

Read No. 5, viz: Report City Engineer re straightening Young St., July 4th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the report be filed. Motion passed.

Read No. 6, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks laid and to be laid, August 5th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the same be filed. Motion passed.

Read No. 7, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension to I. C. Railway Round House, Willow Park, November 8th, 1907.

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

Read No. 8, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening Windsor Street, November 8th, 1907.

Letters March 30th and May 7th, 1908, A. M. Bell, re land for widening Windsor Street, the latter withdrawing offer of gift of land May 14th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that this item be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 9, viz: Alderman Whitman's notice of motion to limit powers of Silliker Car Co. (Verbal), November 11th, 1907.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that this item be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 10, viz: Deferred consideration of City Treasurer's report re Dry Dock and other loans, December 5th, 1907.

Struck from Order Paper.

Read No. 11, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re improvements Kent Street, February 18th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the same be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 12, viz: Alderman Johnson's resolution for the superannuation of Chief Assessor Phelan (See Minutes of Council, March 26th, 1908).

Also read No. 13, viz: Alderman Johnson's amendment in re superannuation of Assistant Assessor Cairns—Verbal. (See Minutes of Council, March 26th, 1908).

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that these items be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz : Report Committee on Works re lease of Stayner's Wharf property, April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read No. 15, viz : Report City Engineer re Official City Plan. Deferred by resolution April 30th, 1908, for consideration June 11th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this item be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 16, viz : Alderman Whitman's notice of motion to rescind resolution January 9th, 1908, in re claim of Patrick Kehoe, April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the same be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz : Alderman Whitman's notice of motion to amend Rule 18 of the Rules of Council in re reconsiderations, &c., April 30th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read No. 18, viz : Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re 1908 Convention Montreal, July 15, 16, 17. May 7th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said letter be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Douglas that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Chisholm be appointed delegates to represent the City of Halifax at this Convention.

The amendment is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows :—

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

Alderman Hoben asked to be excused from voting. The Council refused to excuse Alderman Hoben from voting.

Alderman Chisholm was excused from voting.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read No. 19, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Prince and Granville Streets, May 14th, 1908.

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

Read No. 20, viz: Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 28 re weighing of hay, May 14th, 1908. (Third reading.)

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that this Ordinance be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

His Worship the Mayor, acting on the opinion of the City Solicitor, rules the motion out of order on the ground that the City has no power to appoint an Inspector of Hay.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred for three months. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, June 11th, 1908.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Wilson, Hubley, Kelly, Shaffner, Chisholm and Edwards.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Bligh, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Martin, Thompson and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to consider official City Plan, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz :—

Double Track South Park Street, from Morris Street to Inglis Street.

Foundation new workshops.

Creighton Street water extension.

Dockyard water supply.

Report City Engineer on work done and materials delivered at new City workshops and stables.

Petition for water extension Agricola Street, north of Young Street.

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

Petition on behalf of St. Mary's, the North Star and the Northwest Arm Rowing Clubs for civic contribution towards expenses of sending three crews to St. Catherine's, Ont.

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

Read petition for water extension Agricola Street, north of Young Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Committee on Works in re water supply H. M. Dockyard. (See printed Minutes, May 14th, 1908).

DOCKYARD WATER SUPPLY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE June 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, a Minute of Council, with former report of this Committee, April 7th, 1908, City Engineer's report and draft agreement attached, in re Dockyard Water Supply was read.

It was resolved to concur in the former Committee's report, and recommend the executing of the agreement

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

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

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

WATER EXTENSION CREIGHTON STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of J. A. Harraher for water extension to his premises on Creighton Street extension was read.

It was resolved to recommend that the work be done if the petitioner agrees to the special rate named in Engineer's report.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from J. A. Harraher asking for an extension of water on Creighton Street to his premises. The distance is 75 ft., district high service, excavation rock. Estimated cost

Pipe	\$ 43 80
Excavation and pipe laying	138 70
1 service pipe	30 00
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	\$212 50

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$10.62. This is the interest on the estimated outlay at 5%

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re double tracking tram line South Park Street, from Morris Street to Inglis Street.

DOUBLE TRAM TRACKS SOUTH PARK STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

letter from the Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., making application for permission to double track South Park Street from Morris St., to Inglis St., as per attached plans No. 488 was read.

It was resolved to recommend that permission be granted.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to submit herewith an application from the Halifax Electric Tram Company for permission to double track South Park Street from Morris Street to Inglis Street.

The proposed change would enable the Company to give a better service and avoid annoying delays waiting for a crossing. I would recommend that their request be granted.

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

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

Read petition F. W. Meyer representing the North West Arm, St. Mary's and the North Star four-oared shell rowing crews for a civic grant of \$300.00 to assist paying expenses of said crews to St. Catherines, Ontario, to participate in rowing trials for Olympic Regatta in England.

Alderman Whitman asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the power of the Council to make such a grant.

The City Solicitor stated that the Council has no such authority.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the City Clerk write the petitioner that the City Council regrets they are unable to comply with the request. Motion passed.

Alderman Chisholm stated that Sir Sandford Fleming is expected in the City in a few days, and suggested that the Council appoint the three Commissioners of the Sir Sandford Fleming Park on the western side of the North West Arm as provided for by Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1908.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that Aldermen Chisholm, Hoben and MacKenzie be the representatives of the City Council on said Commission. Motion passed.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz: Report City Engineer re Official City Plan deferred by resolution April 30th, 1908 for consideration June 11th, 1908.

By invitation of His Worship the Mayor the Council is addressed by Mr. Roderick Macdonald, Rev. Dr. Falconer and Mr. W. F. O'Connor.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said plans together with the report of the City Engineer and the resolution

covered thereby be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the matter of the City plan be taken up for consideration at the first regular meeting in September. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re work done and materials delivered at new workshops and stables.

WORKSHOPS

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 11th, 1908

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In compliance with the resolution of Council of June 9th, I beg to report that I estimate the value of work and materials performed and delivered by Mr. Low at \$2413.00. This does not include any estimate for prospective profits.

I should also add that my estimate is approximate only, as I did not have time for making accurate measurements or counting the cement bags. The latter were estimated.

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

Also read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re foundations for new workshops and stables.

CITY WORKSHOPS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 8th, 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 City Workshops foundation was read.

It was resolved to refer the report for the information of Council.

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

CITY WORKSHOPS FOUNDATION.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, HAIFAX, N. S., June 8th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor,

Chairman City Works Committee.

SIR.—At the last meeting of the City Council statements were made which might convey the inference that I am ignoring the Works Committee in directing the construction of the foundations of the new building at the City yard. In justice to myself, I ask permission to submit the following report :—

It was stated that 1500 feet of good crossing stone had been supplied to the contractor by the City Engineer and laid in the trenches without consulting the Works Committee and that they were needed to lay crossings in the North end. That these stanes were worth fifty cents a foot.

