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CIVIC YEAR, 1908-9.

ADAM B. CROSBY, Esquire, Mayor.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 2nd, 1908.

Adam B. Crosby, Esquire, having been on the 30th day of April, 1908, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1908-9, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 2nd day of May inst. sworn before His Lordship Chief Justice Townshend in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, by taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance, of qualification and of office, in the presence of Aldermen Shaffner, Hubley and Kelly, Aldermen-elect Wilson, Hebb, Smith, Thompson and Edwards, City Solicitor Bell and the City Clerk.

And that upon the same day he was sworn as a Justice of the Peace by the City Clerk

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 2nd, 1908.

Samuel Y. Wilson, Esquire, for Ward No. One; Willis E. Hebb, Esquire, for Ward No. Two; Nelson B. Smith, Esquire, for Ward No. Three; Andrew Hubley, Esquire, for Ward No. Four; A Audley Thompson, Esquire, for Ward No. Five, and James S. Edwards, Esquire, for Ward No. Six, having been on the 30th day of April, A. D., 1908, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, duly declared elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for three years ending April 30th, 1911, 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 taking and subscribing 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 2nd day of May, A. D., 1908.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

MAY 7TH. 1908.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 6th, 1908.

Adam B. Crosby, Esquire, having been on the 30th day of April, A. D., 1908, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1908-9, I do hereby certify that he was on the 6th day of May, inst., duly sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at Government House, by taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance, of qualification and of office, as by law required, in the presence of Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman and Hubley, and Aldermen-elect Hebb, Smith and Edwards and the City Clerk.

And that upon the same day His Worship was duly sworn as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax by the City Clerk.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, May 6th, 1908.

Samuel Y. Wilson, for Ward No. One; Willis E. Hebb, for Ward No. Two; Nelson B. Smith, for Ward No. Three; Andrew Hubley, for Ward No. Four; A. Audley Thompson, for Ward No. Five; and James S. Edwards, for Ward No. Six, having been on the 30th day of April, A. D., 1908, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, duly declared elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for the three years ending April 30th, 1911, 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 taking and subscribing 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 6th day of May, A. D., 1908.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 7th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Thompson, Martin, Smith, Wilson, Chisholm, Hubley, Whitman, Shaffner, Kelly, Hebb, Hoben, Campbell, MacKenzie and Edwards.

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

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of report Committee on Works re increase of pay to City Workmen—April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Workmen's wages.

Alderman McManus here takes his seat in Council.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that the reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer be referred back to the Committee on Works and that the increases recommended by the Committee on Works be adopted, to take effect May 1st, 1908.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner, Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Campbell, MacKenzie—10.	Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, McManus, Martin, Edwards—5.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Chisholm's notice of reconsideration of report Committee on Works re tenders for cement, April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman,

that the resolution passed at last meeting of Council awarding contract for cement to Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow be now reconsidered.

Motion passed, 11 voting for the same, and 4 against it, as follows :

For the Reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner,
Whitman, Chisholm,
McManus, Smith, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Thompson, Edwards—11.

Aldermen Hebb, Campbell, Martin,
MacKenzie—4.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the matter of the cement contract be referred to the incoming Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Read No. 3 on Order of the Day, viz :—Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of report Committee on Works re construction of City Workshops and stables. April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this matter be now reconsidered.

Alderman Whitman asked for a ruling of the chair as to whether the motion to reconsider is in order, the contract for the construction of the workshops having been signed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the opinion of the City Solicitor was that under these circumstances the resolution is out of order, but he differed from the opinion of the City Solicitor and ruled that the resolution is in order.

Alderman Chisholm asked that the City Solicitor state his opinion to the Council.

The City Solicitor stated that he had already given his opinion on a similar resolution to the effect that if a resolution of Council has been carried into effect by the City a resolution to reconsider is out of order.

Alderman Hoben's motion for reconsideration is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the following be now adopted.

Resolved, That the Contractor be instructed to suspend work on the City stables until further notice by the Mayor ; and that legal advice be obtained in the matter.

Alderman Hoben by leave of the seconder asked permission to withdraw his resolution.

