAskill.

7. That John Brooks be appointed Supernumerary on No. 4 Engine.

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

The following recommendations in respect to the Chief's Report are submitted to the Council for approval:—

Clause (f). The Board investigated the charge in Merlin's presence, and found the matter to be one directly affecting the discipline of the Fire Department. The circumstances surrounding the incident were graver than the actual language used, but quite a number of the callmen being present at the meeting who would be likely to spread the facts amongst the other members of the Department the Committee felt that exemplary punishment was unnecessary. It is recommended that the action of the Chairman and Chief in suspending Merlin be sustained, and that he be reinstated from this date.

Clause (g). Lomas and McDonald failed to obey their notices to attend the meeting of the Board. From the statements made by the Chief the Committee felt they had no other course to pursue than to recommend that these men be asked to resign from the Department. The Committee's recommendation is that they be given until June 5th to resign, and failing to do so their pay be stopped from that date.

Clause (h) The Board approved of the Chief's report in respect to Captain Wells, and instructed the Secretary to send him a letter in acknowledgment of his services as a fireman

In respect to the account of J. P. Esdaile in connection with the Shand, Mason & Co. engine "Alexandra," the Committee concur in the recommendation of the late Board, and recommend that he be paid \$75 00.

The suggestions in the following report of the City Electrician were unanimously concurred in.

CITY ELECTRICIAN'S OFFICE, June 1st, 1908.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, ESQ., *Secretary Board of Fire Wards.*

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly call the attention of the Board to the matter of F. A. box keys. It has been the custom to furnish each member with a set of keys, and some rule should be established by which these keys would be returned at the expiration of the term of office of each member, otherwise in the course of time box keys will be scattered around town, with no trace of them, and should they fall into the hands of mischievous persons false alarms will be of frequent occurrence.

I also beg to recommend that the signal boxes be painted, and a new 6-inch gong be purchased for the Chief of the Department. The one now in use in his house, while giving good satisfaction most of the time fails regularly in the Spring and Fall of the year. In a less important place it would give sufficiently good service, and I would like to use it as a spare gong. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$25.00.

P. R. COLPITT, *City Electrician.*

The report of the late Committee referred to this Committee by the Council for further consideration, is recommended for adoption, with the exception of the clause relating to the purchase of hose.

Regarding the matter of purchasing 2000 feet of hose, both the late Board and the present went very carefully into the consideration of the subject. Your Board had the benefit of letters from the Fire Department Chiefs of a large number of Canadian cities regarding their experience with different brands of hose used by them previously submitted to the Council, and at this meeting your Committee devoted a good deal of time to hearing the arguments of agents representing various kinds of hose, as well as to this City's own officials. The Board found it difficult to determine from the conflicting evidence of other Canadian cities that any particular make of hose would be the best for Halifax to purchase. Our own officials having had practically no hose in service other than Maltese Cross this City's experience was of little avail to the Committee.

Therefore, in order that Halifax may obtain a practical guide for future purchases, the Committee unanimously recommend that the 2000 feet of hose to be purchased be divided amongst four brands in 500 ft lots. The Chief assured the Board that these four lots of hose can be given practically similar tests at fire duty, and in this way merits or demerits may be ascertained.

The recommendation is that the City purchase 500 feet Dreadnaught rubber hose at \$1.10 per ft. from Stairs, Son & Morrow, (Can. Rubber Co. manufacture); 500 feet Keystone Double Cotton Jacket wax and gum treated hose at \$1.00, less 3% for cash in 20 days, from Guildford & Son (Can. Rubber Co. manufacture); 500 feet Paragon Cotton Jacket hose at \$1.00, and 500 ft. Carbolized Maltese Cross rubber hose at \$1.15 from Austen Bros. (both Gutta Percha and Rubber Co. manufacture). All of the said hose to be purchased under the terms and conditions of the tenders submitted.

The following named accounts are submitted for payment :

1907-8 Account :—S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$321.53. James Clarke, painting \$4.50. John T. Meagher, horseshoeing, \$11.33. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$267.10. P. Poirier, horseshoeing, \$4.53. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$2.50. Thos. Brenton, uniforms, \$39.50. J. P. Esdaille, expert service, \$75.00. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$12.62. W. C. Knight, harness work, \$58.80. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$13.79. Gordon & Keith, furnishings, \$17.60. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$16.17. Longard Bros., fittings, \$43.17. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$65.75. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, etc., \$28.76. Globe Laundry, work, \$7.84. Miller Bros., rent manure pit, \$12.00. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$10.00. Recorder, advertising, \$2.90. Hillis & Son, Ltd., cast iron track, \$42.00. N. S. Telephone Co., Buffalo grip, \$9.00. Wm. Robertson & Son, supplies, \$59.88. Total, \$1126.27.

Current Account :—S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$37.32. John Macdonald, cab hire, \$3.50. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.01. A. Allison, harness, \$19.75. Halifax Tram Co., power \$7.79, light \$21.60—\$29.39. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$38.57. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$1.58. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$10.95. G. E. Smith & Co., horseshoes, etc., \$19.67. Halifax Brush Co., brooms, \$10.00. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$18.10. Henry Lovett, leather, \$17.05. W. C. Knight, harness, \$2.75. N. S. Telephone Co., rent phone, \$4.00. Neil Fox, harness, \$4.25. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$2.28. J. S. Cashen & Sons, feed, \$438.88. Total, \$660.05.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *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 Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that clause (g) of the report in reference to Callmen John

Lomas and William McDonald be referred back to the Committee of Fire Wards and that the resolution as so amended be adopted.

Amendment put and passed.

Alderman-elect Frederick P. Bligh having arrived it is unanimously agreed to suspend the order of business to permit of his taking the oaths of office.

Mr. Bligh is introduced by Aldermen Chisholm and Hebb, whereupon he is sworn into office before His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the City Council by subscribing and taking the oaths of allegiance, of qualification and of office and the oath of Justice of the Peace, and signs the roll of Aldermen.