In reply to these statements I beg to say :—

The City Charter places upon the City Engineer the responsibility for the mode and manner of constructing the public works of the City. I have never shirked the responsibility since it became law, nor have I ever tried to evade it by trying to shift the

responsibility to the shoulders of the Works Committee or any other body or man unless it was voluntarily taken from me. Every working day I have to decide the mode and manner of constructing the public works and it must be clearly evident to any practical man that it would be impossible for me to consult some other City authority every time a question arises without seriously delaying and increasing the cost of the work. Why then should I act the coward when faced with a more serious problem? Failure to tackle the more important questions would very properly earn the condemnation of every man worthy of the name. It would relieve me of much criticism and abuse, but at a cost which I do not care to pay. I should be very glad indeed to be relieved of such responsibility, but while the law stands our contracts must be made in accordance with it.

My specification for the construction of the new building in the City Yard provided that "the contractor shall excavate for all piers, walls and chimneys to a hard bottom." This provision compelled bidders to ascertain for themselves at what depth hard bottom would be found, and estimate accordingly. Mr. Marshall states that he estimated for a depth of ten feet, and his tender was \$24,000.00. Mr. Low did not assume the responsibility, but put in a tender of \$13,216.00 for a depth of four feet only, and \$7.50 per cubic yard for all concrete foundation below that depth. Mr. Low's tender was accepted by the Council, and the contract made. There is no hard bottom, in my interpretation of the phrase, even at ten feet, and the acceptance of Mr. Low's tender forced me to make a change or allow Mr. Low to carry out his contract, go to hard bottom, and let the City pay for the extra work from \$11,000.00 up if Mr. Marshall's figures can be taken as a basis for calculation. I believe that the change I have made in the mode of constructing the foundation will save for the City the greater part of that sum. The soil is of peaty formation, and below a depth of six feet is full of water at present. Hard bottom can only be reached by excavating and pumping out the water at great expense, or by driving piles. There is no permanent level of ground water in Halifax, and therefore no guarantee that the piles would always be in water. If not, they would rot, and consequently their adoption would add a large useless expenditure, as the building, with its narrow wall, would go down as soon as the piles began to decay. The change adopted is what is known as a spread foundation—that is a wide platform or footing to support the narrow, superimposed weight, and is frequently used, especially by railway and bridge engineers in Nova Scotia. Miles of railway have been built on this principle over the muskegs of Nova Scotia, and are carrying our heaviest locomotives and trains. Bridge piers, carrying heavy steel spans, have been successfully built on foundations constructed on similar principles. The foundation proposed would not be suitable for a brick or stone building, with its weakness of joints, but our specification requires the contractor to reinforce the concrete walls and piers with expanded metal and steel bars, which ensures a monolithic structure. There is thus not the same danger of serious injury by settlement as results where brick or stone is used in the construction.

On the site of the new building there was a quantity of stone stored. About one-third was old crossing stones which had been removed to the yard by the Paving Company and the Tram Company from the streets recently paved. There were some freestone flags some of which were good and some useless that had been removed from sidewalks. All the remainder was refuse stone and concrete of no use except for filling in stone walls which is work that we do very little of. I decided to use the granite in the bottom of the footing to save the greater expense of removing it to some other part of the yard and because it was cheaper than the concrete which otherwise would have to fill the space now occupied by the stone in the bottom of the trench. We could not use the shorter stone alone as the bond would not be sufficient to carry the weight. I estimate that the crossing stones were of no value to the City, for the following reasons: Our specifications for crossings reject any stone less than three feet in length because long experience has shown that it is very difficult to keep a shorter stone in place under heavy traffic, the passage of the street rollers, the action of frost, settlement of trenches and other destructive agencies. The crossing stones in question were amongst the oldest in the City. There was not a single new stone amongst them. These stones become very hard under the action of the elements, and are worn smooth from the traffic over them. When they are smooth they are dangerous for horses, especially when wet, and City would be liable for any loss or damages resulting if they laid

crossing stones which the street officials knew were dangerous when they laid them. We have avoided this liability by condemning all such stones whenever they were taken up and redressing them to a roughened surface before using them again. They are much harder to cut and more flinty than new stone and consequently not so good as new stone when they are redressed. We have therefore after redressing used them principally for gutters where they would not be under horses' feet. They cannot be used for gutters without redressing as gutters must have true joints and surface. We have paid our stone cutter forty cents per foot for redressing them and he cannot make wages at that price and does not redress them when he can get work on any other stone. To use the stone in question for crossings we should have to employ a team and two men at least to truck them from the building site to some other part of the yard then after redressing they must be trucked to the street where they are to be laid, while we get new stone delivered on the street for fifty cents a foot. Add to the cost of redressing the cost of two truckages, the sharpening of the stone cutters' tools and the labor assisting him to handle the stone and comparing the total with the cost of new stone not only is no margin left as a value for the old block of stone but it is probable that the average cost of these old stones when redressed and relaid would be greater than the cost of new stone. The old crossings and refuse stone laid in the bottom of the trench take the place of 60½ yards of concrete for which the City would have to pay \$453.75. The cost of putting the stone in the trenches is about the same as the cost of trucking away the refuse stone and concrete would have been and this latter expense must have been incurred if the larger stone were not used. Therefore the saving to the City on the work already done is \$450.00.

Granting for the sake of argument, that these crossing stones were worth fifty cents a foot on the street, the value of crossing stones in the trenches was \$324.00, less about \$50.00 for moving them twice, or \$274.00. I measured them the morning after the meeting of Council at a quarter past six before any concrete had been put in. Concrete would have cost \$453.75, a saving of \$179.75 on that portion of the work already done, and the City would have had to pay also for the removal of the refuse stone and concrete.

The freestone flags I instructed Mr. Low's foreman not to use, not because of their value—for it is only the larger and sound stones that have any value—but because I did not think they were strong enough.

Regarding the last statement, namely, that the crossing stones used were needed to lay crossings in the North end, I beg to say that the use of these stones in the bottom of the trenches has not prevented the laying of one single crossing in the North end. The yard is filled up with scores of similar stones, which, if they were to be used at the same rate as in the past, would supply the demand for the next twenty years. Crossings are laid when and where they are ordered by the Council or the Works Committee, if the money is available. Permanent work is not ordered by the Engineer. If the Council or the Works Committee order the laying of the old crossing stones without re-dressing, it is my duty to carry out their instructions, but if it is referred to me for report I will never recommend the laying in the North end of stones which seventeen years' experience has compelled me to condemn in the South end.

As my decision has been questioned, I have notified the contractor not to lay any more stone until I receive instructions from the Works Committee how to proceed.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Mr. Low's offer to cancel contract for the sum of \$4270.00 be accepted.

Alderman Hoben and Hubley ask permission to withdraw the motion. Permission is granted by Council by unanimous consent.

The following resolution is submitted:—

That the contract with Mr. Low be cancelled and the amount to be payable to him in consequence of such cancellation be left to arbitration.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Bligh that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The resolution being put is lost 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows :—

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Bligh, Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley, Thompson.
Edwards—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman,
Chisholm, Douglas, Smith,
Martin, MacKenzie--8.

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution —

Whereas, On the sale of the Exhibition lots for a site for the Church of England Cathedral in 1906 an assurance was given by the then Mayor of the City that the City stables, storehouses and workshops, a part of which is on said lots, so sold, would be removed before the completion of the said Cathedral.

