

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Hebb that the said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works and dealt with when all applications are in before the next appropriation is made for this service.

Amendment put and passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on notice of action John P. Cairns against the City of Halifax re the payment of superannuation allowance.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 21st, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the notice of action of John P. Cairns, ex-Assistant Assessor, against the City to recover certain moneys.

Your Committee recommend that

Whereas, the Legislature of Nova Scotia by Chapter 69, section 41, of the Acts of 1907, authorized the City Council at their will to superannuate John P. Cairns, Assistant Assessor, at a yearly allowance of \$666.66, such allowance to be paid monthly;

And Whereas, the City Council on various occasions refused to superannuate the said John P. Cairns;

And Whereas, the Legislature of Nova Scotia subsequently by Chapter 84, section 12, of the Acts of 1909, amended the said legislation of 1907 by "Striking out the word 'may' in the third line of said sub-section and inserted in its place and stead the word 'shall' and by inserting after the words 'Assistant Assessor' in the fourth line of said sub-section the words 'on or before the first day of August, 1909;'"

And Whereas, said last recited legislation attempted to make it compulsory for the City Council to superannuate the said John P. Cairns and thus to interfere with a purely domestic affair of the City of Halifax;

Therefore Resolved, that we recommend the City Council to respectfully request the Legislature of Nova Scotia to repeal Chapter 84 Section 12 of the Acts of 1909 so that said section 12 be null and void from the time of the enactment thereof;

And Further Resolved, that we recommend the City Council to pledge its member to do all in their power to obtain from the legislature of Nova Scotia a repeal of said section 12, Chapter 84, of the Acts of 1909;

And Further Resolved, that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend any action brought against the City of Halifax by John P. Cairns' Solicitor.

ANDREW HUBLEY.
S. Y. WILSON.
ALFRED WHITMAN.
JAS. S. EDWARDS.

The City Solicitor verbally informed the Council that the writ in this matter was issued to-day.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman,

that the report be divided in two sections, viz.:—1st. The repeal of the legislation; 2nd. Defending the law suit. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the first section of the report relating to the repealing of the legislation on this matter be adopted.

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

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—11.	Aldermen Bligh, Douglas, Kelly, Martin—4.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the second section of the report re defending the action be now adopted.

Alderman Hoben asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor stated he thought it not desirable that he should discuss in public the merits of an action he might be called upon to defend.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The motion being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—11.	Aldermen Bligh, Douglas, Kelly, Martin—4.

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

Read report Committee on Works re removal of ashes and garbage.

DISPOSAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 21st, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached Minute of Council with letter from the Civic Improvement League in re disposal of garbage, etc., was read. It was decided to report to Council that the present appropriation does not admit of the extra expenditure.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re drainage of certain properties on Gottingen Street. (See City Health Board Report in printed Minutes, November 4th, 1909).

DRAINAGE GOTTINGEN STREET PROPERTIES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 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 the several reports of the City Health Board officials attached to Minute of Council in re drainage certain properties Gottingen Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying communications from the City Health Board asking the City Council to provide some means for draining the properties on the east side of Gottingen Street from the Military Hospital to Cornwallis Street.

One communication is a report from the City Plumbing Inspector. I have interviewed Mr. Meagher, who states that he has no knowledge of anything wrong with the outside drainage of any single property from the Military Hospital to Cornwallis Street. He has pointed out in his report the defective plumbing in a number of the properties, but states that it has nothing to do with the outside drainage of the property, and that if the defective plumbing were repaired the drainage of the properties would be in good order as far as his knowledge goes. He reports in reference to Nos. 31 and 33 that they are supposed to be connected with a cess-pit in the rear. This I know from my own knowledge is not correct. They are connected with a drain that runs to Maitland Street.

Mr. J. R. Bourke reported on the 20th of October that at the property 33 Gottingen Street the yard was in a very dirty condition, cellar and w. c. in a beastly state and no water to flush the tank. I inspected this property to-day and found the yard in a very dirty condition, potato peelings, garbage, refuse and dirt being scattered over it. The cellar and w. c. are in a similar condition, but the flush tank is supplied with water and I am informed that the supply was not cut off when Mr. Bourke inspected it, but that the chain pull was broken.

I am informed that for two months this property has been in this condition although neither the dirty condition of the yard, cellar or w. c., has any connection with the condition of the drainage. Mr. Meagher states that the plumbing inside the building is perfect as far as the construction and state of repair goes and I agree with him. The only objection that can be taken to the condition of the plumbing is the dirty state of the closet, which has nothing to do with the place to which the house drains. The Health Board have been misled in this matter and indirectly have misled the Council.

Some person or authority has been very negligent as no apparent effort has been made to place this property No. 33 in a more sanitary condition and it is a disgraceful condition of affairs that it should remain from the 20th of October to the present time, a menace to the health of the occupants. It is a serious reflection on the sanitary organization of the the City of Halifax.

Mr. Bourke states that the drainage from this house is lodged in the old drains in the rear and will eventually cause an epidemic as the odor in some of the houses is becoming very pronounced. It is a physical impossibility for the air, sewer gas or

anything else from anything in the drain outside this house to reach the house unless some accident happens. The odor in the house and vicinity is caused by the filthy condition in which the Health Inspector has allowed this property to remain for at least two months.

I cannot understand the reason for misleading the Health Board and the Council.

The plumbing and drainage have been in perfect order since Mayor Crosby instructed the Foreman of Works to cover in the drain over a year ago. There is no reason which can be given to justify cutting up Gottingen Street to connect any of these properties with the Gottingen Street sewer, as the drain would be no better than the drains at present in use. It would be most unfair to the property owners to put them to the expense and to the store keepers doing business along the street. It would mean the cutting up of the pavement unnecessarily, putting store keepers and pedestrians to unnecessary inconvenience. It would disfigure the pavement, and as the holes cut nearly a year ago in the bitulithic pavement have not yet been repaired by the company, there is a possibility that the trench would remain unrepaired for a long time.

The Plumbing Inspector, who should know more than Mr. Bourke about this matter, states that the plumbing work is in good order. Any person who goes to these properties and tries the flushing fixtures will find the drainage runs off freely. If the Board of Health are sincere in their desire to improve the condition of these properties, the remedy is in their own hands. They have only to require the property owners to repair their plumbing inside the buildings and keep them clean. Why this has not been done long ago I am unable even to suggest.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Edwards that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Smith, that the report be referred to the City Health Board for their information. Amendment passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re petition of A. C. Theakston for a new street between Robie and Louisburg Streets.

PETITION A. C. THEAKSTON.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 14th, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At the meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of A. C. Theakston in re opening a new street between Robie and Louisburg Streets was read. It was resolved to recommend the adoption of the report that the street be approved, provided that Mr. Theakston constructs a sewer to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, which sewer, if so constructed, shall be deemed to be and accepted as a public sewer.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 23rd, 1909

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. A. C. Theakston asking the approval of the City of the opening of a street between Louisburg Street and Robie Street parallel with Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road.

