

after providing for the deficit of 1907-8 of \$215.00. They have reduced the staff by one underkeeper, and have made other reductions.

The estimate for Department of City Works is \$90.00 less than last year.

The sum of \$5500.00 allowed for cleaning paved streets is about the amount expended on those streets before they were paved for both repairing and cleaning. To get a correct idea of what the luxury of paved streets cost we have to add the interest (\$3450.00) on the City's half of the cost and \$1590.00 paid yearly into the sinking fund, making a total yearly cost to the City for our paved streets of \$10,540.00, as against a total yearly cost of about \$5,500.00 for their up-keep and cleaning before they were paved. To this must be added the cost to the adjoining owners, being about \$80000.00.

The increased pay of laborers granted last spring means an equivalent to a reduction of about \$3,000.00 from the \$25,000.00 for streets, and of about \$2,500.00 from the \$17,000.00 for Internal Health, so that the \$25,000.00 for streets and \$17,000.00 for Internal Health under the present rate of pay is about equal to \$22,000.00 for street and \$14,500.00 for Internal Health under the rate of pay prior to this year. If the finances of the City would permit, we think these two items should be considerably increased.

We regret that we cannot add to the estimate of \$22,800.00 for lighting streets, but we have to let this sum remain at the same figure as last year. There are many places where additional lights should be placed.

There is a small decrease in the Fire Department estimates of \$221.00. We had hoped that this decrease would have been greater owing to the cutting out of the sum of \$1,157.00 included in the last estimates for aerial ladder; but an increase of \$400.00 to the Union Protection Company and \$200.00 for furnace in Grafton Street House, and \$180.00 for plumbing in Quinpool Road House prevented a further decrease in this department.

Under "Extra Assessments" we find an increase of \$1,862.46 for the "County of Halifax." This increase is in consequence of the construction of the addition, &c., &c., to the Court House.

The estimate for Public Schools is \$159,806.14—an increase of \$9,259.69 over the last estimates. We consider that the cost of our public schools is increasing out of all proportion to other City services and the School reports show that this increased expenditure is not warranted by the average increased attendance of scholars. We think the City Council should have more control over this expenditure as the City contributes all but \$18,400.00 of the total cost of maintenance of the schools.

There is an increase of \$396.63 in the estimate for the "City Home" caused by having to provide the sum of \$431.53 for the deficit incurred during the year 1907-8.

The Board of Health estimates are increased \$2,773.16 (from \$13,403.29 to \$16,176.45.) This increase is largely due to epidemic diseases 1908-9 and deficit of \$576.45 made in the year 1907-8.

We can congratulate the City that this is the last year we will have to estimate \$5000.00 for one-half subsidy to Dry Dock. The British Government, the Dominion Government and the City of Halifax each granted a subsidy of \$200,000.00, making \$600,000.00 in all for this Dock. The City each year for twenty years has paid \$5000.00 in cash and borrowed another \$5000.00 to pay this twenty-year subsidy of \$10,000.00 per year. The yearly interest on this subsidy of \$200,000.00 would amount at 4½% to the sum of \$9000.00 per year. The Dock was also exempted from taxation for fifteen years. We understand the assessment is now fixed at \$200,000.00 from which we get in taxes under \$4000.00 per year. In the year 1902 the Dry-Dock was assessed at the sum of \$600,000.00. The Legislature by Chapter 75 Acts of 1903 exempted from taxation this Dock for the years 1909-10 and 1910-11 and thereafter permanently fixed the value for assessment at \$200,000.00. Thus for these two years we will lose this large sum of \$200,000.00 from our

assessable property, making an annual loss to the City of about \$4000.00 for these two years.

The one-half Exhibition deficit for 1908, amounts to the large sum of \$6,009.76.

The headings under which the Estimates for 1909-10 have been increased over those of the last estimates are as follows :—

Salaries .....	\$ 300 00
Police Department.....	6,700 00
County of Halifax.....	1,862 46
Public Schools (including Sinking Fund and interest).....	9,259 69
City Home.....	396 63
Board of Health.....	2,773 16
Hart and MacIlreith Suit.....	1,040 76
Kehoe claim—less amt. on hand.....	197 31
Total increase on interest and sinking funds,.....	7,139 11
	\$29,669 12

The headings under which the estimates for 1909-10 have been decreased over those of last year are as follows :—

Rockhead Prison.....	\$ 735 00
Department of Works.....	90 00
Fire Department .....	221 00
Miscellaneous.....	400 00
School for the Blind.....	360 00
Deaf and Dumb .....	270 00
Truants .....	613 22
Ex-Chief N. Power, superannuation.....	143 07
Exhibition Deficit.....	1,182 01
Revising City Charter.....	2,000 00
Sundries.....	675 74
	\$6,690 04
The increase in probable income is.....	\$2,250 00

We regret to report that the rate of taxation for the ensuing year will likely be increased by eight cents on the \$100, or to \$1.99 on the \$100 assessment. This increase is due to increased expenditure in the following services over which items present Council have no control :—

Police increase.....	2½ cents.
Halifax County.....	¾ “
Schools.....	3¼ “
Board of Health.....	1 “
Interest increase on City Debt and Sinking Fund, after crediting reduced expenditure .....	½ “
Total increase.....	8 “

We think that steps should be taken to give the City Council control over the expenditures made by the Board of Health and more control over the expenditures made by the Exhibition Commission.

Appended hereto marked “A” is a statement of the Assessment for Real Estate, Personal Estate and Banks and Companies for every year from 1884-5 to and including 1908-9; and also marked “B” a statement shewing the “Estimates,” “Income” “Total expenditure” and “Rate of Taxation” for every year since 1884 to and including 1908-9. A perusal of these statements will show that while the assessable property in the year 1908-9 has increased over the assessable property of 1884-5 by less than 25 per cent., the total expenditure has increased from \$269,287 in 1884-5 to \$566,124 in 1908-9—an increase of more than 110 per cent., and the rate of taxation has increased from \$1.10 to \$1.91 and next year will probably reach \$1.99.

This increase in expenditure has apparently gone on without any regard to the amount of taxable property until the point has been reached when all thoughtful people are called upon to sound the warning that our credit will be imperiled unless we call a halt in the increase in our expenditure.

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
NELSON B. SMITH,  
F. P. BLIGH.

A. A. Thompson, subject to objection viz: Increase granted to call-men of Fire Department.

"A"

Assessment under amended Act of 19th April, 1883, valuation of Real Estate being made irrespective of rental, in accordance with judgment of Assessors, and Banks and Companies rated at three-eighths of one per cent. on paid up capital.

1884-85.	Real Estate .....	\$14,976,540
	Personal Estate.....	4,999,430
	Banks and Companies.....	1,469,272
	Rate per cent., \$1.10.....	<u>\$21,445,242</u>
1885-86.	Real Estate .....	\$15,134,130
	Personal Estate.....	4,707,645
	Banks and Companies.....	1,469,255
	Rate per cent., \$1.23.....	<u>\$21,311,030</u>
1886-87.	Real Estate .....	\$14,577,930
	Personal Estate.....	5,044,335
	Banks and Companies.....	1,469,225
	Rate per cent., \$1.28.....	<u>\$21,091,490</u>
1887-88.	Real Estate .....	\$15,091,000
	Personal Estate.....	4,434,210
	Banks and Companies.....	1,370,544
	Rate per cent., \$1.17.....	<u>\$20,895,754</u>
1888-89.	Real Estate .....	\$15,334,693
	Personal Estate.....	4,240,900
	Banks and Companies.....	1,987,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.33.....	<u>\$21,562,600</u>
1889-90.	Real Estate .....	\$15,122,495
	Personal Estate.....	4,539,935
	Banks and Companies.....	2,132,001
	Rate per cent., \$1.24.....	<u>\$21,794,629</u>

1890-91.	Real Estate .....	\$14,871,565
	Personal Estate .....	4,547,500
	Banks and Companies .....	2,330,827
	Rate per cent., \$1.33 .....	<u>\$21,749,892</u>
1891-92.	Real Estate .....	\$15,086,890
	Personal Estate .....	4,617,000
	Banks and Companies .....	2,137,931
	Rate per cent., \$1.45 .....	<u>\$21,841,821</u>
1892-93.	Real Estate .....	\$15,212,150
	Personal Estate .....	4,609,000
	Banks and Companies .....	2,073,423
	Rate per cent., \$1.49 .....	<u>\$22,194,573</u>
1893-94.	Real Estate .....	\$15,485,685
	Personal Estate .....	4,922,300
	Banks and Companies .....	1,956,522
	Rate per cent., \$1.61 .....	<u>\$22,364,507</u>
1894-95.	Real Estate .....	\$15,795,810
	Personal Estate .....	5,003,650
	Banks and Companies .....	2,152,777
	Rate per cent., \$1.44 .....	<u>\$22,952,237</u>
1895-96.	Real Estate .....	\$15,951,110
	Personal Estate .....	5,192,400
	Banks and Companies .....	2,246,376
	Rate per cent., \$1.38 .....	<u>\$23,389,886</u>
1896-97.	Real Estate .....	\$16,139,400
	Personal Estate .....	4,299,250
	Banks and Companies .....	2,215,190
	Rate per cent., \$1.58 .....	<u>\$22,653,900</u>
1897-98.	Real Estate .....	\$16,579,830
	Personal Estate .....	4,324,400
	Banks and Companies .....	2,085,276
	Rate per cent., \$1.63 .....	<u>\$22,989,506</u>