And Whereas, The said present workshops and storehouses are in a very dilapidated condition and not suited for the purpose, being only temporary exhibition sheds, and besides too small to hold the property required to be stored ;

And Whereas, The present stables, storehouses and workshops are also now also widely separated, one part being on the old Exhibition property and the other part being in the City Yard immediately north of the Wanderers' grounds ;

And Whereas, Owing to said buildings, etc., being so far apart it is impossible for one storekeeper to properly be responsible for the safe-keeping of the large amount of valuable City property composed of machinery, tools, equipment, stock and supplies contained in said buildings ;

And Whereas, The City annually loses a large sum through storing perishable supplies in unsuitable buildings ;

And Whereas, by Chapter 69, Acts of 1907, of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, authority was given to the City of Halifax to devote the proceeds of the sale of the Exhibition lands and buildings to the erection of new workshops and stables for the City ;

And Whereas, The City is now in funds from the sale of said Exhibition lots in the sum of \$21,200.00, and there is a prospect in the near future of this sum being increased by the sale of further lots ;

And Whereas, a contract has now been let for the erection of the concrete walls of the said new building at a cost of \$13,216.00 ;

And Whereas, There will probably be a balance out of said sum of \$21,200.00, fully sufficient to put on the roof and finish the exterior of said new building after the payment of said sum of \$13,216.00, and whatever extra work there may be in securing a good foundation for said building ;

Now therefore resolved, That the Works Committee be instructed to invite tenders on amended specification for completing the roof, doors, windows, and other outside work, so that the building may be occupied.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening, At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hebb, Edwards, Whitman, Shaffner, Hoben, Chisholm, Hubley, Kelly and Martin.

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

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present—the above named, together with Aldermen Wilson, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Campbell, Thompson, Rankine and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned in re public park on western side of North West Arm, proposed to be donated by Sir Sandford Fleming, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.

Report Tenders Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Letter Sir Sandford Fleming, June 26th, 1908, in re Park at North West Arm.

Letter City Auditor in re funds Children's Hospital.

His Worship the Mayor stated that a delegation was present from the Trades and Labor Council, and that they desired to be heard.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the delegation be heard. Motion passed.

Mr. John Joy addresses the Council on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council, stating that a labor convention will be held in Halifax during about six days, commencing September 21st next, and asked that the City Council assist in entertaining the delegates to the extent of about \$500.00.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved That a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be voted out of Contingent Fund towards entertaining the Delegation of the Trades and Labor Union of Canada at their coming Convention to be held in Halifax in September next.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Edwards and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen being recorded as voting for the same, viz.: Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Chisholm, Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Campbell, MacKenzie, Edwards and Rankins.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a Committee of the Trades and Labor Council in connection with the entertainment of the delegates to the Convention. Motion passed.

The following named are unanimously severally appointed as such committee, viz.: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Hebb, McManus, Hubley, Martin and MacKenzie.

Mr. Joy thanked the Council for the interest manifested in the matter.

Read letter City Auditor re Children's Hospital Fund.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, June 24th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—William Dennis, Esq., Treasurer of the Children's Hospital Fund, has on deposit at the Union Bank of Halifax here, a sum in excess of (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the sum of \$5000 00 be paid over to the Trustees of the Children's Hospital Fund under the provisions of Section 3 of the Acts of 1907. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Tenders Committee re Tenders for Coal for the various services of the City for 1908-9.

TENDERS FOR COAL.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson (Chairman), McManus, Kelly and Rankine, tenders for supplying coal for the different civic services were received from Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., William Roche and H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. H. D.

And whereas, tenders for the purchase of debentures or stock sufficient to produce the aforesaid sum were asked by advertisement in the newspapers;

And whereas, Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co. have submitted an offer to purchase such debentures or stock as are to be disposed of, at the following rates, viz:—

\$36,000 @ 92.51,
 30,000 @ 92.89,
 50,000 @ 93.14,
 50,000 @ 93.39,

which offer, in the opinion of the Committee on Finance (to which the matter of the consideration of such tenders was referred) is the highest and best;

Therefore Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue and deliver to the said J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co., stock or debentures sufficient, at the prices aforesaid, to produce the sums hereinbefore recited, or so much thereof as is required by the City, and also a further amount of stock or debentures, at the prices aforesaid, sufficient to produce the amount required for advertising the said loan and furnishing the stock or debentures so to be issued. The said stock and debentures shall be issued under and in conformity with the requirements of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, and Acts in amendment thereof, and shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and be redeemable on the 1st day of July, 1940.

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

Read letter Sir Sandford Fleming June 26th, 1908, in re proposed park North West Arm.

PARK NORTH WEST ARM.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 26th, 1908.

His Worship Mayor Crosby.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to express my cordial thanks to yourself and the members of the City Council who were good enough to visit my property on the North West Arm yesterday, in connection with the proposal made respecting the erection of a tower in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the first establishment of representative government in Nova Scotia.

As an old resident in Nova Scotia and a taxpayer in Halifax for nearly half a century, I feel deeply interested in the proposal. My reasons for such I have already communicated to your Worship, and they are made known in a general way to the public through the press.

Those who think as I do are of opinion that the present year should not be allowed to pass without taking steps to erect an ornamental edifice, imperial in its character, which would embody all the great historical associations of Halifax and Nova Scotia from the first Assembly of representatives of the people within the over-sea Empire, in 1758.

There can be no time so opportune as the present for moving in the matter. Last year would have been too soon, and next year would be twelve months too late. No place could be more fitting for the erection of a commemorative monument than in the City where the first Assembly in the outer Empire was held. The structure should increase the attractions of the extreme beauty of its situation, and it would add to the many interests of Halifax with its ocean trade and its magnificent commercial greatness of the future.

Prosperous sons of Nova Scotia are to be found in the United Kingdom, in

many parts of the Dominion, in Australia and New Zealand, in India, South Africa, the United States and elsewhere. Many of them retain deep interest in the province they hail from, and would rejoice to have an opportunity of contributing to such a purpose as is now proposed. I feel quite satisfied that through this means a large portion of the cost of the monument could easily be raised. For various reasons, however, it devolves upon the City of Halifax to take the initiative, and on that account I rejoice to know that your Worship has called a meeting of the Council to consider the proposal.

For myself I would merely say that circumstances have placed in my possession an ideal site for the proposed monument, with land adjacent thereto, which may be used for a public park. As an earnest of my sincerity I offer both to the City free of charge. I will only add that I shall feel rewarded by the acceptance of the gift, and should any member of the Council desire information on any point (or any modification of the proposal) I shall esteem it a favor if the Council will appoint a committee with whom I may confer.

SANDFORD FLEMING.

At 9.15 o'clock, moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the Council adjourn for not over twenty minutes. Motion passed.

9.35 o'clock Council met pursuant to adjournment, the members in attendance being the same as above recorded.

Deputy-Mayor Campbell, Chairman of an informal meeting held in the interim, reported that a resolution had been agreed upon and would now be submitted to the Council.