Mr. Theakston's property is on the east side of Louisburg St. between Cedar St. and Shirley St. He has made a division into lots and in doing so shown a proposed street to run between Louisburg St. and Robie St. parallel with Cedar Street. Cedar

Street is shewn on the official plan running through to Robie Street. The block between Cedar St. and Shirley St. is about 484 feet. If a 60 ft. street were located in the middle of this block it would leave two blocks of 212 ft. each permitting a division of the property into lots 106 ft. deep facing on the east and west streets. The street would also be in line with a short street running west called Linden Street. This location would be the proper location and in accordance with principles adopted in the preparation of the official plan. There would be no jog in the direction of the streets; water pipes, sewers pole lines and other structures would be in line and one light would serve for both streets instead of two being required where there is a jog. If the matter were not so complicated I would strongly urge the location of a street in line with Linden Street. Mr. Theakston has laid down a street in the middle of his own property without regard to the interest of other property owners or the City and has left only 127 ft. between his proposed street and Cedar Street while between his proposed street and Shirley Street, the next street north, there will be about 297 feet. The location is most undesirable, but an opening has been left on Robie Street so that this street may run from Louisburg St. to Robie St., and as it is the only space left I can see no other practicable way out of the difficulty than the approval of the location proposed by Mr. Theakston. It should not, however be considered as a precedent as the circumstances may not be duplicated and it should not be considered as a proper way to lay out and approve of new streets to be added to the official plan. Mr Theakston's plan shows the name of the street as Robie Avenue. We have avoided the duplication of names on the official plan, and it is most important and desirable that we should do so in every case. As the streets in this vicinity are named for trees, such as Chestnut, Walnut, Cedar, I would recommend that this street be called Cherry Street.

I certify that the proposed street complies with the requirements of the law, but cannot certify that the location is satisfactory.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re street lights Maitland Terrace and Creighton Street.

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 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 Minutes of Council in re street lights Maitland Terrace and Creighton Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying resolutions of Council respecting street lights:—

MAITLAND TERRACE.

There is a light on Maitland Street at the corner of Brunswick lane, one on Brunswick St. opposite the middle of Proctor Street and one north of Brunswick Lane halfway to Cornwallis Street. I think there are sufficient lights in this neighborhood to light the district. The light at the head of Proctor Street can be moved so that it will light Maitland Terrace, and I would recommend that it be moved from its present position to the north side of Proctor Street.

CREIGHTON STREET.

The petitioners ask for two lights on Creighton Street between North St. and Bloomfield St., using as one of their arguments the statement that there are three lights on Maynard Street in this district. This statement is not quite correct. There are two lights on Maynard Street between North and Bloomfield Street and these two lights are required because Black Street and Ontario Street are not in the same line. The conditions on Creighton Street are not the same. A light has already been ordered to be placed on Creighton Street at the corner of Black St., and as there are thirteen other lights already ordered and no appropriation for them, we cannot afford to put in any lights which are not absolutely necessary. I would therefore recommend that the order as already passed be allowed to stand.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges dated December 3rd, 1909, and submitted to Council December 14th, 1909, be now taken up. Motion passed.

The said report signed by five members of the Committee is now read. (See printed minutes of Council April 22nd, 1909.)

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

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

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee, held this evening, all the members of the committee being present, there was—

1. Read letter W. G. Naylor in re his sewerage rates.

Your committee have again to report (after obtaining the opinion of the Solicitor) that the Council has no power to make exemption or any reduction whatever in this matter, and that Mr. Naylor be so informed and referred to the City Solicitor's opinion, a copy of which has already been sent him.

2. Read resolution Citizens' Temperance Committee, passed at a meeting held the 23rd of March last, and submitted to and read at a meeting of City Council, held on 22nd April last and referred to this committee.

The resolution was considered clause by clause, as follows:—

Clause I.—Re appointment of Commission by Provincial Government. Your committee beg to report against the adoption of this clause.

Clause II. Re appointment of a prosecuting attorney for violations of legislation affecting the liquor traffic.

Your committee beg to report that such an appointment is unnecessary, as the Solicitor is required to attend to such cases.

Clause III.—Re reduction of number of licenses to one in every 1 000 of population after the census of 1911.

Your committee beg to report that as legislation has been recently enacted for readjustment of the number of licenses to be granted after the next census, it is undesirable to recommend any change in such legislation, at the present time, or until the effect of such legislation is apparent.

Clause IV.—Re plebiscite on open bar and hotel licenses.

Your committee beg to report this clause to the favorable consideration of the Council, the conditions of the plebiscite, however, to be determined by the Council.

Clause V.—Re inspection of liquors.

Your committee beg to report that we have not the power to deal with this matter.

Clause VI. Re percentage of alcohol constituting liquor, within the meaning of the Act.

Your committee beg to report that 3 per cent., being the same percentage as provided in the "Carrying Act" now in force be adopted

Clause VII. Re second and third offences against the Act, your committee recommend the adoption of the clause.

ANDREW HUBLEY.
S. Y. WILSON.
JAS. S. EDWARDS.
A. A. THOMPSON.
ALFRED WHITMAN.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read clause 1 re W. G. Naylor's sewerage rates.

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

Read clause 2 re resolutions of Citizens' Temperance Committee.

It is decided to consider separately the various sub-sections of this clause.

Read sub-section I re appointment of a Commission by the Provincial Government.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said clause be adopted.

The following amendment is submitted :

That the granting of liquor licenses be placed in the hands of a commission consisting of the Mayor, City Solicitor and Chief of Police of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the granting of liquor license be placed in the hands of a Commission consisting of the County Court Judge, the City Solicitor, and the Chief of Police.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it, viz. :—

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Bligh, Douglas,
Smith, Kelly—4.

Against.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, Hebb, Hoben,
Hubley, Thompson,
Martin, Corston,
Edwards, Rankine—11.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb :

That this Council recommend the appointment of the Chief Justice, the County Court Judge and the City Stipendiary as a Commission for the granting of liquor licenses.

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

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Hebb, Smith,
Hoben, Hubley—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Bligh,
Douglas, Thompson,
Martin, Corston,
Edwards, Rankine—8.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The motion is put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows :—

For the original motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Thompson, Martin,
Edwards, Rankine—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Hebb,
Bligh, Douglas,
Smith, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Corston—9.

Read sub-section II, re appointment of a prosecuting attorney.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that said sub-section be adopted. Motion passed.

Read sub-section III, re reduction of number of licenses.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said sub-section be adopted.

The following amendment is submitted :—

Whereas, the liquor question is of vital importance to the people of Halifax, who alone should decide how many licenses should be granted ;

And whereas, it is of equal importance to the license holders and liquor interests generally that a definite decision should be arrived at respecting the number to be granted so as to avoid the uncertainty and harassment to which they are at present subjected ;

Resolved, that legislation be obtained under which the people should be given the opportunity at the ensuing civic election to vote on the following question :—

" Are you in favor of reducing the number of liquor licenses from ninety to fifty to be issued for shops and hotels in this City for the year 1911 and thereafter? "

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

The debate on the motion and amendment having proceeded at some length—

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

Council adjourns 12.30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.40 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 8th, 1910.

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

The Council was summoned to consider applications for liquor licenses.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Application W. E. Messervey for re-appointment as Chief Inspector of Licensed Premises.

Report License Inspector covering applications for liquor licenses, for license year 1910-11.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read application Walter E. Messervey for re-appointment as Chief Inspector of Licensed premises.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that Mr. Messervey be re-elected. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Chief License Inspector covering applications for liquor licenses for license year 1910-11.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS 1910-11.