The Council unanimously agreed to permit Alderman Hoben to withdraw the resolution.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

- Message from His Worship the Mayor.
 Nomination of Committees.
 Report Committee on Works covering opinion of the City Solicitor on Adam L. Miller's claim re sewer assessment.
 Report City Prison Committee re accounts.
 Annual report City Prison Committee 1907-8.
 Resignation of Alderman Johnson.
 Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.
 Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Annual Convention 1908.
 Application of J. B. Paton for a Bill Poster's License.
 Letter Board of Trade re advertising Halifax in the London "Standard of the Empire."
 Petition for sewer Cedar Street.
 Letter Major Theakston in re claim of Mrs. McLeod.
 Petition for water extension Pepperell Street.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Read list of Committees and Boards as nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY.—Aldermen Hubley, Shaffner, Johnson, Smith, MacKenzie, Thompson.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON CABS.—Aldermen Chisholm and Hoben.

Moved by Alderwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF CAMP HILL CEMETERY.—Aldermen Hebb, Thompson, MacKenzie, C. H. Mitchell, Esq., J. C. Mackintosh, Esq., O. E. Smith, Esq.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the name of Prof. Walter C. Murray be substituted for that of J. C. Mackintosh, Esq., as a Cemetery Commissioner and that the nominations as so amended be approved. Motion passed.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE.—Aldermen MacKenzie, Shaffner, Hebb, McKenzie, Hoben, Campbell.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.—Aldermen Smith, Shaffner, Chisholm, Kelly, Campbell, MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY COURT HOUSE.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hubley, Chisholm.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Hoben, Johnson, Whitman, Smith, Thompson, Edwards.

Aldermen Hoben asked to be relieved from serving on this Committee.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.—Aldermen Hebb, McManus and Thompson.

Alderman McManus asked to be relieved from serving on this Board.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.—Aldermen Johnson, Whitman, McManus, Hubley, Thompson and Edwards.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD.—Alderman Shaffner, Smith, Kelly and Campbell.

Alderman Campbell asked to be relieved from serving on this Board and suggested the name of Dr. J. Stewart Carruthers as a physician to take his place upon it.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the name of Dr. J. Stewart Carruthers be substituted for that of Dr. Alderman Campbell as a member of the City Health Board, and that the nominations as so amended be approved. Motion passed.

LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Chisholm, Whitman, Douglas, Hoben, Thompson and Edwards.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Hubley that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

LIBRARY COMMISSION.—Aldermen Chisholm, Wilson, McManus, Kelly, Campbell and MacKenzie and Mr. James C. Barustead.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK.—Alderman Wilson, Chisholm, McManus, Hoben and Thompson.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

POLICE COMMITTEE.—Alderman Campbell and Shaffner.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, Douglas, Hubley, Kelly and Edwards

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.—His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Chisholm, Douglas, Hoben, Campbell and MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.—Aldermen McManus, Wilson, Hebb, Thompson and Kelly.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON CITY WORKS.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Whitman and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE.—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Wilson, Johnson, Douglas and Edwards.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Aldermen MacKenzie, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON LIGHTING.—Aldermen Hubley, Shaffner, Johnson, Smith and Thompson.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

Read resignation of Jacob A. Johnson of the office of Alderman for Ward No. Two.

The following resolution is introduced :—

Resolved, That the resignation of Jacob A. Johnson as one of the Aldermen for Ward Two be accepted, and that the seat held by him be and hereby is declared vacant.

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

APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Read applications of various City Officials for annual appointment.

