

WATER EXTENSION WATERLOO STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 2nd, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Waterloo Street water extension was read. It was decided to recommend that the extension be made in its turn when funds are available.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 13th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for water extension on Waterloo Street, which runs south from South Street, nearly opposite Henry Street. This district is high service, size of pipe required 6 inch, excavation about two-thirds rock. There is 184 feet of three-quarter inch pipe supplying the houses on this street. It was laid about thirty years ago. It would not be fair to charge the petitioners the cost of re-laying this 184 feet, but it will be necessary in supplying the additional houses to have a larger pipe. 184 feet of 6 inch pipe should be laid by the City. The remainder will require 338 feet of six inch pipe. The estimated cost is :—

Pipe	\$201 60
2 3-way branches	9 40
Excavation and pipe laying	454 00
Lead and paint	6 00
1 6-inch valve.....	20 00
1 service pipe	20 00
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	\$711 00

Interest at 5 per cent.....\$35 55

There is only one house under construction, although I am informed that others will be constructed. I would recommend that the extension be made as suggested, and that the special rate for one house be \$35 55, to be reduced as others are constructed.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

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

WATER EXTENSION WALKER STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 2nd, 1908.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re water extension Walker Street was read. It was decided to recommend that the extension be made in its turn when funds are available.

A. B. CROSBY, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 29th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for water extension on Walker Street.

The district is high service. Distance, 290 feet; size of pipe required, 4"; excavation partially rock; estimated cost:—

Pipe	\$121 80
One 4" valve	20 00
One reducer, 6 to 4	2 85
Lead and paint	3 00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	232 00
Two service pipes	30 00
	\$409 65

Interest on outlay at 5%, \$20 45.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$10.23.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re curb and gutter South Park Street.

PARK STREET CURB AND GUTTER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 2nd, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Park Street Curb and Gutter was read, and referred to Council without recommendation.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 28th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the request of your Committee, I beg to report that the estimated cost of laying a concrete curb and gutter on the east side of South Park Street, from South Street to Inglis Street is \$1658.00. A sidewalk has been laid in these four blocks, without curb and gutter, the old gutter being of cobble-stone. In the two north blocks the grade is so nearly level that it is impossible to keep the gutter clean, and water lies in pools. As this is one of the principal streets it would be desirable to complete the improvement, and I would therefore recommend that a concrete curb and gutter be laid on the east side of Park Street, from South Street to Inglis Street, when the money is available.

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

Placed on Order of the Day on motion of Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Read report Committee on Works recommending the borrowing of \$1200.00 to pay Hillis & Son, Ltd., for retaining wall Veith Street.

VEITH STREET RETAINING WALL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

letter of Hillis & Son, Ltd., in re payment of \$1200 for building retaining wall, Veith Street, was read. As the street appropriation is exhausted, it was decided to recommend to Council that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Act for same as a short loan, to be paid when the certificate of the City Engineer shows that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

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

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

Read application Governors of Dalhousie College for piece of land belonging to the City facing the College property; also read reports of the City Engineer, City Solicitor and Committee on Works thereon.

OLD EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached reports of the City Solicitor and City Engineer were read on letter from the Governors of Dalhousie College in re upon what terms the University could obtain the block of land bounded by Carleton, College, Summer and Morris Streets, and to be used only for the purposes of the University.

It was decided to refer the matter for the consideration of Council.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman*

IN RE DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Nov. 5th, 1908.

Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR.—Mr. Doane has referred to the authority—Chapter 30, Acts of 1906—authorizing the City to sell the property. It was under this Act that the sale to the Cathedral and other sales have been made. I have been given an intimation that the Committee desires me to express an opinion as to whether or not the City is bound to obtain the best price possible or whether they may make a lower price in view of the purchaser being a public institution. I might point out that the wording of the statute is peculiar, namely, authorizing the City to sell the property in such a way as may be most advantageous to the City. Possibly this might authorize the sale for a price much below the real value if the City deemed the same to be most advantageous to the City, but any such sale should in my opinion be confirmed by an Act of the Legislature.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—In compliance with your instructions I beg to report the estimated value of that portion of the Old Exhibition property bounded by Carleton Street, College Street, Summer Street and Morris Street boulevard. Estimating the value of the property on the basis of the price asked for and obtained for lots already sold in this property, the block would be worth about \$30,000. Mr. Bell, City Solicitor, was to report on the City's power to sell, and will no doubt do so immediately on his return. I may say, however, for the information of your Committee that Chap. 30 of the Acts of 1896 authorizes the City to sell this property in such a way as may be deemed most advantageous to the City.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that a special committee consisting of Aldermen Bligh and MacKenzie and the City Engineer be appointed to consider and report upon the value of the property proposed to be purchased by Dalhousie College.

Aldermen Bligh and MacKenzie desired to be excused from serving on such committee.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to the value of the land. Amendment passed.

Read report Committee on Works in re insurance on water meters.

INSURANCE ON WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 2th. 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held Nov. 2nd, it was decided to insure the Water Meters in store at Plant Warehouse provided it could be done without prejudice to the City's interest in the suit now pending.

Attached please find agreement signed by Robt. E. Harris on behalf of the Neptun^e meter Co., and W. B. A. Ritchie on behalf of the City on that Court.

The following offers have been received for the \$12500 required.

Acadia Fire Insurance Co.,	on \$ 4250 @ 80c. for 3 months	2% for 12 months.
Halifax	" " 4250 @ 80c.	" " 2% "
Dominion	" " 5000 @ 70c.	" " 1 3/4% "
Independent	" " 1000 @ 70c.	" " 1 3/4% "
Nova Scotia	" " 12500 @ 70c.	" " 1 3/4% "
Nova Scotia Board Fire, Underwriters	12500 @ 80c.	" " 2% "

The matter was referred to Council for its consideration.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said meters be insured for the sum of \$12,500.00 on the terms named in the report in such insurance companies as may be selected by the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Read report Clerk of Works re lease of the Stayner's Wharf property.

LEASE STAYNER'S WHARF.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1908

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—By direction of the Committee on Works I herewith give an extract from Minutes of a meeting of Committee on Works held Oct. 8th, 1908.

"Mayor Notting representing the Dartmouth Ferry Commission was present and requested delay in the matter of the Stayner Wharf lease. It was decided to grant his request, he to put same in writing."

Up to this 6 p. m. the said letter has not been received by me.

JAMET J. HOPWELL, Clerk of Works.

Filed.

The matter of His Worship the Mayor's veto of resolution of Council re public market site, deferred until this meeting, is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the resolution passed on October 8th in re public market site be now confirmed under the provisions of section 307 (4) of the City Charter.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this matter be referred back to the special committee on market site; that said committee consider and report back to the Council whether it is possible for the City to obtain the large Fuel Yard property without the stone building known as the Pay Office, the cost of a building in substitution for which is estimated at \$12,000.00, and the terms upon which said transfer could be made, and that the further consideration of His Worship the Mayor's veto be deferred until said committee reports to this Council.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,	Aldermen Wilson, McManus,
Hebb, Bligh,	Douglas, Hoben,
Smith, Hubley,	Kelly, Martin,
Thompson, Campbell,	MacKenzie, Rankine.—8.
Edwards.—9.	

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Smith states that it would be very inconvenient for several of the Aldermen to attend the special meeting of Council set down for Wednesday evening next and asked if it would be agreeable to have the same on Friday evening the 13th inst.

By unanimous consent of Council the date for said special meeting was fixed for Friday evening 13th inst. instead of Wednesday evening 11th inst.

Alderman Martin asked if it is the intention of clean Brunswick Street this season.

The City Engineer stated that two gangs are now at work clearing away leaves and cleaning catchpits and that he thought there would not be sufficient funds to clean Brunswick Street this season.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved. That a Committee of six Aldermen and six Citizens who are not members of the City Council be appointed to take into consideration ways and means by which the risk of fire in the City of Halifax may be reduced and to make recommendations in regard to same.

And that the following named be appointed as said Committee:—Aldermen Mackenzie, Martin, Kelly, Smith, Hebb and Whitman and Messrs S. M. Brookfield, A. E. Jones, Edward Clayton, John T. Ross, Edward J. Fahie and H. E. Gates.