1898-99	Real Estate .....	\$16,891,885
	Personal Estate .....	4,324,400
	Banks and Companies .....	1,987,577
	Rate per cent., \$1.61 .....	<u>\$23,260,963</u>
1899-00	Real Estate .....	\$16,708,285
	Personal Estate .....	4,204,500
	Banks and Companies .....	2,209,302
	Rate per cent., \$1.72 .....	<u>\$23,122,087</u>
1900-01.	Real Estate .....	\$16,948,830
	Personal Estate .....	4,220,350
	Banks and Companies .....	2,222,222
	Rate per cent., \$1.71 .....	<u>\$23,391,402</u>
1901-02.	Real Estate .....	\$17,043,375
	Personal Estate .....	4,306,800
	Banks and Companies .....	2,176,470
	Rate per cent., \$1.70 .....	<u>\$23,526,645</u>
1902-03.	Real Estate .....	16,997,350
	Personal Property .....	4,421,300
	Banks and Companies .....	2,354,651
	Rate per cent., \$1.72 .....	<u>\$23,773,301</u>
1903-04.	Real Estate .....	\$17,804,050
	Personal Property .....	4,664,600
	Banking Capital, \$4,500,000, less Real Estate, \$240,000, at $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1% .....	4,260,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.66 .....	<u>\$26,728,650</u>
1904-05.	Real Estate .....	\$17,712,425
	Personal Property .....	4,938,650
	Banking Capital, \$4,500,000, less Real Estate, \$268,000, at $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1% .....	4,232,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.69 .....	<u>\$26,883,075</u>
1905-06.	Real Estate .....	\$17,843,650
	Personal Property .....	4,954,400
	Banking Capital, less Real Estate at $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1% .....	4,232,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.73 .....	<u>\$27,030,050</u>
1906 07.	Real Estate .....	\$18,199,875
	Personal Property .....	5,212,300
	Banking Capital, less Real Estate at $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1% .....	3,576,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.72 .....	<u>\$26,988,175</u>

1907-8.	Real Estate.....	\$18,470,800
	Personal Property.....	5,150,300
	Banks.....	4,500,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.79.....	<u>\$28,121,100</u>
1908-9.	Real Estate.....	\$18,795,950
	Personal Property.....	5,203,200
	Banks.....	4,500,000
	Rate per cent., \$1.91.....	<u>\$28,499,150</u>

## " B "

## ESTIMATES, WITH ADDED INCOME, FROM 1884 TO 1908.

Civic year.	Estimates.	Income.	Total.	Rate of Taxation.
1884	\$247,487	\$21,800	\$269,287	\$1 10
1885	268,919	20,932	289,851	1 23
1886	274,104	22,630	296,734	1 28
1887	252,469	20,700	273,169	1 17
1888	286,438	20,700	307,138	1 33
1889	268,000	21,650	289,650	1 24
1890	290,000	25,500	315,500	1 33
1891	314,444	32,646	347,090	1 45
1892	325,507	24,100	349,667	1 49
1893	356,144	24,303	380,447	1 61
1894	325,590	25,200	350,790	1 44
1895	317,173	27,800	344,973	1 38
1896	354,261	30,350	384,611	1 58
1897	390,798	34,350	425,148	1 63
1898	371,295	31,850	403,145	1 61
1899	394,649	31,750	426,399	1 72
1900	397,289	30,750	428,039	1 71
1901	396,628	30,750	427,378	1 70
1902	405,308	31,750	437,058	1 72
1903	410,225	32,750	442,975	1 66
1904	416,467	33,000	449,467	1 69
1905	429,482	32,150	461,632	1 73
1906	434,987	50,400	485,387	1 72
1907	468,259	54,000	522,259	1 79
1908	508,874	57,250	566,124	1 91
	\$8,904,797	\$769,061	\$9,673,858	

The Council proceeds to the consideration of the estimates.

## GENERAL ASSESSMENT.

## SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$ 1000 00	Passed.
The City Solicitor .....	1200 00	"
The City Treasurer .....	1800 00	"
The City Clerk .....	1400 00	"
Assistant City Clerk.....	1100 00	"
Stipendiary Magistrate .....	2500 00	"
City Engineer .....	3000 00	"

Assistant City Engineer .....	1600 00	..
City Auditor .....	1800 00	..
Collector of Rates and Taxes and four Sub-Collectors.	4000 00	..
1st Clerk in Collector's Office.....	850 00	..
2nd " " .....	850 00	..
City Assessor .....	1400 00	..
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1100 each .....	2200 00	..
Registrar of Voters .....	200 00	..
Janitor City Hall.....	800 00	..
City Medical Officer .....	1000 00	..
Clerk of Works Department.....	1300 00	..
Stenographer.....	600 00	..
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers .....	1000 00	..
Superintendent of Water Department .....	1200 00	..
Water Inspector.....	800 00	..
License Inspector.....	1200 00	..
Librarian Citizens' Free Library .....	475 00	..
Assistant Librarian.....	350 00	..
2nd Assistant Librarian.....	300 00	..

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the salaries of the Assistant and 2nd Assistant Librarians be respectively placed at \$400.00 and \$325.00. Motion passed.

Item .....	\$400 00	Passed.
Item .....	325 00	..
Plumbing Inspector .....	\$850 00	..
Electrician .....	1200 00	..
	<u>\$36050 00</u>	..

Less :

CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

Assistant City Engineer .....	\$1600 00	..
2nd Clerk Collector's Office.....	850 00	..
Superintendent Water Department.....	1200 00	..
Water Inspector.....	800 00	..
Clerk of Works Department.....	1300 00	..
	<u>\$5750 00</u>	..

CHARGED TO SEWERAGE.

Part Salary of Stenographer .....	\$ 300 00	..
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers .....	1000 00	..
	<u>1300 00</u>	..

CHARGED TO VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

License Inspector (License Fund).....	\$1200 00	Passed.
Librarian and Assistant Librarians (Library)	1200 00	..
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health).....	850 00	..
	<u>3250 00</u>	..
	<u>10300 00</u>	..
Total Salaries.....	\$25750 00	..

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alder-

man Bligh, that the total amount for salaries be placed at \$25,750.00. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance..... \$ 39550 00 Passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron.....	\$1200 00	“
Underkeepers, 1 at \$540, 2 at \$510.....	1560 00	“
Messenger.....	540 00	“
Maintenance.....	\$2000 00	“
Less Probable Income from Broken Stone....	500 00	“
	1500 00	“
Repairs to buldings.....	200 00	“
Balance required for stables.....	215 00	“
	5215 00	“

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Cleaning paved streets.....\$5500 00 “

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus and seconded by Alderman Martin that this item be placed at \$4500.00 and the \$1000.00 thus deducted added to the item for lighting streets.

The amendment being put is lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Item .....	\$ 5500 00	Passed.
Streets.....	25000 00	“
Internal Health.....	17000 00	“
Maintenance of Sewers.....	900 90	“
Teams and Stables.....	6000 00	“
Fuel.....	1100 00	“
Telephones.....	305 00	“
Lighting City Hall.....	856 00	“
Lighting Streets.....	\$22800 00	“

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that this item be placed at \$23,800.00.

The vote being taken on the amendment there appeared



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

His Worship the Mayor gives his easting vote against the amendment and declares it lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Edwards, that this item be increased by \$500.00, making it \$23,300.00.

The vote being taken there appeared :—

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

His Worship the Mayor declared the amendment lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Item .....	\$22800 00	Passed.
Insurance .....	900 00	“
City Property .....	2500 00	“
Maintenance of Baths.....	200 00	“
Inspecting Electric Wiring .....	400 00	“
	\$83361 00	“

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance.....\$41915

Read petition of Call Firemen for increase of pay.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the item pass as recommended by the Committee.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the appropriation for Fire Department be increased by \$1260.00 in order to provide an increase of \$15.00 each in the pay of the two District Chiefs, the Captains, Lieutenants and Hosemen of the Call Force.

The amendment being put there appeared :—

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

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of the amendment and declares it carried.