Assistant City Clerk.....	H. S. Rhind.....	Re-elected.
Clerk of Works.....	James J. Hopewell.....	"
Foreman of Streets and Sewers.....	John MacDonald.....	"
Foreman of Water Department.....	Ewen Morrison.....	"
Assistant City Engineer.....	H. W. Johnston.....	"
Clerks Water Department.....	James Laidlaw, Lewis R. Kaye.....	"
City Electrician.....	P. R. Colpitt.....	"
Water Inspector.....	John E. Burns.....	"
City Medical Officer.....	Thomas Trenaman.....	"
Stenographer & Typewriter.....	Minnie Hunter.....	"
Weighers of Coal.....	Simon Cummins, Supervisor.....	"
	A. J. Smith, J. L. Egan.....	"
	D. J. Sullivan, James A. Harraher.....	"
	Wm. H. Hawley, John F. Selig.....	"
	Mortimer Dwyer.....	"
Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery.....	Alex. McDougall.....	"
Governor City Prison.....	William Murray.....	"
Matron City Prison.....	Mrs. Murray.....	"
Janitor City Hall.....	John Spruin.....	"
Underkeepers City Prison.....	D. E. Keating, Wm. Higlett.....	"
	Jas. M. Anderson, Geo Grant.....	"
Messenger City Prison.....	Daniel McDonald.....	"
Superintendent City Home.....	B. J. Mulcahy, J. J. Hall.....	"

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that Bartholomew J. Mulcahy be appointed Superintendent of the City Home. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that Mrs. B. J. Mulcahy be appointed Matron of the City Home. Motion passed.

Engineer City Home.....	John H. Grant.....	Re-elected.
Baker.....	Daniel Mackintosh.....	"
Fireman.....	John R. Hennigan.....	"
Secretary.....	E. J. Cole, J. O'Bryan.....	"

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the appointment of a Secretary of the City Home be referred to the Charities Committee to advertise for applicants, all applicants to state age and qualifications, the Committee to report to Council. Motion passed.

Surveyors of Lumber.....	Wm. A. MacKenzie.....	Re-elected.
	Edwin Gibson.....	"
Sealer of Leather.....	Jeremiah Barnstead.....	"
Fence Viewers.....	Wm. T. Horton, John Grant..	"
Inspectors of Painters' Work.....	J. E. M. Taylor, David Roche..	"
Inspectors of Masons' Work.....	Samuel Marshall, James Taylor..	"
Matron Police Station.....	Mrs. Mary Spruin.....	"
Pound Keepers.....	Ronald MacInnes, Exhibition Grounds.....	"
	James Jarrett, Old Exhibition Grounds.....	"
	Edward Brunt, North West Arm	"
Weighers of Bundle Hay.....	Chris. Connolly, John Punch....	"
	J. S. Hubley.....	"
Weighers of Loose Hay.....	W. McC. Boak, Thos. Keating..	"
	Joseph Hubley, Thos. Knowles..	"
Librarian Citizens' Free Library.....	Josephine Warren.....	"
Asst Librarians Citizens' Free Library.....	Lizzie Barnahy, Miss Durney....	"
Superintendent Public Gardens.....	Richard Power.....	"

Appointment of citizen commissioners of Halifax Common in place of retiring Commissioners Edward T. Power and D. A. McDonald.

Edward T. Power is nominated by Aldermen Kelly and Hebb.

Robie S. Davison is nominated by Aldermen Hoben and Kelly.

David A. McDonald is nominated by Aldermen Hubley and Martin.

The vote being taken to fill the first vacancy there appeared :

For E. T. Power,—Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner, Whitman, Hebb, Chisholm, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Campbell, Martin, MacKenzie, Edwards.—15.

His Worship declared Mr. Power duly elected by a unanimous vote of Council.

Alderman Whitman asked to be excused from voting on the second vacancy. The Council declined to excuse Alderman Whitman.

The vote to fill the seconded vacancy being taken there appeared

For D. A. McDonald.

For Robie S. Davison.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, *
Hebb, Hubley,
Thompson, Campbell,
Martin, MacKenzie.—8.

Aldermen Shaffner, Chisholm,
McManus, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly,
Edwards.—7.

His Worship the Mayor declared Mr. McDonald duly elected.

Read inaugural address of His Worship the Mayor.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, HALIFAX, N. S., May 7th, 1908.

