

RE PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 21st, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At the last meeting of the City Council the Board of Fire Wards recommended the letting of contracts for fire hose amounting to \$3273.20 with the intention of making arrangements with the tenderers to await payment until the City is authorized by the Legislature to borrow the money. This recommendation was adopted by the Council.

It has since transpired that the hose cannot be obtained without written contracts and the City Solicitor advises that the City cannot enter into said contracts unless the expenditure is authorized by the Legislature.

The City Treasurer informs your Board that last year a bill was passed authorizing the City to borrow "For the purpose of additional hose for the Fire Department,—not exceeding \$2400.00," and that there is a balance of this amount still unexpended of \$297.10.

It is therefore recommended that the chemical and suction hose proposed to be purchased, amounting to \$273.20, be paid for out of the unexpended balance of the 1908 loan, if this can legally be done.

The opinion of the City Solicitor is attached hereto.

J. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

RE BALANCE LOAN FOR FIRE HOSE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16th, 1909.

Chairman Committee of Fire Wards :

SIR.—I beg to say that in my opinion the unexpended balance of the money borrowed under the legislation of 1908, for the purchase of fire hose is available for the purchase of additional hose at the present time.

The unexpended balance of an ordinary appropriation undoubtedly goes automatically to the Sinking fund, and so also any unexpended balance of a sum borrowed for a specific purpose such as the purchase of a building or other definite object. In this case, however, the money was borrowed generally for the purchase of hose in the same way as money is borrowed for the construction of sewers. It was not necessary that the whole amount should be expended in the year in which it was borrowed and the remainder is still available for the purpose for which it was borrowed. If the Treasurer had transferred the amount to the Sinking Fund that would have been quite within his rights and the money could not have been taken out, but as it has not been transferred I am of opinion that it is still available for the purpose for which it was borrowed.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

A motion by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Martin, for adjournment is withdrawn.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of land of W. E. Hebb, Coburg Road.

LARCH STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 29th, 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 offer to W. E. Hebb of \$1200.00 for his land on Coburg Road was read and recommended to Council for adoption. The said amount to be paid from Street Account and all amounts received for its sale to be credited to the same account.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 29th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,— I beg to report that I have made an offer of \$1200.00 to Mr. W. E. Hebb as directed by the Council for his land on Coburg Road part of which is covered by the official location of Larch Street.

He has accepted the offer and given a deed of the land.

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

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

Alderman Hoben dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:

For Adjournment.
Aldermen McManus, Douglas,
Hoben, Martin.—4.

Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, O'Brien,
Hebb, Bligh,
Smith, Hubley,
Thompson, Corston,
MacKenzie, Rankine.—12.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the Council adjourn until Thursday next at 3 p. m.

Alderman Whitman with the consent of the seconder withdraws the rider to his motion and the Council unanimously decides to adjourn. *sine die.*

Council adjourns 11.40 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 31st, 1909.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon, at the above named hour. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Bligh, Hebb, O'Brien, McManus, Smith, Douglas, Hoben, Hubley, Kelly, Martin, Thompson, Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards and Rankine.

The Council was summoned to consider the Estimates 1910-11, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Chairman Finance Committee covering Estimates 1910-11, by Alderman Whitman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :--

Letter Humphrey Mellish re costs in suit Hubley vs. City of Halifax (Anderson Chair Co. case.)

Letter Provincial Secretary re Chebucto School.

Letter S. J. Harivel re tax receipts.

Petition for a light on Coburg Road.

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

Letter G. W. G. Bonner re opening of the Children's Hospital.

Application Society for Prevention of Cruelty for civic grant.

New Year's Greetings Non-Commissioned Officers 1st Regiment Canadian Artillery.

Reports (2) Committee on Works, viz. :

Yale Street Sewer.

DeWolfe's wharf Sewer outlet.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works re contract for dredging sewer outlet at DeWolf's Wharf.

SEWER OUTLET DEWOLF'S WHARF.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 31st, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tender of Messrs. Beazley Bros., Ltd., for dredging the Sewer Outlet, etc., DeWolf's wharf was read. It being the only tender received it is recommended for acceptance.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that said report be adopted, the amount to be expended on the work not to exceed eleven hundred dollars. Motion passed.

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

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 31st, 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 Yale, St., Sewer, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

YALE STREET SEWER.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 30th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The City having expropriated the right of drainage from Yale Street to Quinpool Road, I beg to recommend the construction of a sewer in Yale Street draining southerly from the east end of Yale Street through the property in which the right was acquired to Quinpool Road. The estimated cost is \$5,520.00 Estimated assessment, \$1,250.00.

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

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

Read letter Humphrey Mellish re costs Hubley vs. City of Halifax —Anderson Chair Co. case.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

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

Read petition for a light on Coburg Road. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter S. J. Harivel re tax receipts

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter Provincial Secretary re Chebucto School.

CHEBUCTO SCHOOL.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 29th, 1909.

The City Clerk.

Halifax.

SIR.—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of an order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council dated 28th December, 1909, directing the City to issue its debentures to, raise the sum of \$9,342, which amount is required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the purpose of furnishing and installing a system of heating and ventilating in the Chebucto School.

You will observe that the Order in Council revokes the Order in Council of the 21st September, 1909, directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$7,596, which amount was required by the Board to carry out a proposed contract with Messrs. Longard Bros. for furnishing and installing a system of heating and ventilating in the Chebucto School, as Messrs. Longard Bros. declined to enter into the contract.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated 28th December, 1909.

Whereas, the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum of nine thousand three hundred and forty-two dollars for the purpose of furnishing and installing a system of heating and ventilating in the Chebucto School and applied to the Governor-in-Council for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum required as aforesaid;

And Whereas, due notice of the amount so required and of the purposes for which the same is required and of the time and place appointed, to wit: Thursday, the 23rd December, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the Executive Council Room, at which the matter of such application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City;

And Whereas, the matter of such application was heard at such time and place;

Now Therefore, the Governor-in-Council under and by virtue of Section 820 of the Halifax City Charter, added thereto by Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the amount so required.

The Governor-in-Council is pleased further to order that the Order in Council dated 21st September, 1909, ordering and directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the sum of seven thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars, being the amount required by the said Board to carry out a proposed contract with John P. Longard and Clarence C. Longard for furnishing and installing a system of heating and ventilating in the Chebucto School, be and the same is hereby revoked and rescinded, John P. Longard and Clarence C. Longard having declined to enter into the contract therein referred to or into the proposed amended agreement referred to in the Order in Council dated 22nd October, 1909.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Clerk of the Executive Council.*

Filed.

Read letter Children's Hospital re the opening of that institution.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., 21st Dec. 1909.

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

[Chapter 71, Acts of 1907.]

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Board of Management to advise the City Council that the Children's Hospital is now completed and opens to-day for the reception of patients.

G. W. G. BONNER, *Secretary.*

Filed.

Read New Year's Greetings from the Non-Commissioned Officers 1st Regiment Canadian Artillery. Filed.

ESTIMATES 1910-11.

Read report Chairman Finance Committee: covering Estimates for 1910-11.