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution :

Whereas, Sir Sandford Fleming, K. C. M. G., has most generously offered to present to the City of Halifax a portion of his property known as the Dingle, on the western side of the North West Arm, and has coupled with such offer an expression of his desire that the City should erect a monumental tower on a part of the lands so presented, commemorative of the establishment of representative institutions in the Province of Nova Scotia and of the growth of the Empire ;

And whereas, The City of Halifax, while desiring to express its warmest appreciation of the great generosity of Sir Sandford in making this offer, and its thorough sympathy with the aims and wishes of Sir Sandford in desiring to commemorate the events referred to, does not wish without further consideration, to commit itself to the very considerable expense necessarily involved in the construction of such a monument ;

And whereas, The events of which such monument would be commemorative are rather of a provincial and national character than peculiar to the City as such ;

And whereas, The City is already under a considerable expense in the maintenance of its Public Gardens, Point Pleasant Park, and other public parks ;

And whereas, It may be possible that the aims and wishes of Sir Sandford, in the erection of such a monument, may be equally if not better, attained in some other way ;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council appoint a Committee to confer with Sir Sandford respecting the proposed gift and to report to the Council the conditions and terms of Sir Sandford's proposed gift, and a detailed statement of what the cost would be to the City of accepting the same, together with their recommendations thereon.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben.

The resolution being put is passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that a committee consisting of Aldermen Whitman, Shaffner, Bligh, McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson and Edwards be appointed in compliance with the foregoing resolution.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the Committee to confer with Sir Sandford Fleming consist of Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm, Hoben, MacKenzie, Bligh and Campbell.

Aldermen Chisholm and MacKenzie requested to be excused from serving as members of this committee.

The Council declined to accede to their request.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the "previous question" be now put. Motion passed.

The question is put to the Council as to whether there should be six or ten on the committee.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For a Committee of six.	Contrary.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Chisholm, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Hoben, Campbell—9.	Aldermen McManus, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Edwards, Rankine—8.

His Worship the Mayor declared the amendment for the committee, of six carried.

Alderman Whitman now moves that the Committee consist of Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Chisholm, MacKenzie, Bligh and Campbell. Seconded by Alderman Hoben.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the name of Alderman Smith be substituted for that of Alderman Chisholm as a member of said committee, and that the motion as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Edwards, Wilson, Bligh, Rankine, MacKenzie, Hubley and Kelly.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Chisholm, Hebb, Douglas, McManus, Hoben, Martin and Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Gardens Commissioners, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman McManus, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Acting-Chairman.

Report Cemetery Commission, by Alderman Hebb for Chairman.

Petition for sewer extension Quinpool Road, by Alderman Hubley.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Application Wentzell's, Ltd., for Bill Poster's license.

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

Report Police Committee re accounts.

Report Special Committee re sale of Old Exhibition lots.

Notice of motion in re application of Catherine Dillon for a liquor license.

Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities in re Dominion Power Bill.

Letter W. D. Lighthall re Halifax membership in Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Cash Statement City Collector Rates and Water Rates March and April.

Report Coal Welfghers for May.

Application W. Conway for refund of liquor license deposit.

Letter Trades and Labor Council in re Fair Wage Schedule in City contracts.

Reports (11) Committee on Works, viz. :

Water extension Cabot, Kane and Agricola Streets.

Estimated cost of sewers and sidewalks.

Installing water meters.

Granite curbing Windsor Street.

Water extension I. C. Railway Round House, Willow Park.

Letter John W. Brush, ex-City Storekeeper.

Stayner's Wharf property.

Accounts.

R. G. Beazley's residence, Tower Road.

Water extension Henry Street.

W. B. A. Ritchie's opinion re water meters.

Letter City Solicitor in re contract for water meters.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read petition for sewer extension Quinpool Road. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read Cash Statements City Collector Rates and Water Rates March and April. Filed.

Read notice of motion in Supreme Court for a mandamus commanding His Worship the Mayor and the License Inspector to issue a shop license to Catherine Dillon.

Read letter W. D. Lighthall re Haliac membership in Union of Canadian Municipalities. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re Dominion Power Bill. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for May. Filed.

Read application of William Conway for refund of deposit made with application for liquor license. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter Trades and Labor Council in re fair wages schedule in City contracts. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read reports (2) Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday since previous meeting. Filed.

Read application of Wentzell's, Limited, for a bill poster's license. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

JULY 9th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

Cragg Bros. & Co., 6 mop heads, \$3.00. H. B. Clarke & Son, cabinet and desk, \$71.75. John Starr, Son & Co., flashlight batteries, ect, \$1.75; \$1.05—\$2.80. Colwell Bros, repair uniforms, \$1.75. W. C. Knight, whip, \$1.00. T. C. Allen & Co., perforator, \$1.50. J. H. Mont & Co., repair rubber tire, \$4.50. Total—\$86.30.

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

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

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts for payment.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this day at 5 p. m. Present—Chairman Kelly, Commissioners Shaffner, MacKenzie, Bishop, MacDonald, 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.

Farquhar Bros., \$50.88. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$1.00. R. B. Adams & Co., \$7.20. H. H. Fuller & Co., \$7.45. Austen Bros., \$1.50. Wm. Robertson & Son, \$33.00. T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.50. J. M. Collins, \$8.10. Geo. B. Low, \$13.46. National Drug Co., \$9.75. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$2.23. The Barber Asphalt Co., \$5.46. Total, \$141.41.

Edw. T. Power, *Secretary.*

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, that the report of the Commissioners of Halifax Common 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.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day there were present Aldermen Kelly (Chairman,) Wilson, Hebb and Edwards.

The following accounts amounting to \$191.82 were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :—

W. A. Mailing & Co, ox heads, \$26 50. T. Inglis, hack hire, \$4.00. S. Cunard & Co, coal, \$52 00. John Sutherland, dry goods, \$14.04. Jordan & Mann, shoeing, \$2.75. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$1.60. Wentzell's, Limited groceries, \$22.00. Halifax Seed Store, seeds, \$16.63. A. L. Melvin, hayrake etc., \$38 65. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$2.15. Mahar's Transfer Express, truckage, 25c. John J. Carnell, repairs carts, \$4.96. Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$5.95. Halifax Tram Co., electric light, 34c. Total—\$191.82.

The City Engineer reported that it would cost about \$450.00 or \$500.00 to raise and enlarge the roof of the stable and sheds.

The Chairman was instructed to have eight or more metal ventilators placed in the roof of the stables and sheds, before the next hay crop was stored; also to take tenders for pointing the chimney on the eastern side of the main building and accept the lowest tender; also to have the prison van painted and repaired and to purchase 25 pairs of trousers for prisoners.

J. F. KELLY, *Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 15th, 1908.

Chairman City Prison Committee :

SIR.—In compliance with the request of your Committee, the City Carpenter made an estimate on the cost of raising the eastern ell of the outbuilding at the City Prison and putting on a flat roof, also putting in Emmerson ventilators in this building. He estimates the cost to be from \$450. to \$500. A copy of his report is attached hereto.

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

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 Hubley, and passed.

Read report Charities Committee for June.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, July 8th, 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, Hoben and MacKenzie.