Gentlemen of the City Council :

In looking over the short address made to the City Council on my first election as Mayor I find it commencing with the following:—

" As the day set apart for the civic election by the Act is the last Wednesday of April, and as the last Wednesday of April happens on the last day of April this year, it places us in rather a hurried position, consequently some of us have hardly taken office before we are called upon by the Statute to appoint the civic officials. I would therefore recommend that at the next session of the Legislature the Act be changed so as to make the third Wednesday in April election day instead of the last Wednesday, which would give us more time for any contingency that might arise in the meantime."

In quoting the above I might say that it holds good to-day, and I regret that the Council has not seen fit to make the change then suggested because this time we had election day on the 29th of April, consequently there was just one day between that and the first day of May, on which day the Mayor and Aldermen-elect are supposed to take office so you will see the necessity for the change suggested, and I trust that this Council will take the matter up and bring about a somewhat better condition with regard to the time for election day.

No doubt many of us differed as to who should fill the different positions that have been allotted to us up to the time the ballots were counted, but now that the contests are over and the will of the people ascertained I trust that you will join me in a unanimous effort to safeguard, protect and promote the best interests of our City and citizens who have done us the honor to place us in the position of responsibility which we now occupy, forgetting all prejudice or ill-feeling that is usual in a hotly-contested campaign.

TAXATION

is a very important question with the citizens and to keep the present rate, or perhaps to reduce it. I invite your earnest consideration and attention. It seems poor encouragement for our citizens that the taxes should go on increasing from year to year without their being able to point to any material advantage or accommodation. We can in some parts of the City boast of good sidewalks and some progress has been made in the improvement and paving of streets, but still not sufficient, to my mind, to account for the very large and increasing expenditure and increased debt upon the City. I regret to say that in the western and north-western parts of our City the good people have not the advantage of permanent streets and sidewalks, not to speak of other disadvantages, and this is one thing that will always be brought to the notice of any man aspiring for a position in the City Council. If he run his election at the regular time it gives him a good opportunity of realizing the disadvantages from the want of street accommodation and sidewalks that he will meet with in travelling through the the north, north-western and western parts of the City, for it is frequently very difficult to get from one house to another without going ankle-deep in the soft mud on the sidewalks.

I would therefore ask the assistance and co-operation of this Council with a view to trying to improve those streets that have been so long neglected and that really require the prompt attention of the City Council.

I would also ask your earnest assistance in every reasonable effort to get established within the Harbor of Halifax the

SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

of which we have heard so much in the past and now hear so little.

In conclusion, there is nothing that helps the progress and prosperity of a City like labor. Let us have plenty of labor, with fair pay, and we will at once have a progressive community. There is no limit to the advantages that would accrue to the working class

through the establishment of ship building in our midst and the many other manufactures that must as a natural consequence follow. Put our working class in possession of plenty of work and prosperity is ours.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor.

Filed and ordered to be printed in the Minutes and Annual Civic Report.

Read application of J. B. Paton for a bill poster's license.

Referred to Laws and Priveleges Committee for report.

Read reports (3) Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act reporting Roland Lockhart unlicensed fined \$50.00 and costs April 18th. Filed.

Read letter Board of Trade re Advertising Halifax in the London, England, *Standard of the Empire*.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition for water extension Pepperell Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Major Theakston in re claim of Mrs McLeod.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for sewer Cedar Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read Annual Report Governor City Prison 1907-8. Filed.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Annual Convention to be held at Montreal July 15th, 16th and 17th, 1908.

Placed on Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Campbell be appointed Deputy-Mayor for the civic year 1908-9.

Motion passed unanimously.

Read reports (2) Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

April 24th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

Cragg Bros., cuffs, \$36.00. Farquhar Bros., grate, etc., 3.25. Holland & Kuhn, shades, \$6.00. Brander, Morris & Co., rep. chair, 50c. Longard Bros., brass lock, \$1.25. J. Starr Son & Co., flashlights, \$45.60. Howard McFatrige, V. S., attendance and Medicine 2 horses \$4.50; \$9.00. Lanes, caps, &c., \$22.50. Total—\$124.10.

R. T. MACLEITH, Mayor and Chairman.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

April 30th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

J. A. Dunn, electric supplies, \$5.00 G. H. Durling, lights police station, \$2.00, W. Chas. Anderson, soap, 50c. Works Department, horseshoeing, \$12.28. Total—\$19 78.