OFFICE OF LICENSE INSPECTOR, Feb. 8th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit the applications for Liquor Licenses for the ensuing year 1910-11.

W. E. MESSERVEY, *Chief License Inspector.*

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the various applications for licenses be considered by wards.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that not more than forty (40) shop licenses be granted for the license year 1910-11.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 13 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, Smith, Hubley—4.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine.—13.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock to-night and that the License Inspector then report to the Council in accordance with the purport of Alderman Smith's amendment, the names of 28 applicants for shop licenses he would recommend be not granted licenses so that the number may be reduced to 40.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Corston—6.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Wilson, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Martin, Edwards, Rankine—11.

Original motion put and passed.

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. One:

WARD NO. ONE.

John Courtney, shop, north side head Gas Lane.

David M. Finlay, shop, 17 Victoria Lane.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed, 14 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, O'Brien,
Bligh, McMannus,
Douglas, Hoban,
Kelly, Thompson,
Martin, Corston,
Edwards, Rankine.—14.

Against it.

Aldermen Hebb, Smith,
Hubley.—3.

WARD NO. TWO

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. Two.

James L. White, shop, 84 Rottenburg Street.
W. J. Forrestall, shop, 12 Rottenburg Street.
John J. Abraham, shop, 13 Rottenburg Street.
Thomas Major, shop, 62½ Dresden Row.
A. Keith & Son, brewers, 88 to 94 Lower Water Street.
A. P. Calnan, shop, 104 Lower Water Street.
Evelyn Burns, hotel, 30 to 34 Salter Street.
Richard Cahill, shop, 126 Lower Water Street.
William McEachern, shop, 52 Sackville Street.
Annie Cahill, hotel, 25 Argyle Street.
Dillon Brothers, wholesale, 76 Sackville Street.
E. L. McDonald, hotel, Hollis Street (Halifax Hotel).
Margaret McGrath, shop, 6 Sackville Street.
James E. Ryan, shop, 157 Lower Water Street.
W. F. Blank, shop, 117 Hollis Street.
James P. Fairbanks, hotel (Queen Hotel).
Peter C. Flemming, shop, 156 Lower Water Street.
Nathaniel Doherty, hotel, Sackville Street (Prince George).
Edgar D. Blair, shop, 21 Sackville Street.
L. J. Redmond, hotel, 155 Hollis Street.
Simon Fraser, hotel, 43 Argyle Street.
James Hogan, shop, 62 Grafton Street.
William Conway, shop, 5 Sackville Street.
Nathan Cornfoot, shop, 65 Granville Street.
Patrick Ryan, hotel, 204 to 206 Lower Water Street.
Agnes Cahalane, 5½ Bedford Row.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that all of the said licenses in Ward No. Two be granted with the exception of those of James P. Fairbanks, William F. Blank, Nathaniel Doherty, Margaret McGrath, James L. White, William McEachern, John J.

Abraham and Dillon Brothers, and that the last mentioned licenses be separately considered. Motion passed.

Read application Dillon Bros. for a wholesale license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Aldermen Hebb, Smith and Hubley dissenting.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Hubley requests that the City Solicitor submit an opinion at the next meeting of Council as to the power of the City Council to grant this license.

Read application Nathaniel Doherty for a hotel license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this license be granted. Motion passed, Alderman Hebb, dissenting.

Read application Margaret McGrath for a shop license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that said license be granted. Motion passed, Alderman Hebb, dissenting.

Read application of William McEachren for a shop license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that said license be granted. Motion passed, Alderman Hebb dissenting.

Read application James L. White for a shop license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this license be granted. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Thompson, Martin, Edwards, Rankine—10.	Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston—7.

Read application John J. Abraham for a shop license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this license be granted. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Douglas, Thompson, Martin, Edwards, Rankine.—9.	Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston.—8.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application James P. Faitbanks for a hotel license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this application be granted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.

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

Against it.

Aldermen Hebb, Hoben,
Hubley, Corston,
Edwards.—5.

Read application of W. F. Blank for a hotel license.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this license be granted. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
O'Brien, Bligh,
McManus, Douglas,
Kelly, Thompson,
Martin, Rankine.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb,
Smith, Hoben,
Hubley, Corston,
Edwards.—7.

WARD NO. THREE.

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. Three :

- H. R. Wright, hotel, 8 to 10 Duke Street.
- Thomas W. Hardy, hotel, 100 to 102 Granville Street.
- Edward J. Quirk, shop, 217 Lower Water Street.
- Jeffry Terrio, hotel, 13 Upper Water Street.
- John Glassey, shop, 196 Hollis Street.
- James T. Hogan, shop, 143 Albemarle Street.
- Thomas H. Renner, hotel, 1 Upper Water Street.
- Catherine Coleman, shop, 33 Upper Water Street.
- Susan C. Fiske, hotel, 88 Granville Street(Acadian).
- David Andrews, hotel, 82 to 84 Granville Street.
- H. W. Brown, shop, City Wharf, foot of George Street.
- James P. Mackasey, shop, 9 Upper Water Street.
- Charles Hamm, shop, 136 Grafton Street.
- John Tobin & Co., wholesale, 15 Upper Water Street.
- Kelley & Glassey, wholesale, 196 to 204 Hollis Street.
- Halifax Breweries, Ltd., brewers, 50 Duke Street.
- James M. Power, shop, 13 Buckingham Street.

Willoughby Smith, shop, 174 Grafton Street.
 Gaetano Verdi (James Scott & Co.), shop, 180 Granville Street.
 Daniel Connors, shop, 63 Duke Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 Peter Hartry, shop, 1 Bell Street.
 James Salterio, hotel (Farmer's), 37 Buckingham Street.
 Ellen Meagher, shop, 144 Argyle Street.
 Daniel Morrissey, shop, 211 Barrington Street.
 Edward Donahoe, shop, 53 Buckingham Street.
 Charles AuCoin, shop, 46 Upper Water Street.
 William Glassey, shop, 234 Hollis Street.
 William S. Quigley, hotel, 94 Upper Water Street.
 R. N. McDonald, shop, 152 Barrington Street.
 Grace & Gastonguay, wholesale, 73 Upper Water Street.
 A. Monaghan & Co., wholesale, 122 Barrington Street.
 Timothy Mullane, shop, 212 Argyle Street.
 R. J. Mahoney, shop, 102 Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that all of the said licenses in Ward No. Three be granted with the exception of that of James T. Hogan and that said application be separately considered. Motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine.—13.	Aldermen Hebb, Smith, Hoben, Hubley.—4.

Read application James T. Hogan for a shop license, with Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the application of James T. Hogan be granted. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine.—14.	Aldermen Hebb, Smith, Hubley.—3.

WARD NO. FOUR.

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. Four:—

Michael P. Inglis, shop, 2½ Starr Street.
 Michael Goulding, shop, 176 Upper Water Street.
 Charles A. Norton, shop, 146 Upper Water Street.
 William P. Duggan, shop, 93 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Ferguson, shop, 200 Upper Water Street.
 Annie Mitchell, shop, 159 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas Kileen, shop, 87 Upper Water Street.
 F. T. Courtney, shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 N. A. Ross, shop, 212 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney & Co., wholesale, corner of Jacob and Brunswick Streets.
 George A. James, hotel, 290 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas D. Chalmers, hotel, 276-280 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnson, shop, 294 Upper Water Street.
 R. M. Anderson, shop, 53 Creighton Street.
 Robert A. Gibson, shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.
 Daniel Johnson, shop, 47 Maynard Street.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the said licenses be granted. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
 Whitman, O'Brien,
 Bligh, McManus,
 Douglas, Hoben,
 Kelly, Thompson,
 Martin, Corston,
 Edwards, Rankine—14.