Alderman Bligh takes his seat in Council.

Read report Charities Committee for May.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, June 3rd, 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 Hebb and MacKenzie :

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of May there were 47 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 51 discharged, and 1 died. Of the number admitted, 20 were chargeable to the Province and 27 to the City. The total number of inmates, May 31st, was 332, made up of 185 men, 146 women and 2 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz: A. L. Doyle & Co \$301.83. W. A. Maling & Co., \$370.26. P. T. Shea, \$148.44. J. & M. Murphy, \$116.20. F. A. Shaw, \$91.37. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$21.05. Henry Lovett, \$8.91. George Grigoire, \$31.06. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$97.65. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$136.23. J. F. Outhit, \$3.75. Brookfield Bros., \$3.50. A. & W. MacKinlay, \$17.20. W. N. Brown, \$9.25. F. R. Gow, \$5.00. The Fleischmann Co., \$4.05. B. Mulcahy, \$462.43. C. W. Outhit, \$4.85. T. C. Allen & Co, \$1.85. A. M. Bell & Co., \$1.50. Wm McFatrige, \$39.00. Wentzells, Ltd., \$271.25. Pay sheet, \$682.05. A. C. Theakston, \$213.75. Wentzells, Ltd., \$268.75. Total, \$3311.18.

The following accounts chargeable to 1907-08 are also recommended for payment, viz:—H. L. Dickey, M. D., \$15.00. Acadia Mines, Londonderry, \$76.69. County of Richmond, \$149.05.

P. J. McMANUS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, HALIFAX. N. S., June 1st, 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) Whitman, Douglas, Hoben and Edwards, they had under consideration the following matters referred to them for report :—

1. Letter Children's Hospital Committee asking that provision be made for payment of certain moneys.

It is recommended that upon the City Auditor certifying that the sum of \$10,000.00 has been provided by the company or person establishing a Children's Hospital for the construction and equipment of such hospital other than the sum to be provided by the City, that the City of Halifax do pay to such company or persons the sum of \$5,000.00 authorized to be paid by resolution of Council of 30th April, 1907.

2. License fees Penny Arcades.

The City Solicitor having given his opinion to the Committee that under the law as it now stands the City has no power to pass an Ordinance making a license fee for penny arcades, your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act to be submitted at the next Session of the Legislature to enable the City to collect licenses from such places.

3. Letter MacInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny, re appointment of a Commissioner in re claim of Patrick Kehoe.

Your Committee has been informed that the Hon. The Chief Justice has appointed B. A. Weston, Esquire, to act as Commissioner under this Act.

4. Applications J. B. Paton and the Academy of Music for Bill Posters' Licenses.

It is recommended that these applications be granted.

5. Applications J. S. Power, Chas. Foley, Mary Meagher and John Frain for refund of deposits made with their applications for liquor licenses.

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

6. Application of St Mary's T. A. & B. Society for renewal of Theatre licence for moving picture show, etc.

It is recommended that the application be granted, the license fee to be as recommended in report of this Committee adopted by Council April 30th, 1908.

7. Your Committee further recommend that the license fee for the Arena Rink be fixed at \$250 00.

8. Letter Local Improvement Association, Fredericton, N. B., re Government contributing towards civic expenditure.

Your Committee recommended that the City Clerk be instructed to answer said letter informing the Association of the facts as they exist here.

9. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a petition received by the Chairman and signed by five junk dealers asking for a reduction in their license fees, also asking that if the Committee cannot see its way clear to recommend the reduction that no more new licenses be granted.

Your Committee state that they cannot recommend the reduction asked for in petition, and the Committee desires also to correct the statement made in the petition that licenses are granted to every person who applies for the same.

These licenses have only been granted to persons who were found after due investigation to be of good character and business standing

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

The several clauses of said report are now taken up seriatum and passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said report be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report Tenders Committee re tenders for printing, stationery, &c.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON TENDERS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 28th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Tenders beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson (Chairman), Hebb and Kelly.

The Committee was called to open tenders for blank books, printing blank forms, stationery supplies and advertising.

TENDERS FOR ADVERTISING.

Chronicle Publishing Co., in Chronicle—	\$1.25	per inch	for first insertion.
	40	"	all subsequent insertions.
Herald Publishing Co., in Herald & Mail—	\$1.25	per inch	for first insertion.
	35	"	all subsequent insertions.
Blackadar Bros., in Acadian Recorder—	70c.	per inch	for first insertion.
	35c.	"	all subsequent insertions.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of tender of Herald Publishing Co. for advertising in Herald and that of Blackadar Bros. for advertising in Recorder.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING

Annual City Report—T. C. Allen & Co.....	
Holloway Bros	\$1.45 per page.
Minutes of Council—T. C. Allen & Co.....	\$2.00 per page.
Holloway Bros.....	1.53 "
Order of Day—T. C. Allen & Co.....	\$2.00 per set.
Holloway Bros.....	1.45 "

It is recommended that the tender of Holloway Bros., being the lowest, be accepted.

PRINTING BLANK FORMS—T. C. Allen & Co.

It is recommended that this tender be accepted, the prices being the same as tender of last year and no other tender having been received.

BLANK BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Tenders received from T. C. Allen & Co. and A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd.

It is recommended that the tender of A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., for blank books,

and T. C. Allen & Co. for stationery, be accepted, these being the lowest for the respective services.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for the supply of coal required by the City for one year from 1st July, 1908, to June 30th, 1909.

The different tenders are herewith submitted.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re tender for Fire Insurance.

FIRE INSURANCE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 28th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day tenders for the insurance of this department which expires on May 31st, 1908. were opened as follows :—

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, whole risk	.....	\$87,300 at \$1.00
Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Co	.....	20,000 at 1.00
Wm. Thomson & Co	.....	87,300 at 1.10
Wm. J. Butler & Co. agencies $\frac{1}{3}$ each—Occidental	}	65,475 at .80
$\frac{1}{3}$ " Dominion.		
Independent Cash Mutual.		
Acadia Fire Insurance Co	.....	$\frac{1}{3}$ of 87,300 at .82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Halifax " "	.....	$\frac{1}{3}$ of 87,300 at .82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nova Scotia " "	.....	$\frac{1}{3}$ of 87,300 at .82 $\frac{1}{2}$

It was resolved to insure the risk in the Acadia, Halifax and Nova Scotia Companies, one-third in each, at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per \$100.00, subject to approval of Council.