REPORT CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—As Chairman of the Finance Committee, I beg to present to you the estimates for the year 1910-1911, as recommended by the Finance Committee for adoption by the Council:

The total amount to be assessed on the inhabitants and property in the City last year was \$530,477. The total amount of assessment for this year as recommended by the committee is \$531,953, an increase over last year of \$1,476. The yearly increase in the total assessment for the last ten years has been as follows:

1898	Total assessment, less special taxes, etc.	\$371,295
1899	" " " " " "	394,649
1900	" " " " " "	397,289
1901	" " " " " "	396,628
1902	" " " " " "	405,308
1903	" " " " " "	410,225
1904	" " " " " "	416,467
1905	" " " " " "	429,482
1906	" " " " " "	434,987
1907	" " " " " "	468,259
1908	" " " " " "	508,874
1909	" " " " " "	530,477
1910	" " " " estimated	531,953

The total salaries of city officials last year amounted to \$36,050. This year the total amount is \$35,800, really the same as last year, as the Registrar of Voters is struck out of the item of salaries and put under the head of Extra Assessments.

The cost of the Police Department is reduced from \$39,550 last year to \$36,530, a reduction of \$3,020. This reduction is principally caused by last year's estimate being swelled by the payment of the increased salaries given to the police year before last, but put into last year's estimates.

The City Prison Committee have been able to cut down their estimate for Rockhead Prison from \$5,215 to \$5,000. This is less than half what it was when Governor Murray took charge in 1881-1882.

The estimate for the Department of City Works has increased \$1,400. Last year the amount was \$83,361; this year it is \$84,761. The committee have increased the estimate for lighting streets by \$1,000, and have added \$400.00 to the ordinary estimate for maintenance of sewers. The increase is caused by the City having to dredge away the gravel and material lodged at DeWolf's Wharf by the sewer emptying at that place.

The estimate for streets, \$25,000, remains the same. We are, however, now spending on our streets a very much larger sum than ever before. We are spending for clean

ing paved streets \$5,500; add to this the interest on one-half of the cost of paved streets together with the sinking fund, amounting in all to \$5,040, and again add to this the interest at 4 per cent. on the amount paid by the adjoining proprietors yearly amounting to about \$3,400, which together with the \$25,000 will amount to \$38,948, while prior to 1907-1908 the total allowance for streets was never above \$22,000. In addition to the above, our estimates for streets is saved by a large expenditure on permanent sidewalks, and next year our expenditure on streets will be further saved by the proposed legislation authorizing us to borrow in order to put in curbs and gutters, where such is ordered, on streets having a permanent sidewalk. This alone will probably save the street appropriation some \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year. Very little of this \$25,000 is now spent in the central parts of the City.

Last year the estimate for the Fire Department was \$43,175. This year it is \$45,131, an increase of \$1,956. This, however, is not the entire cost of the Fire Department. It has been customary to borrow money on short loans for the purchase of hose, so that the cost of hose is never shown in the costs of the Department. The costs of this Department should not increase, but an effort should be made to improve our building law, so as to make our buildings less liable to fire.

Under Extra Assessment we find a small increase of \$214.04 for the County of Halifax. This increase is in consequence of the construction of the additions, etc., to the Court House, and increased costs of criminal trials.

The estimates for Public Schools is \$163,404.13, an increase over last year of \$3,597.99. I think some move should be made in the direction of insisting that the people's money should be spent by men who are responsible to the ratepayers for its expenditure.

There is a small increase in the estimate for the City Home of \$163.97.

There is a small decrease in the estimate for the Board of Health, caused by the striking out of the item of smallpox epidemic 1907-1908, of \$576.45.

Next year the City will be able to again tax the Dry Dock for \$200,000. The Legislature by Chapter 75, Acts of 1903, exempted from taxation this dock for the years 1909-1910 and 1910-1911, and thereafter permanently fixed the value for assessment at \$200,000. For these two years we have lost this large sum from our assessable property making an annual loss to the City of about \$4,000.

The one-half Exhibition Deficit of 1909 amounts to the large sum of \$8,263.52. It is hoped that some measure will be found by which this heavy tax in the future may be abated.

The Local Government has saddled upon the City the payment of the salary of the Registrar of Births and Deaths, amounting to \$500.00. This year we have had to estimate for revising the Jury List for three years, amounting to \$200.00 a year, in all \$600.00. This is the first year that we have estimated \$500.00 to the Children's Hospital, and this is the first year we have estimated for the Victorian Order of Nurses, namely \$600.00.

The headings under which the estimates for 1910-1911 have been increased over those of the last estimates are as follows:

Sewer maintenance, dredging	\$ 400 00
Electric lighting	1000 00
Fire Department	1956 00
Costs Anderson Chair Factory suit	108 72
Indexing City Minutes	100 00
Liquor Licenses	2250 00
County of Halifax	214 04
Schools	3597 99
City Home	163 97
Deaf & Dumb	150 00
Truants under Compulsory Education Act	200 00
Exhibition Deficit	2253 76
Registrar Births & Deaths, Jury Lists, Children's Hospital, Victorian Order of Nurses etc	2750 00
Interest	15 17
	<hr/> \$15,159.65

The headings under which the estimates for 1910-1911 have been decreased over those of last year are as follows :

Salaries	\$ 250.00
Police Department	3020 00
City Prison	215 00
Printing	450 00
Int. on Commutation Fund.....	220.36
Tramway Company	500 00
	240.00
Board of Health	576.45
$\frac{1}{2}$ Subsidy for Dry Dock.....	500 00
S. P. C.	200.00
Interest	1823.77
	\$12,495 58

The rate of assessment in the City of Halifax has increased very much within twenty years. In 1889 the rate was 1.24; in 1899 it was 1.72; in 1909 it was 1.99, but the increase in taxation has been much greater than that indicated by the increase in the rate, as every year the assessors have been adding to the value of property so that today property is assessed for its full value and in many cases more than it could be sold for.

The Finance Committee have only made one change of \$25.00 in the estimates submitted to them by the various committees.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The Council proceeds to the consideration of said 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 do do	850 00	"
City Assessor.....	1400 00	"
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1100 each.....	2200 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.....	400 00	"
2nd Assistant Librarian.....	325 00	"
Plumbing Inspector	\$800 00	"

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

At the suggestion of Alderman Hoben it is agreed by Council that the intention of a member giving notice for the reconsideration of a particular item in the estimates now before the meeting is not defeated should he fail to give notice of reconsideration upon the passing of the totals.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and maintenance \$36530 00 Passed

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	\$1200 00	“
Underkeepers, 1 at \$540.00, 2 at \$510.00..	1560 00	“
Messenger	540 00	“
Maintenance	\$2000 00	
Less probable income from broken stone	400 00	
	1600 00	“
Repairs to Buildings	100 30	“
	5000 00	“

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Cleaning Paved Streets	\$5500 00	“
Streets.. ..	\$25000 00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this item be made \$27,000.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. O'Brien, McManus,	Ald. Shaffner, Wilson,
Douglas, Hoben,	Whitman, Hebb,
Kelly, Hubley,	Bligh, Smith,
Martin, MacKenzie—8.	Thompson, Corston,
	Edwards, Rankine—10.

The original motion is put and passed.

Item	\$25000 00	Passed
Internal Health	\$17000 00	

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McManus, that this item be placed at \$19,000.00.