The Superintendent's report for June shows that during the month there were 28 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 27 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 5 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Kings County and 22 to the City. The total number of inmates June 30th was 326, made up of 180 men, 143 women and 3 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz. :

A. L. Doyle & Co., \$304.69. W. A. Maling & Co., \$357.44. J. & M. Murphy, \$60.85. P. T. Shea, \$137.04. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$94.50. F. A. Shaw, \$43.14. Geo. Grigoire, \$35.99. The Fleischman Co., \$3.90. H. D. MacKenzie

Co., Ltd., \$84.48. C. E. Puttner, \$45.82. Blackadar Bros., \$5.76. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$15.48. The Herald Pub. Co., \$5.75. A. & W. MacKinlay, \$2.00. John Foley, \$6.50. Patrick Dowd, \$12.70. The Halifax Seed Store, \$2.08. T. Larsen & Co., \$24.75. Farquhar Bros., \$1.25. Douglas & Co., \$7.20. Nickerson & Hart, \$34.65. R. J. Whitten, \$23.50. Brookfield Bros., \$15.34. Pay Sheet, \$626.16. Wm. McFatrige, \$29.00. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$11.45. Lane's, \$3.00. B. Mulcahy, \$348.04. Wentzell's, Ltd., \$22.00. Total, \$2364.46.

The following accounts chargeable to 1907 were also recommended for payment, viz. :

Acadia Mines, \$23.00. Dr. Woodbury, \$5.00.

Tenders for flour were received from Wentzell's, Ltd., Gunn & Co., A. L. Doyle & Co., and Wm. Muir & Son.

The tender of Gunn & Co. for 25 bbls. Lady of the Snow flour and Wentzell's, Ltd., for 25 bbls. Beaver, being the lowest, are recommended for acceptance.

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 payment of the accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery covering accounts.

CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 26th, 1908.

To the Mayor and City Council :

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery held June 25th, 1908, the following accounts were recommended for payment :—

J. McFatrige, plumbing, \$9.10. Robinson Bros., removing snow, \$6.00. W. N. Brown, wheelbarrow, \$10.00. D. A. Macdonald, removing rubbish, \$16.25. A. M. Bell & Co., tools, \$6.75. J. C. Colp, repairing building, \$10.00. J. G. Colp, half cost of repairing south fence, \$54.59. Halifax Herald, charge for locals, \$2.00. Total 114 69

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Finance Committee re loan of \$166,600.00 and other matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, July 9th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day there were present Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Thompson and

Edwards. In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Whitman was appointed Acting Chairman.

The Chairman submitted the accompanying draft of resolution in reference to the loan of \$166,600 00 authorized to be advertised for by tender at a meeting of Council held on the 14th May last and reported on by this Committee at a meeting of Council held on the 26th day of June, 1908. Said report recommended the acceptance of the joint tender of J. C. Mackintosh & Co., and F. B. McCurdy & Co. To meet the wishes of the purchasers of the bonds the accompanying resolution has been prepared and it is recommended that the same be adopted by the Council:—

The following accounts amounting to \$2348.03 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Dr. Finn, certificates of death, child of Henry Carvery, \$4 00; Prince Martin \$4.00—\$8.00. Monetary Times, advertising tenders for loan, \$26.10. Journal of Commerce, advertising tenders for loan, \$30.00. Halifax School for Blind, tuition of 19 pupils 1 year and 1 pupil one-half year, ending June 22nd, 1908, \$1755.00. John Lovell & Sons, Ltd., Canada Criminal Code, Stipendiary Magistrate, \$5.00. John Lovell & Sons, Ltd., Canada Criminal Code, Police Department, \$5 00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationary and blank forms. City Collector's Office, \$33.60 and \$27.25; City Clerk's Office, \$7.25; City Auditor \$6.95.—\$72.25. A & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., blank books, City Assessors, \$39.00; City Collector, \$21.25; City Treasurer, \$4 75.—\$65.00. Blackadar Bros., advertising Liquor licenses, \$21.75; Tenders for coal, \$5.51; Dog tax, \$8.40; Public holiday, \$4.20; Tenders for loan, \$30 40.—\$68.06. R. G. Dun & Co., Dun's Commercial Record, \$10.00. Royal Gazette, advertising, \$1.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes and order of the Day, \$91.64; \$74.89.—\$166.53. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$13.80; \$5 85; \$10.72; \$6 83; \$14 97; \$40 60.—\$92.77. Chronicle Pub Co., advertising, \$43.32. Total—\$2348 03.

ALFRED WHITMAN, for 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 the accounts mentioned therein.

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

The following resolution is also submitted:—

Whereas, The Council, on the 14th day of May, 1908, resolved to borrow the following sums, under the Acts mentioned below:

Chapter 51, Acts 1905—	Debentures due July 1st, 1908	\$90,000 00
“ 70, “ 1907—	Balance due Silliker Car Co., Ltd.	60,000 00
“ 71, “ “	—Children's Hospital	5,000 00
“ 74, “ 1908—	Purchase of hose	2,400 00
	—Rockhead Stables	1,000 00
	—Heating, etc., Infectious Diseases Hospital	700 00
“ 75, “ 1908—	Paving Pleasant Street	4,000 00
	—Fire Department Improvement	3,500 00

Totalling - - - \$166,600 00

And Whereas, the amount necessary to be borrowed under Chapter 51, Acts 1905, in respect of debentures due July 1st, 1908, being the item first above mentioned has proved to be sixty-nine thousand dollars (69,000) and not ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) as there stated, making the total amount necessary to be borrowed for the above mentioned purposes one hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred dollars (\$145,600.00).

And Whereas, the cost of preparing the necessary certificates of stock and debentures of advertising the loan and other expenses reasonably incidental to the floating of the loan amounts to the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars and thirty-five cents (\$214.35), which sum it is necessary to borrow ;

And Whereas, The Trustees of the Police Superannuation have offered to purchase four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of such debentures and stock at 93.39% of par and interest ;

And Whereas, the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, 1902, have offered to purchase fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of such debentures and stock at 93.39% of par and interest ;

And Whereas, Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co. have offered jointly to take one hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$137,500) of such debentures and stock at the following prices, that is to say :

\$50,000 @ 93.39%	of par and interest.
50,000 @ 93.14%	“ “
30,000 @ 92.89%	“ “
7,500 @ 92.51%	“ “

And Whereas, stock or debentures of the par value of one hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars and thirty-five cents (\$145,814.35) when sold by the City will fail to produce such amounts so to be borrowed, and in order to produce such sums it will be necessary to sell an additional amount of stock or debentures of the par value of ten thousand six hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$10,685.65), making in all an issue of one hundred and fifty-six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$156,500).

Therefore Resolved, That the offers of the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund, the Trustees of Sinking Fund, 1902, and J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co., as above recited be accepted, and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue and deliver to the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund debentures and stock of the par value of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, and to the Trustees of Sinking Fund, 1902, debentures and stock of the par value of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), and to Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and F. B. McCurdy & Co., debentures and stock of the par value of one hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$137,500): all of such debentures and stock to be issued in conformity with the requirements of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, and amending Acts, and to bear interest at four per centum per annum and to be redeemable on the first day of July, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, and passed unanimously, there being sixteen Aldermen present.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, July 8th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—The Board of Fire Wards met on the evening of the 6th inst. Present—Aldermen Hubley (Chairman), Whitman, Thompson, McManus, Hebb and Edwards. The Committee beg to report as follows:—

1. The Board considered its former report of June 1st, sent back by the Council, in re Callmen John Lomas and Wm. McDonald. The Chief informed the Board that Mr. McDonald had since resigned from the Department.

Mr. Lomas, Chief Broderick, and Callmen Morrow and Wm. Broderick were heard.

In regard to Mr. Lomas the Board adheres to its original recommendation that Mr. Lomas be requested to resign; that he be given until July 13th to do so, and failing to do so his pay be stopped from that date.