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

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the City Engineer report on the advisability of placing an electric light half way between North and Bloomfield Streets on Kempt Road and another at the corner of Agricola and Macara Streets. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved. That a light be placed at the corner of Cunard and Clifton Streets also at the corner of Willow and Windsor Streets

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Thompson, and referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Martin that the Committee on Works report on the placing of a light at the corner of Cunard and Moran Streets or in that vicinity, and also one on Hunter Street, one at the corner of Cornwallis and Creighton Streets and one at the corner of North and Agricola Streets. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Works report on the placing of a second light on the Common between North Park and Robie Streets. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that the City Engineer report on a light for Yale Street. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the City engineer report on a light for the corner of West Harvey and Oxford Streets. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Hebb be appointed a School Commissioner in place of Ex-Alderman Murray, resigned. Motion passed unanimously.

For the vacancy caused by retirement of Ex-Alderman Halliday term expired :—

Alderman Whitman is nominated by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Alderman Douglas is nominated by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Alderman Whitman.

For Alderman Douglas.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,	Aldermen McManus, Smith,
Hebb, Hubley,	Hoben, Martin,
Thompson, Edwards.—6.	MacKenzie, Rankine—6.

Alderman Whitman and Douglas excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of Alderman Whitman and declares him duly elected a School Commissioner.

For the vacancy caused by the retirement of Alderman Hubley, term expired—

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that Alderman Smith be appointed a School Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF EXHIBITION COMMISSIONER.

For the vacancy caused by the retirement of Alderman Martin, term expired—

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Wilson be appointed a member of the Exhibition Commission.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that Alderman Martin be re-appointed as a member of the Exhibition Commission.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For Alderman Wilson.

For Alderman Martin.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,	Aldermen McManus, Douglas,
Hebb, Smith,	Hoben, MacKenzie,
Hubley, Thompson,	Rankine.—5.
Edwards.—6.	

Aldermen Wilson and Martin excused from voting.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, November 13th, 1908.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present, Aldermen Douglas, Kelly, Shaffner, Martin, Wilson, Bligh, Hoben and MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 Whitman, Chisholm, Hebb, McManus, Smith, Campbell, Thompson, Rankine and Edwards.

The Council was summoned "In re Anderson Manufacturing Company, 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 Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Hoben for majority of Committee.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Whitman for minority of Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Coal Weighers for October.

Report Chief Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.

Resolution Temperance Alliance re sobriety of members of Fire Department.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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

Read report Coal Weighers for October. Filed.

Read resolution of Halifax Temperance Alliance re sobriety of members of Fire Department.

Referred to Committee of Firewards for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Finance re application for refund of amount paid into Officials Superannuation Fund by the late Richard Henrion.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 13th, 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 being present Aldermen Hoben, Chairman, Bligh, Smith, Edwards, they had under consideration the petition of Mrs. Catherine Henrion, widow of Richard Henrion, engineer of the steam roller, for a refund of the amount paid into the Officials' Superannuation Fund by Mr. Henrion.

The City Treasurer reported that the sum of fifty-eight dollars was to the credit of Mr. Henrion in the fund.

Your committee recommend that the said amount of \$58.00 be paid to Mrs. Catherine Henrion, widow of Richard Henrion, under authority of Section 271 N of the City Charter.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Smith, that said report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee in re Anderson Manufacturing Company and other matters signed by a majority of the members of said Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES RE FURNITURE AND CHAIR MANUFACTORY AND OTHER MATTERS.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they had under consideration the matter of establishing a furniture and chair manufacturing company in the City of Halifax.

A delegation of prominent business men from the Board of Trade waited on your committee and urged that some assistance be given to this proposed new enterprise, which, it is believed, will be very beneficial to the City, giving employment to a large number of mechanics.

Your committee have gone very thoroughly into the matter with the promoters, three meetings of your committee having been held, with the assistance of the City Solicitor. They have prepared the accompanying memorandum of proposed terms of agreement to be entered into between the City of Halifax and the proposed company.

Your committee recommend the adoption of this agreement, also that the charter as set forth in the schedule submitted by the promoters to the City Council be approved of by the Council.

November 13th, 1908.

Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report further that at a

meeting of the committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Chisholm, Chairman, Whitman, Douglas, Hoben, Thompson and Edwards, the following matters referred to the committee were dealt with, and report as follows :—

1st. In re application of Charles E. Neville for a license to exhibit a deformed child. It is recommended that this application be not granted.

2nd. In re application of James A. McDonald for commutation of a certain common lot on Spring Garden Road. Under Section 663 of the City Charter it is necessary for the Council to pass an ordinance fixing the terms and conditions of such commutation.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance so that this matter may be dealt with.

3rd. In the matter of application of Nathan Komarsky for a junk store license already passed by the Council subject to certain conditions being complied with.

Mr. Komarsky has notified your Committee through his Solicitor that he has rented a property on Cronan's Wharf where he will open his Junk Store. This location being satisfactory to your Committee the Clerk has been instructed to issue a License to Mr. Komarsky.

4th. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a letter from the Halifax Trades and Labor Council in re a fair wage clause being inserted in any bonusing or loan proposition entered into between the City and any projected industry.

The Committee submit the letter for the consideration of the Council without recommendation.

C. R. HOBEN,
J. B. DOUGLAS,
A. A. THOMPSON.
JAS. S. EDWARDS.

Also read by title "Memorandum of proposed terms of agreement between the City of Halifax and the Anderson Manufacturing Company", a copy of which had been furnished each member of the Council.

MEMORANDUM OF PROPOSED TERMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF HALIFAX AND THE ANDERSON
MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The City agrees to aid the Company by the loan of \$40,000 which amount is to be secured by a first mortgage upon the lands, buildings and machinery of the Company, on which sum the Company will pay interest at five per cent. per annum. the difference in the interest paid by the Company to the City and that payable by the City on the bonds or stock issued to raise the sum loaned shall be applied to a sinking fund for the redemption of the stock or bonds at maturity.

The Company also agrees to pay the City a sum which together with the said difference in interest will be sufficient when compounded at three and one-half per cent. to redeem the bonds or stock issued by the City in connection with the loan at maturity.

The period of redemption expressed in the mortgage shall be one year, but the City will give an undertaking by a separate agreement that in the event of the interest and other payments being regularly made and the other conditions observed by the Company the City will not demand repayment of the sum advanced for thirty-three years.

The Company may at any time during the said period of thirty three years pay off any portion of the money so loaned by the City, any amount so repaid to be applied to the sinking fund, provided that :—

(a) Any amount so repaid shall not be less than one thousand (\$1000) dollars ; and

(b) In addition to any amount so repaid the Company will also pay to the City therewith a sum sufficient to produce a yearly amount of interest equal to the difference between the interest payable by the City on so much of the bonds issued by the City as produced the amount so repaid and the interest on that amount realized by the City after repayment.

The amount to be loaned by the City to the Company shall be paid to the Company at the times and in the sums following :—

When the Company has \$40,000 of its Capital Stock subscribed and \$20,000 paid up in cash and invested in land, buildings and machinery the City will pay the Company \$10,000, which shall also be forthwith invested in lands, buildings and machinery. When the Company has of its own moneys exclusive of any moneys received from the City invested a further sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars additional in land, buildings and machinery the City will pay a second sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, which shall also be forthwith invested in lands, buildings or machinery. When the Company has in like manner invested a further sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars of its own moneys, exclusive of any money contributed by the City, the City will pay over the remaining sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars. The amounts so required to be subscribed and invested by the Company shall be established to the satisfaction of the City Auditor and the City Engineer.

The Company will keep its buildings, plant and stock insured against loss by fire in an amount not less than \$40000.00 in some insurance company or companies to be approved by the City. Loss, if any, payable to the City.