Amendment put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows :—

For Amendment. Ald. McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Martin, MacKenzie—7.	Against it. Ald. Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Thompson, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—11.
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Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this item be fixed at \$18,000.00.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment. Ald. McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie—8.	Against it. Ald. Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Thompson, Edwards, Rankine—10.
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Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the original motion be now put. Motion passed.

The original motion is put and passed.

Item.. .. .	\$17000 00	Passed
Maintenance of Sewers, including dredging of DeWolf's Wharf	1300 00	"
Teams and Stables.....	6000 00	"
Fuel.....	1100 00	"
Telephones.....	305 00	"
Lighting City Hall.....	856 00	"
Lighting Streets .. .	\$23800 00	

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that this do now pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this item be placed at \$24,300.00.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this item be placed at \$24,050.00.

Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it
Ald. McManus, Douglas,	Ald. Shaffner, Wilson,
Kelly, Hubley,	Whitman, O'Brien,
Martin, MacKenzie,	Hebb, Bligh,
Edward, Rankine—8.	Smith, Hoben,
	Thompson, Corston—10.

The original motion is put and passed.

Item.....	\$23800 00	Passed
Insurance.....	800 00	"
City Property.....	2500 00	"
Maintenance of Baths.....	200 00	"
Inspecting Electric Wiring.....	400 00	"
	<u>\$84761 00</u>	"

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and maintenance..... \$45131 00

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this item be increased by \$150.00 so as to provide an annual salary of \$1400.00, for the Chief of the Fire Department.

Amendment put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 16 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. McManus,	Ald. Shaffner, Wilson,
Kelly—2.	Whitman, O'Brien,
	Hebb, Bligh,
	Douglas, Smith,
	Hoben, Hubley,
	Thompson, Martin,
	Corston, MacKenzie,
	Edwards, Rankine—16

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

The original motion is now put and passed.

Item.....	\$45131 00	Passed
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and stationery.....	\$3000 00	"
Contingent.....	2000 00	"
E. P. Allison, costs Anderson Chair Co. Case.....	108 72	"
Indexing Printed Minutes of Council.....	\$100 00	"

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that this item be placed at \$264.00.

Alderman Bligh asked if it is the duty of the City Clerk to do this work without being specially paid for it.

a The City Solicitor replied he did not care to give an opinion without looking into the subject.

Alderman Bligh is excused from voting on the item.

The amendment being put is passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Edwards, Rankine—9.	Ald. Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Smith, Hubley, Corston—7.

Item.....	\$ 264 00	\$ 5372 72	Passed
Total.....		202314 72	"

Less:

PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses.....	31750 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.....	12500 00	"
	\$57750 00	"
Total General Assessment.....	\$144594 72	"

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the amount of \$144,594.72, total general assessment, do now pass. Motion passed.

Aldermen Hoben, Hebb and Hubley excused from voting.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax.....	\$ 13976 50	Passed
Public Schools including interest, sinking fund and Bank for interest on advances to Public Schools.....	163404 13	"

City Home.....	28360 50	Passed
Public Gardens and Common including interest on Common lots.....	6000 00	"
Point Pleasant Park.....	2500 00	"
Citizens' Free Library.....	2500 00	"
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue.....	750 00	"
School for Blind, 12 pupils at \$100.00 each.....	1200 00	"
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 6 pupils at \$100.00 each.....	600 00	"
Industrial Sch. ol for Boys at \$60.00 each, not to exceed.....	1600 00	"
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys at \$60.00 each, not to exceed.....	1600 00	"
Truants under Compulsory Education Act.....	1800 00	"
Infant's Home, Tower Road.....	300 00	"
Infant's Home, Brunswick Street.....	300 00	"
Protestant Home for Females.....	600 00	"
Roman Catholic Home for Females.....	600 00	"

The following amendment is submitted:—

Whereas, it has heretofore been customary to provide in the yearly estimates under Clause (b) of section 301 of the City Charter, sums not exceeding \$600 each to be paid to the Good Shepherd Reformatory, and the Salvation Army Rescue Home to provide for girls and women sentenced or committed to detention in these institutions respectively:

And Whereas, it is desirable both in the interest of the City and of the said institutions that the City's contribution to their maintenance should be fixed and definite:

Therefore Resolved, that hereafter in lieu of the said amounts there shall yearly be included in the estimates and paid to each of the said institutions the sum of \$400 in consideration of which the said institutions shall support and maintain without further charge all such girls and women as are sentenced or committed for detention to them respectively.

Further Resolved, that for the civic year 1910-11 the said sums of \$400 to be paid to each shall be borrowed by the City from any bank or other fund available and together with any interest payable by the City thereon shall be included in the estimate for the next succeeding year and rated and collected along therewith.

Further Resolved, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare for the next session of the legislature legislation to enable this resolution to be carried into effect.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

The motion to refer the matter to the Finance Committee is put and passed.

Item.....	\$ 600 00	Passed.
Item.....	600 00	"
Camp Hill Cemetery.....	1000 00	"
Dalhousie University.....	500 00	"
Victoria School of Art & Design.....	\$500 00	"

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman

Hubley, that this item be struck from the estimates.
 Motion passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it,
 as follows :

For the Motion. Ald. Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Rankine—12.	Against it. Ald. McManus, Hoben, Hoben, MacKenzie—3.
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Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Board of Health, Annual Appropriation	\$5000 00	Passed.
" extra grant for legal adviser.....	100 00	"
" Soil Pit.....	500 00	"
" on account of Epidemic diseases		
1908-9.....	10000 00	"
	\$15600 00	"
Court of Appeal from Assessments	300 00	"
Superannuation, Sergt. Joseph McNally, one year.....	167 13	"
" Chief John O'Sullivan	297 14	"
" Sergt. John Baker, one year	148 57	"
" Sergt. Lehan, one year	148 57	"
" W. F. MacCoy, one year	600 00	"
" Chief N. Power, one year.....	331 36	"
½ Exhibition Deficit, 1903.....	\$16527 04	\$263 52
H. Hesslein & Sons, storage of blocks.....	50 00	"
Registrar of Births and Deaths	500 00	"
Registrar of Voters	200 00	"
Medical Examiner.....	300 00	"
Revisors of Juries Lists three years at \$200.00.	\$600 00	

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this item be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this item be placed at \$200.00.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Item	\$ 600 00	"
Children's Hospital.....	500 00	"
Victorian Order of Nurses (providing they have 3 Nurses)....	600 00	"

Read application Society Prevention of Cruelty for a civic grant.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that a grant of \$200.00 be provided in the estimates for the S. P. C. Motion passed.

Item Society Prevention of Cruelty 200 00 Passed

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the sum of \$1166.66 be placed in the estimates to provide for superannuation of John P. Cairns-ex-Assistant City Assessor.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Ald. Bligh, McManus, Kelly, MacKenzie—4	Ald. Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Hubley, Thompson, Corston, Rankine—8.