Against it.

Aldermen Hebb, Smith,
 Hubley—3.

WARD NO. FIVE.

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward Five:—

Adam L. Miller, shop, 15 Gottingen Street.
 William Parsons, Jr., shop, 141 Gottingen Street.
 Dougald McDonald, shop, 101½ Gottingen Street.
 J. P. O'Connor, shop, 147 Gottingen Street.
 Joseph B. Ward, shop, 2 Cunard Street.
 Lawrence Murrans, shop, 89 Cornwallis Street.
 John Handley, shop, 91 Gerrish Street.

Simeon Meadon, shop, 17½ Agricola Street.
 Geoffrey Meagher, shop, 20 West Street.
 John Mullane, shop, 33 West Street.
 John Walsh, shop, 172 Gottingen Street.
 Charles T. Kehoe, shop, 174 Gottingen Street.
 Edward Rolston, hotel, (Revere), 22 to 26 North Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Corston, that all of the said licenses in Ward No. Five be granted with the exception of that of Lawrence Murrans and that said application be separately considered. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Alnermen Shaffner, Whitman, Wilson, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine.—14.	Aldermen Hebb, Smith, Hubley.—3.

Read application of Lawrence Murrans for a shop license.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Corston, that said license be granted.

Motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine.—13.	Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, Smith, Hubley—4.

WARD No. SIX.

Read reports License Inspector recommending the granting of the following licenses in Ward No. Six:—

Thomas Pearson, shop, 5 Almon Street.
 John F. Wells, hotel, 2 Almon Street.
 Catherine Doody, shop, 33 Almon Street.
 William Wilson, hotel, (King Edward), 222 to 226 Lockman Street.

Samuel Bevis, shop, 43 Almon Street.

Oland & Son, Brewers, Sullivan Street.

Moved by Aldermen Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the application of Julia Keating for a shop license, No. 9 Cornwallis Street, Ward No. 5, be now considered. Motion passed.

Read application Julia Keating for a shop license, with License Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that said license be granted. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Bligh, Thompson,
Martin—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, O'Brien,
Hebb, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley, Corston,
Edwards, Rankine—14.

Alderman Martin gives notice of reconsideration.

The consideration of the applications for Ward No. 6 is now resumed.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the applications for licenses in Ward No. 6 as read be granted.

Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Whitman, O'Brien,
Bligh, McManus,
Douglas, Hoben,
Kelly, Thompson,
Martin, Corston,
Edwards, Rankine.—14.

Against it.

Aldermen Hebb, Smith,
Hubley—3.

Alderman Hoben gives notice that he will at a future meeting of Council move that legislation be sought to amend section 2 of chapter 68 of the Acts of 1907, by striking out the words "six hundred" in the ninth line of said section and substituting therefor the words "one thousand."

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

Council adjourns 6.25 o'clock.

NOTE.—Reports of License Inspector on applications of J. W. Naylor for a hotel license 37 Argyle Street, Ward 2, and George Finlay for a shop license 89 Cornwallis Street, Ward 2, not reached up to time of adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 10th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Wilson, Hubley, Bligh, O'Brien, Hoben, Shaffner, Douglas.

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

8.15 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Whitman, McManus, Smith, Kelly, Martin, Thompson, Corston, 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 Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of John J. Abraham for a shop license 13 Rottenburg Street. February 8th, 1910.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said application be now reconsidered.

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

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
McManus, Douglas,
Smith, Hoben,
Kelly, Hubley,
Thompson, Martin.—10.

Against.

Aldermen Whitman, O'Brien,
Bligh, Edwards,
Rankine.—5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that a license be not granted to Mr. Abraham. Motion passed.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Hubley's

notice of reconsideration of application of Dillon Brothers for a wholesale license 76 Sackville Street. February 8th, 1910.

Moved by Alderman Hubley that said application be now reconsidered. Not seconded.

Read No. 3 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Martin's notice of reconsideration of application of Julia Keating for a shop license 9 Cornwallis Street. February 8th, 1910.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that this application be now reconsidered.

Read affidavit of Julia Keating as to her intention to return to the City of Halifax.

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

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—12.	Aldermen Wilson, Smith, Hoben, Hubley—4.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that Mrs. Keating be granted the license applied for. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows :—

For the Motion	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—12.	Aldermen Wilson, Smith, Hoben, Hubley—4.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are now submitted :—

- Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee, by Alderman O'Brien, for Chairman.
- Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Edwards, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

- Reports (3) Committee on Works, viz. :
Accounts.

- Livingstone Street sewer extension.
- Kearney Estate water meter rates.
- Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.
- Letter City Auditor re unexpended balances School Board.
- Letter J. J. Harivel re Alderman Edwards
- Account Union Canadian Municipalities for annual subscription fee.
- Report James H. Dow and F. A. Collins, Board of Examiners in re Engineer Sheehan investigation.
- Accounts of J. H. Dow and F. A. Collins in re Sheehan investigation.
- Petition Engineer Sheehan for an investigation under oath.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter City Auditor re unexpended balances School Board.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES SCHOOL BOARD.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—By request of the School Board, the City Council directed me to audit the accounts of the Board (see Minutes of Council Aug 4th, 1909)

At the end of their financial year, April 30th, 1909, finding an unexpended balance of \$4,053.54 in their hands. I made a request to the School Board to pay over this amount, Nov. 6, 1909 and again Dec 24, 1909, and requested that the amount be passed over to the City Treasurer to be used in exactly the same way as all unexpended balances of spending departments, first to provide a reserve fund, and after that is complete to become part of the Sinking Fund, thus reducing our civic indebtedness. In answer to my letter of December 24, 1909, I was informed that the Solicitor of the Board had advised them that my claim could not be allowed.

The School Commissioners received during the year 1908-9 from the City of Halifax	\$139,715 00
Provincial Grant, County Academy, etc.....	19,861 94
Interest at Banks, monies on deposit	435 23
Rents Dillon and Outhit	66 25
Sundries, junk, etc., etc	89 07
	\$159,967 49
The estimated amount passed by the Governor-in-Council was	156,315 00
Leaving an amount of revenue over of	3,652 49
The School Commissioners expended	\$157,218 45
Amount allowed by Governor-in-Council and provided	156,315 00
An over expenditure beyond amount passed by Governor-in-Council of	903 45
Thus depleting the amount on hand to that extent.	
To sum up the result, the School Board commenced the year 1908-9 with an unexpended balance of.....	\$314 50
The income from Provincial Grant, etc, was placed before the Governor-in-Council at.....	3 652 49
Less than their actual receipts.	\$3,966 99
Thus causing the ratepayers to be taxed for this amount \$3,632.49 extra.	
They then overexpended their appropriation.....	903 45
They now show, April 30, 1909, cash on hand of.....	\$3,063 54

An imperfect audit in the past of School Committee accounts has led up to this state of affairs, but I cannot think that the present Board will, now that the matter is laid fully before them, hold to their position that this amount shall not be paid back to the ratepayers from whom it was taken, for the reason that the School Board are the trustees of the ratepayers' moneys, and I have no doubt desire to do right by them.