Item.....\$43175 00 Passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery.....	\$3000 00	Passed.
Printing and Stationery Short for Civic Report, 1907-1908, and Account Holloway Bros .....	450 00	"
Interest on Commutation Fund (Common Lots) \$5509 @ 4 per cent.....	220 36	"
Contingent, including Fees Medical Examiner.....	\$2500 00	

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this item be placed at \$2,000.00. Motion passed.

Item.....	\$2000 00	\$ 5670 36	"
Total.....		\$201961 36	"

Less.

PROBABLE INCOME

Liquor Licenses.....	\$34000 00	"	
Hack, Truck and other Licenses.....	6000 00	"	
Fines, and Fees Police and City Courts.....	4000 00	"	
Rents City Property.....	1500 00	"	
Dog Tax.....	1500 00	"	
Current Interest.....	500 00	"	
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	12000 00	"	
	\$ 59500 00	"	
Total General Assessment.....		\$143221 36	"

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the total for General Assessment pass at \$143,221.36. Motion passed.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax.....	\$ 13762 46	Passed.
Public Schools including interest, sinking fund and Bank for Interest on Advances to Public Schools	159806 14	"

Alderman Hoben reads a statement relating to the Public School and the cost thereof.

#### COST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The estimate for the schools for the coming year has been prepared by the school commissioners. They have asked for and obtained the necessary formal approval of the estimate by the Governor-in-Council, so now it cannot be altered.

But it deserves the attention of this Council for two reasons :—

1. Because for the first time in the history of the City the school estimate has been prepared by a school board, the majority of whom are aldermen ;
2. Because it is overgrown and disproportionate, as some comparisons will show.

A brief survey of school matters covering the short period of four years is instructive.

1904—Total number of children enrolled.....	7827
1908— “ “ “ “ .....	8596
Increase in enrolment in four years .....	769 or 10 per cent.
1904—Average daily attendance.....	5602
1908— “ “ “ “ .....	5656
Increase in daily attendance in four years .....	54 or 1 per cent.
1905—Total school estimate .....	\$133,000.
1909— “ “ “ “ .....	178,206
Increase in estimate in four years .....	45,206 or 34 per cent.
1904—Total expenditure per child in daily attendance .....	\$22.60
1908— “ “ “ “ .....	29.36
Increase in expenditure for each child in daily attendance in four years .....	6.76 or 30 per cent.
1905—There were 160 school departments, each costing an average of .....	\$831.00
1909—There will be 165 school departments, each costing an average of...	1080.00
Average increase in cost of each department in four years.....	249.00
1905—The estimate for teachers' salaries.....	\$77,500.00
1909— “ “ “ “ .....	97,750.00
Increase for teachers' salaries in four years.....	\$20,250.00
1905—The rate of taxation for schools.....	52
1909— “ “ “ “ .....	67
The increase in school rates in four years .....	15
1905—Bonded debt for schools.....	\$336,100.00
1909— “ “ “ “ .....	550,936.00
Increase in bonded debt in four years.....	214,836.00

1908—Bonded debt for schools not including the two new schools now under construction .....	\$442,736.00
Less sinking fund on hand .....	23,779.00
	\$418,975.00
1908—Total value of schools per Auditor's report .....	410,500.00
Excess of bonded debt over value of school buildings.....	8,475.00
In four years the rate of taxation for general purposes increased.	.11
In four years the rate of taxation for school purposes increased ...	.15

This four years' growth of 34 per cent. in the cost of the schools, coupled with only ten per cent. increase in the enrolment and one per cent. increase in daily attendance continues unchecked.

There is no abatement in the yearly demand for increased appropriations, although they are out of all proportion with the growth in population, with the increase in assessable property, and with civic expenditure in other directions.

About half of the entire increase in the civic budget this year is for the schools.

If we may make a forecast for the next four years, based upon the record of the last four, we will have an increase in the cost of the schools in eight years of 68 per cent., a twenty per cent increase in the enrollment, and only a small increase in the average daily attendance.

This alarming growth in school expenditure has been developed by a school board, one-half of whom are appointed by the local government, and the other half by the City Council for terms of three years.

But as the law now stands, after their appointment they are not responsible for their acts as a body, either to the City Council or to the people whose money they expend.

Twice during the present year the City Council has passed resolutions disapproving of expenditures the School Board were about to undertake.

But these resolutions had no effect whatever.

The expenditures were made against the protest of the people's representatives, and the people's representatives were obliged to tax the people for money to pay the bills and bear responsibility for the expenditure.

This is a condition that is totally devoid of even the shadow of responsible government and should not continue.

A means must be found by which moderation may be reinstated and the school expenditure brought within its proper limits. This can be accomplished by an amendment to the City Charter, reducing the number of government appointees on the Board to, say, four members, and increasing the number of aldermen to eight; and by requiring all proposed expenditures of the Board to be approved by the City Council before they become binding upon the citizens.

It is my purpose at the proper time to introduce a resolution in this Council requesting the legislature to pass such an amendment placing the expenditure for schools under the control of representatives of the people who furnish the money.

C. R. HOBEN.

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

Item .....	\$159806 14	Passed
City Home \$27,765.—short 1907-08 \$431,53 .....	28196 53	"
Public Gardens and Common .....	6000 00	"
Point Pleasant Park .....	2500 00	"
Citizens' Free Library .....	2500 00	"
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue .....	750 00	"
School for Blind 16 pupils at \$90.00 each .....	1440 00	"
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 5 pupils at \$90.00 each...	450 00	"
Industrial School for Boys at \$60.00 each not to succeed	1600 00	"
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys at \$60.00 each not to exceed .....	1600 00	"
Truants under Compulsory Education Act .....	1600 00	"
Infants' Home, Tower Road .....	300 00	"
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street .....	300 00	"
Protestant Home for Females .....	600 00	"
Roman Catholic Home for Females .....	600 00	"
Camp Hill Cemetery .....	1900 00	"
Dalhousie University .....	500 00	"
Victoria School of Art and Design .....	500 00	"
Board of Health, Annual Appropriation..... \$ 5000 00		
do. extragrant for legal adviser 100 00		
do. Soil Pit..... 500 00		
do. on account of Epidemic		
diseases, 1908-9 .....	10000 00	
Board of Health, Small Pox Epidemic, 1907-8	576 45	
	16176 45	"
Court of Appeal from Assessments .....	300 00	"
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock, 20th year .....	5000 00	"
Superannuation, Sergt. Joseph McNally, one year....	167 13	"
“ Chief John O'Sullivan .....	297 14	"
“ Sergt. John Baker, one year .....	148 57	"
“ Sergt. Leahan, one year .....	148 57	"
“ W. F. MacCoy, one year .....	609 00	"
“ Chief N. Power, “ .....	331 36	"
Society for Prevention of Cruelty .....	200 00	"
$\frac{1}{2}$ Exhibition Deficit, 1908 .....	\$12,019.51	6009 76
Hart-MacIlreith suit .....	1040 76	"
Kehoe Claim, less amount of Loan on hand .....	197 31	"
	254622 18	"

## TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

7th payment on loan Deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1901 (\$4,343.94) .....	460 42	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ....	88 57	"
7th payment on loan for House Public Gardens (4,000) .....	424 79	"
Interest on balance on same unpaid at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ....	80 66	"
4th payment on loan for various purposes (\$22,300)....	4400 00	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 per cent....	264 00	"
2nd payment on loan for hose .....	800 00	"
Interest on balance of the same unpaid .....	128 00	"
	6646 44	"
To pay Bank interest, on advance of loan .....	2218 87	"
Halifax and South Western Railway Land Damages		
Bonds, \$46000 at per cent. ....	1840 00	"

CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1880.

\$ 667,000 at 5 per cent.....	33350 00	“
1,148,700 at 4½ per cent .....	51691 50	“
1,042,890 at 4 per cent .....	41715 60	“
67,000 at 3½ per cent.....	2345 00	“
	<u>129102 10</u>	“

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$138,000 at 5 per cent.....	\$ 6,900 00	“
679,600 at 4½ per cent .....	30,582 00	“
214,000 at 4 per cent .....	8,560 00	“
10,000 at 3½ per cent.....	350 00	“
	<u>46392 00</u>	“
	82710 10	“

CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1905.

\$883,600 at 4 per cent., 12 months .....	35344 00	“
193,900 in various amounts from July 3 to Oct. 12, at 4 per cent .....	2420 28	“
	<u>37764 28</u>	“

*Less.*

Charged Silliker Co., \$135,476 at 4 per cent. \$5,419 04		“
Charged Water Acct., 70,775 at 4 per cent. 2,831 00		“
Charged Public Schools 106,636 at 4 per cent. 4,265 44		“
	<u>12515 48</u>	“
	25248 80	“

SINKING FUNDS.