Total \$256397 42 Passed

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

8th payment on loan Deficit Provincial Exhibition	\$ 481 14	Passed
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4½ per cent.	67 85	"
8th payment on loan for House Public Gardens.	442 87	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4½ per cent.	62 88	"
5th payment on loan for various purposes	4400 00	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 per cent.	88 00	"
3rd payment on loan for hose	800 00	"
Interest on balance of the same unpaid at 4½ per cent. ...	108 00	"
1st payment loan Vieth Street wall	442 40	"
Interest on same	65 70	"
	<u>\$ 6958 54</u>	"
To pay Bank interest, on advance of Loan Halifax and South Western Railway Land Damage Bonds \$46000 at 4 %...		1840 00 "

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1880.

\$ 667,000 at 5 per cent.	33350 00	"
1,148,700 at 4½ per cent.	51691 50	"
1,047,890 at 4 per cent.	41915 60	"
67,000 at 3½ per cent.	2345 00	"
	<u>\$129302 10</u>	

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$138,000 at 5 per cent.	\$ 6900 00	
679,600 at 4½ per cent.	30582 00	
214,000 at 4 per cent.	8560 00	
10,000 at 3½ per cent.	350 00	
	<u>46392 00</u>	"
		82910 10 "

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905.

\$1,121,000 at 4 per cent.	44840 00	"
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Less:

Charged Silliker Co \$ 135,476 at 4 per cent.....	\$5419 64	Passed.
Charged Water Acct. 141,841 at 4 per cent.....	5673 64	
Charged Public Schools 222,563 at 4 per cent.....	8902 52	
	<u>19995 20</u>	"
		<u>24844 80</u> "

SINKING FUNDS.

Under Chapter 65 Acts of 1898.....	200 00	"
" " 51 " 1902.....	3000 00	"
" " 54 " 1903-4.....	5000 00	"
" " 49 " 1905.....	1300 00	"
" various acts for amounts borrowed since July 1905..	4455 00	"
	<u>13955 00</u>	"
	531500 58	"
Add for short collection	5315 00	"
	<u>536815 58</u>	"
Less from unexpended balances.....	5000 00	"
Total Assessment	\$531815 58	"

The following resolution is submitted:--

Resolved, that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$144,594.72, and the Extra Assessments, amounting to \$392,220.86, as per the yearly Estimates for 1910-11, making a total of \$536,815 58, less \$5,000.00 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 \$531,815 58.

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, 1911 on the basis of the said amount of \$531,815.58.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Wilson and passed.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 7.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, January 6th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Wilson, Shaffner, O'Brien, Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Douglas, Hoben, Hubley, Martin, Thompson, Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards and Rankine.

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

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of item in Estimates Salary of Plumbing Inspector. Dec. 31st. 1909.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that this item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen O'Brien, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Martin,
MacKenzie—7.

Against.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
Hebb, Bligh,
Hubley, Thompson,
Edwards, Rankine—8.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of item Victoria School of Art and Design, struck out of Minutes. Dec. 31st, 1909.

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

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen O'Brien, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Thompson,
Martin, Corston,
MacKenzie, Rankine—10.

Against.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
Hebb, Bligh,
Hubley, Edwards—6.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin, that representatives of the Victoria School of Art and Design, now present, be heard. Motion passed.

The Council is now addressed by Mr. J. C. O'Mullin, Miss Ritchie, Col. Oxley and Supervisor MacKay, all of whom urge a continuance of the grant.

His Worship the Mayor rules that the motion at the meeting Dec. 21st, to strike this item out of the Estimates is now before this meeting.

Moved by Alderman Wilson (in amendment to motion of December 31st), that this item be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for investigation and report, seconded by Alderman Shaffner.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Thompson, Corston, Rankine—6.	Aldermen O'Brien, Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Hubley, Smith, Martin, Edwards—10.

The original motion of December 31st, to strike the item from the Estimates is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Bligh, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards—10.	Aldermen O'Brien, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Rankine—6.

Read No. 3, viz.: Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of Estimates 1910-1911. December 31st, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor states that Alderman Hoben is not entitled to vote for the reconsideration of the Estimates as he is not recorded as voting against the Estimates.

Alderman Hoben stated that he not only voted against the Estimates, but gave notice of reconsideration of the motion to adopt them.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that under such a notice of reconsideration the Alderman could not move to re-open all the items in the Estimates.

Alderman Hoben said he desired to move for the re-opening of the item Revising the Juries Lists.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that if the Council was satisfied that

Alderman Hoben had voted against the Estimates he would rule that the item Revising the Juries Lists might be reconsidered if such was the will of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Minutes of last meeting be amended to show that Alderman Hoben had voted against the resolution for the adoption of the Estimates as a whole.

Alderman Hoben is excused from voting.

The motion to amend the Minutes is put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
O'Brien, Bligh,
McManus, Douglas,
Smith, Hubley,
Thompson, Martin,
Corston, Rankine—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Hebb,
Edwards—3.

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Council can legally include in item in the 1910-11 Estimates \$600.00 for Revising Juries Lists when it is intended that \$400.00 of such amount is to pay the Juries Committees of 1908 and 1909.

The City Solicitor stated he did not think the City Council can without legislation include in the estimates the amount referred to by Alderman Hoben.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the Estimates for 1910-11 be now reconsidered in so far as the same relate to the sum of \$400.00 for the Juries Committees of 1908 and 1909.

The motion is put and lost 4 voting for and 11 against it as follows :

For the reconsideration.

Aldermen McManus, Douglas,
Hoben, Corston.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, O'Brien,
Hebb, Bligh,
Hubley, Thompson,
Martin, Edwards,
Rankine.—11

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor in writing.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

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

Report Charities Committee by Alderman Hebb, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

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

Notice of action John P. Cairns against the City of Halifax.

Letter Franco-Canadian Commercial Guide re advertising Halifax.

Reports (2) Committee on Works, viz:

Accounts.

Joseph Wood & Co., Water meter rates.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday reported to him since last meeting of Council. Filed.

Read letter Franco-Canadian Commercial Guide re advertising Halifax.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read Notice of Action John P. Cairns, ex-Assistant City Assessor, against the City to recover certain moneys.

NOTICE OF ACTION—CAIRNS VS. CITY OF HALIFAX.

To the City of Halifax, a Body Corporate, Halifax, Nova Scotia:

TAKE NOTICE, that John P. Cairns of Halifax in the County of Halifax, retired City Assistant Assessor, intends to commence an action against the City of Halifax, a body corporate,

(a) For a declaration that the said John P. Cairns is entitled to be superannuated by the said City of Halifax at a yearly allowance of six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$666.66) from the first day of August 1909, and that the said John P. Cairns is entitled to be paid by the said City of Halifax the sum of fifty-five dollars and fifty-five cents for each and every month since the first day of August 1909, on account of such allowance, and that the amount of such allowance be assessed and rated upon the inhabitants and property in the said City of Halifax pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 69 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1907 and the amendment or amendments thereto.

(b) For payment by the said City of Halifax to the said John P. Cairns of the sum of fifty-five dollars and fifty-five cents per month for each and every month since the first day of August 1909 and for damages for neglect to pay the same.

(c) For a writ of mandamus to compel the said City of Halifax to superannuate the said John P. Cairns and to pay the said sum and sums of money to the said John P. Cairns and to have the amount of such allowance assessed and rated upon

the inhabitants and property in the said City of Halifax and otherwise to fulfil and perform the requirements and provisions of the said statute.

(d) For such other relief as the Court or a Judge in the said action may see fit to grant, including the costs of said action.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 880 of the Halifax City Charter.