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

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

Read report Charities Committee covering accounts for April.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 28th, 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, Chisholm and McManus.

The superintendent's report from April 1st to date shows that during that time there were 29 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 74 discharged and 7 died. Of the number admitted 1 was chargeable to the County of Richmond, 15 were chargeable to the Province and 13 to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is 342, made up of 195 men, 143 women and 4 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :

A. L. Doyle & Co., \$356.99. W. A. Maling & Co., \$376.45. P. T. Shea, \$152.64. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$94.50. J. & M. Murphy, \$44.87. Geo. Grigoire, \$30.93. The Fleischman Co., \$4.20. F. A. Shaw, \$76.55. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$130.31. N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. John F. Outhit, \$18.80. T. Larsen & Co., \$8.40. Brookfield Bros., Ltd., \$8.00. Farquhar Bros., \$16.60. Snow & Co., Ltd., \$4.50. Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$8.67. John McD. Taylor, \$2.15. W. Y. Kennedy, \$24.00. Dillon Bros., \$3.75. A. M. Bell & Co., \$5.80. Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$12.80. W. C. Knight, \$1.50. B. Mulcahy, \$273.50. N. S. Hospital, \$636.68. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$31.28. City Works Department, \$56.05. Pay Sheet April, \$820.83. V. G. Hospital, \$22.74. Water Rates, \$560.00. Total—\$3734.74.

Tenders for 50 bbls. flour were received from Gunn & Co., Ltd., A. L. Doyle & Co., Muir & Son, Ltd., and Wentzell's Limited. The tender of Wentzell's Limited, being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

G. A. MACKENZIE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

Moved by Aldermen MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Campbell, and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Solicitor on claim of Adam L. Miller re sewer assessment rates.

IN RE A. L. MILLER'S SEWER ASSESSMENT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 24th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, W. A. Lyons, Solicitor for A. L. Miller in re his sewer assessment rates, again appeared before the Committee and stated in writing that Mr. Miller was willing to pay the amount claimed by the City—\$215.94—without the interest—\$64.75. In view of the fact that it is a new state of circumstances, and that the point has never been raised before, it was decided to recommend to Council that the interest be rebated in order to save litigation. (See Mr. Lyons' and City Solicitor's letters attached.)

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

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

F. W. W. DOANE, Esq., City Engineer.

DEAR SIR,—In respect to the offer made by Mr. Miller's Solicitor to pay \$215.94 in full, of this matter I beg to say that I understand this is the full amount of the assessment less the interest. As the matter has been under discussion for a considerable time and some legal difficulties have had to be disposed of, I think that a release of the interest is only a fair settlement of the matter.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

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

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts for payment.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz :—

William Jakeman & Son, veterinary services, \$6 00. Mrs. Horne, boots, \$24.00. W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$29.44. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$2.50. Hillis & Son, Ltd, stove back, \$1.00. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$11.00. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$10.12. Halifax Elec. Tram Co., light, 76c. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, 88c. Fred. Parsons, hack hire, \$5.00. Total \$90.70.

ANDREW HUBLEY, Chairman.

P. F. MARTIN.

I. B. SHAFFNER.

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read petition in re repairs South Bland Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter City Treasurer re loans for hose and Dry Dock subsidy.

LOANS.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER March 4th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—On December 5th, 1907, I wrote your honorable body in reference to borrowing for the Dry Dock \$5000 and for fire hose \$4000.

As I have not received any instructions in regard to these loans, I would respectfully ask that the Council will take some action in the matter.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Filed.

Read petition against paving Lockman Street between Gerrish and North Streets.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

By unanimous consent of Council Alderman Whitman is permitted to submit a motion.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm that a committee consisting of Aldermen Chisholm and Whitman and the City Solicitor be appointed to wait upon His Lordship the Chief Justice and to ask that the City be heard as to the appointment of a Commissioner in re the Patrick Kehoe claim and that said Committee attend before the Chief Justice at the time that may be appointed by him. Motion passed.