Under Chapter 65, Acts of 1898.....	200 00	“
“ “ 51, “ 1902 .....	3000 00	“
“ “ 54, “ 1903-4 .....	5000 00	“
“ “ 49, “ 1905 .....	1300 00	“
“ “ 60 & 65 “ 1906 and Chapter 71, Acts of 1907, as far as borrowed.....	4168 00	13668 00 “
		<u>530175 75</u> “
Add one per cent. for short collection .....	5301 25	“
		<u>535477 00</u> “
Less from unexpended balances.....	5000 00	“
Total Assessment.....	530477 00	“

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved,* That the General and Ordinary Assessment, amounting to \$143,221.36, and the Extra Assessment, amounting to \$392,255.64, as per the yearly estimates for 1909-10, making a total of \$535,477.00, less \$5000.00 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, be confirmed and do now pass, and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$530,477.00.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimates, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st

December inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1910, on the basis of the said amount of \$530,477.00.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Wilson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the sum of \$1500 00 be deducted from Liquor Licenses to cover cost of the Liquor License Department. Amendment put and lost.

Original resolution put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

CONSOLIDATED FUNDS

	of 1907, as far as borrowed.....
	so to 1908 and Chapter 10.....
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The following remains to be entered:

Resolved, That the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$530,477.00 for the year ending April 30th, 1910, be assessed on the property within the City of Chicago, Illinois, in the manner and to the amount hereinbefore provided, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said assessment to the Board of the City Assessor on or before the 31st day of December, 1908, with a copy of this resolution.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, January 7th, 1909.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Whitman, Wilson, Hubley, Chisholm, Thompson, Hoben, Smith, and Douglas.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, Kelly, Campbell, Martin, Rankine, MacKenzie and Edwards.

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:—

- Reports (2) Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.
- Report Library Commission, by Alderman Chisholm, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie, for Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

- Reports (2) Police Committee.
- Reports (3) Chief of Police.
- Letters L. J. Hesslein re aerial ladder.
- Report Coal Weighers for November.
- Cash Statements City Collector for September and October.
- Report City Clerk re indexing the printed Minutes of Council.
- Reports (3) Committee on Works, viz:
  - Sewer Maynard Street.
  - Accounts.
  - Boat landing Coburg Road.



Letters Department of Railways, Department of Marine and Fisheries and D. Pottinger, Manager I. C. Railway re wider roadway and better lighting of Upper Water Street.

Letter Chairman Laws and Privileges Committee re fair wage clauses in any agreement with Anderson Chair Company.

Petition for electric light Jubilee Road.

#### REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for September and October. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for November. Filed.

Read reports (2) Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday his last report. Filed.

Read acknowledgement of receipt of Minute of Council re wider roadway and better lighting Upper Water Street by Railway Department, Marine Department and the Manager of the I. C. Railway. Filed.

Read report Chief of Police re stray dogs. Filed.

#### STRAY DOGS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Jan. 2nd, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

YOUR WORSHIP,—In accordance with your instructions in reference to unlicensed and diseased dogs reported to be at present going at large in the City, I beg to report that during the present license year the police have made reports giving the names of owners of all dogs found on the respective beats. The owners of all found to be unlicensed were summoned to the Police Court and several fines imposed. The metal tag supplied by the City is not found attached to the collars of many licensed dogs, the reason usually given upon enquiry being made is, that the tag has been lost. A great many dogs then appear to be unlicensed when such is not the case. I have been unable to learn of any case of disease among dogs as seen on the streets.

J. A. RUDLAND, *Chief of Police.*

Read petition for electric light Jubilee Road. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Alderman Chisholm, Chairman of Laws and Privileges Committee, covering resolution of Trades and Labor Council re fair wage schedule in proposed agreement with Anderson Chair Company. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

#### FAIR WAGE SCHEDULE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 12th, 1908.

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

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose a resolution which I received from the Secretary

of the Halifax Trades and Labor Council having reference to the negotiations between The Anderson Chair Manufacturing Company and the City of Halifax.

This resolution was sent to me as Chairman of the Committee of Laws and Privileges, but as the matter was passed beyond that Committee, you will please bring it to the attention of the Council at their next meeting.

I am advising the Secretary that I am sending it to you for that purpose.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman Com. Laws and Privileges.*

*Whereas*, The City Council, at a meeting recently held, unanimously decided to guarantee the bonds of The Anderson Chair Manufacturing Co. (about to be established in the City) to the sum of \$40,000.

*And Whereas*, Said City Council also unanimously decided that a fair wage clause should be embodied in the contract between the said Company and the City.

*Resolved*, That the Halifax Trades and Labor Council in meeting assembled, do decide upon the sum of 17 cents per hour as a minimum fair wage, to be paid to the unskilled (adult) labor employed by said Anderson Chair Manufacturing Co.

Read report City Clerk re indexing printed Minutes of Council.

INDEXING PRINTED MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

January 7th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—In answer to Alderman Hubley's question as to why the printed Minutes of Council for the recent past years have not been indexed I beg to report:—

The last City Council experienced the same difficulty and was good enough to vote me the sum of \$100.00 to do this work. I did not solicit this vote from any member of that Council, but being desirous to meet their wishes did prepare the index for one of the years which has not yet been printed.

I have consulted the Alderman who asked the question as well as a number of other Aldermen upon this matter and all seem desirous that I should do this work. It is an extremely tedious task—a task, in fact, that no previous City Clerk ever attempted—but as these Aldermen feel that I am in a better position to do this work than any other who is available, I feel that I should comply with their wishes, and will do the work with the utmost expedition. In fact, I think I may promise that I can complete any of these indices in at least three months. I have previously informed the Council that it is impossible for me to do this work except at night time.

L. FRED MONAGHAN *City Clerk.*

Filed.

Read report Police Committee re salary of Detective and City Marshal.

REPORT POLICE COMMITTEE.

January 6th 1909.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Committee at a meeting held on December 17th last, decided to recommend to the Council that legislation be asked for at the next session providing that the salary of the Detective and City Marshal be increased

to \$900.00 each, and that the amount required to pay said increases be borrowed.

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

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

January 7th, 1909.

*To the City Council*

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

Amherst Boot and Shoe Co, men's boots, \$156.60. Maxwell's, Ltd., making and trimming uniforms, etc., \$44.00. R. B. Adams & Co., soap, 50c. Cragg Bros. & Co., mop and handle, \$3.10. Total, \$204.20.

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

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

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

MAYNARD STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 7th, 1909.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the City Engineer's report on attached petition asking for a sewer on Maynard St. between North St. and Bloomfield St. was read and referred to Council for its consideration.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 5th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer in Maynard Street between North St. and Bloomfield St. The petition is signed by the owners of 486 ft. of frontage. There are a number of houses in this street which are drained to the Belle Aire Terrace sewer, and it is probable that none of the owners of these properties are desirous of having the sewer. Those who have paid \$25.00 for the privilege of connecting with the Belle Aire Terrace sewer will get credit for that amount on their sewer assessment. It would not be fair to the owners of property on the other side of the street or in the other parts of the street to prevent them from getting a sewer because so many of the houses already have sewer connection, as there is no way in which the houses on the east side can be drained except by the construction of a sewer. The estimated cost is \$6,900. Estimated assessment, \$2,660.

I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the order book to be done in turn.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re renewal of lease of boat landing foot of Coburg Road, North West Arm.

COBURG ROAD LANDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan 7th. 1909.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of Adam Marr for a 10 years' extension of his lease of the boat landing at the foot of Coburg Road was read, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Adam Meagher asking for a renewal of his lease of a portion of the foot of Coburg Road for a boat landing. Mr. Meagher has a lease for a period of five years, which expires in April next. He asks that his lease be renewed on the same conditions as that for the foot of South Street. In the latter case the term is ten years. Mr. Meagher, I believe, has been giving satisfaction and no complaints have been received at this office respecting his tenancy. I would recommend that his request be granted, the lease to run for ten years from the expiration of the present lease and on similar terms to those contained in the South Street lease.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 7th, 1909.

*To the City Council:*

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

Street Lighting.....	\$1707 26
New Workshops.....	1567 24
Sewerage.....	456 15
Water Maintenance.....	86 96
City Property.....	86 65
Teams & Stables.....	72 90
City Hall Lighting.....	66 86
Internal Health.....	58 50
Water Construction.....	37 00
Elec. Wiring Inspection.....	34 10
Permanent Sidewalks.....	31 70
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	14 00

Total.....\$4219 32

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 City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

#### CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 5th 1909.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day. Present Alderman Kelly (Chairman) Wilson and Hubley, the Committee had under consideration a resolution of Council passed at a meeting held on the 10th ult authorizing the Prison Committee to advertise for tenders for lease of the Prison farm.

Your Committee decided that it was unwise at present to incur any further expense in advertising for tenders for lease of the Prison farm. In July 1906 the Committee then in charge advertised the farm to let but has not received a reply to advertisement.