Dated at Halifax this 5th day of January A. D. 1910.

W. H. FULTON,
35 Bedford Row, Halifax, N. S.
Solicitor for John P. Cairns.

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

Motion put and passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Hubley, Corston, Thompson, Edwards—8.	Aldermen O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Martin, Rankine—6.

Read report Charities Committee for December.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, January 5th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report:

Members present: The Chairman, Aldermen Wilson, O'Brien and Rankine.

The Superintendent's report for December shows that during the month there were 43 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 19 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted, 9 were chargeable to the Province and 34 to the City. The total number of inmates Dec. 31st, 1909, was 402, made up of 258 men, 140 women and 4 children.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz.:

Wentzell's, Ltd., \$657.72. W. A. Maling & Co., \$398.16. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$181.83. J. M. Currie, \$79.05. Geo. Grigoire, \$30.75. F. W. Fraser, \$63.40. J. & M. Murphy, \$109.50. The Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$49.63. Henry Lovett, \$13.62. The Fleischmann Co., Ltd., \$5.40. Hugh D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$203.49. C. E. Puttner, \$50. B. J. Mulcahy, \$68.15. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., \$1.05. Baldwin & Co., \$3.60. William N. Brown, \$15.25. Snow & Co., Ltd., \$3.25; Farquhar Bros., \$3.70. Robinson's, Ltd., \$1.00. The Chronicle Publishing Co., \$7.80. Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow, Ltd., \$5.18. W. C. Knight, \$1.10. Wm. McFatridge, \$49.00. Pay Sheet, December, \$658.63. Total, \$2660.26.

W. E. HEBB, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and His

Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts mentioned therein.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman O'Brien and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee for December.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Jan. 5th, 1910

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee, held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson, Chairman; O'Brien and Rankine, the following accounts, amounting to \$226.92, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:

Halifax Tram Co., light, \$3.32. John H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$8.12. Moirs, Ltd., rolls, etc., \$4.75. Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$24.00. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$8.75. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, 70c. Wm. Robertson & Co., hardware, 45c. Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$13.31. David Roche, varnish, \$1.40. Frank W. Fraser, oats, \$122.23. C. W. Raine, carpenter work, \$21.21. Wentzell's, Ltd., groceries, \$18.68. Total, \$226.92.

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

S. Y. WILSON, *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 Wilson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien and passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 4th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report as follows:—

1. The Chief in compliance with the rules, reported five men, Captain Stone, Walter Purcell, Lieut. Quick, Bert Brunt and James Kieley, for being absent from third alarm of Fire, box 4, December 25th. The rule imposes a fine of \$3.00 and such further punishment as the Board determines. It is recommended that in the cases of Quirk and Kieley no further penalty be imposed than the fines already suffered. Purcell was on leave and is excused. In the cases of Stone and Brunt there were exceptional circumstances which induced the Board to recommend that the fines be remitted and that no penalty be inflicted on account of their unavoidable absence from the fire.

2. Daniel Ryan, acting driver on No. 1 engine, has resigned, and it is recommended that William Knapman, Jr., supernumerary on No. 2 engine, be appointed acting-driver in his stead.

3. The Chief reported a serious case of interference by a tram car with a hose wagon at the corner of George and Granville Streets at alarm from box 4 December 25th, and it is recommended that the attention of the Tram. Co. be directed to the matter.

4. The Chief also reported that during the same alarm a tram car at the corner of Cunard and Maynard Sts., failing to give No. 2 ladder wagon the right-of-way, forced it (in order to avoid collision) upon the sidewalk, resulting in considerable damage to the apparatus. It is recommended that the Tram. Co. be notified that the City will hold them responsible for the cost of the repairs.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :

Halifax Tram Co., light, \$27.09; power, \$7.64; \$34.73. Farquhar Bros., varnish, etc., \$2.55. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$9.63. W. B. Fidler, washing blankets, \$1.50. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$5.43. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.62. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$1.65. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$15.65. Can. Rubber Co., gloves, \$8.00. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$1.50. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$3.55. Silliker Car Co., wood, \$5.00. J. A. Dunn, Ltd., nickel plating, \$1.30. J. C. Calder, polish, \$9.00. Macdonald & Co., roofing, \$33.00. Hillis & Sons, forgings, \$43.06. Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$15.70. T. A. S. DeWolf & Son, wood, \$1.80. W. & C. Silver, bedding, \$37.75. Wentzell's Ltd., brooms and soda, \$10.55. Army pay Office, rents, 50c. Globe Laundry, work, \$8.67. F. A. Shaw, feed, \$285.31. Can. Oil Co., gasoline, \$17.25. Total, \$555.70.

J. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, that the report of the Committee of Fire Wards be received and concurred in and the accounts paid.

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

Read report*Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 5th, 1910.

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.....	\$1725 90
Streets.....	1066 86
Sewerage.....	336 11
City Hall Lighting	90 84
City Property	40 37
Teams and Stables	32 64
Sewer Maintenance.....	16 20
Cleaning Paved Streets	14 00
New Workshops	12 07
Internal Health.....	6 88
Elec. Wiring Inspection.....	6 00
Water Maintenance.....	330 15
Water Construction.....	287 32
Total.....	\$3965 34

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re reduction in water meter bill Joseph Wood & Co., Central Wharf:

CENTRAL WHARF WATER BILL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 5th, 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 reduction of water meter rates for Jos. Wood & Co. was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 29th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In the accompanying letters. Messrs. Jos. Wood & Co. appealed to your Committee for a reduction in the bill for water consumed between March and September 1908.

In this six months the meter was not read between May and July owing to some difficulty in getting at it as it is under ground. It was read on the 29th of July and Messrs. Wood & Co. state that they did not receive the reading until the 26th of August. They state that they immediately investigated the cause of the large consumption which the reading showed and found there was a leak in or near the meter.

Mr Morrison reports that the meter was leaking in the gland between the dirt box and the meter and that the water escaping did not pass through the meter at all. He also states, however, that there was a small leak in the pipe on the other side of the meter, but in his opinion it was too small to have registered the quantity shewn.

As no test was made, it is a matter of opinion only and as the cause of the extra consumption must have been ascertained and any defect corrected, the figures being much smaller after the meter was changed. I think it would be fairer under the circumstances, to assume that the contention of Messrs. Wood & Company is correct. My own opinion in the matter is not strong enough to contradict them. The only question then would be if they were responsible for the waste or not. As the leak was underground, and they did not receive the reading, the case is similar to that of the last one reported on at Ainsley's stables and I would recommend that a reduction of 100,000 gallons be made in the charge from March to September 1908.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re reduction Water Meter bill, Mrs. M. Ainsley, 26 Blowers Street.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 21st, 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 reduction of water meter rates, Mrs. M. Ainsley, was read and recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

WATER BILL NO. 26 BLOWERS STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 11th, 1909.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—Mrs. Matilda Ainsley has been charged for water supplied at the property at the property No. 26 Blowers Street during the period from September, 1908, to March, 1909, for 372,000 gallons.

The property is a stable and the meter is placed in the ground. As it is in an exposed position, it is the custom of the property owner to have it banked with manure in the Fall so that it will not freeze during the Winter; in consequence, no readings are taken during the cold months.