Before being entitled to receive any portion of the money hereby agreed to be loaned to it the Company shall obtain a Charter of Incorporation under the Nova Scotia Companies' Act with a memorandum of association specifying as the objects of the Company those set out in the memorandum attached hereto and no other, and also specifying that the Company shall not open or conduct any shop in the City of Halifax for the sale of goods at retail ; or engage in the business of retailing lumber or building material, and if the Company at any time applies for any amendment or addition to such objects or engages in any business not comprised and included in such objects or in any of the businesses so agreed not to engage in without in either such case having first obtained the consent of the City Council of the City of Halifax the agreement as to the valuation of the property of the Company for the purpose of taxation hereby contained and the agreement not to enforce payment of the mortgage shall at once cease and determine and the amount then due on such mortgage shall be immediately payable and may be recovered by foreclosure or other appropriate remedy.

The City agrees that for the first year after the incorporation of the Company and the passage of an Act ratifying this agreement the property of the Company, real and personal, shall be assessed for rates and taxes at the amount of the assessed value at the last preceding assessment of the land acquired in the City for the erection thereon of the factory or workshops of the Company for the next succeeding five years. The property of the Company real and personal shall be yearly assessed at the value of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars and the next five years thereafter such property real and personal shall be yearly assessed at the value of twenty five thousand (\$25,000) dollars. After such second period of five years all property of the Company in the City both real and personal shall be assessed in the same way as other property in the City.

The City agrees to give the Company the minimum water rate for manufacturing purposes.

In the event of the Company wishing to connect their property with the railway the City will grant permission to place a siding across any street subject to approval by the City Engineer and on condition of the Company erecting proper gates and assuming the charge of the same.

The books and affairs of the Company shall at all times during the currency of the said loan be open to the inspection of any auditor the City appoints.

The City will endeavor to secure legislation to enable this agreement to be carried into effect.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS OF PROPOSED COMPANY.

PLANS.

It is proposed to organize a Company called "The Anderson Manufacturing Company" to carry on the manufacture of furniture and chairs at Halifax on an extensive scale for the domestic and export markets.

The Company is to be incorporated under the Nova Scotia Joint Stock Companies' Act, with the following powers:—

To manufacture, buy, sell and deal in all kinds of furniture and upholstery, goods and timber, lumber, woods and products thereof and all articles entering into or usually dealt with in or in connection with the furniture or upholstery trade or kindred trades or the manufacture as aforesaid, and all material (now or otherwise) and all commodities, machinery, plant, patterns, designs, mechanical devices, articles and property which may be used for or in connection with any of the aforesaid objects, and generally to carry on business as a furniture plant and upholstery manufacturer and merchant, and all business appertaining to any or all of the matters aforesaid.

In connection with the foregoing to carry on and operate a general lumber business in all its branches, including the logging, driving, sawing, manufacturing and shipping of lumber of every description and kind, and the buying and selling and dealing in lumber of every kind manufactured and unmanufactured.

To acquire, erect, maintain and operate saw mills and factories for the sawing and manufacturing of lumber of all kinds and for the manufacture of furniture and other similar goods.

To build, lease, purchase or otherwise own hold and possess in fee simple or otherwise lands, grants, licenses, lumber lands, lumber rights, timber limits, options, mills, mill machine shops, boiler shops, blacksmith shops, waterways and rights, buildings, plant, machinery, marine slips, vessels, tugs, scows, barges, wharves, booms, dams, driving rights, franchises and privileges, and such other real and personal property as may from time to time be required or deemed necessary for all or any of the purposes of or incident to the business aforesaid, or any part of the same, with power, from time to time to encumber the same or any part of the same, and from time to time to dispose of any property, real or personal, at pleasure, and to do any or all things considered for the accomplishment of the objects for which incorporation is sought as aforesaid.

The Local Legislature will be asked to confirm the above.

Also read report of a minority of said Laws and Privileges Committee, signed by Aldermen Chisholm and Whitman in re Anderson Manufacturing Company.

MINORITY REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 13th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The undermentioned members of the Laws and Privileges Committee, to which Committee the application of a proposed Company, The Anderson Manufacturing Company, for assistance was referred, beg to report as follows:

The proposed Company, among other things, ask the City to loan them \$40,000.00 for the period of thirty-three years, at the rate at which the City can borrow the same, on the security of their land, buildings and machinery, such land, buildings and machinery to cost Sixty Thousand Dollars. The Company by means of a sinking fund is to repay said sum of \$40,000.00 in thirty-three years. The Company is to raise at least another \$40,000.00 by the issue of their own stock. They also want some exemption from taxation for a period of years.

After having given the above matter most careful consideration, we think it would be very unwise for the City of Halifax to grants the proposed Company's requests. We think such a loan and tax exemption are wrong in principle, and if so, cannot be made otherwise in practice.

This concern asks for the following powers:

To manufacture buy, sell and deal in all kinds of furniture and upholstery goods and timber, lumber, woods and products thereof and all articles entering into or usually dealt with in or in connection with the furniture or upholstery trade or kindred trades or the manufacture as aforesaid, and all material (now or otherwise) and all commodities, machinery, ~~raw~~ patterns, designs, mechanical devices, articles and property which may be used for or in connection with any of the aforesaid objects, and generally to carry on business as a furniture plant and upholstery manufacturer and merchant, and all business appertaining to any or all of the matters aforesaid.

In connection with the foregoing to carry on and operate a general lumber business in all its branches, including the logging, driving, sawing, manufacturing and shipping of lumber of every description and kind, and the buying and selling and dealing in lumber of every kind manufactured and unmanufactured.

To acquire, erect, maintain and operate saw mills and factories for the sawing and manufacturing of lumber of all kinds and for the manufacture of furniture and other similar goods.

To build, lease, purchase or otherwise own, hold, and possess in fee simple or otherwise lands, grants, licenses, lumber lands, lumber rights, timber limits, options, mills, mill machine shops, boiler shops, blacksmith shops, waterways and rights, building, plant, machinery, marine slips, vessels, tugs, scows, barges, wharves, booms, dams, driving rights, franchises and privileges, and such other real and personal property as may from time to time be required or deemed necessary for all or any of the purposes of or incident to the business aforesaid, or any part of the same, with power, from time to time to encumber the same or any part of the same, and from time to time to dispose of any property, real or personal, at pleasure, and to do any or all things considered for the accomplishment of the objects for which Incorporation is sought as aforesaid.

Thus the City of Halifax by loaning this concern \$40,000.00, at say 4½%, and exempting them from taxation, submits to unjust and unequal competition any other persons or companies now engaged or who hereafter may be engaged in any business in which this concern may have power to engage, and every person and every business in Town will be compelled to contribute towards the taxes of this concern, and also made pro rata responsible for the \$40,000.00 so loaned.

The granting of this loan and tax exemption would tend to destroy public confidence, interfere with vested interests, create monopolies, and tend to discourage any legitimate enterprise from locating in the City.

The knowledge that these exemptions and bonuses exist deters people from settling here, and if continued, will soon increase the rate of taxation and impair the credit of the City.

The adaptability of the place for the industry is to the only potent factor which should decide its location, and if the the industry will not pay without the help asked for, it should not be established, as it is taking capital from other channels which would be productive, and thus cause a distinct loss to the community.

This policy of making loans and giving tax exemptions will tend to stir up in the towns of the Province, on which Halifax depends for its business, a spirit antagonistic to us.

It would be proper to embody in this report a letter received by one of the undersigned, and dated at Hamilton, Ontario, 6th November, 1908, from one of the leading and most capable men there. It gives valuable information, and discusses the principle of bonusses and tax exemptions. and is as follows :

HAMILTON, Canada, 6th Nov. 1908.