The following accounts, amounting to \$99.06, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment :—

Halifax Tram. Co., light, \$2.62. F. A. Shaw, bran, \$25.00. Mumford Bros., poultry, &c., \$13.40. W. A. Mailing & Co., ox heads, \$18.79. John H. Sutherland dry goods, \$8.10. Wentzell's Ltd., groceries, \$28.15. Jordan & Mann, horse-shoeing, \$3.00. Total—\$99.06.

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 Hubley and passed.

Read report Library Commission covering accounts.

#### LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 7th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Commission met this day. Present Aldermen Chisholm (Chairman) Wilson, MacKenzie, Messrs G. W. T. Irving and Jas. C. Barnstead,—and beg to recommend for payment the following accounts :—

Chronicle Pub. Co., Sub to Dec. '09, \$5.50. Thos B. Mosher, books, \$19.60. W. H. Lardermilk & Co., reports, \$4.25. C. D. Cazenove, postage, 15c. Charles E. Lauriat Co., books, \$50.03. Sketches and Traditions N. W. Arm, \$2.00. T. C. Allen & Co., books &c. \$55.85. Total—\$137.41.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report Charities Committee re accounts, etc.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, Jan. 6th, 1909.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report—Members present : Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb and Hoben :

The Superintendent's report for December shows that during the month there were 83 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born (1 still born) 47 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted 36 were chargeable to the City and 47 to the Province. The total number of inmates Dec. 31st, 1908, was 424, made up of 282 men, 140 women and 2 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—Wentzell's Ltd., \$525.22. W. A. Maling, \$459.58. Smith Bros., \$85.01. F. A. Shaw, \$46.21. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$28.25. Henry Lovett, \$20.26. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$277.10. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$52.09. Fleischmann Co., \$6.30. C. E. Puttner, \$50.00. Geo. Grigoire, \$40.99. Mumford Bros., \$26.64. City Provision Co., \$1.20. T. C. Allan & Co., \$1.10. E. P. Meagher, \$12.00. Dillon Bros., \$4.05. Farquhar Bros., \$31.25. W. C. Knight, \$3.90. Fire Department, \$125.00. Baldwin & Co., \$6.75. Wm. McFtridge, \$39.00. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$13.26. L. A. Morash, \$1.00. B. J. Mulcahy, \$343.18. Pay Sheet, \$640.43.—Total, \$2869.82.

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 Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 7th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges met this day, there being present, Alderman Chisholm, (Chairman), Whitman, Hoben, Thompson and Edwards.

1. The Committee took up the application of the Salvation Army for a special grant and deferred the consideration of the application to the next meeting.
2. The petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union with respect to children being on the street after nine o'clock at night unaccompanied by their parents or guardians was read, also an opinion of the City Solicitor with respect to the same. After a conference with the Chief of Police it was moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, and passed, (Alderman Hoben dissenting) that the Committee report the City Solicitor's opinion up to the Council. The Committee do not think that at present it is necessary for them to recommend any further legislation on the subject.
3. Read letter from W. J. Lindsay, of Toronto, with respect to the establishment of a new manufacturing enterprise in Halifax. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, and passed, that the letter be acknowledged and that it be referred to the Board of Trade.
4. Read letter from Secretary N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters with respect to investigation into fires. It was moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Edwards, and passed, that the matter be deferred to enable the City Clerk to communicate with the authorities at Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London and St. John, with a view to ascertaining how these cities deal with fire investigations.
5. Read letter City Auditor with regard to auditing the books of the Silliker Car Co. and the opinion of the City Solicitor thereon. It was moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Thompson, and passed, that the City Auditor be instructed to annually audit the books of the Silliker Car Co. with a view to ascertaining whether the City's security is unimpaired, and to report the same to the Council.
6. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the Ordinance prepared by the City Solicitor with regard to the commutation of the lease-hold lots in the South Common.
7. A draft ordinance submitted by Mr. Turpel with regard to Pedlars' license was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1, deferring action on application of Salvation Army Rescue Home for a fixed annual grant. Filed.

Read clause 2, re preventing children from being upon the streets after nine o'clock at night.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith, that said clause be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges with the City Solicitor to draft an Act dealing with this matter and report the same to this Council.

Amendment put and passed.

Read clause 3, re letter of W. J. Lindsay, for civic aid for a carriage manufacturing industry. The clause passed.

Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 are severally read and adopted.

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 7th, 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, present Alderman Whitman, Smith, Thompson and Edwards, Alderman Whitman was appointed Chairman for the balance of the year.

The Committee had under consideration a letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary covering an order in Council directing the City of Halifax to issue the debentures to an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$105,514.00 which sum the Commissioners of Schools require to pay its indebtedness in connection with Chebucto Road and Oxford Street schools.

Your Committee recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertize for tenders for a loan to produce the sum of \$10,514.00 under authority of section 12 Chap. 67 Acts of 1907 and Chap. 5 of the Acts of 1905.

Your Committee further recommend in this connection the adoption of the accompanying resolution :—

In re report City Solicitor on award of John T. Ross, K. C., Arbitrator in the action of George F. Brady vs. the City of Halifax, your Committee recommend that the amount of the award over and above the amount already paid into court together with the costs of the action, be paid.

In re application of the Salvation Army for a fixed annual grant to the Army Rescue Home,—Your Committee report that the Council has made the usual provision in the estimates passed on the 30th ult. for The Protestant Home for Girls and The Monastery of The Good Shepherd and that if any change is to be made in the matter of payment of the accounts to that institution the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

The following accounts, amounting to \$117.21, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment :—

Chronicle Pub. Co., subscription to Dec. 31st, 1908, City Clerk's Office, \$5.50 ; City Collector's Office, \$5.50—\$11.00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, &c., City Treasurer, \$5.85 ; City Assessors, \$6.88 ; City Collector, \$2.10 ; City Clerk, \$9.95 —\$24.78. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$5.00 ; \$3.15 ; \$7.70—\$15.85. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes, etc., \$33.58. W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of Death, W. A. Taylor, \$4.00 ; James McPhee, \$4.00 ; Annie McCulloch, \$12.00 ; Charles Stonley, \$12.00—\$32.00. Total, \$117.21.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is also submitted :—

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

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



The following named papers are submitted :—

*Whereas*, The Governor-in-Council has by an order passed on the 16th day of December, 1908, ordered and directed the City Council to issue debentures to raise the amount of \$105,514.00 for school purposes, under authority of section 820 of the Halifax City Charter added thereto by section 12 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907;

*Therefore Resolved*, that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertize for tenders for a loan to realize the said sum of \$105,514.00 together with the cost of issuing the same, and that the tenders be received up to February 10th next. The rate of interest on said loan to be four per cent. per annum and the date of maturity to be 1st July, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards and passed unanimously, there being 16 aldermen present.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

#### REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 4th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this evening. Present: Aldermen Hubley, (Chairman), Edwards, McManus, Hebb and Whitman, and beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. That Albert Silver, Call-man No. 4 Engine Division, be dismissed for missing third alarm of fire from box 37 Nov. 5th, 1908.
2. That Thomas Power, Driver of No. 2 hose wagon, be suspended with loss of pay for seven days from January 2nd for leaving his fire station without leave and not returning for twelve hours, and that he also lose his holidays for one month.
3. The axle of the combination chemical engine broken at a recent fire alarm has been repaired at the expense of the makers.
4. Two lengths of Maltese Cross hose burst at fire box 32 Dec. 20th, three years in service, have been repaired at expense of manufacturers.
5. The subject matter of the letter of the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters re cutting off of electric current at fires was reported upon by this committee to the Council at last meeting, and it is recommended that said letter be filed.
6. It is recommended that James Sweeney, John Brommit and James Sullivan, supernumeraries, be appointed callmen, vice Charles Smith, and Albert Silver dismissed, and James P. Mackasey, resigned.
7. That Duncan Jones, Lewis Turple and William Ash be appointed Supernumeraries.
8. That the Committee on Works be requested to move the fire hydrants from in front of Merlin's mill to the corner of James and West Streets.
9. The annual reports of the Chief, the Chief Engineer and City Electrician are attached hereto.
10. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

T. H. & W. T. Francis, beds, etc., \$10.50. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$10.13. Halifax Tram. Co., power, \$9.08; light, \$36.61—\$45.69. Freeman's store, mattresses, &c., \$24.88. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$3.83. J. E. Myers, hardware, \$4.80. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$4.95. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$7.03. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$10.15. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$18.55. Miller Bros., rent, \$3.00. J. A. Leaman & Co., turkeys, \$47.50. H. Cameron & Co., ladder, \$95.00. Neil Fox, harness work, \$9.25. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$60.08. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$19.42. John Foley, mason work, \$2.50. T. Holloway & Son, blocks, \$2.75. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$21.20. Hy. Lovett, leather, \$17.15. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$10.15. E. P. Meagher, diozo, \$13.25. A. J. McNutt, carriage work and painting, \$59.95. W. & C. Silver, bedding, \$53.35. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$259.04. J. Wonnacott, polish, \$1.80. N. S. Telephone Co., box, \$4.00. Total \$822.90.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

Clause 1 to 9 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 10 re accounts.