Mr. Morrison reports that his attention being called to the amount of water consumed, he made an inspection and found a leak between the meter and the hydrant in the coach house, the pipe where the leak started being covered up.

Mrs. Ainsley had the leak repaired as soon as her attention was called to it. This seems to be a case to be dealt with under the amendment of last session. Since the leak was repaired, the average consumption has been about 5000 gallons a month, and I would recommend that the quantity charged for during the period from September, 1908, to March, 1909, be reduced to 30,000 gallons.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in re reduction in Water Meter bill Acadia Sugar Refinery.

SUGAR REFINERY WATER BILL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 21st, 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 reduction of water meter bill of the Acadia Sugar Refinery, was read and recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 11th, 1909

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter respecting the bill for water supply to the Acadia Sugar Refinery from March 25 to September 28, 1908.

When reporting in December, 1908, on the bill for the preceding six months, I recommended a reduction which was approved by the Works Committee and the Council, and at the same time called the attention of the Works Committee to the fact that similar conditions existed during the six months from March to September, 1908, and that a reduction would no doubt be asked for for this period. The Committee were of the opinion that no steps should be taken until a request was made by the Refinery.

The accompanying letter, dated Nov. 24, '09, from the Refinery Company, contains a request for a reduction on the same grounds stated in their former request. There were two leaks discovered, one on August 12 and one on August 14, 1908. As stated by the Refinery Company, it would be impossible to say how long the water was running before the leakage showed on the surface, and as stated in a former

report, in the opinion of the Foreman of the Water Department, there is no doubt that the waste through the leak would reach the amount estimated by the Refinery Company, and it is unlikely that there can be a similar dispute in future, as the Refinery Company have their own meter close to the Refinery, while the City meter is some distance away.

It seems to be a fair claim on the part of the Refinery that the bill should be reduced to the estimate made by them. I think their estimate is, to say the least, fair to the City and I would therefore recommend that a reduction be made in the period from March 25th to September 28th, 1908, as suggested in their letter.

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

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters dated December 3rd and submitted at a meeting of this Council December 14th, be now taken up.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that said report be taken up at the next meeting of the Council.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
O'Brien, Hebb,
Smith, Hubley,
Thompson, Edwards,
Rankine—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh,
McManus, Douglas,
Hoben, Martin,
Corston—7.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Bligh, McManus,
Douglas, Hoben,
Martin—5.

Against.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Wilson, O'Brien,
Hebb, Smith,
Hubley, Thompson,
Corston, Edwards,
Rankine—11.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re road to the North West Arm between South Street and Point Pleasant Park, through Marlboro' Wood.

ROAD TO THE ARM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 14th, 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 W. A. Black et al in re Road to the Arm, between South St. and Point Pleasant Park, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 10th, 1909

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition signed by sixty-two prominent citizens, asking the City to provide some means of access to the shore of the Arm, between South Street and Point Pleasant Park.

At present there is no public road to the shore at this portion of the Arm. There is a lane running down to the Arm from Franklin Street, about 350 ft. south of the north line of the Bower Road through the property of the Presbyterian Theological College which the public have been allowed to use to a limited extent, but it has always been fenced in and rental charged for the use of it, and I am informed that the owners intend to close it next year.

The petitioners suggest the extension of Bower Road, between the Pine Hill property and the Thomson Property to the Arm. I am informed that the property owners would object strenuously to this extension and would refuse to convey the land required. It would therefore be necessary to expropriate and would cost considerable money. As the prayer of the petitioners would be satisfied by the opening of a road or lane instead of a street, perhaps a large outlay could be avoided by accepting, as an alternative, the offer made some time ago by the North West Arm Land Company. The Company offered to deed to the City the extension of Inglis Street from Robie Street westerly to the street shown on their plan as Bellevue Avenue. This portion of the street has been graded. They also offered to deed the City a road from the west end of Inglis Street to a small piece of land reserved on the shore of the Arm about 120 ft. wide 370 ft. deep for the purpose of a public park and boat landing. The road is already constructed and in use. The Company will deed the road from Inglis Street to the reservation and the reservation without charge on condition that the City release the bond given by Messrs. R. L. Borden and S. M. Brookfield for the grading of Inglis and Robie Streets and will also agree to give to the City the \$210.00 which has been on deposit since 1897, with accumulated interest.

The latter alternative, is in my opinion, much more desirable and advantageous to the City. The arm would be reached at one of the prettiest points and at a most convenient location for the citizens who have occasion to visit the Arm or the properties on the other side. There would be no outlay necessary as teams can reach the reservation by the road hereinbefore mentioned. While the extension of Bower Road would cost considerable money, the right-of-way to the Arm with the park and landing could be acquired for nothing.

The bond referred to was to guarantee the grading of Inglis Street to Robie Street and Robie Street from Inglis to the south end of the present street. Inglis Street has been graded 15 ft. wide and has been in use ever since 1897. Robie Street between Inglis Street and the south end of the present street is shown on the Official Plan and must in time become a City Street whether it is deeded by the Land Company or not.

The North West Arm Land Company was not required under the agreement

or bond to give a right of way to the Arm or landing place, and in my opinion the value of the road which they offer and the landing place and park or picnic ground is more than equal to any advantage that the City will realize in consequence of the bond given by Messrs. Borden and Broofield.

Further, the City removed all the surplus gravel on the extension of Inglis Street and used it for its own purposes. The Company claimed they had a right to this material to do the grading with. If the Company are right, it would complicate matters in taking steps to recover under the bond.

The road is already constructed from the end of Inglis Street to the picnic ground and landing, and I would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted by accepting a deed of the extension of Inglis Street and the road to the Arm with the picnic ground and landing, under the conditions offered by the North West Arm Land Company.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Aldermen Hoben, that this matter be placed on the Order of the Day and each Alderman furnished with a copy of the reports.

Amendment put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson
O'Brien, Hebb,
Biigh, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Hubley,
Thompson, Martin,
Corston, Edwards,
Rankine.—15.

Against it.

Alderman Whitman.—1

His Worship the Mayor asked that a Juries Lists Committee be now appointed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that Aldermen Hoben, Douglas and McManus be appointed on the Juries Committee.

Aldermen Hoben, Douglas and McManus respectively decline to serve.

Moved by Alderman Corston, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that Alderman Edwards be a member of the Juries Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that Alderman Shaffner be appointed a member of the Juries Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that Alderman O'Brien be appointed a member of the Juries Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that Mr. Francis A. Collins, Chief Engineer S. S. Minia (in place of Norman A. Currie, Steamboat Inspector, who has declined to serve), be associated with Mr. J. H. Dow to hold the investigation into the case of Engineer Sheehan. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hoben asked for a report from the Board of Fire Escapes.

Aldermen Hebb asked when it is intended to lay a proper footpath on the Grand Parade.

His Worship the Mayor replied that this matter has been on the Order of the Day since June 9th, 1908, and still remains there.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the City Electrician report at the next meeting of Council an estimate of the cost of properly lighting the City Council Chamber and the Committee Room. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the Council do now adjourn until Thursday next at 8 p. m. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.**(ADJOURNED MEETING.)****8.10 o'clock.**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Jan. 13th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening, pursuant to adjournment of the 6th instant. The said adjourned meeting was called "to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas, Hoben, Bligh, O'Brien, Corston, Wilson, and McManus.