By unanimous consent of Council, Alderman McKenzie is permitted to introduce two resolutions.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, Alderman Hawkins was on the 21st day of April, 1908 with his consent in writing nominated for the office of Mayor and thereby vacated his office as one of the Aldermen for Ward Six ;

Therefore Resolved, That the Council hereby declares the seat held by the said Arthur C. Hawkins to be vacant.

Moved by Alderman McKenzie, seconded by Alderman Campbell and passed.

The following resolution is next submitted:—

Resolved, That Alderman Hebb and Mr. Frank R. Archibald be appointed the Presiding Officers to conduct the election of an Alderman to fill the vacancy in the representation of Ward No. 2, caused by the resignation of Alderman Johnson and Alderman Edwards and Mr. Walter Taylor be appointed Presiding Officers to conduct the election

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to fill the vacancy in the representation of Word No. 6, caused by the nomination of Alderman Hawkins for Mayor.

Moved by Alderman McKenzie, seconded by Alderman Chisbolm and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council do now adjourn until Thursday evening, May 14th inst., at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

L. Fred Monaghan

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 14th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour pursuant to adjournment of May 7th, 1908.

There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Wilson, Chisholm, Hebb, McManus, Smith, Kelly, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie and Edwards.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.

Report Board of Fire Escapes, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Petition of truckmen, hackmen and others re paving at junction of Cornwallis and Lockman Streets, etc.

Letters (2) Sir Sandford Fleming and letter ex-Mayor MacIlreith re Park at North West Arm.

Letter A. M. Bell re land for widening Windsor Street.

Reports (8) Committee on Works, viz.:

Brussels Street sewer and water extension.

Increase of pay to city laborers.

Accounts for lighting.

Cedar Street sewer.

Pepperell Street water extension.

South Bland Street repairs.

Lockman Street paving.

Tenders for Veterinary services.

Application St. Mary's Society for renewal of moving picture license.

Report Coal Weighers for April.

Application of W. J. Kane for position in City Assessor's office.

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

Application J. A. Watt et al for privileges under Manufacturers' Act.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read application of W. J. Kane for position in City Assessors' office. Filed.

Read reports Coal Weighers for March and April. Filed.

Read petition of truckman and others in re condition of paved street at junction of Cornwallis and Lockman Streets. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

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

Read application of J. A. Watt et al for privileges under the Manufacturers' Act in connection with proposed plant for manufacturing glassware, etc.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read application of St. Mary's Society for renewal of theatre license for moving picture show, etc.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letters March 30th and May 7th A. M. Bell re land for widening Windsor Street, the latter withdrawing offer of gift of land.

Placed on Order of the Day with No. 8 there n, viz.: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening Windsor Street. November, 8th, 1907

Read report Board of Fire Escapes.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Escapes for the City of Halifax, appointed under the Provisions of the City Charter, and Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, beg to report as follows:—

THE HALIFAX INFIRMARY.

The Board visited the Halifax Infirmary in June, 1907, and went carefully over the building. The Board recommended that iron shutters be put on the four back windows of the main building, and a platform fire escape on the south side of the building, and also that the ceiling over the furnace be covered with tin sheathing. Notice in compliance with the Statute was given to the Sister in charge of the Infirmary, shortly after our visit, but nothing has been done. A communication, however, has been made to His Grace the Archbishop, who, I understand, has promised to see that the recommendations of the Board will be carried out.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Great improvements have been made in this building, in compliance with the order of the Board, in the precautions taken against danger by fire. They have put two doors in the south, opening from the ground floor to the lawn. They had already two doors opening on the lawn north. The metal sheathing has been taken

from the centre window of the top gallery on front of building. The Board recommended that a fire escape from the top gallery on the south side be erected. All the requirements of the Board, except this fire escape, have been complied with, and preparations are now being made to comply with this recommendation.

UNGAR'S LAUNDRY.

The proprietors of Ungar's Laundry have complied with all the recommendations of former Boards. The present Board visited the property last summer and recommended that a platform and a gangway with hand rails be placed on each of the two back windows to reach the next roof in the rear. They also recommended that the ladder leading to the roof of the building, through the hatchway, be extended so that a person can reach the roof from within with ease. All of these recommendations have been complied with.