The Acts of 1907, Chap. 67, vested the issue of bonds needed for School Board requirements in the City Council, and from that date the purchasers of City securities have an undoubted right to demand the unexpended balance of the School Board appropriation for identically the same reason that they have always had for having the unexpended balance of all spending departments placed to the credit of Sinking Funds to reduce civic debts and incidentally to be a further security on their bonds.

The City Solicitor has given an opinion that under present legislation it is not clear to him that the unexpended balance of the Board can be dealt with as I suggest, but as a fair, straightforward business proposition I submit that if the legislation now in existence does not make that point clear, then legislation should be obtained at once to remove all doubts on the subject.

Having laid the matter before you, I will be guided by your decision. If my action meets your approval I wish to be instructed, and if in your wisdom it is necessary that further legislation be affected it could be attended to at the next meeting of the legislature.

In conclusion, I wish to say that conflicting interests in this connection make my position difficult—first, the ratepayers, then the City Council, the School Board, and finally as trustee of the Sinking and Reserve Funds, all of which I desire to deal with fairly and consistently.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

P. S.—If you wish any further information on this subject I shall be pleased to give it if you will advise me.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that No. 13 on Order of the Day, viz.: report Laws and Privileges Committee (Clause 4) in re payment over of certain funds to the School Board, covering opinions of Mr. Hector MacInnes and the City Solicitor, June 11th, 1909, be also referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Read account (\$120.00) for annual subscription to Union of Canadian Municipalities. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

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

Read letter S. J. Harivel complaining of discourteous language used towards him at a meeting of Committee on Laws and Privileges by Alderman Edwards.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 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, viz:—

Street Lighting.....	\$1721 40
Teams and Stables.....	851 43
Streets.....	591 94
Fuel.....	295 99
Sewerage.....	283 13
City Property.....	109 51
Telephone.....	84 56
City Hall Lighting.....	74 64
Internal Health.....	14 37
Sewer Maintenance.....	10 21
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	2 00
Water Construction.....	55 25
Water Maintenance.....	1201 36
Total.....	\$5295 79

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 report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 7th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN.—The Committee of Fire Wards met this evening at 8 o'clock, Present Aldermen Edwards (Chairman) Wilson, Hubley, Hebb and O'Brien.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. That No. 2 ladder truck met with an accident responding to a call from box 4 December 25th and has been repaired at a cost of \$25.80. The circumstances of this case were reported to Council January 6th and it is recommended that the Tramway Company be requested to pay the cost of the repairs.
2. That one length of Dreadnaught hose, three years in service, burst at the coupling at fire box 38 February 2nd and will be repaired by the manufacturers.
3. Walter A. Murphy of No. 4 Hose Co., and Arthur S. Smith of No. 2 Engine Co., have resigned. Resignations recommended for acceptance.
4. That William Knapman, Supernumerary No. 2 Engine, be appointed driver on the permanent force vice Daniel Ryan, resigned.
5. That Jeremiah Shea, Callman on No. 1 engine, be appointed Lieutenant on No. 1 Engine vice P. J. Mahar resigned.
6. That James Byers, John Pelham and Charles McGuire, supernumeraries, be appointed to the call force vice P. J. Mahar, Walter Murphy and Arthur Smith, resigned.

7. At a joint meeting of the Board of Trade, Board of Fire Underwriters and this Committee recently held at the Board of Trade rooms, it was decided to appoint a committee of nine—three from each of these bodies—to arrange a series of tests and the manner of carrying them out for the aerial truck recently purchased by the City. Mr. W. E. Thompson was chosen as Chairman and Convener of the Committee. Your Committee have appointed Aldermen Edwards, Wilson and Hubley as the Committee of this Board.

8. Messrs. W. H. Isnor & Sons at present occupy the old Gerrish Street Engine House at a rental of eight dollars per month. The Committee has received an offer for this building from Howard Quinn of \$180.00 a year, but considering the purpose for which Mr. Quinn proposes to use the building, your Committee cannot recommend that his offer be accepted.

Messrs. Isnor's present lease is for the lower flat only. They now offer \$125.00 a year for a lease of the whole building, and your Committee recommend that their tender be accepted on condition that they keep the building in repair satisfactory to themselves during their occupancy.

9. The Fire Department has had considerable difficulty in having electric current turned off promptly at fires, and have communicated with the various electric companies on the matter. The Tramway Co. and Telephone Co. now agree to have men attend each alarm of fire and report to the officers of the Department.

10. On November 4th, 1909, the Chairman, the Chief and the Veterinary were authorized to purchase one horse for the Department. It is recommended that a second horse be now purchased.

11. In consequence of some recent fires reported to be caused by gasoline, the Chief has been instructed to make a report to this Committee on junk stores and other properties where gasoline is stored.

12. Your Committee has received a report from the City Engineer and Mr. W. B. Fidler, of this Department, (a copy of which is attached) on the condition of the new fire station on Bedford Row. As the cost of making the building good, not including new roofing, is estimated at from \$800 to \$900, and the City Council will have to make provision for the expenditure, it is recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works to attend to, that Committee having had charge of the erection of the building.

13. It is recommended that six additional callmen's tappers be installed according as the batteries will permit.

14. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—Globe Laundry, work \$1.68. Muldowney & Goodwin, supplies, \$9.75. Jas. Deapster & Co., lumber, \$8.57. Halifax Tram Co., light, \$35.11; power, \$8.48—\$43.59. Pitner Lights, supplies \$9.65. A. S. Austen, oil, 22c. A. M. Bell & Co., waste, etc., \$19.64. Canadian Oil Co., gasoline, \$13.80. Chronicle, advertising, \$18.95. Canadian Rubber Co., harness springs, etc., \$29.50. S. Curard & Co., coal, \$30.60. Jas. Donohue, cutting iron, 50c. John Division & Son, lumber, \$1.48. Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$2.00. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$39.08. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$15.71. Macdonald & Co., supplies, \$1.80. McNicoll Bros., iron, \$4.13. E. P. Meagher, 200 ft. chemical hose, \$120.00. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$7.88. David Roche, glazing, etc., \$11.83. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$3.68. Stroud & Eueleigh, carriage work, \$52.45. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$365.84. G. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$5.35. W. E. Seagrave, lanterns, \$8.25. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$21.06. J. F. Topp, horseshoeing, \$2.30. N. S. Telephone Co., phones \$81.00. Wentzell's, Ltd., soap, \$3.90. Wm. Robertson & Son, chain, \$2.38. Jas. Roue, D. water, \$1.50.

J. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clause 1 to 13 are severally read and adopted.

Alderman Hubley submits the following as an amendment to the report of the Fire Wards :

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners be and is hereby instructed to permit the fire horses at Morris Street, West Street and Quinpool Road houses to be used for the purpose of ploughing snow off the sidewalks when required for a radius of a quarter of a mile from the several houses above named and a further distance if the Chief considers it can be done without impairing the efficiency of the Department.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Bligh.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that Alderman Hubley's motion be referred to the Committee of Fire Wards for report.