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

8.30 o'clock. Rell called. Present the above named.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

JANUARY 27TH 1910

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, January 27th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above above named hour. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Wilson, Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Douglas, Hoben, Hubley, Kelly, Martin, Thompson, Corston, Edwards, 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 Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on notice of action John P. Cairns vs. City of Halifax, by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

Petition for extension of Cabot Street, by Alderman Edwards.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

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

Report Board of Health re privy vaults, &c.

Report City Electrician re lighting City Council Chamber.

Opinion City Solicitor re payment of Revisors of Juries Lists

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz :—

Letter from Union of Electrical Workers.

Funds for sewer work.

Concrete sidewalk Coburg Road.

Street lights.

Building lines.

Petition for sewer extension Livingston Street.

Report Coal Weighers for December.

Petition Aryan and Seigniorial Order re funds for statue to Lord Dorchester.

Letter Dr. N. E. McKay claiming damages for injuries to his horse.

Cash Statements City Collector taxes and water rates November and December.

Application Catherine McIntyre for refund of liquor license deposit.

Letter F. A. Collins accepting appointment on Board to investigate case of Engineer Sheehan of the Fire Department.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday reported to him since last meeting of Council. Filed.

Read report City Electrician re lighting of City Council Chamber and Aldermen's Room.

LIGHTING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

• CITY ELECTRICIAN'S OFFICE, Jan. 25th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with resolution of Council, I beg herewith to submit estimates on three propositions for improving the lighting in the Council Chamber and adjoining committee room.

A plan that would give fairly good results would be to utilize the present fixtures' cutting the stems short, so as to place the lights within two feet of the ceiling; and have nipples attached to arms so that lights would hang vertically. I would recommend the use of tungsten lamps of 40 watt capacity, enclosed in special diffusing shades. The cost for this arrangement, including lamps, would be about \$50.00.

The second proposition provides for 5 of the latest type 5 lt. diffusing clusters, in place of the present fixtures, fitted with suitable shades, and 40 watt tungsten lamps. This scheme, while more expensive, is of modern design, and very well adapted to the requirements, and would cost, including lamps, about \$125.00.

The third plan, and one that would give the best results, would be produced by removing the present fixtures and installing light units in the centres of ceiling panels, 15 100-watt tungsten lamps, on short stem fittings, enclosed in suitable diffusing shades for the Council Chamber, and one diffusing cluster, provided with 4 lights of 40-watt capacity in committee room. This plan would necessitate the taking up of floors in the janitor's rooms for the purpose of installing the wires, and the estimated cost would be \$200.00.

In the three arrangements special care has been taken to eliminate all harsh effects, at the same time giving ample illumination.

P. R. COLPITT, *City Electrician.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for sewer extension Livingstone Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Health Board asking for amendment to the law relating to privy vaults, etc.

PRIVY VAULTS, &c.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, January 27th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held yesterday, the enclosed by-law was made and passed, and on motion same was referred to your Council with the recommendation that an Act be made in accordance therewith and sent to the Legislature for enactment.

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

By-law to amend by-law No. 3 of the City Health Board, of Privies, vaults and the removal of night-soil.

By-law No. 3 of the City Health Board of privies, vaults and the removal of night soil is hereby amended by adding the following sections to be read as though they immediately followed section 3.

1. If the owner or agent of any premises who has been notified under the provisions of any by-law of the Halifax City Health Board to remove or close up any cesspit or privy from premises fails to comply with the directions of the Board in that behalf, the Board may itself enter upon the premises and itself do any work therein required to carry out the directions of the Board, and may as part of such work place in the said premises a suitable water closet and connect the same by a drain with the public sewer, and the cost of any work so done shall constitute and be a lien on the property and premises on which the said work is done having priority to any lien or charge thereon except a lien created under and by virtue of the Halifax City Charter. And such amount may also be recovered from the owner or agent of such property by action in the name of the City of Halifax.

2. Upon the completion of any work done or performed by the City Health Board the Board shall furnish the City Collector with a statement of the cost of such work and of the property on which the work was done and the owner of such property.

3. The Collector shall divide the amount for which any person is liable into five equal instalments, the first of which shall be due and payable on the thirty-first day of May next ensuing, and one on each succeeding thirty-first day of May, until the whole is paid.

4. To the first of such instalments shall be added the interest at six per cent. on the amount due in respect to the property from the date of the completion of the work and to each succeeding instalment shall be added the interest at six per cent. on the amount of principal then remaining unpaid.

5. The owner of the property or the holder of any mortgage thereon or any other person interested therein may at any time pay to the Collector the whole amount of principal and interest due in respect to such work and obtain a discharge of the lien thereby created.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read cash statements City Collector taxes and water rates November and December. Filed.

Read application Catherine M. Intyre for refund of liquor license deposits.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Engineer F. A. Collins accepting appointment on Board of Investigation into the case of Engineer Sheehan of the Fire Department. Filed.

Read letter Dr. N. E. McKay claiming damages for injuries to his horse and harness.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for December. Filed.

Read petition for extension of Cabot Street from Gottingen Street to Kempt Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for subscriptions to Flodden Memorial Fund.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition Aryan and Seigneurial Order for a City and Provincial Provisional Committee to consider the raising of funds to erect an equestrian statue to Lord Dorchester, first British Governor-General of Canada (1766-96).

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read opinion City Solicitor re payment of Revisors of Juries Lists.

RE PAYMENT TO REVISORS OF JURY LISTS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Jan. 11th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Hoben's question as to the legality of the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in this year's estimates, I beg to say as follows:—

The Jury Act (sec. 8) provides that the Council shall in every year appoint a committee to prepare and revise the Jury Lists, and by sec. 75 shall vote such compensation to the committee as it deems suitable for the work performed. As I understand, the Council for the years 1907-8 and 1908-9 appointed the Jury Revision Committee and refused to vote any compensation for their work. The committee might possibly have refused to do the work without compensation, but they did not, and did the work. It is now proposed to put in the assessment the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for the purpose of paying two hundred dollars (\$200) to the committee for the ensuing civic year and also four hundred dollars (\$400), that is two hundred dollars (\$200) apiece for the two preceding committees, and this purpose is stated on the face of the estimates. This involves what is termed in England a "retrospective rate." The legislature can of course authorize a municipality to make such a rate, but the intention to give such authority must be clear, and the court have always been inclined against such a construction of a taxing enactment for the obvious reason that it is unfair to throw on the existing body of ratepayers a burden that should have been borne by their predecessors. A leading case in England, that of *Woods vs. Reid*, 2 M. & W 777. In that case the Council of the municipality was "authorized and required from time to time to estimate, as correctly as might be, what amount would be sufficient for the payment of the expenses to be incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act; and in order to raise the amount so estimated, the Council was authorized and required from time to time to order a rate to be made within their borough." Upon this the court said: "We must construe the Act of Parliament according to its words, and any imaginary or even real inconvenience which may result cannot govern our judgment. If the words of the clause were not so clearly prospective, we might perhaps take advantage of the ambiguity to give some latitude to their construction; but they are plainly prospective only. The general inconvenience of retrospective rates have been long known and recognized in the courts of law, on the ground that succeeding inhabitants cannot legitimately be made to pay for services of which their predecessors have had the whole benefit. But here, independently of that general rule, the Act contains words which are in their nature prospective only. If they had reference to past expenses, they would have been described as matter of calculation, not of estimation; and the words "to be incurred" must necessarily be read in conjunction with the word "estimate"—that is, to be incurred after the estimate is made. Can we read the words "to be incurred" as meaning "which have been incurred?" I think not. I am of opinion, therefore, that this rate was invalid, and that our judgment must be for the plaintiff." This statement of the law has been ever since accepted in England. The language of our own Charter has, I believe, always been held to have a similar meaning. Section 303 directs the Finance Committee to "prepare an estimate of all sums which are required for the ensuing civic year according to the provisions of the sections which authorize the regular expenditure." This language is practically identical with

that of the English Act just quoted and must receive the same construction against conferring a retrospective power.