GEO. M. CAMPBELL, *Deputy Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read report His Worship the Mayor relating to delegation to Ottawa in re extension of Intercolonial Railway to Truro via Parrsboro' and other matters.

MAYORS MESSAGE RE DOUBLE TRACKING I. C. R., ETC.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

Gentlemen of the City Council :

In regard to my trip to Ottawa with the delegation from Amherst, Parrsboro', Truro and Halifax, in re double-tracking of the I. C. R., I beg to state that we were received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Premier) Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. W. S. Fielding, the members representing the Province of Nova Scotia; also the Minister of Railways and Canals and many other Ministers of the Cabinet, including all the representatives of Nova Scotia except those who happened to be absent.

Ex-Alderman Johnson presented the demands of the delegation in a very exhaustive and eloquent speech, setting forth in a very argumentative manner the claims of Nova Scotia and the strong reasons why the demands of the delegation should be complied with, and was ably seconded by Mr. Smith of Amherst. After some further discussion taken part in by several of the delegates present and some of the members of the House,

including the Hon. W. S. Fielding and the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Sir Wilfred Laurier kindly informed the delegation that it was his desire as well as that of his colleagues to do the work requested and that if the Finance Minister would arrange for the money the work would be done—or words to that effect (if I understood him correctly.) I therefore trust that good results will accrue from our visit to Ottawa.

The matter of the flour shed for Halifax was taken up with the Deputy-Minister of Railways and good encouragement held out.

The question of the use of the grain elevator for local purposes was also brought up with the Deputy-Minister of Railways who gave his kind attention and seemed to be very anxious to meet the wishes of the merchants of Halifax in any way possible and intimated that if the elevator could be made of service to the mercantile community of Halifax and if sufficient could be got of it to pay the cost of running it they would be only too pleased to place the elevator at our disposal.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor*.

Filed and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of Council.

Read Message from His Worship the Mayor re petition of Veteran Firemen's Association in re Spring Garden Road Engine House.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE PETITION OF VETERAN FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting the accompanying petition from the Halifax Veteran Firemen's Association, I beg to state that I am in hearty sympathy with this Association, and I should be delighted if the Council and the Board of Fire Wards can see their way clear to meet the views as presented in the petition attached.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor*.

Referred to Committee of Fire Wards for report.

Read report Charities Committee on various matters.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, May 26th, 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, Hebb, Hoben and MacKenzie:

Tenders for 50 barrels flour were received from Wentzell's Ltd., Gunn & Co., and Muir & Son. The tender of Wentzell's, Ltd., for 25 bbls. Beaver, at \$5 60, and 25 bbls. of Swansdown at \$5.25 per bbl., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Agreeably to resolution passed at meeting of City Council held May 7th, 1908, applications for the position of Secretary and Storekeeper of the City Home were advertised for, and said applications were received this day. The Committee recommends that James O'Bryan be appointed to the position of Secretary and Storekeeper of City Home.

P. J. McMANUS, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, that the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and the recommendations contained therein agreed to.

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

Read application of J. M. Henneberry for position of Assistant Superintendent City Home. Filed.

Read Annual Reports (3) Chief of Police, Salt and Grain Measurers and Coal Weighers. Filed.

Read report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re bonds of officials.

BONDS OF OFFICIALS.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, June 3rd, 1908.

Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Accompanying this we enclose Guarantee Bonds of—

The City Treasurer,	\$ 8,000,	London Guarantee & Accident Co.
The City Collector,	10,000,	" "
License Inspector,	1,000,	American Security Co.
Clerk of Works,	2,000,	United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.
Chief of Fire Dept.,	1,500,	" "
City Clerk,	1,000,	" "
City Marshal,	1,000,	" "
Asst. City Clerk,	1,000,	" "
Chief of Police,	2,000,	" "

as well as a letter from the latter company under date May 29, 1908, stating that Mr. Mulcahy's name will be substituted in schedule for Mr. Dow's as soon as possible.

This completes securities of Officials required by City Charter under section 124 with schedule attached.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*
W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read application of L. M. Young for refund of liquor license deposit. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report City Health Board in re claims of Mrs. W. Rowe and Mrs. S. Walker for compensation.

CLAIMS OF MRS ROWE AND MRS WALKER.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, HALIFAX, N. S., May 28th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday the following resolutions were introduced and passed and I am directed to transmit the same to you for your consideration :—

No. 1. *Resolved*, "That in accordance with Section 788 of the City Charter the City Council be recommended to pay Mrs W. Rowe the sum of \$23 60 in compensation for food etc supplied during the time her house was quarantined for Smallpox." passed.

No. 2. *Resolved*, "That in accordance with Section 788 of the City Charter the City Council be recommended to pay Mrs S. Walker the sum of \$21.00 in compensation for food etc supplied during the time her house was quarantined for Smallpox." passed.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Also read petition of Mrs. Walker on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be referred back to the City Health Board.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, McManus, Bligh, Douglas, Smith, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine—12.	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, Campbell, Edwards—6.

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

Read report City Collector in re poll taxes.

POLL TAXES.

OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR, HALIFAX, N. S., June 3rd., 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to questions asked by Alderman Edwards, I beg to say :

- 1st that 628 persons were liable for Poll Tax for year 1907.
- 2nd “ 295 persons have already paid.
- 3rd “ Warrants are being issued against all those who have not paid.

R. THEAKSTON, *City Collector.*

Filed.

Read opinion City Solicitor in answer to questions by Alderman Hubley in re water meters.