ALF. WHITMAN, ESQ., B. A.,

Barrister, &c.,

8 Prince St., Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR :—I have your letter of the 3rd inst. The only form of bonusing which the City of Hamilton has given in many years is in the way of agreeing for a term of years to a fixed assessment for tax purposes to industries proposing to settle in Hamilton, on condition that they will settle within a certain district, which has been specially set aside for manufacturing locations. If one will follow the history of bonused industries in this Province, one will discover, I am satisfied, that most of them had but a short career. The argument advanced to a municipal corporation to influence a bonus is usually that unless a bonus is given the industry will be established elsewhere. I think this argument in effect is self-destructive. No bonus which could reasonably be looked for would ever justify an industry in settling in one site, if another site was available and economically more desirable. A concern, which, having the whole country to choose from, would elect for the sake of a municipal bonus, to settle in a place which it would not otherwise have selected, must be financially unsound; in fact must be depending upon the bonus for existence, otherwise it would not voluntarily come under conditions which would prove a perpetual handicap in its struggle for existence. Hamilton, a good many years ago, gave a bonus of \$200,000 to a Railway Company to induce it to run through the middle of the City and spoil a great many streets. I think it would now give about as much to relieve its citizens of the danger and nuisance and interruption of traffic which has thereby been created. The Railway would have come in due course without a bonus and taken a route less objectionable. Before then, a bonus was voted for the establishment of a Steel plant here. These are the only two cash bonuses given in recent years. What has attracted industries to Hamilton in large number during the past ten years has been the belief that here they could obtain unlimited electric power at a lower rate than could be obtained anywhere else in the Province. Where a concern can see an economy of several thousand dollars per annum in its expenses for power as against what the same power would cost elsewhere, it naturally unless it is on its last legs for money will rather accept that benefit than a few thousand dollars in cash.

Another thing which has helped Hamilton has been the readiness of its citizens to become stockholders in industries coming here which held out reasonable prospects of being profitable. The ordinary bonus such as you refer to I look

upon as being indefensible except it is to supply a general public want which will not be supplied otherwise.

The following letter from N. Curry the President of Rhodes, Curry & Co., and one of the ablest business men in the Maritime Provinces will be instructive.

AMHERST, Nova Scotia, Nov. 10th, 1908.

ALFRED WHITMAN, ESQ.,
Barrister,
Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 7th, the people of Amherst have always declined to grant either tax exemption or a bonus of any kind to industries either new or old. From all information I can get Towns and Cities that have made a practice of offering inducements in the way of bonuses and Tax exemptions, have in after years been disappointed in the results. No doubt there are exceptions where an industry of an entirely new character not conflicting with anything existing in the place, might be assisted with advantage to all concerned, but cases of this kind, I think are very rare.

If there is an opening for a industry in any given territory, and the right people are behind it, it is very apt to go ahead, and I think more apt to succeed than if bonused.

One reason why bonusing has gotten into ill-repute is on account of numerous industries being started by irresponsible promoters, using the bonus as a inducement to get people into the enterprise, and in many cases they get something out of the promotion, and are really more interested in that than the final success of the business.

Yours truly,

N. CURRY.

ALFRED WHITMAN.
J. A. CHISHOLM.

The majority report is taken up clause by clause.

The recommendations, 1st, in re Charles E. Neville's application for an Exhibition License; 2nd, in re James A. MacDonald's application for commutation of a common lot, and 3rd, in re application of Nathan Komarsky for a junk store license are severally read and adopted.

Read the recommendations of the majority report in re Anderson Manufacturing Company.

Also read the minority report in re Anderson Manufacturing Company.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the clauses of the majority report relating to the Anderson Manufacturing Company and the Memorandum of Agreement be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the minority report be adopted.

Amendment put and lost 3 voting for the same and 14 against, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Whitman, Chisholm,
Bligh.—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Hebb, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly,
Thompson, Martin,
Campbell, Mackenzie,
Edwards, Rankine—14.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the suggestion of the Trades and Labor Council re a "fair wage schedule" be made a condition of the agreement with the proposed Company.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that a delegation was present from the Trades and Labor Council who wished to express their views on this matter.

By unanimous consent of Council the delegates from the Trades and Labor Council were invited to address the Council.

The Council is now addressed by Mr. Scott in opposition to the proposed agreement, but requesting that if the agreement is made that the "fair wage clauses" be incorporated.

In answer to questions Mr. Scott said he was not present as an accredited representative of the Trades and Labor Council.

Mr. Merlin, Assistant Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council addresses the Council asking that the fair wage clauses be inserted in any agreement that may be made.

The mover and seconder of the amendment now submit the same in writing as follows ;—

That the interests of the workmen of the City should be protected by the insertion of the "fair wage" clauses in the proposition to be entered into between the City and the Anderson Chair Company.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Chisholm.

The Council is now, by consent, addressed by Mr. Oliver G. Anderson.

His Worship the Mayor put the question, "That the report be adopted with the amendment."

The names being taken on the division, there appeared :—

For.

Aldermen Shaffner, Chisholm,
Hebb, Bligh, McManus,
Douglas, Smith, Hoben,
Kelly, Thompson, Martin,
Campbell, MacKenzie,
Edwards, Rankine.—15.

Against.

Alderman Whitman.—1.

His Worship the Mayor declared the report as amended, adopted,
Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Martin, that
the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 10th, 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 Hoben, Rankine, Edwards, Bligh, Smith, Whitman, Chisholm, Mackenzie and Hebb.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Mackenzie, 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 Shaffner, Wilson, Kelly, Hubley, and Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common, by Alderman Kelly Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.

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

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

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Hoben. Chairman

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie for Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report Exhibition Commission re accounts for 1908 Exhibition.

Report Special Committee re sale of Old Exhibition Lots

Report Police Committee, covering accounts.

Reports (3) City Health Board, viz :

Purity of City Water Supply.

Unlicensed Dogs.

Certain sewers.

Letter City Solicitor re suit Fenerty vs City of Halifax.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz :

Distillery Chimney.

Plans Falconer & McDonald's residence.

Cedar Street sewer.

Agricola Street Sewer.

Tenders for Cement.

Accounts.

Proposed Street Alterations.

Cash Statements City Collector for July and August.

Petition Salvation Army Rescue Home and Monastery of Good Shepherd for annual civic grant.

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

Letter Board of Fire Underwriters in re investigations into fires.

Letter Board of Fire Underwriters in re cutting electric wires.

Application W. M. Gibbons for moving picture show license.

Petition John Foley for sewer extension LeMarchant Street.

Petition for water extension Livingstone Street

Petition for sewer Maynard Street.

Petition for concrete sidewalk Robie Street.

Petition Edward Maxwell for sewer Cedar Street.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for July and August.
Filed.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Robie Street. Referred to
Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Health Board re purity of City Water supply.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, December 10th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday I was directed to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a report from the City Engineer on the possible contamination of the Chain of Lakes, and to request that your Council take some action to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 4th, 1908.

Chairman City Health Board:

SIR,—In compliance with your request to report on the possible contamination of the Chain of Lakes from Beech Hill Settlement or from any other source I beg to submit the following:—

There is a possibility of contamination of the low service water supply from houses on the water shed, from the highway and from the railroad, although in most cases the possibility is more remote than in those which we have been watching. In the case of the Halifax and South Western Railway the line runs a short distance north of the upper and lower Chain Lake and crosses water courses which are dry in summer but which during and immediately after rains carry the surface water to the lakes. When the line was under construction I used every effort to prevent contamination of the water in consequence of the number of men employed along the hill side above the lake. Now that the line is open there is still a remote possibility of disease germs being dropped from a passing train and carried in the water courses already mentioned to the lakes. Typhoid fever is a water-born disease, and while there is a possibility, no matter how remote, every precaution should be taken to guard against infection of the water. In large cities the lavatories and closets are closed while the trains are within the City limits for purposes of cleanliness principally. The doors are not unlocked by the brakemen until the train has passed beyond the City limits. I can see no reason why the closets on the Halifax and South Western trains should not be kept locked between Beech Hill and Halifax. While there is no cause for alarm, yet the precaution should be taken. The nearest house to the lakes on the slopes draining to them is Mr. John Umlah's at the forks of the Prospect and Margaret's Bay Road. Mr. Umlah keeps pigs on his property and has a stable. There is no water course running from his premises to the lakes, but during rains and when the snow is melting off the water runs over the surface from his property to the lakes, which are not far away. This property is a menace to the purity of the water in the lakes, and the City should purchase it at the first favorable opportunity. In the meantime it should be closely and carefully inspected at frequent intervals, and the City Health authorities should be notified at once of any disease in the house. Section 617 of the City Charter gives the City power to deal with certain conditions which might impair the quality of the water for domestic uses. While this house and premises is nearer to the lakes than any other on the water shed there are a number of others from which the water supply might be injuriously affected more easily. In Beech Hill there are several instances in which the barn and privy are very close to the surface water course running directly to Long Lake, from which the City's water supply in the low service district is drawn through the Chain Lakes. If the City could afford it there should be no residences allowed on the water shed. If, however, they must be allowed to remain the same rigid inspection and enforcement of the regulations is necessary in Beech Hill as in connection with Mr. Umlah's property. I did not ascertain the names of the owners of properties in Beech Hill which are near the water course, but could point them out to the Health Inspectors.