I should add that in this case the former Council having expressly refused to vote any compensation for the service, it would not in my opinion be now open to the present Council to rescind this resolution for the purpose of creating a liability at the expense of existing taxpayers.

If it is thought right to compensate the past committee for their services, legislation should be obtained in the usual form authorizing the money to be borrowed and included in the ensuing year's estimates.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the same be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works re funds for sewer work— (\$20,000.00.)

FUNDS FOR SEWER WORK \$20,000.00.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 26th, 1910.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, a delegation of the City workmen was present and strongly urged that it was absolutely necessary that work be provided to keep them from undue hardship.

It was decided that, as the present sewerage loan was almost exhausted, to recommend that the balance (\$20,000) of the sewerage loan (\$50,000) authorized by the Acts of 1909, be borrowed at once so that funds may be available for sewer work.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works, City Engineer and City Electrician on letter from Union of Electrical Workers re electric wiring.

ELECTRICAL WIRING WORK..

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 26th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached reports of the City Engineer and City Electrician on Minute of Council in re letter from Union of Electrical Workers were read and referred to Council for its information.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman,*

JANUARY 27TH, 1910.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 6th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from the Local Union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

I submitted the matter to Mr. Colpitt the City Electrician, whose duty it is to supervise and deal with all matters in connection with the Electrical Wiring Ordinance. I enclose a copy of his report.

Mr. Colpitt is not aware of any undue laxity in the carrying out of the law. The Ordinance is similar to that in relation to plumbing, and in the earlier stages, in order to prevent hardship and perhaps unfairness, the officials to whom was entrusted the carrying out of the Ordinance, had to use their own judgment in order to smooth over the roughness of the earlier administration of the law. We have endeavoured to do the same thing in reference to the Electrical Wiring Ordinance.

Mr. Colpitt states that he is not aware of any violation which he has not dealt with by warning them that a repetition would result in action being taken under the Ordinance.

It would seem to be unwise to enforce the Ordinance to the limit in case of a first violation while the Ordinance is new.

Mr. Colpitt states that he has asked the electrical workers to report to him any case that they are aware of, where the law has not been enforced and as they have not done so, any further action cannot be taken.

I have advised Mr. Colpitt that he should carry out the law impartially after fair warning and there is no disposition on the part of the City Officials to ignore violations of the law or to permit any laxity in the observance of the law.

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

CITY ELECTRICIAN'S OFFICE, Halifax, Jan. 5th, 1910.

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

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the enclosed complaint, from the Electrical Workers I beg to say, the complaint itself is so vague I cannot reply to it except in general terms.

With the exception of a few cases, I am not aware of the ordinance being violated, and I do not think it is to any great extent. In the cases referred to, the responsible persons have been notified that further violations would result in action being taken against them.

I have also been interviewed by a committee, representing the Electrical Workers, and in reply to complaints similar to the enclosed have asked them to submit evidence on which successful action could be based, but as yet no evidence has been forthcoming.

P. R. COLPITT, *City Electrician.*

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

Read report City Engineer re Coburg Road sidewalk.

COBURG ROAD SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 5th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re concrete sidewalk on south side

of Coburg Road from Oxford Street to a point opposite the Waegwoltic was read and recommended for adoption and a copy of said report was ordered to be sent to W. S. Davison on behalf of the petitioners.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 27th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Coburg Road between Oxford Street and the North West Arm.

Since the organization of the Waegwoltic Club and the opening of the Birchdale Hotel this sidewalk has become much more important than it was previously, and as it is located between the street car track and these two properties it is desirable that the sidewalk should be kept in good condition.

The petition is largely signed, but does not contain the signature of a single owner of property on the south side of Coburg Road, between Oxford Street and the Arm. The petition states that some of the property owners on the north side of Coburg Road would contribute and that the Waegwoltic Club will probably contribute, but I have no further information in this respect than that contained in this petition.

This sidewalk would be about half a mile from the nearest concrete sidewalk, and people walking out to the Arm would traverse about half a mile of mud after leaving the sidewalk, going out Spring Garden Road, before they would reach this proposed sidewalk.

I cannot make an estimate of the cost of constructing this work until I know exactly where it is to be located. The street line has not been officially fixed on the south side of Coburg Road, and as it cannot follow the old line but must be straightened, I cannot estimate the quantity of work to be done until it is settled just how much the present location of the sidewalk is to be altered.

I think it would be very unwise to construct a permanent sidewalk on the old location before this matter is decided, as permanent work should be put in a permanent location. I regret, therefore, that I feel it is my duty to recommend that the construction of a sidewalk on this road be postponed until the street line has been established.

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

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re building lines in reply to petition of Civic Improvement League.

BUILDING LINES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 26th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re building lines, as requested by Civic Improvement League, was read and referred to Council for its information.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 25th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Civic Improvement

League, drawing attention to the importance of establishing building lines on residential streets.

This matter has been dealt with already by the Works Committee, but their recommendations encountered legal obstacles during consideration by the Council, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, on whose files it is at present.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Shaffner that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Street Lights.

STREET LIGHTS

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 26th, 1910.

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 the several street lights petitioned for was read and recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman*.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 25th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the desirability of installing street lights as follows:—

ROOME STREET IN FRONT OF GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL.

The petitioners ask for the installation of a light in front of the new hall which they are building on Roome Street.

There is a light at the corner of Roome Street and Acadia Street, which is only about 200 feet from this property. If another light is put in on Roome Street it should be at Albert Street, so that it will light four ways, and as the appropriation would be exhausted by the lights already ordered, I cannot recommend lights which are not absolutely necessary.

CORNER CREIGHTON AND COLUMBUS STREET.

This street intersection will need a light in the near future if it is not desirable to instal one now. The same remark will apply to every other street intersection in Merkelsfield, as there are no lights in that district except on Agricola Street. There is no doubt the locality is dark at night, and I would recommend that a light be installed when the funds are available.

CORNER CEDAR AND PRESTON STREETS.

A light at this corner would serve a district which has been built up for years, and I would recommend that a light be installed when funds are available.

OXFORD STREET BETWEEN COBURG ROAD AND JUBILEE ROAD.

This is a very long block, through which the tramway runs, and the company expect to put in a line of double track in the near future. It would then be necessary to have an additional light, and I would recommend that a light be installed when the funds are available.

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