2. The following report from the Chief and Chief Engineer is submitted for the information of the Council:—

HALIFAX, N. S., July 6th, 1908.

To the Chairman and Board of Fire Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with your instructions, I beg leave to make the following report on the condition of the Hose in the Fire Department.

That all the hose in the Fire Department is being tested with the following results:

That 26 lengths or 1,300 feet burst.

That 10 lengths or 500 feet after being repaired, stood the pressure at 175 lbs., and is now in service.

That 10 lengths or 500 feet burst at a pressure of from 40 to 60 lbs. 14 years in service.

That 8 lengths or 400 feet burst at a pressure of from 60 to 140 lbs. 10 years in service.

That 6 lengths or 300 feet burst at a pressure of from 75 to 145 lbs. 8 years in service.

That 1 length or 50 feet burst at a pressure of 125 lbs. 2 years in service. All Maltese Cross Hose

That 1 length of Canadian Para Hose burst at a pressure of 135 lbs. 2 years in service. Both lengths, after being repaired, stood the pressure of 175 lbs.

FIRE HOSE NOW IN THE DEPARTMENT.

750 ft. 2½ Rubber Hose, tested at a pressure of from 40 to 60 lbs. Hydrant Hose.

300 ft. 2½ in., for water carts or other purposes.

300 ft. 2½ in., condemned.

90 ft. 1 in., chemical hose, condemned.

18 ft. 4 in. suction hose, condemned, rubber.

20 ft. 4 in. suction hose, Dockyard, condemned, rubber.

7½ ft. 2½ in. suction hose, leather, condemned.

8,400 ft. 2½ in. Maltese Cross rubber hose.

500 ft. 2½ in. Canadian Para rubber hose.

1,400 ft. 2½ in. English cotton, new rubber hose.

10 ft. 3 in. " " " "

10,310 ft. All in good condition, and tested at a pressure of 175 lbs.

There are also 900 ft. 1 in. Chemical Rubber Hose, in good condition.

110 ft. 4 in. Suction Hose, rubber, in good condition.

20 ft. 7 in. " " " "

20 ft. 4 in. " " " "

fair condition.

There are at present in the Department in service—

10,300 ft. of 2½ in. hose.

2,000 ft. ordered.

12,300 ft. all told.

We sold last year 356 feet of 2½ in. hose at 50c. per foot, and gave to the Board of Works 300 feet of 2½ in. hose.

E. CONDON, Chief Engineer.

P. J. BRODERICK, Chief H. F. D.

Respecting the two lengths of new hose burst during the test, it is recommended that the City demand that they be replaced by the agents.

3. The 2,000 feet of different brands of hose recently contracted for is now nearly all in the City, and the Board has decided to subject the whole 2,000 feet to a pressure of 300 lbs. per square inch in the presence of the Chairman, the Chief, and the different agents, if they care to be present.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. That tenders be asked for two suits of uniform and thirty-two pairs of pants for the Permanent Force.

5. That the two outside horses on the engine "Alexandra" and the two horses in the West Street House change places—Alderman Thompson dissenting

6. That specifications be prepared and tenders asked for a two-horse sleigh to take the place of the turret wagon in winter.

7. That the four chemical holders and the three lantern holders be nickel-plated at a cost of about \$20 00, and that nine suits of oil clothes and two rubber coats be purchased to replace those worn out.

8. That Daniel Ryan, Cornelius Ryan, William Bishop and John O'Brien be appointed supernumeraries.

9. That Patrick Sheehan, supernumerary on No. 3 engine, be appointed engineer; vice John Moir, resigned.

10. That the Committee on Works be requested to repair the sidewalk in front of Central Engine House, Brunswick Street, as it has become dangerous.

11. That a manure box be placed at the back of the Central Engine House.

12. That if funds will permit, cleaning closets and feed bins be placed in the Morris Street and Bedford Row houses, the gutter in front of the Bedford Row Engine House raised, and the sidewalk in front of the Morris Street House repaired.

13. That the arrow gun be given in charge of the Union Protection Company and used by them.

14. That two sets of rubber horse shoes be purchased from the Canadian Rubber Co. for experiment on the paved streets.

15. The Board duly considered the message from His Worship the Mayor, covering petition from the Veteran Firemen's Association in re-occupancy by them of the Spring Garden Road Fire Station.

It is recommended that the Chief be given the use of the small room at the north-west corner on the upper floor of said building as an apartment for his driver in order to facilitate the Chief's getting to fires in the night time expeditiously, and that communication between the Veteran Firemen's apartments and the Chief's be closed, and a door cut in the upper hall.

16. The Board invited tenders for a new boiler for No. 1 engine. Mr. N. Evans wrote, declining to tender, being too busy. T. Hogan & Co offered to build the boiler for \$741.00 and to pay \$50.00 for the old boiler and tubes.

It is recommended that the tender of T. Hogan & Co to construct the new boiler for \$741.00 be accepted, the old boiler and tubes to remain the property of the City.

17. It is recommended that tappers be placed in the houses of Callmen Maltus and Weston.

18. Chief Engineer Edward Condon was reported by the Chairman for being under the influence of liquor June 4th, and that he had since taken the pledge.

It is recommended that Mr. Condon be fined seven days' pay.

19. On April 18th last, Ex-Chairman Johnson received from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters the following letter:—

HALIFAX AERIAL TRUCK.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 18th, 1908.

J. A. JOHNSON, Esq.,

Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners, City.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed to respectfully request that before the City takes over this aerial truck that a test be made at a time and place agreeable jointly to the members of your Board and our members

It is suggested that such a test be made more to demonstrate the following points :

1. The least number of men required to handle and raise the ladder.
2. What is the shortest time the said number of men can raise it in ?
3. How will the ladder act under conditions as near as possible like those required during regular fire work, such as operating a stream of water from an engine through a line of hose, with the ladder extended ?

Trusting you will be able to arrange for such a test to our mutual satisfaction, and that you will kindly advise me previous to same, I remain.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary.*

At a Board meeting held April 23rd, Chairman Johnson reported that he had written Mr. Roderick Macdonald in regard to it, and sent him a copy, but had received no reply. The Board has not since heard anything from Mr. Macdonald.

The Secretary, the City Solicitor and the Chairman were instructed to draft a letter to Mr. Macdonald, covering a copy of the letter from the Underwriters, and notifying him that unless the test contemplated by the Underwriters' letter be given within ten days from receipt of such notice, that the City will have no further dealings with him in respect to the aerial ladder.