Alderman Hoben asked if the charge of \$47.50 (J. A. Leaman & Co's account) for turkeys supplied the permanent employees of the Fire Department is a legal charge against the funds of the Fire Department.

The City Solicitor stated as his opinion that the account is not a legal charge against the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the item be struck from the report. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved,* That the report of the Committee of Fire Wards, as amended, be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of the accounts therein referred to.

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

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration of the account in the report of the Charities Committee, Mumford Bros., poultry, \$26.64.

Alderman Wilson gives notice of reconsideration of the account in the report of the City Prison Committee, Mumford Bros., Poultry, &c., \$13.40.

His Worship the Mayor asked if the Council would now hear the Venerable Archdeacon Armitage on an important matter which he desired to bring before the Council.

The Council unanimously agrees to hear the reverend gentleman.

Archdeacon Armitage now addresses the Council on the better housing of the working classes and submits statistics prepared for the Improved Dwellings Company who desired aid from the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that

this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards in re Horton (Macdonald) aerial ladder.

#### MACDONALD (HORTON) AERIAL LADDER.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 14th, 1908.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this evening, present Aldermen Hubley (Chairman) Edwards, Hebb, Thompson and McManus, the following resolution relating to the Macdonald (Horton) aerial ladder was passed—

*Whereas*, The City Council at a meeting held on the 9th day of August, 1906, accepted a tender signed Macdonald & Co., Ltd., Rod. MacDonald, Secty-Treas. for the construction of an 80-foot Horton aerial truck, for the sum of \$4900.00, the same to be built to meet the requirements of the Board of Fire Commissioners ;

*And Whereas*, At a subsequent meeting of the City Council held on the 10th day of June, 1907, granted an extension of time to Macdonald & Co., of three months wherein to build their 80-foot Horton aerial truck to meet the requirements of the Board of Fire Commissioners ;

*And Whereas*, The Horton aerial truck as built by Macdonald & Co. has been tested in the presence of members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and has failed to meet the requirements of the Board ;

*Therefore resolved*, That this Board recommend the City Council to notify Macdonald & Co., Ltd., Rod. Macdonald, Secretary-Treas., that their Horton aerial truck does not meet the requirements of this Board, and that all further negotiations between the City and Macdonald & Co., Ltd., Rod. Macdonald, Secretary-Treas., respecting the construction of the said truck be discontinued and brought to an end.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Smith, that Mr. Roderick Macdonald be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Mr. Roderick Macdonald now addresses the Council in the interest of his ladder.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Edwards, in amendment to Alderman Hubley's motion that the City accept the Horton aerial ladder built by Macdonald & Co.

Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,  
Chisholm, Douglas,  
Smith, Hoben, Kelly,  
Martin, Campbell, Mackenzie,  
Edwards, Rankine—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Hebb,  
Hubley, Thompson.—4.

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

Council adjourns 12.40 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 4th, 1909.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Campbell (Deputy-Mayor), and Aldermen Hubley, Douglas, Edwards, Whitman, Thompson, Smith and MacKenzie.

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

8.20 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Wilson, Bligh, Chisholm, Hebb, Hoben, Kelly and Rankine.

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 Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Hebb, Acting-Chairman.

The Deputy-Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report City Health Board re drainage of certain properties Gottingen Street.

Report Coal Weighers for December, 1908.

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

Report City Auditor re Silliker Car Company.

Letter School Board asking that the City Auditor audit the accounts of the Board.

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz. :

Livingstone Street water extension.

Funds required for sewer and water construction.

Purity of water supply.

## Accounts.

Water meter rates.

Maynard Street sewer.

Robie Street sidewalk.

Letter Macdonald &amp; Co. covering account (\$4,900.00) for Horton aerial ladder.

Resolution W. C. T. U. re children on streets at night time.

Resolution Local Council of Women in re erection of model workmen's dwellings.

Letter T. J. O'Rourke re fire escapes St. Patrick's Home.

Letter Secretary S. P. C. in re stray dogs.

Petition J. K. Munnis in re extension of Brunswick Street through Imperial Government property.

## REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter T. J. O'Rourke in re fire escapes St. Patrick's Home.

Referred to Committee on Fire Escapes for report.

Read report City Health re drainage of Mrs. Eden's property, Gottingen Street.

## DRAINAGE GOTTINGEN STREET.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4th, 1909.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday the following resolution was introduced and passed, and I am directed to transmit the same to you with the request that immediate action be taken in the matter :

*Resolved*, that the City Health Board recommend that the City Council instruct the Board of Works to issue the necessary permit to Mrs. Eden to connect the premises Nos. 31 and 33 Gottingen Street with the Gottingen Street sewer. That the health of the people in this vicinity has suffered and is suffering from the state of affairs existing, and in view of the fact that the Board of Works refuses to issue the permit, in the opinion of this Board immediate action in this matter on the part of the City Council is necessary.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for December, 1908. Filed.

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

Read resolution Women's Christian Temperance Union re children on the streets at night time.

Referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read resolution of Local Council of Women of Halifax in re proposal for the erection of model workmen's dwellings.

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Read letter Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty in re stray dogs.

Referred to the Police Committee for report.

Read report City Auditor re accounts, &c., of the Silliker Car Company.

SILLIKER CAR COMPANY.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4th, 1909.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Under an Act of the Provincial Legislature, 1907, Chap. 70, amended by Act of 1908, Chap. 73, the Silliker Car Company, Limited, were entitled to receive from the City of Halifax the sum of \$125,000 when they themselves had expended \$185,000 of their own moneys exclusive of the money furnished by the City of Halifax on the purchase of land, erection of buildings and purchase of plant in connection with their business within the City of Halifax.

This amount, \$185,000, was expended as required by the Silliker Car Company, Limited, and the amount of the City's payment finally met August 11th, 1908. Previous to this there were other provisions as to insurance on buildings for the sum of \$100,000 and in reference to a chattel mortgage, which were arranged to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

I have, as directed by your honorable Council, under date of Jan 12th, 1909, made a further examination of their books, accounts, etc., up to and including September 30th, 1908, and find that the City's security as required by the Acts aforementioned have in the meantime been considerably improved.

W W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read letter L. J. Hesslein offering to sell to the City a Seagrave aerial ladder.

Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read resolution of School Board asking that the City Auditor audit the accounts of the Board.

AUDITING SCHOOL BOARD ACCOUNTS.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, Feb. 4th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have the honor to hand you a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax at their meeting last evening.

R. J. WILSON, *Secretary B. S. C.*

*Resolved*, that the City Council be requested to instruct the City Auditor to audit the books, accounts, receipts and expenditures of the Board of School Commissioners according to the City Charter and ordinances governing the duties of the City Auditor.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the request be granted and the City Auditor instructed to do the work required. Motion passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 3rd, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day. Present, Aldermen Hubley (Chairman), Hebb, Thompson, Edwards and Whitman.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. James Lanaghan, callman on No. 4 Engine, and Jas. Forbes, supernumerary on No. 2 Engine, have resigned. Their resignations are recommended for acceptance.

2. Arthur Sheehan, hoseman on No. 6 Engine is reported for being off duty from illness from December 12th to February 3rd.

3. Patrick Lynch, callman No. 2 Hose, injured by falling from a ladder while working at Hutcheson & Power's fire, Dec. 20, 1908, box 32, has not yet reported for duty.

4. The fire engine "Columbia," recently repaired, is now in commission. Cost of repairs \$847.00.

5. It is recommended that George Turple, supernumerary, be appointed blacksmith's helper, vice Geo. Yeadon resigned.

6. That W. Purcell be appointed supernumerary.

7. The Chief Engineer recommends that the fire engines "Victoria" and "Albert" be sold or disposed of in some other way, as they are not now reliable, having been 48 and 49 years in service. It would cost about \$300 to put the Victoria, which is in the best condition, in order. The boilers of both are in good condition, being only seven years old, and should last for seven years longer. The running gear is in fair condition, but the pumps would have to be renewed. He would not recommend that they be repaired.

The Board recommends that these two engines be sold, and that the Board be authorized to advertise for tenders for the same.