WATER METERS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, June 4th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—In reply to the questions submitted to me by Alderman Hubley, I beg to say as follows :

1. Q. What authority, if any, had the City to purchase or pay for the 3000 meters recently ordered by the City? If under the City Charter give section or sections thereof, and if under special Act or Acts of the Legislature give Act or Acts and sections.

A. The power of the City in this respect, as in most others, must necessarily be

expressed in general terms. Section 610 of the Charter vests the lakes, mains, etc. of the water supply in the City. Section 611 provides as follows:

1. "The management and supervision of the water works, and the maintenance thereof in a good condition of repair and efficiency, shall be performed and discharged by the committee on works, and any improvements thereto or extension thereof ordered by the Council shall be executed by that committee."

The mode of discharging these powers and duties must necessarily be left to the discretion of the Council, and it is for them to say what apparatus shall be from time to time acquired in order to enable it to be done. In addition to this general power, the powers and duties conferred and imposed by the sections dealing with water meters, sections 462 to 470 could not be discharged without the purchase of meters.

2. Q. What authority, if any, had the City or Committee on Works to instal said meters or any of them? And, if any, how many, and under what terms or instructions? If under the City Charter give sections thereof. If under special Act or Acts of the Legislature give Act or Acts and sections.

A. Section 465 makes it compulsory on the Engineer to place a meter on any premises where waste is taking place, but under this section not more than 50 meters can be placed in one year. Section 464 is, however, a permissive one, and under it the Engineer is empowered to place a meter on every service pipe. Section 479 provides a penalty, both pecuniary and by stoppage of water, for any person refusing to allow the City access to his premises for the purpose of fixing a meter therein.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the same be laid on the table and a copy furnished Alderman Hubley. Motion passed.

Read complaint of Mrs. Moren against water meter 188 Pleasant Street. Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of boat house North Ferry to A. J. Cole.

LEASE AT NORTH FERRY.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 3rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying application from A. J. Cole.

Mr. Cole asks for the renewal of a lease formerly held by E. Sullivan, from whom Mr. Cole states that he has purchased a small boathouse on the south side of the North Ferry, in which he proposes to keep a pleasure boat. Mr. Sullivan had the privilege of maintaining the boathouse for \$1.00 a year, provided that the structure should be maintained to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, that the lease could be cancelled at any time on notice from the Works Committee, and that the tenant's occupancy of the property should not in any way interfere with the privileges of the public.

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

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 4th, 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. J. Cole for a renewal of the lease formerly held by E. Sullivan at the North Ferry was read.

It was decided to recommend the granting of said lease upon the same terms and conditions as before,

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re unaccepted streets in answer to request of Alderman Wilson,

UNACCEPTED STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 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 request of Ald. Wilson for list of unaccepted streets was read and referred to Council for its information.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 3rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In compliance with the request of Alderman Wilson, I beg to report that the following streets are unaccepted:—

Albert north of Kenny St.	Greenwood St.	Poplar St.
Allan St.	Harvard St.	Pleasant Avenue
Almon St. Extension.	Hawthorne St.	Plover St.
Armoury Place.	Henry St.	Preston St.
Atlantic St.	Hunter St.	Quinn St.
Bellevue St.	Ivanhoe St.	Rector St.
Berlin St.	Jennings St.	School St.
Binney St.	Kane St.	Seaforth St.
Bliss St.	Larch St.	Sebastian St.
Briar Lane.	Lawrence St.	Seldon St.
Bridge St.	Liverpool St.	Shirley St.
Brussels St.	Livingstone St.	Stairs St.
Cabot St.	Love Lane.	Stanley St.
Cartaret St.	London St.	Summit St.
Cedar St.	Marlborough St.	South Albert St.
Charles St. Extension.	McDonald St.	South Bland St.
Chebucto Lane.	Merkel St.	Tower Road Avenue.
Chestnut St.	Mott St.	Vestry St.
Clifton St.	Mulgrave St.	Vienna St.
Columbus St.	Murray's Place.	Walker St.
Cork St.	Norwood St.	Warden St.
Cornwall St.	Oak St.	Waterloo St.
Dickens St.	Oakland Road.	Willow St. Extension.
Dublin St.	Pacific St.	Wright's Place.
Duncan St.	Payzant St.	Waverley Terrace
Elm St.	Pepperell St.	Watt St.
Fern Lane.	Phillip St.	Yale St.
Garrick St.	Pine St.	Zephyr St.
Gladstone St.	Polar St.	

The rights and powers of the City are limited by Section 532 of the City Charter, which reads as follows:

"The Committee on Works shall, so far as the funds at its disposal will permit, keep clean and in good order and repair every street the legal title to which is vested in the City, and no other, and the cost of so doing shall be defrayed out of the general revenue of the City."

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the reports be adopted and printed in the Minutes and a copy sent to Alderman Wilson. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION AGRICOLA STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 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 petition of Geo. W. Nash for water extension to his premises, Agricola Street, was read. It was decided to recommend the extension provided he agrees to pay the special rates named in report.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 2nd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Geo. W. Nash, asking for extension of water to his premises on Agricola Street, between Young Street and Sullivan Street.

The distance is 150 feet. Size of pipe, 6 in. Excavation, rock. Estimated cost:

Pipe	\$90 00
One 6 in. valve	20 00
One 6 in. 4-way branch	5 74
One 6 in. thimble	1 75
50 lbs. lead	2 50
150 ft. excavation and pipe laying	52 50
One service pipe	15 00
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	\$187 49

Interest on outlay at 5% \$9.37, which would be the special rate.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Coburg Road.

WATER EXTENSION COBURG ROAD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 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 James Coolen for water extension to his new residence 93 Coburg Road was read and referred to Council for its consideration.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 2nd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from James Coolin, asking for water supply to a new house he is erecting on the north side of Coburg Road.