The division being taken on Alderman Wilson's motion, there appeared :

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

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of Alderman Wilson's motion and declares the matter referred to the Committee of Fire Wards.

The following resolution is submitted :—

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee for January.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson (Chairman), Corston and Rankine, the following accounts, amounting to \$75 63, were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment, viz. :—

W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$25.00. Wentzell's, Ltd., groceries, \$15.10. J. H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$11.75. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., grate, 30c. Jordan & Mann, horse-shoeing, \$4.13. Wm. J. Regan, repairing harness, \$6.35. Frank W. Fraser, straw, \$9.67. Halifax Tram Co., electric light, \$3.33. Total, \$75.63.

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

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 Charities Committee for January.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, Feb. 2nd, 1910.

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, Alderman Corston and Alderman O'Brien.

The Superintendent's report for January, 1910, shows that during the month there were 41 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 44 discharged, and 5 died. Of the number admitted 17 were chargeable to the Province and 24 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st, 1910, was 395, made up of 262 men, 132 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 298 men, 148 women and 3 children, a total of 449.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Wentzell's, Ltd., \$656.24. W. A. Maling & Co., \$369.54. Scotia Pure Milk Co., \$140.36. Geo. Gregoire, \$31.54. F. W. Fraser, \$33.16. J. M. Currie, \$79.05. Fleischman & Co., \$5.85. J. & M. Murphy, \$54.80. H. D. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., \$446.81. Henry Lovett, \$13.08. The Nova Scotia Telephone Co., \$11.25. The Halifax Tram Co., Ltd., \$51.77. T. C. Allen & Co., \$2.70. W. J. O'Connell, \$4.06. Baldwin & Co., \$3.80. Morton & Cragg, \$2.50. W. C. Knight, \$1.65. J. McD. Taylor, \$3.00. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$7.28. Farquhar Bros., \$1.20. B. J. Mulcaby, \$9.50. Salaries, \$332.08. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$874.44. Victoria General Hospital, \$106.34. Total, \$3,742.00.

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 the payment of accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 7th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Bligh, Hubley and Edwards the following matters referred to the Committee for report were under consideration :—

1. Report Committee on Works re funds for sewer construction, \$20,000.

It is recommended that the accompanying resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to advertise for a loan of \$20,000.00 for this purpose be adopted.

2. Opinion City Solicitor re payment of Revisors of Juries Lists.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act authorizing the City to borrow \$400.00 to pay Juries Lists Committee 1908-9, 1909-10.

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

It is recommended that this communication be referred to the Nova Scotia Historical Society.

4. Petition for subscription to Flodden Memorial Fund.

It is recommended that the Council request all citizens wishing, to subscribe to this worthy object to forward their subscriptions direct to the Secretaries, F. M. Norman, or A. S. Miller, Esq., Berwick on Tweed, England.

5. Letter Franco-Canadian Commercial Guide re advertising Halifax.

Your Committee report that there is no appropriation at present, for this kind of advertising.

6. Letter H. Mellish re costs Hubley vs. City of Halifax (Anderson Chair Co. case.)

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to have the bill of costs taxed.

The following accounts, amounting to \$1119.30, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Chronicle Publishing Co., sub to 31st Dec., 1910, City Clerk, \$5.50; City Collector, \$5.50.—\$11.00. Advertising \$3.75 Blackadar Bros., sub. for 1909, Recorder, \$5.00; advertising, \$15.24.—\$20.40. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and Blank Forms, Court of Appeal, \$1.20; City Assessors, \$12.90; City Treasurer, 35cts.; City Electrician, \$1.35; License Inspector, \$2.50; City Police Department, \$8.85; City Auditor, \$18.00; City Collector, \$7.50; City Mayor's Office, 75cts.; City Clerk, \$17.87; City Stip Magistrate, \$4.15.—\$75.42 A. & W. MacKinlay, Blank Books, City Assessors, \$28.00; City Collector, \$24.55.—\$52.55. Thomas Burke, removing body Wm. Minto from dock Deep Water Terminus, \$5.00. Dr. Finn Medical Examiner, certificates of death Alex. Gladdohead, \$4.00; Wm. Minto, \$4.00; John E. Butler, \$4.00; Kate Carroll, \$12.00; J. J. Burn, \$4.00; W. B. Sullivan, \$12.00—\$40.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$107.01. London Rubber Stamp Co., 40cts Religious of Good Shepherd, maintenance of girls, 1 quarter to February 1st, 1910, \$18.81. Halifax Industrial School, maintenance of boys, 1 quarter to February 1st 1910, truants, \$198.32; Regular Commitments, \$167.50—\$365.82. St. Patrick's Home, truants, 257.32; Regular Commitments, \$161.82—\$419.14. Total—\$1119.30.

ALFRED WHIFMAN, *Chariman*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re borrowing \$20,000.00 for sewer construction.
Passed.

Read clause 2 re payment of amount due the Juries Lists Committees 1908-9 and 1909-10.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that only the proportion due the City Clerk for his services in making up the Juries Lists be borrowed.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Douglas, Smith, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—10.	Aldermen McManus, Hoben--2.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that an Act be prepared appointing the three Assessors as the Board of Revisors of the Juries Lists.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the Committee on Laws and Privileges report on the advisability of preparing legislation appointing the Board of Assessors as the Committee to revise the Juries Lists.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Corston, Edwards, Rankine—10.	Aldermen Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Hoben—5.

Clauses 3 to 7 are severally read and adopted.

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution.—

Resolved, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted and the City Treasurer be authorized and instructed to advertise for tenders for a loan to realize the sum as below, viz :

For Sewerage

\$20,000.00 Under authority of Chapter
86 of the Acts of 1909,

and that such amount of stock or debentures or both of the Consolidated Fund of 1905 be issued as will produce the said sum of \$20,000.00. The stock or debentures to be issued in respect to such loan shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and shall be payable on the first day of July, 1940, and shall be issued under the authority of the Acts specified opposite the said sum above.

Moved by Alderman Whitman; seconded by Alderman Bligh and passed unanimously.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 7th, 1910

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Bligh (Chairman), Whitman, Hubley and Edwards, the following matters referred to the Committee for report were under consideration:—

1. Application Mrs. Catherine McIntyre for refund of deposit made with her application for liquor license.

It is recommended that the amount be refunded, less the cost of advertising.

2. (a) Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re building lines in reply to petition Civic Improvement League;

(b) Resolution of Council that an Act be prepared giving the Council power to fix building lines, Sept. 23rd, 1909;

(c) Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re building lines Quinpool Road west of Oxford Street. (Sept. 23rd, 1909);

(d) Resolution of Council (Sept. 20th, 1909,) that legislation be sought making abutters liable for one-half the cost of curb and gutter the same as the Sidewalk Act and that said legislation be made retroactive regarding Victoria Lane, Windsor Street, William Street and Tower Road.

Your Committee have instructed the City Solicitor to draft the necessary legislation dealing respectively with these several matters.

F. P. BLIGH, *Chairman.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates Kearney Estate.

WATER BILL—No. 20-22 UPPER WATER ST.—KEARNEY ESTATE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 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 reduction of water meter rates to Kearney Estate was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 7th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mr. W. F. O'Connor asking for a reduction in the amount charged for water at No. 20-22 Upper Water Street, owned by the Kearney Estate.