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

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition Salvation Army Rescue Home for fixed annual civic grant.

Also read petition Monastery of the Good Shepherd for a similar grant. The same are referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Read application W. M. Gibbons for a license for moving picture show. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition for sewer Maynard Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for water extension Livingstone Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for sewer extension LeMarchant Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Health Board re unlicensed dogs.

UNLICENSED DOGS.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, HALIFAX, N. S., Dec 10th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by resolution of the City Health Board to call your attention to the number of unlicensed and diseased dogs at present going at large in this City, and to request that your Council will take some action to either have them registered so that they can be identified or done away with.

JOHN A. WATERS.

Referred to Police Committee for report.

Read letter Board of Fire Underwriters re cutting off electric currents at fires.

TURNING OFF ELECTRIC CURRENT AT FIRES.

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITES,

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 30th, 1908.

OVERHEAD WIRING.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, Esq., *City Clerk,*

DEAR SIR,—On several occasions, recently, the Fire Department has been hampered by overhead wiring and inability to have current promptly shut off. This was especially noticeable at the Old Distillery fire on Pleasant Street, when for thirty or forty minutes the Fire Department was delayed on this account. It is reported that no official of the Fire Department has any authority to cut or remove these wires to facilitate the work of the Fire Department in such cases, and I am directed to request that you kindly bring this matter to the attention of the Mayor and members of the Council at an early date, so that proper steps will be taken to have the necessary legislation enacted vesting the authority in the Fire Department or Electrician's Department to cut or remove any overhead wiring when deemed expedient.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary.*

Referred to Committee of Fire Wards for report.

Read letter Board of Fire Underwriters re investigations into fires.

INVESTIGATIONS INTO FIRES.

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS,

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 2nd, 1908.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, Esq., *City Clerk,*

DEAR SIR,—During 1906 the rates of Insurance on certain risks in the City of Halifax were reduced, in accordance with a previous promise to your Council that the reduction would be granted " When provision was made by law for a fire inquest whenever called for by either the civic authorities, the Board of Trade or the Board of Fire Underwriters " We were given to understand that this legislation had been obtained and the rates were consequently reduced as promised.

Quite recently, however, at least two fires in the City of "unknown origin" have occurred and which it was felt should be investigated. His Worship the Mayor appeared quite willing and anxious that the origin of these fires should be investigated, but on consulting with His Honor the Recorder it was found that the necessary machinery to enable His Worship to have such an investigation held was deficient in as much as no provision was made for the payment of the expenses attending such an investigation when ordered held by the Mayor of the City.

It is felt by our Board that this omission was an oversight on the part of the City when the Act was being prepared, and as we carried out our promise and reduced the rates, while in reality they should not have been reduced, it is felt that the City should at once make provision to have the necessary legislation obtained to made the Act effective, by providing for the payment of the expenses attending such investigations when ordered held by the Mayor of the City.

I will be obliged if you will kindly place this communication before the Council at the earliest opportunity and advise me what action is taken towards having the oversight remedied.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary.*

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report City Health Board re certain sewers.

SEWERS.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Dec. 2nd, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—I am directed by the City Health Board to call your attention to the urgent need of constructing a drain or sewer in Gerrish Lane. There are seven houses in the lane which have no drainage, and as a consequence the cellars and surroundings are in a very unsanitary condition and a menace to the public health. A sewer through the lane with which these houses could drain would remedy the trouble.

I am also instructed to call your attention to the lack of proper drainage on the premises of Mrs. Eden, No. 31 and 33 Gottingen Street, and ask that such steps be at once taken as will enable Mrs. Eden to connect her premises with the Gottingen Street sewer.

Referring to the above, the following resolution was passed by the Board:—

Resolved, "That in the interest of public health and in accordance with section 786 of the City Charter, the City Council and Committee on Works be communicated with and requested to order the immediate construction of a sewer in Gerrish Lane and to grant Mrs. Eden permission, without further delay, to connect her houses with the sewer in Gottingen Street."

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter City Solicitor re costs in *suit Fenerty vs. City of Halifax.*

FENERTY VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor:

DEAR SIR,—I have previously advised you respecting the result of this action, in which the City succeeded upon the substantial points, but admitted damages to

the extent of \$100 for the diversion of water during the great drought of 1905, and offered to pay the costs of a trial up to the time of the admission. These costs have been taxed at the sum of \$196.15, making a total amount payable to the plaintiffs \$296.15. The plaintiff's solicitor has requested payment of this amount, and I would ask that arrangements be made for its payment.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said costs be paid out of Contingent Account. Motion passed.

Read report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act. Filed.

VIOLETIONS LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Dec. 10th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council I beg to report that the following named person has been reported to me for violation of the Liquor License Act on Sunday :—

Maud Kerwin, 226 Upper Water St., unlicensed, on 15th November, 1908.

JOHN A. RUDLAND, *Chief of Police*

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works, re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 10th, 1908.

To the City Council :

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

Water Maintenance	\$631 10
“ Construction	655 43
Street Lighting	1715 03
Permanent Sidewalks	611 18
Teams and Stables	467 14
Sewerage	380 83
Widening Lower Water St. on acct	350 00
New Workshops	200 73
“ “ on acct G. B. Low's contract	2000 00
City Hall Lighting	64 99
City Property	22 09
Contingent Acct	10 00
Cleaning Paved Streets	2 04
Total	\$7110 56

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for November.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 10th, 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

The Superintendent's report for November shows that during the month there were 76 persons admitted into the City Home, 38 discharged, 4 died and 1 born. Of the number admitted 35 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Glace Bay, C. B., and 40 to the City. The total number of inmates November 30th was 387, made up of 250 men and 137 women.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—

Wentzell, Limited, \$540.99. W. A. Maling & Co., \$415.93. Smith Bros., \$73.20. F. A. Shaw, \$72.11. George Gregoire, \$28.00. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$234.54. H. D. MacKenzie & Co., Ltd., \$64.99. Henry Lovett, \$19.77. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$43.60. The Fleischmann Co., \$9.15. Canadian Casualty and Inspection Co., \$35.00. Wm. Taylor & Co., Ltd., \$18.00. T. Larsen & Co., \$11.40. Alex. Adams & Co., \$7.98. Black & Flinn, \$8.25. F. W. Bissett & Co., \$16.00. W. C. Knight, 50c. W. Y. Kennedy, \$18.00. T. C. Allen & Co., \$13.80. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$1.20. Baldwin & Co., \$8.95. Wm. McFatrige, \$27.00. Farquhar Bros., \$2.75. H. L. Dickey, M. D., \$5.00. J. F. O'Connell, \$1.50. B. J. Mulcahy, \$230.74. Pay Sheet for November, \$641.49. W. N. Brown, \$10.00. Alex. Adams, \$340.12. Total, \$2,899.96.

P. J. McMANUS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

DECEMBER 10TH, 1908.

To the City Council:

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

J. F. O'Connell, uniform caps, \$105.60. R. B. Adams, corn brooms, \$1.75. Amherst Boot & Shoe Co., men's short boots, \$3.40. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$8.40. Cragg Bros. & Co., hardware, \$1.25. W. & C Silver, repairing clothes, \$8.00. Total, \$128.40.

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

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

Read report Library Commission, covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

CITY HALL, December 10th, 1908.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Commission beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz :—

T. C. Allen & Co., book, etc., \$24.92. Library Bureau of Canada, book pockets, \$8.00. Quebec Daily Telegraph, Tercentenary History, \$3.27. Mutual Subscription Agency, balance, 75c. School for the Blind, seating chairs, \$1.80. Annual Review Pub. Co., Can. An. Review, \$3.60. McAlpine Pub. Co., directory, \$3.50. Mutual Sub. Agency, Sub. Magazine. \$134.55—Total \$180.39.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*
S. Y. WILSON.
G. A. MACKENZIE.