If there were no pipe in front of the house and the extension were required from the next house east on Coburg Road it would cost Mr. Coolin on a special rate \$9.00. The pipe laid in front of his property, however, has been extended on a bond signed by owners of houses on Coburg Road and Oxford Street, who received an assurance that their rate would be reduced as each new house was connected, the interest on the outlay being divided proportionately. This would make Mr. Coolin's water rate about \$50.00 at present.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the usual custom in such cases be followed and that this Council carry out the assurance given the property owners by the City Engineer when the water pipe was originally extended on Coburg Road.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the water be extended to Mr. Coolen's house on Coburg Road on his paying the City the regular price.

Amendment put and passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION HENRY STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 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 petition of J. J. Burns for water extension to his house, west side of Henry St., north of Coburg Road, was read

It was decided to recommend the extension provided he agrees to pay the special rate named in report.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 3rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from J. J. Burns for water extension to a house which he proposes to erect on the west side of Henry Street, north of Coburg Road.

The distance from the end of the present pipe is 220 ft. Size of pipe, 6 in. District high service. Estimated cost :

Pipe	\$132 00
Excavation and pipe laying	176 00
Lead and paint	150 00
One service pipe	35 00
	\$344 50

Interest on estimated outlay at 5%, \$17.22, which would be the special rate.

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

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 and water extension Allen Street.

WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION ALLEN STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE June 4th, 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 for water and sewer extension, Allen Street, was read.

It was decided that, as the sewer cannot be built until more money is available, to recommend the water extension provided the petitioners agree to pay the special rate (\$16.40) named in the report.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 2nd, 1908

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the sewer and water in Allen Street.

WATER.

The district is high service. Size of pipe required, 6 in. Length, 890 ft. Excavation, rock. The estimated cost is:—

Pipe	\$534 00
Excavation and pipe laying	1513 00
7 service pipes	210 00
Lead and paint	10 00
Two 6 in. branches	9 40
One 6 in valve	20 00
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	\$2296 40

The interest on the outlay at 5% is \$114.82, which would make the special rate \$16.40. If laid in the sewer trench, however, the special rate will be about \$7.00.

SEWER.

The proposed sewer will be in accordance with the general sewerage plan of the City a total length of about 950 feet being required. The estimated cost is \$5950.00. Estimated assessment \$2250.00.

This sewer cannot be constructed until more money is available.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re concrete sidewalk South Park Street.

SOUTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 19th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

was read from Chief Justice Townshend and others, in re a concrete sidewalk on South Park Street

It was resolved to notify Council that there were no funds at the disposal of this Committee for any future permanent sidewalks.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works in re petition of truckmen relating to condition of the inter-section of Lockman and Cornwallis Streets.

PAVING AT CORNWALLIS STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 19th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, a minute of Council on petition of teamsters, hackmen, and others, in re dangerous condition of brick paving at the intersection of Lockman and Cornwallis Streets was read.

It was decided to instruct the City Engineer to have it re-laid one inch apart instead of as at present.

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

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

Read letter MacInnes, Mellish, Fulton and Kenny in re employment of Miss Marion Hall in the City Engineer's Office.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter F. W. Bissett & Co., in re lease of Stayner's Wharf property.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Committee on Works covering various documents in re water meters.

WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, a minute of Council under date May 28th, in re water meters was read. In response to same, papers are herewith attached.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Since the resolution of Council authorizing the installation of meters in the low service district there have been five hundred and thirty-three (533) meters installed. About forty (40) were put on by John McFtridge and the remainder by W. S. Craig. On the 2nd of May Mr. Craig had a contract to instal about three hundred (300) meters and he had put in about (30) under his contract. I have not the exact figures as the returns have not come to me yet from Mr. Morrison. Under Your Worship's instructions I told Mr. Morrison not to issue any more to Mr. Craig, and the work was stopped. Under instructions from Your Worship I telegraphed the Neptune Meter Co., on the 4th of May, as follows:—

"I am instructed by the Mayor to notify you not to make any further shipments of meters to Halifax."

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

At that time we had received all the Lambert meters from H. B. Clarke & Son—nine hundred and one (901)—including one meter especially ordered for test. We had received seven hundred (700) Trident meters from the Neptune Meter Co., and we have invoices for five hundred and five (505) more which we have not taken delivery of. Five of these were a special order of 2-inch meters for use at the Silliker Car Works and similar places. Of the meter opened about one in fifty were tested and found satisfactory. The meter tester has, however, tested a good many more since the meters were delivered. The later shipments have not been opened yet owing to the cramped accommodation in the basement. They will be tested in the same manner as the previous shipments before bills are certified.

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

Also read contract between the City and the Neptune Meter Co., for purchase of water meters.

RE CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE WATER METERS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, May 13th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works :

SIR,—The purchase of water meters is undoubtedly a thing which comes within the general powers of the City. The only questions to be considered are whether the officials by whom the contracts were made had authority to enter into them and whether or not the requisite formalities of a contract were complied with.

The subject of the purchase and installation of meters was brought before the Council by the report of the Committee on Works submitted at the meeting of 22nd July 1907, in which, after a discussion of the subject, the Committee use the following language :—

"Your Committee estimate that the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars should be provided for the installation of meters and that that sum should be borrowed and the meters installed this year; that the Committee on Works should be instructed to call for tenders at once for the supplying of the meters and that the kind of meter to be purchased should be settled by the Committee."

A motion was made that the consideration of the matter be deferred to which an amendment was moved that "the report be adopted and the sum of \$50,000 borrowed for the installation of water meters on the same terms as the balance of the \$380,000 required for other purposes as authorized by a previous vote of this meeting, and that bonds sufficient to realize the said amount of \$50,000 be sold to Messrs J. C. Mackintosh & Co., and F. B. McCurdy & Co., in equal parts."

The matter again came before the Council at the meeting of August 30th when the Committee on Works submitted a report of the Engineer giving the tenders for meters and his criticism on the same. The Committee recommended the purpose of two thousand half-inch Trident meters, one hundred three quarter inch Trident meters and nine hundred half-inch Lamberts. On resolution the matter was sent back to the Committee for some further enquiries.