A reduction was made in the charge for water supplied at this property for year previous to March, 1909, chiefly on the ground that the owner of the property did not receive notice of the waste or the consumption recorded by the meter, in consequence of the failure of the Inspector to find the owner. The bill was reduced by the Council. The owner did not receive notice until May and the amount recorded for the month of June is 9,688 cubic feet.

As the waste did not continue after June, it would seem to be proper to reduce the charge from March, 1909, the end of the period for which the former bill was rendered, to June when the waste was stopped after notice being given to the landlady.

I would therefore recommend that the bill for the six months from March to September be made up on the basis of the consumption for the last six months, namely, 2716 cubic feet or 16,975 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 re Livingstone Street sewer.

LIVINGSTON STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 10th, 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 sewer extension Livingstone Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 5th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer on Livingstone Street between Agricola Street and Longard Road.

This street is at the foot of a hill in Merkelsfield, and the houses, especially on the south side, are built on low ground. The necessity for drainage is greater in this block than in any of the blocks north of it. The sewer will drain to the Agricola Street sewer.

The estimated cost is \$3150.00; estimated assessment, \$962.00.

I would recommend that the sewer be constructed in its turn.

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

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

Read report James H Dow and Francis A. Collins, Board of Examiners in re Sheehan investigation.

SHEEHAN INVESTIGATION.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 31st, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned engineers, being a board appointed to investigate the charge against Engineer Sheehan, of the Halifax Fire Department, as per resolution of the City Council of the 22nd July, 1909, and the 6th January, 1910, after hearing the evidence beg to submit the following report:—

1. We find that Mr. Sheehan was the engineer in charge of the fire engine "Alexandra," stationed on Pickford & Black's wharf, on the night of the Fuller fire.
2. He failed to act promptly in not drawing the fire when he found the water was low in the boiler and no water in the feed tank.
3. He might have saved the boiler by using salt water which he was pumping at the time.

By his failure to act in either of the two last paragraphs the tubes were burst, which put the fire engine "Alexandra" out of commission at the Fuller fire.

From the evidence taken by us during the investigation we recommend:—

1. That all "standing orders" of the Halifax Fire Department be printed, and a copy handed to all engineers and firemen, and that a copy be hung up in each fire station.
2. That when steam fire engines are pumping salt water during the progress of a fire, and the fire engine is placed over fifty (50) feet from the fresh water hydrant, a person be placed in charge of the hydrant.

From the evidence we are led to believe that at the Fuller fire the hydrant on Pickford & Black's wharf was turned off three different times by some person or persons unknown the last time after the wrench had been removed.

3. We also recommend that permanent engineers be on duty in each engine or fire station both day and night to take charge of and accompany the engine to a fire.

From the evidence we find that on two different occasions during the last twelve months fire engines have arrived at fires short of water in the boiler and with the fires lighted. These engines at the time were under the control of the driver, who is not an engineer. In one of the above cases the fire was drawn on the way to the fire and the engine sent back to the fire station as unfit for use.

From the evidence received from the Chief of the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer, we find that Mr. Sheehan, during his eighteen months service as engineer of the Fire Department, has performed his service as a careful and competent man up to the time of this accident.

JAMES H. DOW,
FRANCIS A. COLLINS,
Engineers.

Read petition Engineer C. J. Sheehan for an investigation under oath.

LETTER ENGINEER SHEEHAN.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 2nd, 1910.

Chairman City Council,—

SIR,—I am given to understand that the engineers appointed to give me a fair hearing in the matter of the damage done to the steam fire engine "Alexandra" at the time of the Fuller fire are about to hand in a report.

Now as these gentlemen carried on some sort of an enquiry or review of the former evidence behind closed doors and gave me no chance to explain openly the matter before these men, and to hear what the others interested had to say, and counteract any misleading statements they might make, either through lack of knowing or in an attempt to protect themselves, I demand that the report be not accepted.

I was given to understand that I would have a full and fair hearing openly and under oath, and that the engineers appointed were to be allowed to carry it on in this way.

C. J. SHEEHAN.

Read accounts (\$50.00 each) J. H. Dow and F. A. Collins for their services as Board of Examiners.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the report of the Board of Examiners be received, that the clauses thereof relating to Engineer Sheehan be adopted and that the balance of said report be placed on the Order of the Day with No. 15 thereon, viz.: Report Committee of Fire Wards re their investigation into Fuller fire, July 8th, 1909. Letter City Engineer re Fuller fire investigation July 22nd, 1909. Letter N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters re improvements in Fire Department. Letter Chief Fire Department re Fuller fire investigation, August 4th, 1909. Motion passed.

Mr. Sheehan's letter is filed.

The accounts of the Board of Examiners are tabled.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that No. 21 on Order of the Day be struck therefrom, viz.: Alderman Wilson's notice of motion to rescind motion passed 22nd July, 1909 to give Engineer Sheehan a trial before a Board of expert engineers. (Verbal.) October 7th, 1909. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that No. 25 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Bligh's notice of motion for change of Halifax County and City's representation in House of Assembly from three to four. December 14th, 1909, be now taken up.

Objected to by Alderman Hoben and ruled out of order, the consideration of papers being not yet finished.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Larch Street land sale.

LARCH STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov 29th, 1910.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer re sale of a piece of land fronting on Coburg Road and Larch Street to Geo. A. Redmond for \$500 00 was read and recommended to Council for adoption, the amount thus received to be credited to streets account.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 29th, 1910

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—An offer has been made by Mr. Geo. A. Redmond of \$500 for a piece of land fronting on Coburg Road and Larch Street, about 29 ft. 6 in. on Coburg Road and 134 ft. on Larch Street measured from the old street line. This land was included in the old location of Larch Street, and in order to enable the City to re-adjust the property to the official location of Larch Street, the owners conveyed that portion of the old street to the City so that the City would be in a position to re-adjust the location by taking the land required on one side and disposing of the land on the other.

Mr. Redmond owns the lands adjoining west, and consequently should have the preference in disposing of it.

I would recommend that his offer be accepted. The amount is at about the same rate as that fixed by Mr. Wiswell, the appraiser appointed by the City.

F. W. W. DUANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted subject to legislation being obtained authorizing the City to sell the land referred to. Motion passed.

Read resolutions of public meeting in re Memorial Tower and Public Park North-West Arm.

MEMORIAL TOWER NORTH WEST ARM.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 12th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of forwarding to your honorable body the appended extract from the proceedings of a public meeting held by the electors of Ward 6 on the 10th inst.

Moved by Dr. D. M. Reid, seconded by Mr. S. J. Harivel, that this meeting request the City Council to submit the matters of a City grant to the Memorial Tower Fund and the acquirement of the proposed Sir Sandford Fleming Park to a plebiscite of the ratepayers at the next civic election, and that in the meantime the City Council take no further steps towards making a grant or appropriations towards these projects.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this meeting approves of an immediate grant of \$5,000.00 to the Memorial Tower Fund.

The amendment being put it was defeated there being only 6 voting for it all the other electors present to the number of about 100 voting against.

The main motion was then put and carried by the same vote reversed.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman of Meeting*

Filed.

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

CEDAR AND HENRY STREET SEWERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 29th, 1910

To the City Council :

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

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 11th 1909.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. E. Maxwell asking for the construction of sewers.