8. The following accounts are recommender for payment :—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., power \$7.48, light \$32.61—\$40.09. J. C. Merlin, lumber \$10.18. A. Allison, harness 80c. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.71. Austen Bros., washers, \$4.88. Canadian Rubber Co., coats, \$12.18. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$213.10. J. J. Carnell, carriage work, \$15.89. Robt. Carleton Co., snaps, \$3 00. Bentley, Flemming & Co., ladder poles, \$12 00. P. Dowd, carriage work, \$10.85. J. A. Dunn & Co., nickel-plating, \$7.15. Day & Kinsman, plumbing, \$3.45. Globe Laundry, work, \$9.96. Neil Fox, harness, \$3.25. H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$50.82. J. H. Mont & Co., carriage work, \$23.11. Wm. McFtridge, iron pipe, \$19.25. MacDonald & Co., supplies, \$10.25. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$31.76. National Drug Co., acid, etc. 50c. N. S. Furnishing Co., shades, \$13.75. Pitner Light, supplies, \$6.75. David Roche, glass, 55c. N. S. Telephone Co., phones, \$80.25. G. E. Smith & Co., caulks, \$6.10. F. A. Shaw, feed, \$276.30. W. & J. C. Silver, blankets, \$2.90. Total, \$871.78.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

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



Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson.

The following amendment is submitted :—

*Resolved*, That the report of the Fire Wards be adopted, except the clause dealing with the sale of engines, and that this clause be referred to the Fire Wards for a report on the advisibility of repairing one of them, and placing it in Isleville Engine House

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith.

The amendment being put is passed.

The original resolution as amended is put and passed.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 2nd, 1909.

To the City Council:

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

Halifax Herald, advertising, \$8.75. Neil Fox, blanket, etc, \$4.75. J. Starr, Son & Co., flashlight battery, 35c. N. S. Telephone Co., rent telephone, \$19.25  
Total \$33.10.

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

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

Read letter Macdonald & Co., Ltd., covering account \$4,900.00 for Horton aerial ladder.

The following resolution is submitted :—

*Resolved*, That the account of Messrs. Macdonald & Co., \$4,900.00, for Horton aerial ladder be paid, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign a warrant for payment of the said account.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that a rider be added to the resolution, "If funds are available."

The amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Bligh, Hubley,  
Thompson.—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,  
Chisholm, Hebb,  
Douglas, Smith, Hoben,  
Kelly, MacKenzie,  
Edwards, Rankine—11.

The original resolution is put and passed, Alderman Hubley dissenting.

Read report Charities Committee for January.

## REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 3rd, 1909.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report. Members present: Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, and Campbell. In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Hebb was called to the chair.

The Superintendent's report for January shows that during the month there were 75 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 44 discharged, and 6 died. Of the number admitted 33 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Inverness County, and 41 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st 1909 was 448, made up of 297 men, 148 women, and 3 children. On the same date last year there were 272 men, 142 women, and 1 child—a total of 415.

The following accounts were recommended for payment, viz. :—

Wentzells Ltd, \$596.51. W. A. Waling & Co., \$456.90. Smith Bros., \$74.63. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$248.12. Geo. Grigoire, \$38.26. F. A. Shaw, \$20.50. The Fleischmann Co., Ltd., \$5.85. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$150.39. Henry Lovett, \$22.20. Victoria General Hospital, \$104.83. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$50.98. Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. W. C. Knight, \$1.25. W. J. O'Connell, \$1.55. C. S. Hosterman, \$7.25. Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$6.25. Malcolm & Johnstone, \$1.30. Brookfield Bros., \$20.97. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$9.77. Wm. McFatridge, \$45.00. Baldwin & Co., \$5.00. Farquhar Bros., \$3.65. B. J. Mulcahy, \$8.80. Pay Sheet January, \$817.75. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$787.21. Total \$3,496.17.

W. E. HEBB, *Acting 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 Hebb, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts.

## CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

CITY HALL, February 3rd, 1909.

*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), Hubley, Hebb and Edwards. The following accounts, amounting to \$116.33 were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz. :—

Jas. Nolen, hack hire, \$8.00. Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.95. N. S. Telephone Co., tel. to March 31, 1909, \$13.50. E. P. Meagher, 4 diozo, \$4.00. Jordan & Mann, horse, shoeing, \$1.50. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$27.75. Wentzell's, Ltd., groceries, \$20.12. Wood Bros., dry goods, \$22.65. A. M. Bell & Co., kitchen ware, \$2.35. Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$4.70. Moir's, Ltd., bread, &c., \$6.89. Halifax Tram Co., lighting, \$2.92. Total, \$116.33.

The monthly report of Governor and Matron were submitted and filed.

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 Douglas and passed.

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

#### REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 4th, 1909.

*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 Whitman (Chairman), Bligh, Hoben and Edwards, they had under consideration the following matters and report as follows:—

1. In re application Governors Dalhousie College for the block of land fronting the College and bounded by Morris Street on south, Summer Street on east, College Street on north, and Carleton Street on west, the Committee had before them the report of the Committee on Works and the City Engineer, also opinion of City Solicitor and a resolution of Council passed on November 5th last referring the same to this Committee to report as to the value of said block of land.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the minimum value of the land should be fixed at \$20,000.00—Alderman Hoben dissenting.

2. In re report Police Committee recommending that legislation be sought to provide increases to the salaries of the City Marshal and Detective,

It is recommended that no changes be made in the salaries of these officials at the present time.

3. In the matter of scheme presented to the Council by the Venerable Archdeacon Armitage in reference to the erection of model tenements for better housing of the working classes, your Committee were waited on by a delegation of the promoters of the scheme and addressed by the Venerable Archdeacon Armitage and Mr. C. C. Blackadar. Action in the matter is under consideration.

The following amounts, amounting to \$970.27, were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment:—

Religious of Good Shepherd, to maintenance of girls to February 1st, 1909, \$52.04. Industrial School, to maintenance of boys to February 1st, 1909—Reg. Com., \$237.50; Truants, \$156.66.—\$394.16. St. Patrick's Home, to maintenance of boys to February 1st, 1909—Reg. Com., \$221.00; Truants, \$152.70—\$377.66. Halifax Herald, subscription to December, 1908, \$6.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c., \$45.82. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$15.30, \$32.50, \$9.00—\$56.80. Imperial Pub. Co., circulars re loan, \$5.00. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books—City Treasurer, -4.50; City Assessors, \$32.25—\$36.75. Total, \$970.27.

In re the account of Messrs. Ritchie & Robertson (\$287 90) law expenses in suit Fenerty vs. The City of Halifax, it is recommended that this amount be referred to the Committee on Works, as it is a charge against the Water Department.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re offer of Dalhousie College to purchase a piece of City property (part of old Exhibition Grounds) facing the College.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that said clause be referred back to the Finance Committee and that said Committee report on a price it would be advisable to sell said property to Dalhousie College.

Amendment put and passed unanimously.

Read clause 2 re salaries of the City Marshal and Detective.

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

Read clause 3 re model tenements.

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

Read clause 4 re accounts.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that said clause be amended by adding thereto the several accounts amounting to \$81.95 incident to the reception held on New Year's Day by His Worship the Mayor and the Aldermen, provided the City Solicitor gives his opinion that said accounts may legally be paid by the City.

The City Solicitor stated as his opinion that the accounts referred to in the amendment could not legally be paid by the City, as they were unauthorized by any provision in the City Charter.

Alderman Chisholm asked for the ruling of the Chair as to whether the amendment is in order in consequence of the opinion of the City Solicitor.

The Deputy-Mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read clause 5 re account of Ritchie & Robertson, \$287.90 law expenses in suit Fenerty vs. the City of Halifax.

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

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 4th, 1909.

To the City Council:

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

Street Lighting.....	\$1,719 90
Sewerage .....	1,179 69
Fuel .....	408 79
City Property.....	288 85
Teams and Stables .....	282 99
Streets .....	255 62
Telephones .....	84 56
City Hall Lighting.....	68 39
Permanent Sidewalks.....	47 90
Internal Health .....	36 02
Water Maintenance .....	151 73
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,524 44</b>

G. M. CAMPBELL, Deputy Mayor and Chairman.

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

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

MAYNARD STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 1909.

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 remedying a defect in the Maynard St. Sewer was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

G. M. CAMPBELL, Deputy Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 16th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for relief from back flow of sewage on Maynard Street between Cunard St. and Woodill St. The sewer in this block is a crock pipe. While it is large enough to carry the drainage, there is some doubt whether it is in good condition or not. A light cannot be seen from one end to the other, which would lead to the conclusion that the sewer must be laid crooked or that the pipe has given away in some part of the sewer. It is probable that there is a bend in it rather than that it has given away as it carries a good deal of water from time to time. The strongest reason for believing that the sewer is not defective is that during the last heavy rain, which was one of the heaviest we have had for some time, there was no complaint or backflow. The Foreman, Mr. Mac Donald, is of the opinion that the stoppage in the manhole at Cunard Street has been the cause of the trouble whenever it has occurred. The sewer makes a right angle at Cunard Street and I would recommend that a diagonal connection be made, the new part being laid at the grade that would be required if it is decided later to lay a new sewer in this block. It is

probable that this new connection would prevent any further trouble. If it does not I would then recommend the reconstruction of the sewer in this block.