On the 8th November the Committee again reported, stating the result of further enquiries, and recommending the purchase of two thousand $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch Tridents, one hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch Tridents and nine hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch Lamberts at prices mentioned in the report. The consideration of this report was deferred.

The consideration of the matter was again taken up at a special meeting held on the 3rd March when a resolution was carried referring the reports back to the Committee on Works to call for new tenders and report.

At the regular meeting held on the 5th March the Committee on Works reported giving the results of the call for new tenders and again recommending the purchase of three thousand as before. It was then moved that the report of the Committee be adopted and that the meters when delivered be placed on the low service. This resolution was on request divided into two parts, i. e.,

- (a) That the report of the Committee be adopted ; and
- (b) That the meters when delivered be placed on the low service.

After several amendments and motions to adjourn had been put and lost the original resolution was put and carried as divided, the first clause by the casting vote of the Mayor and the latter clause by a vote of eleven to five. A notice of reconsideration of the resolution was given, but no stay of proceedings was granted.

This resolution being for the purchase of definite articles at stated prices unquestionably constituted an authority to enter into a contract in conformity with the resolution, and the notice of reconsideration without a stay could not by the express language of our own rule relating to reconsideration have any effect in delaying or impeding the action necessary to give effect to the resolution.

The contracts for the purchase are under the hand and seals of the contractors and the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and the seal of the City as required by Sec. 5 of the City Charter. They are for the articles specified in the resolution and for the prices, —the smaller amounts named in the contract for the Trident meters being the prices named in the tender less the duty, the tender for them being without duty paid as in the case of the Lambert meters.

In my opinion the contracts are valid and binding ones, for breach of which either of the parties to them would be liable in damages.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

May 4th, 1908.

NEPTUNE METER Co.,
90 West St., New York :

I am instructed by the Mayor to notify you not to make any further shipments of meters to Halifax.

F. W. W. DOANE.

NEW YORK CITY, May 4th, 1908.

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

DEAR SIR,—We are just in receipt of your wire advising us not to make further shipments of meters to Halifax. We were hoping to clean up your entire order this week, but in compliance with the telegram have advised our factory to withhold further shipments.

We are at a loss to understand the occasion of the telegram, and would ask that you kindly inform us.

NEPTUNE METER Co.,
FRED. A. SMITH, *Gen. East. Mgr.*

NEW YORK CITY, May 6th, 1908.

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

MY DEAR MR. DOANE.—We were in hopes of receiving word from you relative to the instructions not to make further shipments of meters to Halifax, but it has not arrived as yet. We were endeavoring to complete shipment of our entire contract this week, and would have done so had you not wired us to withhold shipments for the present. We are holding up the balance due under our contract until we hear from you as to the reason of the telegram.

Our factory had ready for shipment Monday, under the contract, two hundred \$,

also the five 2" which you ordered a week or two ago. These, of course, went forward. Upon receipt of these meters, especially the 2", we would ask you that you look into them, as we think the 2" will more than please you. They are the latest type and known as "Style 3." By this mail, under separate cover, we are sending illustrated catalogue of this meter. It is the only meter of large size that can be adjusted for different pressures, which is a very great advantage in water works practice.

Kindly advise relative to your telegram—also let us know about when we can commence shipment again, as we are anxious to complete the contract.

NEPTUNE METER Co.,

FRED. A. SMITH, *Gen. Eastern Mgr.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 8th, 1908.

NEPTUNE METER Co.,

90 West Street, New York :

GENTLEMEN,—I am in receipt of your letter of May 4th, but am not in a position to give you any definite particulars in reference to the matter for a day or two. I was instructed by the Mayor to send you a telegram, and he directed me to allow things to remain as they were until the new Works Committee, which was appointed last night, has a meeting, after which I will write you again.

The annual election took place last week. The term for which Mayor MacIlreith was eligible expired at the first of May, and a new Mayor, A. B. Crosby, has been elected.

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

NEW YORK CITY, June 1st, 1908.

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

DEAR SIR,—We wrote you some time ago asking the reason of your wiring us to withhold shipment of the balance of our contract for supplying your city with meters. We have waited a reasonable time, we think, and not hearing from you have ordered our factory to go ahead with the shipments and complete our contract. A couple of hundred meters went forward Friday last, and there will be a further shipment to-morrow or next day.

NEPTUNE METER Co.,

FRED. A. SMITH, *Gen. Eastern Mgr.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the action of the Mayor in delaying the shipment of meters be sustained.

And that the opinion of Council be taken as to the binding nature of the contract on the City.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

The following amendment is submitted:—

Whereas, The City Solicitor has given his opinion that there is a valid subsisting contract between the City of Halifax and the Neptune Meter Co., of New York for the delivery of water meters ;

Resolved, That the City take delivery of the meters shipped or to be shipped by said Company in pursuance of such contract providing the conditions of said contract are fulfilled by said Company.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman.

The amendment being put is lost 3 voting for the same and 10 against it. The names on the division being called for there appeared.

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, MacKenzie —3.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Edwards, Rankine.—10.</p>
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The original resolution is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and three against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Resolution.</p> <p>Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Edwards, Rankine.—10.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, MacKenzie.—3.</p>
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By unanimous consent of Council Alderman Hoben is permitted to introduce a resolution. The following is now submitted:

Resolved, That the matter of meters be referred back to the Board of Works and that negotiations be entered into with the meter manufacturers with the view to having the City relieved of any further delivery of meters.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Bligh and passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering reports City Engineer and City Solicitor re proposed new workshops and stables.

IN RE WORKSHOP CONTRACT.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, May 13th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR,—The general power of the City to enter into a contract for the construction of a building for the use of the City such as the workshops and stables is beyond question. The only question in each case can be whether the officials by whom the contract was made were duly authorized and whether the requisite formalities of a contract have been complied with.