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

The accompanying accounts were approved and passed for payment, and the Secretary requested to forward same to your Council for its approval and concurrence :—

Nova Scotia Nursery, \$56.85. F. A. Shaw, \$24.05. Halifax Herald, \$12.75. A. E. Donovan, \$5.32. A. H. Buckley, 55c. J. McInnis & Son, \$15.35. S. Cunard & Co., 75.56. H. H. Fuller & Co., \$7.83. Halifax Electric Tram Co. \$3.96. National Drug Co., 75c. Total, \$202.97.

EDWARD T. POWER, *Secretary.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee, covering accounts for payment

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 8th, 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 being present Aldermen Kelly (Chairman) Wilson, Hubley and Edwards. The following accounts, amounting to \$193.51 were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Halifax Tram Co., light, \$2.34. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing, \$2.25. Clayton & Sons, uniforms, \$53.25. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$3.75. John H. Sutherland, dry goods \$10.45. Amherst Boot & Shoe Co., boots, \$25.35. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$14.45. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$9.50. Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$4.52. Black & Flinn, oats, \$48.00. Wentzells' Ltd., groceries, \$19.65. Total—\$193.51.

The monthly reports of Governor and Matron were submitted and are hereto annexed.

J. F. KELLY, Chairman.

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

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

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards was held this afternoon. Present: Aldermen Hubley (Chairman), Hebb, Edwards, McManus, Thompson and Whitman.

1. The Committee called for tenders for supply of forage for month of December and received the following:—

	Hay.	Oats..	Bran.	Bedding.
F. A. Shaw	\$12 00	50c.	\$1 25	\$ 9 00
F. W. Fraser,	11 50	50c.	1 30	10 00
J. S. Cashen & Sons,	12 50	52c.	1 30	10 00
J. R. Siteman & Co.,	12 50	52c.	1 25	9 50
E. J. Fenton,	13 50	55c.	1 35	10 00
Gunn & Co., Ltd.,	12 50	55c.	1 30	9 00

At the same time the Committee called for tenders for supply of forage for eleven months ending October 31st, 1909, and received the following:—

	Hay.	Oats.	Bran.	Bedding.
J. S. Cashen & Sons,	\$15 00	59c.	\$26 50	\$11 00
Gunn & Co., Ltd.,	14 50	60c.	26 00	10 00
F. A. Shaw,	12 50	52c.	25 00	9 00
E. J. Fenton,	14 75	58c.	28 00	11 00
F. W. Fraser,	14 50	58c.	27 00	11 00

It is recommended that the tender of F. A. Shaw for eleven months, being the lowest, be accepted.

2. James P. Mackasey, Callman No. 4 Engine, Wm. Irons, Callman No. 3 Engine, and Albert Silver, Callman No. 4 hose, were reported for absence from third alarm of fire November 5th from box 37. Mackasey subsequently resigned and his resignation is recommended for acceptance. The charge against Irons was dismissed as sufficiently punished. It is recommended that Silver be requested to send in his resignation.

3. The Tram Co. have granted the permanent force permission to ride free on the cars when on duty.

4. Five lengths of Maltese Cross hose burst during the last month—three lengths in service and two at test of fire engine "Columbia." Four of the lengths have been in service from ten to eleven years, and one length three years. It is recommended that the agents be requested to replace the last named length.

5. The axle of the Combination Chemical and Ledger Truck was broken while responding to the alarm from box 37 November 5th. It was immediately repaired, and the agent will be requested to pay the bill.

6. It is recommended that a new fire alarm box (No. 13) be purchased when funds are available, and placed at corner of Brussels and Inglis Streets. Cost about \$130.00.

7. The Board considered Mr. G. G. Handley's application for installation of a tapper in his house, No. 12 Church Street. Mr. Handley offered to pay the cost of tapper and installation, and 50 cents per month for electric current. The City Electrician's report on the matter was read. It is recommended that Mr. Handley's application be not granted.

8. Your Board had before them a letter from the Tram Company, in which they agree to immediately turn current from their wires in case of fire, on application of either the Chairman of the Board or the Chief of the Fire Department. It is recommended that this be approved, and a copy of the letter forwarded to the Board of Fire Underwriters.

9. The Board considered the resolution of the Halifax Temperance Alliance re sobriety of the members of the Fire Department. It is recommended that the Halifax Temperance Alliance be notified that it has been and is the practice of the Fire Department to employ only men of sober habits, and that this committee is carrying out the sentiments expressed in the resolution.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Halifax Elec. Tram Co., light \$31.31, power \$7.94—\$39.25. Halifax Elec. Tram Co., badge, \$1.00. Austen Bros., repairing hose, \$7.62. A. M. Bell, supplies, \$2.80. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$10.80. G. M. Cullen & Co., painting, \$53.37. Canadian Rubber Co., matting, \$8.80. Patk. Dowd, carriage work, \$32.26. E. B. Eddy Co., paper, \$7.48. R. E. Flannigan, repairing coat, \$2.50. Neil Fox, saddlery, \$11.85. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$24.54. Globe Laundry, work, \$15.26. T. Hogan & Co., new boiler "Columbia," \$741.00. T. Hogan & Co., boiler work, \$75.56. Pitner Lights, supplies, \$4.25. Imperial Oil Co., oil \$9.00, gasoline \$20.50—\$29.50. T. C. Johnson & Sons, badges, \$1.25. Longard Bros., repairs, \$13.00. Market Restaurant, meals, \$9.40. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$16.49. Melvin & Co. lumber, 62c. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$14.94. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$3.62. Rhodes, Curry & Co., lumber, \$1.69. A. Rogers, painting, \$42.00. James Roue, distilled water, \$1.50. Geo. E. Smith & Co., paint, 20c. Stairs, Son & Morrow, screws, 10c. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$322.95. J. Wonnacott, locks, \$1.10. M. Weaver, cleaning vault, \$8.00. Wentzells, Ltd., soap, etc., \$1.79. Farquhar Bros., wire, etc., \$17.35. Total, \$1,523.84.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

TURNING OFF ELECTRIC CURRENT AT FIRES

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 20th, 1908.

To the Chairman of the Fire Board City of Halifax :

DEAR SIR,—In response to your recent visit re cutting wires at fires, beg to say that I have given instructions to our linemen to receive orders from the Chairman of the Board and from the Chief of the Department. I have also instructed our Chief Engineer to give orders to his men to pull any circuits at the request of the above officials.

When wishing current turned off at the Station, kindly call up 511, then ask for the Power House and get hold of the Engineer in charge.

JAS. W. CROSBY, *Manager.*

P. S.—I might add that our linemen have instructions to report at any fire, whether during the day or night.

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report special committee on sale of Old Exhibition lots.

OLD EXHIBITION LOTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Messrs. R. G. Beazley and Falconer & MacDonald have agreed to purchase the first lot on College Street, in rear of their property, measuring about 37 ft. x 125 ft., at the price fixed by your Committee, viz. : one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

We would respectfully recommend that their offer be accepted, and the lot deeded to them for the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*E. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 8th, 1908

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hoben, (Chairman), Bligh, Smith and Edwards, a number of matters referred to the Committee for report were considered and dealt with as follows :—

1st. In re report City Solicitor on award of B. A. Weston, Esq., Commissioner appointed under Chapter 75 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 1908, to hold an inquiry on claim of Patrick Kehoe for land taken for Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way.

It is recommended that the accompanying resolution, prepared by the City Solicitor, be adopted.

2nd. Re letters of the Montreal Standard and The Standard of the Empire (London, Eng.), re advertising the City of Halifax in these papers.

The Committee decided to consider these applications when dealing with the estimates for 1909-10, as there are no funds available for this service this year.

3rd. In re application Governors of Dalhousie College for a piece of land belonging to the City, facing the College Grounds.

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the Committee have an opportunity to get further information as to the value of the property commercially or otherwise.

4th. Your Committee further report that the City Treasurer had, by letter, informed the Council that it will be necessary to borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 to pay one-half of the Dry Dock subsidy for 1908, due 1st December inst., and suggested that a stock certificate Consolidated Fund, 1880, bearing interest at 4 per cent. be issued for this purpose, and that the trustees of the Sinking Fund be asked to advance the money on this security.