20. The followiag accounts are recommended for payment upon being properly certified :—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light \$14.85. power \$8.20—\$23 05 J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$16 07. Stairs, Son & Morrow, chain, 50c. Globe Laundry, work, \$9.32, \$9.81—\$19.13. Lotta Redman, typewriting, \$2.00. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$13.80. Guildford & Son, 500 ft Keystone hose, \$500.00 Austen Bros., 500 ft Paragon hose, \$500.00 National Drug Co., sponge, \$2.00. Pitman Lighting System, supplies, \$6.61. Canadian Rubber Co., tubing, \$1.30. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$4.40. Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$10.50. Can. Gen. Electric Co., electrical supplies, \$21.41. Freeman's Store, quilts, \$7.50. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$210.83. Wentzells Limited, salt, \$1.20. Wm. Robertson & Son, scythe, etc., \$2.55. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$2.50. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$18.53, 92c.—\$19.45. Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$3.65. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$14.00. Imperial Oil Co., oil, \$9.00. M. S. Brown & Co., badges, \$27 50 A. & W MacKinlay, books, \$12 00 Neil Fox, harness work, \$3 85. A. C. Adams, ladder, \$12.00. John Foley, mason work, \$7.55. J. S. Cashen & Sons, forage, \$507 80. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1.05 T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.60. W. & C. Silver, quilts, \$7.50. David Roche, painting, glass, etc., \$18.40, \$4.25, \$1.35—\$24 00 Austen Bros., lubricator, \$15.00. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$19.33, \$10.91—\$30 29. Total, \$2,042.79.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 14 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 15 re occupancy Spring Garden Road Engine House.

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

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

Amendment put and lost.

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

The vote being taken there appeared :

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

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

Clauses 16 to 19 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 20 re accounts.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, that clause 20 of the report of the Committee of Fire Wards covering accounts be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of said accounts.

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

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

Read report special committee re sale of Old Exhibition lots.

LOT OLD EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

JULY 9th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee to whom was referred the sale of the lots at the Old Exhibition Grounds beg to report that they have received the following offers for the remaining lot on Tower Road measuring 53 feet front by about 143 feet depth.

R. G. Beazley.....	\$1225 00
Wm. T. Francis.....	1300 00
M. Scanlan, Jr.....	1500 00
Falconer & MacDonald.....	1810 00

The Committee recommend the acceptance of Falconer & MacDonald's tender, subject to conditions similar to those adopted in the sale to R. G. Beazley.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor*.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

Street lighting	\$1699 40
Streets	754 98
Sewer loan	553 17
Cleaning paved streets 1907-8	160 00
Public baths	97 08
New workshops	82 24
City Hall Lighting	77 10
Teams & Stables	67 14
City property	42 25
Internal health	9 52
Permanent pavement	5 50
Water Maintenance	363 97
" Construction	93 43

Total .. \$4005 78

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re R. G. Beazley's residence, Tower Road.

R. G. BEAZLEY'S RESIDENCE TOWER ROAD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE June 30th, 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 plans of residence to be built by R. G. Beazley was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In compliance with the condition under which the lots at the corner of Tower Road and College Street were sold to R. G. Beazley, I beg to submit herewith the plans of residence which he proposes to erect on the lot purchased. I respectfully recommend the same for the approval of the Council.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION HENRY STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 30th, 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 Arthur Cox for water extension Henry Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Arthur Cox asking for water extension to double flats now under construction on Henry Street.

Mr Cox's property is between the two ends of pipe on Henry Street and the distance is about 110 feet either way. There are two lots on either side of his property which are likely to be built on soon. Under the circumstances I would recommend that the two ends of the pipe be connected.

The estimated cost is:—

Pipe	\$120 00
Excavation and pipe laying	80 00
Two Service pipes.....	25 00
Lead and paint.....	2 00
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	\$227 00

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said reports be adopted. Motion passsd.

Read report Committee ou Works re lease of the Stayner's wharf property.

LEASE OF STAYNER'S WHARF.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 16th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day a Minute-of-Council re lease Stayner's wharf in connection with Messrs. F. W. Bissett & Co.'s letter was read.

The following is the history of the matter as far as the records of this Department show:—

At a meeting held March 5th, 1908, Messrs A. B. Crosby & Co., under date Feb. 29th, 1908, notified this Committee that they would quit and deliver up the property at the end of March, 1908. This notice was accepted at a meeting March 26th, 1908. Geo. C. Cook, by letter March 12th, 1908, offered \$480 per year if City kept property in repair—\$300 if lessee did so, in the then state of repair, and Wm. Grant by letter March 13th offered \$42.00 per month provided City put the wharf and office in good repair. Under date March 25th, 1908, A. B. Crosby & Co. handed in an assignment of all interest to Wm. Grant. The purpose of this agreement not being clearly understood, and to prevent future misunderstanding, the Clerk was instructed to send a formal acceptance of letter Feb 29th, 1908. This was done. It was then decided to call for tenders for the premises occupied by Messrs. A. B. Crosby & Co. At meeting April 7th tenders were opened as follows:—Wm. Grant tendered \$75.00 and G. C. Cook \$65.00 per year. These were thought too low and were not finally considered

At meeting April 24th, 1908, offers were read from G. C. Cook of \$180, Geo. B. Low \$100, and F. W. Bissett & Co. \$175 per year. It was decided to ask for new tenders from those who had already offered on the condition that the lessee make temporary repairs and keep the premises in such a condition as to prevent accident.

At meeting April 30th tenders were opened as follows:— F. W. Bissett & Co., \$201 00; G. C. Cook, 186.00; Wm. Grant, \$175.00, and were referred to Council without recommendation.

May 11th. Minute-of-Council was read deferring action on these tenders.

May 14th. After reading City Solicitor's opinion re legality of leasing the property it was decided to request the City Engineer to report on the cost of such repairs as would make the property tenable, and the Clerk to write the Dartmouth Ferry Commission asking if it were in a position to purchase property now or in the near future, for the amount the City paid, viz, \$13,000, failing which this Committee would recommend the Council to sell.

May 19th. Letters were read from F. W. Bissett & Co. and Wm. Grant, when it was resolved to let the property occupied by A. B. Crosby & Co. to Wm. Grant at a monthly rental of \$30.00 per month, subject to one month's notice for removal, the City Solicitor to draw up agreement and the City Engineer to fence off the bad part of said wharf, besides repairing the most dangerous part to prevent any liability by the City.

At meetings of June 4th and 11th a delegation from Dartmouth Ferry Commission was present, but pending a decision from them no result has yet been arrived at.

In reply to the various charges made by F. W. Bissett & Co., the attention of the Council is called to the Minute-of-Council under date May 7th by which the consideration of their tender was deferred by the Council itself and also to the fact that this Committee has only rented the place by the month, at a higher rental than offered by Messrs Bissett & Co for a year, and solely with the object of making the loss to the City as small as possible.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman*

RE STAYNER'S WHARF.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, May 12th, 1908.

Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR,—The statute authorizing the City to purchase this property empowers the City to purchase the property and provides that the City may lease it to the Dartmouth Ferry Commission on such terms as the Council sees fit. As the Dartmouth Ferry Commission have not expressed any desire to obtain the lease of this property, I am of opinion that this clause is permissive only, and not in any way restrictive of the City's right to deal with the property, and that it may therefore be legally leased in the same manner as other City property.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Cabot, Kane and Agricola Streets.

WATER EXTENSION CABOT, KANE AND AGRICOLA STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

attached reports of the City Engineer in re water extensions on Cabot, Kane and Agricola Streets were read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CABOT STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Norman H. Lloy asking for water extension to his property on Cabot Street. The district is high service ; distance, 70 feet ; size of pipe, 6 inches ; excavation rock. Estimated cost :—

Pipe	\$ 42 00
Excavation and pipe laying	122 50
One service pipe	30 00
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	\$194 50

Interest on estimated outlay at 5 per cent., \$9.72.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$9.72.