In this case the Committee on Works in their report read at the meeting of Council held on 25th November last, recommended that tenders for the construction of the stables be called for, and this recommendation was adopted. Tenders were called for, and at the meeting of Council held on 30th April, the Committee recommended the adoption of the tender of Mr. G. B. Low for \$13,216, and this recommendation was adopted. A notice of reconsideration was given, but no stay of proceedings was granted. Our Rules of Order (Sec. 18) provide that "No motion to rescind or reconsider shall have the effect of delaying or impeding the action necessary to give effect to any resolution unless the Council otherwise order."

and this, as I pointed out in my opinion read at the meeting of Council of March 26th, is the established law as to reconsideration, even in the absence of such a provision. The notice consequently had no effect in preventing the execution of a contract in compliance with this resolution, and this was done on the first day of May, instant. I have examined the contract. It is on the usual and proper form, under the seals of the contractor and the City, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk as required by Sec. 5 of the Charter; it is for the sum named in the tender accepted, and, in my opinion, undoubtedly constitutes a valid contract binding upon both parties, for breach of which either party would be liable for damages.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

CITY WORKSHOPS AND STABLES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 3rd, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to make a report on the estimated cost of the City workshops and stables.

The original estimate for a building to suit our requirements was from \$20,000 to \$25,000, as stated in a report contained in the Minutes of Council Feb. 8th, 1906.

When the Cathedral Committee decided to take over the site they were given an assurance that the City stables and that portion of the workshop adjoining the Cathedral property would be removed by the time the Cathedral was erected. Last year the then Mayor informed me that he was desirous of taking steps to carry out the assurance given, before his term of office expired, and directed me to complete the plans and specifications for the building. There was at that time only \$18,000 available for this structure. As the sum on hand would not finish the building an estimate was prepared to ascertain if the building could be put up and roofed in, so that it would be available for the purposes of the City Works Department. The estimated cost of putting on the roof and closing it in so that plant and materials could be stored was \$5,250. It was estimated that for \$2,000 or \$2,500 additional the stables could be moved and that portion of the equipment which it would be absolutely necessary to transfer, leaving the blacksmith shop and carpenter shop to be moved when more money was available. When the City Carpenter made his estimate for the carpenter work, it was the intention to cut down the provisions of the specification in order to economize as much as possible. For instance, the specifications provided for clear pine in the roof trusses, the same as in similar trusses at the new Exhibition buildings. If this work were done by the City Carpenter it was intended to use selected spruce at an estimated saving of \$843.00. A number of other changes could be made which would effect a similar saving. It was intended if the City Carpenter did the work to use the sound material in the old buildings for partitions, &c., taking down such portions as could be spared from time to time, and the material of one building already taken down has been stored in the City Yard. We also began to make window and door frames, and have a considerable number on hand.

We have made an estimate on the specification on which tenders were taken the other day, and adding contractor's profits at 20%, find that the lowest tender is a fair price. As the amount of money available, however, is limited, we cannot put up a completed building. The excavation made shows that the bottom is bad, and the foundation will have to go deeper than the limit fixed by Mr. Low in his tender, and that consequently there will be extra work on his contract. It is impossible to estimate how much this will be until all the excavation is made, and as the balance of the appropriation is only \$20,860.83, it is possible at present only to finish Mr. Low's contract, and the roof, doors and windows, leaving the partitions and finishings for the future.

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

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 4th, 1908.

To the City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor in re the proposed new workshops and stables were read, and referred to Council for its information. From the estimates received for the completion of works and stables, the cost will be from \$12,000 to \$14,000, without the keeper's apartments. In addition to the contract of G. B. Low, viz., \$13,216, with extras for foundation, see City Engineer's report of this date.

If keeper's apartments be included, \$2,000 additional.

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire if the City Council was not deceived and misled as to the cost of the City stables and if so who is responsible for such deception.

And to investigate all the circumstances connected with the letting of this contract and to report to the Council at an early date.

Also that in the meantime Mr. Low be asked to consent to a discontinuation of the work of construction on the foundation of the stables and that the Board of Works be authorized to enter into negotiations with him.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Shaffner.

Alderman Whitman asked that the resolution be divided into two parts first as to the investigation; second as to the discontinuance of the of the construction of the foundation.

The first part of the resolution relating to the investigation is put and passed unanimously.

The second part of the resolution in re discontinuance of construction is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the resolution as a whole be now adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh, Smith, Hoben, Thompson and Edwards be the special committee to investigate the matter of the City Workshops and Stables. Motion passed.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

The following resolution is submitted by Alderman Kelly:

Resolved, That June 21st be declared a public holiday.

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

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that Alderman Bligh be added to the following committees:

Committee on Arbitration between the City and County; Finance Committee, Lighting Committee, Commercial Committee and Assessment Committee.

And that Alderman Hebb be appointed a member of the Committee of Fire Wards. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that Alderman Rankine be added to the committees following:

Camp Hill Cemetery Commission, Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park, Tenders Committee, Lighting Committee, and Commissioners of County Court House. Motion passed.

Alderman Wilson (on behalf of Alderman Smith, who had retired from the meeting), submits the following resolution:

Whereas, the property corner Preston and Pepperell Streets now occupied by the estate of the late John Thornton as a garden overlaps the line of sidewalk on Preston Street some seven and a half feet, and furthermore in the winding up of the estate of John Thornton this property is now for sale;

Be it therefore resolved, that the City Engineer be instructed to look into the matter of ownership of said portion of this property which overlaps Preston Street, and report on same to this Council at an early date.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, and passed and referred to the Committee on Works.

Alderman Edwards submits the following notice of motion:

Whereas, the interests of this City will be best served by the meetings of all civic committees being open to the public;

Therefore be it resolved, that all resolutions of the City Council giving committees authority to exclude the public from their meetings be rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next, June 9th, inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 1.30 o'clock a. m.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, Halifax, N. S., June 5th, 1908.