It is recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue to the trustees of the Sinking Fund stock certificates to produce \$5,000.00 (at not less than 95 per cent. of par) Consolidated Fund, 1880, at 4 per cent. interest per annum, for one-half Dry Dock subsidy, 1908.

5th. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a report from the City Auditor on the deficit of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, 1908, covering a statement of expenditure and income, also a further statement of expenditure on capital to date.

It is recommended that before the money is provided for the Exhibition deficit the Finance Committee be furnished with a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, properly signed by the Exhibition officials, and vouched for by the City Auditor; also that the Finance Committee have access to the books of the Commission.

It is further recommended that the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained on the City's liability with respect to the capital account.

The following accounts, amounting to \$150.65 were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment:—

Royal Gazette, advertising City appointments to School Board, \$1.00. A. & W. MacKinlay, books, City Collector \$3.25, City Clerk \$1.50—\$4.75. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, Mayor's office \$9.00, License Inspector \$4.35, City Assessors \$3.50, City Clerk \$9.65, City Collector \$13.55—\$40.05. Geo. H. Fielding, inquiry and report on death John Nelson \$5.00, Thomas O'Leary \$5.00—\$10.00. Dr. W. D. Finn, M. E., certificates of death Lillian A. Tummonds \$4.00, Ann C. Norris \$4.00—\$8.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., \$6.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$80.85. Total, \$150.65.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 re Patrick Kehoe claim.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, B. A. Wilson, Esq., Commissioner appointed by His Lordship the Chief

Justice, under Cap. 75 Acts of 1908, to determine the additional compensation (if any) to be paid to Patrick Kehoe for the land taken by the Halifax and South-Western Railway and for damages to his property has made his report awarding to said Kehoe the sum of two hundred and ninety one dollars (\$291.00) in addition to the sum of two hundred and nine dollars (\$209.00) already paid him;

Therefore Resolved, that the said Kehoe be paid the sum of two hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$291.00.)

Further Resolved, That the City do pay to said B. A. Weston, Esq., the sum of sixty dollars (\$60 00) being his fees as such Commissioner.

Further Resolved, That the Treasurer do borrow the said sums from a bank and that the said sums with any interest thereon be included in next year's assessment.

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

Clause 2, re advertising Halifax; 3 in re offer of Dalhousie College to purchase certain City property; and Clause 4 in re Dry Dock subsidy, are severally read and adopted.

Read Clause 5 re Provincial Exhibition Deficit 1908.

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

Read Clause 6 re Accounts. Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Alderman Whitman gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council submit a resolution providing for a larger representation of the City Council on the Board of School Commissioners, said representation to be made more responsible to the ratepayers for the expenditures of the Board.

Read letter Secretary Exhibition Commission covering Financial Statement and itemized account of the Provincial Exhibition 1908.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION,

HALIFAX, Dec. 10th, 1908.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to hand herewith financial statement and itemized account of the expenditures and receipts in connection with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

M. McF. HALL, *Manager and Secretary.*

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

To the President and Members of the N. S. Provincial Exhibition Commission:

GENTLEMEN,—I have this day completed the examination of the books, vouchers

and accounts of your Secretary and Manager, and find same correct and sufficiently vouched; also that all bills of expenditure have passed your Executive Committee.

The expenditure on this year's exhibition (1908) over income is \$12,019.51.

Capital account last year as reported by me, November 19th, 1907, was... \$4,878.86
and has increased this year 1,075.01

Making now \$5,953.87

This is at present \$82,600. Insurance on buildings costing \$2,065 per year at 2½% which is fully paid up to September 21st. 1909.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

EXHIBITION 1908

Oct. 31.	DR.	
Horse Department.....		\$ 100 40
Agriculture.....		50 00
Arts.....		100 00
Poultry.....		190 27
Transportation.....		66 65
Sheep and Swine.....		31 50
Educational.....		62 50
Horticultural.....		101 30
Ticket.....		702 05
Lighting.....		765 55
Manufacturers.....		284 44
Machinery.....		94 50
Cattle.....		93 00
Speed.....		824 46
Insurance.....		2,065 00
Watchman.....		559 00
Caretaker.....		457 50
Interest.....		975 42
Postage.....		375 21
Fire Department.....		19 20
Bands.....		1,095 00
Commissioners' Expenses.....		175 45
Secretary's Office.....		2,090 71
Domestic.....		59 41
Printing and Advertising.....		2,881 35
Reception and Meals.....		284 55
Lodging Bureau.....		43 00
Police.....		636 15
Judges.....		290 50
Attractions.....		5,168 60
Expense.....		835 44
Maintenance.....		893 95
Fisheries.....		439 11
Prizes ord.....		10,005 05
Speed.....	\$5,920 00	
Contrib.....	550 00	
	5,370 00	
Dining Hall.....		47 14
		<u>\$38,243 36</u>

CR.

Oct. 31.	
Admissions, including Railway, strip tickets, exhibitors and privileges	\$20,025 75
Rentals	220 00
Privileges	1,631 18
Entry fees, ord	816 92
" speed	3,530 00
	\$26,223 85
Expenditure over receipts	\$12,019 51

MEMORANDUM OF CAPITAL ACCOUNT 1907.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 5th, 1907.

DR.

To contract building horse barns	\$ 8,666 66
Extra labor, filling and grading, wiring, putting netting on stalls, etc.	761 42
Contract building Grand Stand	10,926 00
Extra labor and materials, doors, ticket boxes, turnstiles, timers' stand, painting judges' stand, wiring Grand Stand, filling and grading	1,451 96
Cost of Sait Courtney re building	1,580 47
	\$23,286 51

CR.

By Insurance Grand Stand	\$ 3,600 00
Insurance Horse Barns	4,807 65
Grant from City	5,000 00
Grant from Province	5,000 00
	18,407 65
	\$ 4,878 96

January 1st, 1908.

To amount of Capital Account 1907	\$ 4,878 36
paid for electric signs	55 40
at Ticket Boxes	
Day & Kinsman, new closets, plumbing, etc	213 25
Hillis & Sons, for dining room outfit	364 89
John Davison & Son for lumber	73 86
John Macinnis & Son for lumher, new flashings on roof mines and Art buildings	167 28
labor stand platform, horse barn, feed shed, etc	200 33
	1,075 01
	\$ 9,953 37

Correct.

W. W. FOSTER, Auditor.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Chisholm, (Chairman), Whitman, Douglas, Hoben and Edwards, the Committee had under consideration a letter of the Halifax Arena Company asking for a hearing by the Committee on the matter of license fee charged the Arena. Mayor A. B. Crosby, (President of the Arena Co.), John W. Brookfield, a Director, and Wm. Glassey, Secretary of the Company, attended. His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Company, asked that the license fee (\$250.00) be waived for the present year. The Arena pays about \$400 in taxes and about \$250 in water rates. The management were willing to give the school children the free use of the Arena, if it were required for that purpose—for massing the children.

On June 1st, 1908, this Committee fixed the fee at \$250, and the report was adopted by the Council on June 8th, 1908. The Arena Company later asked for a reduction of this fee, and this Committee decided on July 16th, 1908, that the fee was not excessive. That determination was confirmed by the Council on August 6th, 1908. Your Committee after again considering the matter have decided not to change their previous recommendations.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the application of the Warren Bituminous Paving Company for payment of money held by the City for fines on paving contract.

Mr. J. J. Ritchie, Solicitor, appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Company.

The Committee decided to adhere to the report of the Committee on Works adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on 4th April 1907—by a vote of 13 to 3—that the sum of one thousand dollars be tendered to the Company without prejudice in full of all demands in order to avoid litigation.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for cement.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for 500 bbls Cement were submitted by the City Engineer, viz:—

Brookfield Bros	\$57 50	per 100 lbs.
E. F. Stevens	54 40	" " "
" "	52 30	" " "
W. Stairs Son & Morrow	51 05	" " "

It was decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender of W. Stairs Son & Morrow, it being the lowest.