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 concrete sidewalk Robie Street.

#### ROBIE STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 12th, 1909.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for concrete sidewalk on the eastern side of Robie Street, was read.

It was decided to recommend to Council that action on same be deferred for the present.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the eastern side of Robie Street from Spring Garden Road to the Cemetery. The petition I am informed is signed by all the property owners. The gutter is practically level and the water does not run off properly while the sidewalk is an ordinary mudsidewalk. It is proposed at some time in the future to boulevard Robie St. as it is 100 ft. wide. Some thing of the kind will be required in this block as the west side is much above the east side and the difference in level could be connected in a park way or sodded strip in the middle.

I would recommend that a 5ft. concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter and sodded parking be constructed on the east side of Robie Street from the concrete sidewalk at Spring Garden Road to the Cemetery.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on the amount required for the construction of sewers and water extension.

#### LOANS FOR SEWERS AND WATER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 4th, 1909.

*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 amounts necessary for sewer and water construction was read.

It was decided to recommend that the sum of \$50,000 be borrowed for sewer construction in such amounts as the Council may decide, and that the attached resolution of Alderman Whitman in re sums to be borrowed for water extension and improvement be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 12th, 1909.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In compliance with the instructions of your Committee, I beg to report on the amount required for the construction of sewers and water extension

The estimated cost of sewers already ordered is about \$30,000, while we have only about half that amount on hand. Other sewers have been asked for, and there is no doubt that from time to time they will be required in streets from which no petition has yet been received.

I would recommend that authority be obtained to borrow \$50,000 or \$100,000 in such sums as the Council may consider advisable from time to time.

In water extension work it has been customary to borrow from \$10,000 to \$15,000 at a time. Previous to the last year we have been renewing old mains that were no longer capable of good service and replacing small pipe with larger where it was required. We have made provision when paving Lockman, Barrington and Pleasant Streets to put in several larger pipes to improve the distribution. The cost of putting in these pipes should be charged to maintenance, but the cost of the pipe itself should be charged to Capital Account. The estimated cost of the pipe necessary to do the work contemplated in the report made to the Council in July, 1907, is \$17,000.

I would recommend that authority be obtained to borrow the sum of \$30,000 for this work and the ordinary extensions next year, and that the pipes previously recommended for Morris Street, Proctor Street, Gerrish Street, North Street and Oxford Street be laid as soon as a proportion of the cost to be taken from maintenance account can be afforded.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubleby, that the report on the Committee on Works be adopted.

The resolution referred to in the report of the Committee on Works as follows is read.

*Whereas*, by an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed on the 25th day of April, 1907, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow "for the further extension and improvement of the water system" a sum "not exceeding \$135,000.00."

*And Whereas*, on the said 25th day of April, 1907, the water construction account of the City of Halifax was overdrawn in the sum of \$21,612.89 ;

*And Whereas*, on the 30th day of April, 1908, said account was overdrawn in a further sum of \$6,822.94, making the complete overdraft existing on the 30th day of April, 1908, \$28,435.83 ;

*And Whereas*, no portion of the \$50,000.00 of the amount borrowed under said Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907 could be applied to the payment of said overdraft of \$21,612.89 ;

*Now Therefore Resolved*, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation authorizing the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of \$28,435.83 to pay off said overdraft existing on the 30th day of April, 1908, and that said sum of \$28,435.83, when borrowed, reduce the amount empowered to be borrowed under said Act authorizing the borrowing of said sum of \$135,000.00 ;

*And Whereas*, doubts have arisen as to whether the City of Halifax has exhausted their power to borrow further sums of money under the provisions of the second clause in the schedule under Section 2 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1907, providing for the borrowing of \$135,000.00 for the further extension and improvement of the water system, after having already once borrowed under said provisions the sum of \$50,000.00 ;

*And Whereas*, it is advisable to remove all doubts in the premises ;

*Therefore Resolved*, that the Legislature be asked to amend the second clause in said Schedule to Section Two of Chapter 71 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1907, so as to read as follows, viz. :—

“ From time to time in sums as may be required for the further extension and improvement of the water system, not exceeding in the whole \$135,000.00,” and that the City Solicitor at once prepare legislation to carry out the intention of the above resolutions.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith, in amendment to the original motion that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee, the Laws and Privileges Committee and the City Solicitor for report.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Rankine—5.	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Hubley, MacKenzie, Edwards—6.

The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Whitman now submits a draft to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money for Water Department on the lines of the resolution above recited.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 71 OF THE ACTS OF 1907, ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENABLE  
THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO BORROW MONEY.

*Whereas*, by Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow, among other sums for other purposes, a sum not exceeding \$50 000 for the construction of new sewers, and also a sum not exceeding \$135,000 for the further extension and improvement of the water system :

*And Whereas*, the Council of the said City did on the 27th day of June, 1907, duly resolve to borrow, under authority of the said Act, the sum of \$25,000 for the construction of new sewers :

*And Whereas*, the said Council did also under the same authority on the 22nd day of July 1907, resolve to borrow the sum of \$50,000 for the installation of water meters, that being in the opinion of the council at that time a further extension and improvement of the water system.

*And Whereas*, on the 25th day of April, 1907, that being the date of the passage of the Act hereby amended, the water construction account of the City was overdrawn in the sum of \$21612 89, which amount was on or before the 30th day of April, 1908, increased to the sum of \$28435.83.

*And Whereas*, doubts have arisen

(a) As to the right to apply any part of the said sum of \$50,000 so borrowed to the discharge of the said overdraft, and also

(b) as to the power of the City to borrow any further sum under the authority of the said Act for the construction of new sewers, and

(c) As to the power of the City to borrow any further sum under the authority of the said Act for the construction or improvement of the water system and it is desirable that such doubts should be set at rest.



BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. The schedule to Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907, is hereby amended by striking out, in the first item in the said schedule the words "not exceeding \$50,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the words following, "such sum or sums as the Council from time to time determines not exceeding in the whole \$50,000," and the said Act shall be construed as if it had originally read as amended.

2 The said schedule is further amended by striking out in the second item the words "not exceeding \$135,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the words following, "such sum or sums as the Council from time to time determines not exceeding in the whole \$135,000," and the said Act shall be construed as if it has originally read as amended.

3. The City is hereby declared to be authorized to borrow from time to time in such sums as it deems fit the remaining part of the said sum of \$135,000, and may apply out of the moneys so borrowed the sum of \$28435.83 for payment of the said overdraft, and may apply the remainder of such moneys to any purpose which it deems to be for either the construction or improvement of the water system or both.

4. Nothing in the Act shall

(a) Affect the pending litigation between the Neptune Meter Company and the City of Halifax, or

(b) Be held to be a declaration that the Act hereby amended did not previously have the meaning and operation which it is hereby declared to have.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards that the draft Act just submitted be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report at the meeting of Council to be held on February 9th, inst. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works in re adjustment of water meter rates, covering draft Act.

#### WATER METER RATES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 4th, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to recommend to Council for adoption the draft Act in re adjustment of water meter rates published in Minutes of Council, page 53, under date May 14th, 1908, with this amendment to section 8, viz.: In place of "which arose within one year before the passing of this Act," to "which have been presented to Board within two years before the passing of the Act."

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

(For copy of said draft Act see printed Minutes of Council May 14th, 1908.)

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read report Committee on Works re expropriation of property of John Umlah and the procuring of properties at Beech Hill in connection with the purity of the water supply.

## PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 12th, 1909.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on letter from City Health Board in re purity of water supply was read

It was decided to recommend to Council that the property of John Umlah be expropriated, that he be tendered one thousand (\$1,000) dollars in full for same, and that the City Solicitor report on what can be done in re Beech Hill properties in a similar position.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this matter be deferred and that a special committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Umlah as to the value of his property and as to the terms upon which he would sell the same to the City.

Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Chisholm, Hebb,  
Bligh, Douglas,  
Smith, Hoben,  
Kelly, Thompson.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,  
Hubley, MacKenzie,  
Edwards, Rankine.—6.

The Council proceeds to appoint said special committee.

Alderman Hoben nominates as members of said committee Aldermen Smith, Hubley and Bligh.

Alderman Thompson nominates Alderman Hoben.

Alderman Hoben declines to serve.

Aldermen Hebb and Douglas nominated Alderman Rankine and His Worship the Mayor.

The Committee consisting of Aldermen Smith, Hubley, Bligh, Rankine and His Worship the Mayor is now confirmed.

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

## WATER EXTENSION ON LIVINGSTONE ST.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 4th, 1909.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for water extension Livingstone St was read It was decided to recommend the adoption of the report, the work to be done when funds are available.

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