Frederick P. Bligh, Esquire, for Ward No. 2, and John Rankine, Esquire, for Ward No. 6, having been on the 4th day of June, A. D., 1908, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for the term ending April 30th, 1909, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Aldermen they were severally sworn before His Worship the Mayor by subscribing and taking the oaths of allegiance and qualification and oaths of office of Aldermen and Justice of the peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Aldermen on the 4th day of June, A. D., 1908.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

(ADJOURNED MEETING).

8.10 o'clock.

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

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening pursuant to adjournment of June 4th, inst. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Wilson, Chisholm, Hebb, Douglas, McManus, Smith, Kelly, Hoben, Hubley, Martin, Thompson, Rankine, MacKenzie and Edwards.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Report Committee on Works re footpath Grand Parade.

Report City Health Board re claims of Mrs. W. Rowe and Mrs. S. Walker.

Application John W. Brush for investigation into cause of his dismissal.

Letter Civic Improvement League on various matters.

Letter J. P. Fairbanks re taxation new wing Queen Hotel.

Letter George B. Low re contract for new City workshops and stables.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter of J. P. Fairbanks in re taxation on Queen Hotel.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter Civic Improvement League re various matters.

Referred to City Health Board for report.

Read report City Health Board re claims of Mrs. W. Rowe and Mrs. S. Walker.

MRS. ROWE AND MRS. WALKER CLAIMS.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, HALIFAX, N. S., June 6th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday the following resolution was introduced and passed and I am directed to transmit the same to you for your consideration.

Resolved, That the resolution of date, May 27th, 1908, be amended to read as follows :—That in accordance with section 788 of the City Charter the City Council be

recommended to pay Mrs. W. Rowe the sum of \$30.00 and Mrs. S. Walker \$45.00 in compensation for food, etc, supplied during the time their houses were quarantined for small pox. Passed.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McManus, that said report be adopt d.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows :

	For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen	Hebb, McManus,	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
	Douglas, Smith, Hoben,	Chisholm, Edwards—4.
	Kelly, Hubley, Thompson,	
	MacKenzie—9.	

Read report Finance Committee covering accounts for payment.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, June 4th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Finance met this day at 4 o'clock. Present—Aldermen Hoben, Chairman, Whitman, Smith, Thompson and Edwards.

The following accounts amounting to \$575.20, were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment :—

T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, City Treasurer \$13.30, City Clerk \$31.70—\$45.00.
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., Blank Books, City Treasurer \$4.75, City Collector \$19.50—\$24.25. Blackadar Bros., Advertising in Recorder \$58.35. Royal Gazette, Advertising City Election Returns \$1.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., Stamp A. B. Crosby \$1.75. Holloway Bros., Printing Minutes and Order of Day \$95.10. Holloway Bros., Annual Civic Report \$322.00. Imperial Pub. Co., Printing Circulars \$5.00. Halifax Bill Posting Co., Posting Bills \$1.75. Zephinu Lindu, Finding body Tobin's Wharf, \$5.00. W. D. Finn, Certificates of death of M. L. Lawlor \$4.00, Mary Ann Farrell \$4.00. A. D. McDonald \$4.00, James Hearn \$4.00—\$16.00. Total \$575.20.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith and passed.

Read report Committee on Works re concrete footpath Grand Parade.

CONCRETE FOOTPATH GRAND PARADE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 8th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council, City Engineer's and Committee and Works Reports (see printed

Minutes, May 14th, 1908) in re Parade Footpath was read. It was decided to concur in the previous reports, and recommend the laying of the concrete walk at the estimated cost of \$692.00, the amount to be taken from the Parade Improvement Fund.

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

Placed on Order Paper of the Day.

Read by unanimous consent of Council, letter of George B. Low re contract for new City Workshops offering to cancel contract for \$4,270.00.

CITY WORKSHOPS CONTRACT.

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

MR. J. J. HOPEWELL,
Clerk of Works :

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 8th inst., in re discontinuance of work on buildings of City Workshop and Stable, I beg to state :

That I will discontinue work at once and cancel contract, leave cement and gravel at present on site, but removing all my own tools and plant, for the sum of four thousand two hundred and seventy dollars (\$4270.00).

For every day after date in which the matter remains as at present I shall make an additional charge of fifty dollars per day.

GEO. B. LOW.

Read Minutes of Council meeting, June 4th, 1908, on this matter.

Alderman Hoben asked if this subject could be considered at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the opinion of the City Solicitor was that the matter could now be dealt with.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the City Engineer report at a meeting of Council to be held on Thursday evening June 11th inst., on the amount of work already done by the Contractor on the new workshops and stables, and the value of the materials now on the ground that would become the property of the City under Mr. Low's proposition.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Mr. Low's offer be accepted and the contract cancelled at once.

Alderman Kelly asked to be allowed to withdraw his amendment and Alderman Hubley, the seconder, agreed.

Alderman Whitman objected to the withdrawal of the amendment.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read application of John W. Brush for an investigation into the cause of his dismissal from the City Works employ.

Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz: Report City Prison Investigating Committee covering recommendations, October 17th, 1907.

The same is considered clause by clause and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the report be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, viz.: Ordinance re duties and office hours of City Officials (Second reading) June 8th, 1905.

The same is now read a second time and copies ordered to be furnished each Alderman.

Read No. 3, viz: (a) Report City Engineer re streets leading to North West Arm, December 8th, 1905.

(b) Report Committee on Works in re letter B. F. Pearson in connection with grading Robie Street, near Marlboro' Wood, July 4th, 1907.

(c) Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re extension of Inglis and Robie Streets, February 18th, 1908.

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

Read No. 4, viz: Report of Appraisers re value of land of Halifax Rifles Armoury Association for widening Cunard Street, August 9th, 1906. Report City Engineer, January 11th, 1907, re widening Cunard Street, February 12th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the reports and plans be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

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

For the Amendment.		Against it.	
Aldermen	Wilson, Whitman,	Aldermen	Chisholm, Hebb,
	McManus, Douglas,		Hoben, Kelly,
	Smith, Thompson, Martin,		Hubley, Edwards.—6.
	MacKenzie, Rankine.—9.		