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

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

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

AGRICOLA STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 1st, 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 Agricola St Sewer extension was read and recommended for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I am requested to report on the advisability of extending the Agricola Street sewer now under construction to Stairs Street. The construction of this sewer is being carried out to take the surface water which accumulates so rapidly on the flat between Young St. and Kane St. As this would necessitate the collection of all the surface water at one entrance to the sewer it would be much easier to take it at two or three points and less likely to cause trouble. In addition the extension to Stairs St will drain a number of houses, and as the water pipe has been laid up this street, the sewer becomes a greater necessity. The estimated cost of extending it to Stairs Street is \$5,250.00. Estimated assessment, \$1,425.00.

I would recommend that the work be put on the order book to be done when possible to get the material ready, and that it shall be constructed in continuation of the work now in hand.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Distillery chimney.

DISTILLERY CHIMNEY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 1st, 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 in re Distillery Chimney was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 25th 1908

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition referred to me. The petitioners complain of the dangerous condition of the chimney standing on the site of the recently burnt distillery. The petitioners state that the chimney is liable to fall at any moment. I have examined the chimney carefully—first immediately after the fire, and the last time the day after the wall fell. I can see no signs of weakness or failure in the chimney which would justify me in forming the opinion that the chimney was liable to fall at any moment. At the same time the chimney is more liable to be weakened during the frosty weather from now until the first of April than during the summer season. There is danger, however, of bricks falling or being blown off the top of the chimney, as that part of the chimney has begun to go to pieces, and steps should be taken to prevent what might easily be fatal injuries.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. Dougald MacGillivray who was present representing the Board of Trade desired to address the Council on a matter of importance.

By leave of Council the meeting is now addressed by Mr. MacGillivray and Rev. H. F. Waring on the subject of Tuberculosis, setting forth the necessity of attracting public attention to the dangers of the same.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the City Council endorse the proposition of the Board of Trade on the subject of Tuberculosis and that the same be referred to the Board of Health.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re plans of Falconer & MacDonald's residence, Tower Road.

FALCONER AND MACDONALD'S RESIDENCE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 18th, 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 the plans of the residence which Messrs. Falconer & MacDonald propose to erect was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 18th, 1908

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In compliance with the conditions under which the lots in the Old Exhibition property are sold. I beg to submit herewith the plans of the residence which Messrs. Falconer & MacDonald propose to erect on the land 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 Hubley, that the plans be approved and said reports adopted. Motion passed.

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

CEDAR STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 10th, 1908.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re extension of Cedar Street Sewer was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—I have been requested to report on the proposal to extend the Cedar Street sewer beyond the length already ordered. Mr. E. Maxwell states that he is going to build a house on the south-east corner of Henry and Cedar Streets and asks to have the sewer extended far enough to drain his building. There is a great deal of surface water coming down to this point from the north and the extension of the sewer will intercept a great deal of the water which causes so much trouble in the neighboring properties.

The estimated cost is \$890.00.

I would recommend that the extension be made and that the work be continued while they are upon the ground

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

Also read petition Edward Maxwell for construction of said sewer.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re proposed Street Alterations, covering plans.

STREET ALTERATIONS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec 1st, 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 proposed Street Alterations was read and referred to Council for its consideration.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on two petitions asking the Council to consider what the petitioners claim to be an improvement in communication between the north and south ends of the City.

One petition, bearing 132 signatures, proposes the opening of a street from the corner of Duke and Argyle Streets to the corner of Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

The other petition, signed by 390, proposes the opening of a street from the middle of the block on Grafton Street between Buckingham and Duke Streets to Brunswick Street at Hurd Street, and also the extension of Brunswick Street through the Admiralty property and Wellington Barracks to North Starr Street.

This is really three different propositions and they must be considered separately.

Taking up the first one, namely: the proposal to open a Street from the head of Jacob Street to the corner of Duke and Argyle Streets, the plan proposed is the same as that formerly proposed and which under the law the City Engineer was required to lay down on the official plan when preparing it. The sentiment of the Council when this matter was before them seemed to be in opposition, especially at this time

Considering the grades, relieving the traffic not only on the roadways but on the street railway and the location of the street so that it would cost the least land damages I think the plan accompanying this petition is the best proposal.

The plan accompanying the second petition shows a street which would terminate in the middle of the block on Grafton Street, which, in my opinion, is decidedly objectionable. It also lays down a line which cuts off a long frontage on Brunswick Street, which would add largely to the cost, and in my opinion unnecessarily. There would be

no corresponding advantage that I can see, except making a straight street, while the disadvantages and extra cost would very much outweigh any advantage to be obtained by making the street straight. In fact, I can see no advantage but that the lines would be straight, which is not absolutely necessary.

The object of the petitioners seems to be to provide an easier grade for traffic between the North end and the South end than the existing streets give. The opening a street from Brunswick Street to Grafton Street will not solve the problem. Traffic going from the north end to the south end would reach Spring Garden Road at its junction with Grafton Street and from that point would go farther south via Pleasant Street or Queen Street. Pleasant Street traffic need not be considered as it can reach its destination by way of Lockman Street and Barrington Street by easy grades or down hill from the higher streets. Heavy traffic from south to north is very limited. For points farther west in the south end the extension of Brunswick Street to Hastings Street promises a much cheaper, straighter and more direct route with much better grades.

As the individual members of the Council in discussing this matter in connection with the official plan have practically decided against it at the present time, and as the Laws and Privileges Committee have decided against it, I would recommend that further consideration be postponed unless the Council are prepared to face the expenditure which the adoption of the proposal means.

The extension of Brunswick Street through the Admiralty property and Wellington Barracks property would no doubt receive the opposition of the Military authorities as it would from their standpoint destroy both properties until they are prepared to open them up for other purposes than those for which they are now in use. The extension of Brunswick Street as proposed would be a desirable improvement and in considering future street plans it should not be lost sight of. I think this street should not only be laid down on the official plan, but should be approved when the plan is approved; otherwise the time does not seem to be opportune for making any definite move in the direction of the adoption of either proposal. It might be wise, however, to obtain the views of the Militia Department on the proposed changes as far as they affect Military property.

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

Placed on Order of Day.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Wilson asked when His Worship the Mayor would nominate the special committee to investigate City Prison matters.

His Worship the Mayor now nominates Aldermen Whitman, Smith and MacKenzie as such Committee. (See Minutes of Council Nov. 5th, 1908.)

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the City Prison Committee be authorized to advertise for tenders for lease of the City Prison farm and report to the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that

this Council request the Governor-in-Council not to assent to any increases in the estimates of the Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax for teachers' salaries other than the schedule of increases approved of by this Council last year.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Chisholm, Hebb,
Bligh, Smith,
Hoben, Hubley,
Thompson, Edwards —10.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Kelly,
MacKenzie, Rankine.—4.

Alderman Hubley asked why the printed Minutes of Council for the past three years were not indexed.

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

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 30th, 1908.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Bligh, Wilson, Martin, Hubley, MacKenzie and Chisholm.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above names, together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Thompson, Hebb, Shaffner, Rankine, Kelly, Whitman, Douglas, McManus, Smith, Campbell, Hoben and Edwards.

The Council was summoned to consider the Estimates 1909-10, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Alderman Whitman on behalf of four members of the Finance Committee submits a report from said committee covering the Estimates for the civic year ending April 30th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor submits a petition from the call firemen for an increase of pay.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Finance Committee on the Estimates as submitted by Alderman Whitman, Smith, Bligh and Thompson.

ESTIMATES 1909-1910

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—The subscribing members of the Finance Committee beg to lay before you the Estimates for the year 1909-10. They recommend the same for adoption by the Council.

The total salaries last year of City officials amounted to \$35,675.00. This year the total is \$35,975.00. The increased \$300.00 is in the salary of the City Auditor, which was made last year, and fixed by a statute of last winter's local legislature.

The Police Department estimate is increased by 6,700.00, which is almost entirely due to the increase in pay granted last winter and sanctioned by last session of Legislature and paid this year, but not included in the last estimates, so we have to include in our estimates for next year the amount of the two years' increase in pay, which is about \$5,900.00, and also about \$800.00 for new ulsters.

We are pleased that the City Prison Committee have been able to cut down the estimate for Rockhead Prison \$835.00 (from \$6,050.00 to \$5,215.00) and that