Mr. Maxwell is erecting three houses, one at the corner of Cedar and Henry Street, one on Cedar Street east of the corner and one on Henry Street south of the corner. He informs me that he has plans for a block of fourteen houses in all and that he proposes to continue if he can get the sewer extended.

The estimated cost of extending the sewer on Cedar Street is \$1650.00; estimated assessment \$687.00. On Henry Street a short length of sewer running north from Jubilee Road will drain Mr. Maxwell's houses and the lots on the western side. The estimated cost is \$1575.00; estimated assessment \$612.00.

I would recommend that these sewers be constructed in their turn, provided Mr. Maxwell has the houses under construction. The foundations of two houses have already been started.

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 re Pepperell Street water extension.

WATER EXTENSION PEPPERELL STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 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 water extension Pepperell St., was read and recommended to Council for acceptance.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 20th, 1990

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from D. P. McNeil asking for an extension of the water service on Pepperell Street.

The district is high service, distance about 170 feet, size, 6-inch. Estimated cost \$255.50.

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions, the special rate to be not more than \$12.78.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re duties of Water Department officials at fires.

WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AT FIRES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 23d, 1909.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Works Committee, held on the 3rd November, the Chairman of the Fire Department and Chief of the Fire Department had a conference with the Works Committee in connection with the recommendation of the Committee of Fire Wards respecting the Water Department officials. The Chairman said that it was not intended that the Water Department officials should go to the Chief to take orders. After discussion it was decided to recommend to the Council that it shall be the duty of the Water Department officials who attend to the water service at fires, to respond to alarms promptly and to give the Chief of the Fire Department at fires any information which they possess that will enable him to utilize the water service available to the best advantage. Also that the Chief shall be furnished with a statement of the pressure at each hydrant, as shown on the plan of the distribution system, which has been furnished to you.

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

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

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

WATER EXTENSION, AGRICOLA STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 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 water extension, Agricola Street, between Sullivan and West Young Streets, was read and recommended for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition, asking for an extension of the water on Agricola Street, between Sullivan and West Young Streets.

The district is high service, length of pipe required about 300 feet, size 9-inch.

An extension is being made from Macara Street north now. To supply the petitioners will not carry the pipe to Young Street, but I would recommend that it be laid all the way through to connect with the Young Street pipe, and that the petitioners be required to pay a special rate of \$9.42.

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

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee (January 20th, 1910) on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JAN 20th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Bligh (Chairman), Whitman, Wilson, Hubley and Edwards, the following matters were considered and dealt with:—

1. Message His Worship the Mayor covering letter Brigadier-General Drury asking that exemption from taxation be allowed on all personal property of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian permanent force in the Garrison.

It is recommended that General Drury be informed that sec. 385 of the City Charter defines what military property is exempt and that the personal property of all officers, non-commissioned officers and men not living in militia quarters or barracks cannot under this section be exempted from taxation.

2. Application Nathan Komarsky for permission to change the location of his junk store.

Your committee recommend that the application be granted subject to the buildings being approved by the Committee of Fire Wards and the applicant complying with all other restrictions of Ordinance No 19 relating to junk dealers.

3. Letter S. J. Harivel re tax receipt. Mr. Harivel appeared before your committee and stated that the complaint mentioned in the first part of his letter had been rectified. The other matter has already been dealt with by the Council and a copy of the resolution forwarded to Mr. Harivel.

4. Letter City Solicitor re Company Tax Canadian Permanent Company.

With respect to the license of the Canadian Permanent Mortgage Company, it appears from the facts laid before your committee that the company has no office or agent in this City, but only a canvasser who forwards to St. John any applications for a loan received by him, which is dealt with there, and that all subsequent business in the transaction is done directly from St. John. On this state of facts the City Solicitor advises your committee that the company would probably under the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the MacLauchlin Carriage Company's case be held to be not "doing business in the City" and therefore not liable to the license tax.

Your committee therefore recommend that the matter be not further proceeded with.

F. P. BLIGH, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Military taxes. Passed.

Read clause 2 re application of Nathan Komarsky for permission to change the location of his junk store. Passed.

Read clause 3 re S. J. Harivel's tax receipt. Passed.

By agreement of Council the Finance Committee is instructed to consider the matter of preparing a new form of tax receipt.

Read clause 4 re "Company Tax." Passed.

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

Read report City Prison Committee on recommendations of special committee re reorganization of City Prison. (See printed Minutes, April 13th, 1909).

REORGANIZATION OF CITY PRISON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, NOV. 19TH, 1909.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson (Chairman), O'Brien, Hubley, Corston and Rankine, they had under consideration the report of the special committee on reorganization of the City Prison of March 4th last, and referred to this committee for further report.

The recommendations made in the report by your special committee have been carefully considered and several amendments made thereto.

It is recommended that the report as amended be now adopted.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman.*

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee appointed to look into the affairs of the City Prison, report as follows:—

That your Committee went out to the Prison and carefully inspected the buildings and the farm and rough land with Keeper Grant and report that in their opinion the Prison building is well fitted for its purpose, being strong and well built and in good preservation. We also found it clean and well kept; and if the old wooden fence were replaced by concrete walls of sufficient height to prevent prisoners from escaping, the whole premises are well suited for a Prison.

That the cost of maintenance cannot be materially reduced and its efficiency as a prison maintained.

That the staff consists at the present time of Governor and Matron, three (3) keepers and messenger. That with the exception of Keeper Grant and Messenger MacDonal, the staff (owing to increasing age) cannot efficiently perform their duties much longer. That the number of keepers cannot be safely reduced, as prisoners for serious offences such as stabbing, mutiny, robbery etc. are liable to be sentenced to this institution.

That as the Police Department refuse to deliver prisoners at the prison, the Messenger and stableman cannot be relieved of his present duties to act as Keeper.

We recommend:—

1st. That William Murray be relieved of the active duties of the Prison, but be retained as Governor, with a salary of \$500.00 per annum, he to live outside the Prison, but within the City limits, and to perform such duties as the Prison Committee may determine.

2nd. That William Grant (now Underkeeper) be appointed Deputy-Governor and his wife Matron at a salary of \$700.00 per annum for both, and that he reside within the Prison and have the same privileges as Governor Murray now has.

3rd. That one new keeper be appointed at a salary of \$510.00 per annum, said keeper to be not over thirty (30) years of age.

4th. That the farm continue to be operated in connectoin with the Prison, as we find that no extra keepers are required to run the farm and the average value of the produce is about \$600.00, while the highest rent offered for the same is \$200.00 per annum.

5th. That as soon as possible the old wooden fences be replaced by concrete walls of sufficient height. The work could be done by the prisoners, and the broken stone is on the spot. The only other expense should be the wage of a competent foreman and the cost of cement and sand.

6th. That if legislation is required to carry any of the above recommendations into effect, the City Solicitor prepare such legislation for approval.

In conclusion, your Committee would say that in their opinion Governor Murray has been a good and faithful servant of the City and that he has administered the affairs of the Prison wisely and to the best of his ability, and that owing to advancing years he deserves the best treatment possible at the hands of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council adjourn Motion passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Douglas,
Kelly, Hubley,
Thompson, Martin,
Corston, Edwards.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
O'Brien, Bligh,
McManus, Hoben,
Rankine.—7.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.