A. & W. MACKINLAY'S BUILDING ON GRANVILLE ST.

The Board visited this building, and recommended that the ladder on the top floor be made secure to the opening leading to the roof, and that the employees be trained to the use of this ladder. The recommendations of the Board have been complied with.

HIGH SCHOOL ON SOUTH BRUNSWICK ST.

The Board, last summer, recommended that a platform fire escape be placed on the north side of the building. This recommendation has been complied with, in a way satisfactory in every respect to the Board.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Board visited this school, and found the fire escape on the west side of this building in very bad repair. They recommended that it be repaired immediately, and that pupils on the third floor be drilled to the use of the fire escape, and that the escape be kept clear of obstructions. The recommendations of the Board have been complied with.

HALIFAX HOTEL.

All the recommendations contained in the Board's report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been complied with.

METROPOLE BUILDING.

None of the recommendations of the Board contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been complied with. On the 1st day of April, 1908, the Chairman of the Board, under Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, gave Mr. Sutcliffe notice to comply with the requirements of the Board's report, dated January 12th, 1904.

W. & C. SILVER.

Resolved on the motion of Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that a ladder be connected with the hatchway through the ceiling of the workroom to the room above, and that it be attached to the hatchway constantly ready for use; also that a passage be kept clear for them to pass from that room to the main stairway on the western side of the building, and that the ladder always be kept in place to reach the hatch over the workroom; also that the ladder always be kept in place to reach the hatch on top of the ell, and that a railing be placed around the ell on the north side of the main building, and that the window be kept in condition, so that a ready escape can be made through it to the roof of the ell.

MESSRS. CLAYTON & SONS.

The recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

All the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

GLENDALE HOTEL.

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 this Board on the 1st day of April, 1908, gave a notice in compliance with said Chapter 90, requiring the Proprietor of Glendale Hotel to comply with the recommendations of the said Board.

EXCHAGNE BUILDING.

All the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

ACADIAN HOTEL.

All of the recommendations of the Board have been carried out.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL.

All of the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out, except the construction of the fire escape on the back. On the 1st day of April, 1908, the Chairman of the Board notified the Rector of St. Paul's Church to comply with the recommendations of said Board.

ROYAL HOTEL.

All of the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

All of the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated, January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

CONVENT OF SACRED HEART.

All of the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

All of the recommendations of the Board, contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

CITY HOME.

All the recommendations of the Board contained in their report to the Mayor and City Council, dated, January 12th, 1904, have been carried out.

ST. PAULS' HOME FOR GIRLS.

The Board recommended that a man be appointed to take charge of the furnace instead of girls, and that the furnace room be sheathed with metal sheathing; also that a hand rail be placed on top of porch at front of building. On the 28th day of April, 1908, the Chairman of the Board gave the Statutory notice, requiring the above recommendations to be carried out.

MOIR'S BUILDING.

The Board have resolved to visit this building, and see if fire escape is adequate.

TAYLOR'S SHOE FACTORY.

This building is in course of repairs, and should be visited as soon as the repairs are completed.

TENEMENT OPPOSITE HALIFAX HOTEL.

The Board have resolved to visit this tenement.

DREAMLAND NICKLE THEATRE.

On the 1st of April, 1908, the Chairman of the Board notified the President of the Board of Directors of the Dreamland Nickel Theatre ordering them to make the doors open out, or to take the outside doors down; also to place a three gallon fire extinguisher close to the machine for developing moving pictures; also one on the main floor.

ORPHEUS HALL.

The Board recommended that one or two electric lights be placed in the passage leading to and from the gallery, and that the aisles be kept clear during a performance. The recommendations of the Board have been complied with.

ST. MARY'S HALL.

The Board have recommended and ordered that the ceiling over the top of the furnace and smoke pipe be covered with asbestos and tin sheathing, and that a fire escape ladder be put from the back window on the west side of the building leading from the gymnasium to the top of a flat roofed building in the rear; also that the aisles be kept clear during a performance. On the 1st day of April, 1908, the Chairman of the Board gave the Statutory notice, requiring the above recommendations to be carried out.