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

KANE AND AGRICOLA STREETS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 30th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions asking for water extensions on Kane and Agricola Streets.

The district is high service ; distance, 935 feet on Kane Street and 1530 feet on Agricola Street. Size of pipe required for domestic supply, 6 inch. Estimated cost :—

KANE STREET.

Pipe	\$561 00
Two 6 in. valves	40 00
One 6 in branch	4 70
One 12 x 6 saddle	4 00
Lead and paint	8 00
Excavation and pipe laying	467 50
Six service pipes	84 00
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AGRICOLA STREET.

Pipe	\$918 00
Three 6 in. valves	60 00
Six 6 in. double branches	34 56
Four 6 in. single branches	18 80
Lead and paint	15 00
Excavation and pipe laying	841 50
Service pipes	360 00
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Interest on outlay at 5 per cent., \$170.85.

Making the special rate about \$6.00.

In the present condition of the high service system the water supply if this

extension is made cannot be satisfactory, as the higher portions of Merklesfield are almost the highest elevations in the City, and if the extension is made this should be clearly understood. The same statement was made in reference to the extension to Willow Park, and it was afterwards claimed that the residents of Willow Park had been deceived. For these reasons I hesitate to recommend the extension. It is almost certain that in the summer months and the cold winter months there would be great difficulty in getting water to Agricola Street.

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

By request of Alderman Wilson the reports re Cabot Street are considered separately from the other streets.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the reports re water extension Cabot Street be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the reports in re water extension Kane and Agricola Streets be adopted and the water extended to said streets at once.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said reports be referred to the City Engineer for further report.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read reports City Engineer and Committee on Works re water extension to Intercolonial Railway Round House, Willow Park.

WATER EXTENSION TO ROUND HOUSE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Minute-of-Council on water extension to I. C. R. Round House Willow Park was read.

It was decided to recommend its adoption provided the I. C. R. authorities paid the wholecost of the extension.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The high service is in aboutt the same condition as it was at the date of the last report, October 31st, 1907. The low service will not, in any condition, give a satisfactory fire supply, and while the high service will not give a satisfactory fire supply it will give a much better service than the low service main.

I would therefore recommend that the high service main be extended to supply the fire hydrants on the railway property. The 27° low service main is at present giving a better supply than it does in winter. It will not give the service that the Railway require, and I think it will be absolutely necessary for the Railway to put in a pump, whether the supply is taken from the high service or the low service, and for the present it will be better to pump from the low service main. The details of the supply can be arranged with the Railway Department.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re estimated cost of sewers and permanent sidewalks

SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re estimated cost of sewers ordered by the Council, estimated cost of permanent sidewalks was read and referred to Council. Copy of letter from Deputy Minister Fiset attached.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, June 30th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In compliance with the instructions of your Committee, I beg to report that the estimated cost of sewers ordered by the Council is \$25,000.

The estimated cost of the following sidewalks:—

Hollis St., between Duke and Water Sts.
 Queen St., from Spring Garden Road to Rottenburg St.
 Cogswell St., from Gottingen to Park Sts.
 Barrington St., from Buckingham to Hurd Sts.
 Argyle St., from Sackville to Blowers Sts.
 Bell St., from Barrington to Water Sts.
 Water St., from Jacob to Bell Sts.
 Blowers St., from Argyle to Grafton Sts.
 Hollis St., from Solter to Bishop Sts.
 Prince St., from Hollis St. to Bedford Row.
 Gottingen St., from Gerrish to Russell Sts.
 Gerrish St., south side, from Lockman to Gottingen Sts.
 North St., north side, Lockman to Gottingen Sts.
 Lockman St., east side, from Cornwallis St. to Railway Station.
 Cunard St., south side, Gottingen to Maynard Sts.
 Agricola St., east side, Cunard to West Sts.
 Cornwallis St., north side, Gottingen to Brunswick Sts.

is \$75,650.00.

I have included in the estimate, as instructed, a number of sidewalks in the north end which are on the most important thoroughfares.

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

Alderman Edwards asked that the following sidewalks be added to the list:—

North Street, north side west to Agricola Street.

Campbell Road, east side.

Alderman Martin asked that the east and west sides of Barrington and Lockman Streets north to North Street be added to the list.

Alderman Kelly asked that the following sidewalks be also added:

North Park Street, east side.

Jacob Street, north side.

Alderman Bligh asked that the following be added :—

Queen Street, both sides from Morris Street to Spring Garden Road, and the east side south to South Street.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer be adopted and the sum of \$75,000.00 borrowed to construct the sidewalks named in the Engineer's report with the addition of the sidewalks on North Street and Campbell Road.

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

The reports are placed on the Order of the Day by unanimous consent of Council.

Read report Committee on Works in re dismissal of John W. Brush.

DISMISSAL OF JOHN W. BRUSH.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To The City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held June 30th, 1908, a minute of Council in re application of John W. Brush, ex-City Storekeeper for an investigation into the cause of his dismissal was read. Your Committee beg to report that Mr. Brush was requested to attend a meeting held June 8th, for the purpose of enquiring into the reason of his suspension. After hearing everything that Mr. Brush could advance in his defence it was unanimously decided to dismiss him and appoint John Quigley to the position vacated.

Your Committee also wish to bring to your notice that the petitioner was employed at a daily wage of \$2.25, and if a precedent be established to hold an investigation into the complaints of all men who are employed and dismissed daily it would entail the continuous sitting of this Committee.

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

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

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

CURB WINDSOR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re Curb Windsor St., in front of Windsor St. Pharmacy was read, and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 7th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report that the estimated cost of extending granite curb and gutter south from the corner of Windsor and Cunard Streets to the south side of the property of T. J. Barron & Co., is \$40.00, one-half of which will be paid by the property owner if the work is ordered.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering opinion of City Solicitor re contracts for installing water meters.

INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, June 30th, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Solicitor on a Minute-of-Council in re tender of W. S. Craig for installing water meters was read and referred to Council for its adoption.

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

RE METER INSTALLATION CONTRACTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 16th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works :

SIR,—I understand from the Clerk of Works that the matter on which my opinion is required is as to whether the four contracts for the installation of water meters made by the late Committee on Works at the same time, but with four different plumbers, were legal and binding on the City.

Section 306 of the Charter, after providing that with certain exceptions therein expressed, no committee, board, etc., shall enter into any contract or authorize any expenditure without having first obtained the sanction of the Council, proceeds as follows:—"Provided that nothing in this paragraph contained shall prevent the Committee on Works from entering into any contract involving expenditure not exceeding five hundred dollars."

The language of this proviso is quite broad and ample to cover all the contracts in question. In order to render any of them invalid it would be necessary to read into it some words to the effect that when the Committee had entered into one contract under \$500 for a certain class of work, its powers to make another contract for a similar class of work were in abeyance until the first contract had been completed. I know of no principle on which so extensive an addition could be made to the plain language of a statute. If the contracts had been all with the one person it might properly have been contended that in legal effect they constituted only one contract, and so have been *ultra vires*. But such a contention could not be made when they are with different persons. To give the section the suggested construction might easily be most inconvenient for the City. How the Committee exercises the power conferred on it is a question of policy, but of the power itself I think there can be no reasonable doubt.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the same be filed.