UNIQUE THEATRE.

The Chairman of the Board, in compliance with the request of the Board, notified the Unique Theatre, 52 Barrington Street, prohibiting the use of any oil stove in the room which they occupy for the Theatre. This has been carried out.

BRITANNIA MANUFACTURING CO., KEITH BUILDING.

The Board unanimously recommended and have ordered the Britannia Manufacturing Company in the Keith Building to put steps from the fire proof window on the South side to the roof of Scriven's property on the South side; and that an iron fire escape be placed from a window in the office now occupied by Messrs. Murray & McKinnon on the North side to the roof of the flat roofed building on the North, and if possible, a railing be placed on the back of the building on Scriven's property South of the Keith Building. The Board found the floor space much too crowded by benches and tables. They recommended and ordered that the employees be drilled in the use of the fire escape, and that more roomy passages be provided on the floor space of the room. The Chairman of the Board on the 1st day of April, 1908, notified the Britannia Manufacturing Company to comply with the above. The Chairman subsequently received a letter from the Britannia Manufacturing Company, in which they state they do not own the building, and in their opinion Mr. Donald Keith should put on the fire escapes. The other part of the recommendations they promised to carry out. On the 20th day of April, 1908, the Chairman notified Mr. Donald Keith of the above recommendations of the Board, and notified him also of the contents of the letter received from the Britannia Manufacturing Company, and requested Mr. Keith to put up the fire escape as required by the Board, and also to put the railing on the back of the building on Scriven's property.

OLD LADIES' HOME.

The Board found that nothing had been done since the report of the Board, dated January 12th, 1904. They recommended that the fire escapes now there be taken down as they are dangerous, and that platform fire escapes be placed on the north and south sides of the building, and also on the ell at the back, and that the windows at the north and south of the main halls on the second and third floors be cut down level with the floors of the halls. On April 1st, 1908, the Chairman gave the Statutory notice to the matron of the Old Ladies' Home to comply with the above requirements of the Board.

KING EDWARD THEATRE.

The Board recommended and ordered that the three front doors be all made to open out. On the 28th of April, the Chairman of the Board notified the proprietor of the King Edward Theatre to comply with the above recommendations.

ACADIA SUGAR REFINERY, RICHMOND.

The Board report that this building was found satisfactory.

IMMIGRATION BUILDING, DEEP WATER.

On examining this property, the Board were of the opinion that the portion of the building in which detained immigrants sleep is dangerous. They recommend that the doors be fastened on the inside by double action bolts instead of by locks and keys, and that red lights be placed to show the way of exit from these sleeping apartments, and that communication be made between the two halls where the immigrants sleep; also that all doors leading to the fire escapes be kept unlocked; and that during the time when the immigrants are detained and landing, that proper night watchmen, who are acquainted with the building, and with the fire apparatus, and with the means of escape, in case of fire, be put on duty; and that shut-off fire doors be placed near the centre of the passenger chute leading from the landing pier to the immigrant's building. The Chairman of the Board gave the Statutory notice to Frederick W. Annand, Immigration Agent, of the above requirements of the Board. Notice was given on the 25th of April, 1908.

HOME FOR AGED MEN.

The Board went through this building, and are of opinion that there is no means of escape from the top storey in case of fire. The Board unanimously resolved that a platform fire escape be erected on the back of this building from the third story to the top of the window on the back of the building on the 2nd storey. The Chairman gave notice according to the statute of the above recommendation.

EXPRESS HOTEL.

The Board visited this property, and unanimously recommended that a platform fire escape be erected on the rear of the building, the approach thereto being from the window next to the north hall, taking in the said window and the said hall window on the top floor, the said fire escape to be carried down to the ground.

INFANTS' HOME.

The Board unanimously considered this building all right.

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Board recommends that a fire escape be put on the back of the building, immediately leading from the dormitories.

In regard to the school buildings of the City of Halifax, the Board have passed the following resolution, namely:—