

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 17th, 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, Douglas, MacKenzie, Edwards, Kelly, Smith.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Whitman, McManus, Corston, Hoben, Rankine, Shaffner and Hebb.

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 Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

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

Letter Deal Brothers, re purchase of Fire Department horses.

Petition against concrete sidewalk, Granville Street.

Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz :

Water Meter Bill Elmwood Hotel.

Lighting City Council Chamber.

Cedar Street Sewer.

Dr. N. E. McKay's claim for damages.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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

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

Read letter Deal Brothers re purchase of Fire Department horses.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 17th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards have considered the resolution referred to them in connection with the removal of snow by Fire Department horses, and at a meeting held this afternoon, passed the following resolution, all the members of the Board being present—Alderman Hubley dissenting:—

Whereas, the best interests of the City, not only in preventing high rates in insurance, but also in the protection of uninsured property, and also the lives of the citizens, demand that the efficiency of the Fire Department shall not be impaired.

And Whereas, the Chief of the Fire Department, on whom devolves the responsibility of giving the citizens an efficient fire protection service, has advised the Board that the use of Fire Department horses for the general clearing of snow from streets or sidewalks in front of private properties is detrimental to the highest possible efficiency of the Department, an opinion in which this Board concurs:

And Whereas, all work in connection with streets and sidewalks is under the supervision of the Board of Works, and does not in any way come within the duties of the Fire Chief or his Department;

Therefore be it Resolved, that we recommend the Council to refer the matter of clearing the snow from certain streets to the Works Committee for a report as to the advisability of extending the snow lines so as to bring within the provisions of the Snow Ordinance a number of streets not now within the snow limits.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

Referred to Committee of Fire Wards for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards re Fire Department horses removing snow, covering report Chief of Fire Department.

RE FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSES.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT, Feb. 16th, 1910.

To the Chairman and Members Committee of Fire Wards:

GENTLEMEN:—In each of the annual reports submitted by me the attention of the Committee of Fire Wards has been called to the great inconvenience and danger caused by the horses of the Department being used for purposes other than those of the Department, viz:—removing snow and watering streets.

The condition of the water supply demands that the fire engines be put to

work as quickly as possible. It is not in the interest of economy to expend a large sum annually to keep the fire apparatus in condition for immediate use, to have the fire stations equipped with swinging harness, patent springs on doors and everything to facilitate a prompt response to alarms when at the time an alarm is sounded the horses may be from one-quarter to half a mile, or even farther, away from the station. In drawing an engine weighing almost four tons each horse is hauling about two tons on the ground but when hauling through snow the resistance is much greater. In my opinion a horse taken directly from a snow plough is not in a condition to draw a fire engine.

At an alarm of fire from box 72 No. 5 engine, Quinpool Road, stuck in snow at the corner of North and Robie Streets. When I asked the driver the cause of the trouble he said "What do you expect after taking a horse out of a snow plough, running him back to the station and then making him draw an engine a mile to a fire?" I could name other cases where drivers have reported that the horses were unable to draw the engines after being taken out of a plough. When the horses from Morris Street, Quinpool Road and West Street stations are ordered out in the snow ploughs, that portion of the City west of Robie Street (where the engines are required immediately in case of fire on account of the poor pressure of water) is left in a very dangerous position.

On several occasions the heavy apparatus has been late on account of the horses being out watering streets. At the N and M Smith fire all the heavy apparatus was from fifteen to twenty minutes late. The horses were engaged in street watering and as there was a very high wind the drivers were unable to hear the alarm.

In the case of the fire at Taylor's shoe factory, in my opinion had the fire occurred before five o'clock when the horses were out street watering, the engine from Central Station would not have arrived at the fire in time to save the building, carrying an insurance of from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

I wish, however, to impress upon your Committee that snow ploughing is much harder on the horses and the delay is much greater than that caused by street watering.

In my opinion, as Chief of the Fire Department, the horses should not be used for any purposes other than those of the Department, with the exception of public properties where the citizens in general are served. If the present custom be continued, I fear that we shall one day share a similar fate to that of our sister city St. John, N. B., who attribute their great conflagration to the fact that the horses of their Department were too far away from the stations when needed.

From my experience in connection with the Fire Department, I cannot but agree with the expressed opinion of the Committee of Fire Wards in their report on the Fuller fire investigation that the horses of the Fire Department should not be used for purposes other than those of the Fire Department.

Attached hereto you will find extracts from annual reports submitted by me bearing on this matter.

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

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1903-4

There is a practice at present existing which I consider should be remedied at once. I refer to the most unsatisfactory arrangement (from a fire department

standpoint) whereby the horses of the fire department have to perform the work of hauling street sprinkling carts. This necessitates their leaving the engine houses and in the event of an alarm causes serious delay in the apparatus reaching the scene of the fire. It is unnecessary for me to go into details of how much delay is bound to occur, under existing circumstances; and, gentleman, it is the minutes at the start of a fire that are the most valuable ones in time of fire. Then, too, it may mean that human lives are imperiled and perhaps may be lost owing to the delay in the ladder carts reaching the fire, which must occur while the present practice is allowed to exist. I earnestly recommend that steps be taken to have this defect (for defect it is) speedily remedied.

1904-5

Again referring to my last report in which I pointed out the very unsatisfactory arrangement then existing (and which still exists) whereby the Department horses were employed hauling the sprinkling carts, necessitating their going a considerable distance away from their respective engine houses. I can only reiterate my former remarks in this particular. The routes covered by these carts are altogether too long, particularly so for the horses of the ladder trucks, and I again recommend that if it is necessary to so employ these horses that such action be taken as will tend to materially lessen the distance at which they will be from their respective engine houses in the event of an alarm of fire.

1905-6

As mentioned in former reports, the present arrangement necessitating the Fire Department horses performing the street sprinkling work is most unsatisfactory, owing to the routes requiring the horses to go too far from their respective engine houses, and I again recommend that action be taken to materially lessen the routes in which the Fire Department horses have to perform such work.

1906-7

As I have repeatedly drawn your attention in previous reports (and do so again) to the arrangement which necessitates the Department horses performing the street sprinkling work, and which is a condition that requires them to cover routes which takes them altogether too far from their respective engine houses, I would most respectfully urge your serious consideration thereof and would recommend that such action be taken as will materially lessen the difficulty.

1907-8

As I have repeatedly drawn your attention in previous reports to the arrangement which necessitates the Department horses performing the street sprinkling work, and which is a condition that requires them to cover routes which takes them altogether too far from their respective engine houses, I would most respectfully urge your serious consideration thereof and recommend that such action be taken as will materially lessen the difficulty.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the report of the Committee of Fire Wards be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Works co-operate with the Fire Department in removing snow from the vicinity of Morris Street, West Street and Quinpool Road engine houses, so far as the Chief of the Fire Department thinks it can be done without impairing the efficiency of the Department. Seconded by Alderman Kelly.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Brien, Bligh, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston, MacKenzie—9.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, McManus, Edwards, Rankine—7.

The original motion is also put and passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters covering draft Acts.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 16, 1910.

To 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, Wilson, Hubley and Edwards, the following matters were under consideration:—

1. Resolution of Council (Feb. 10th, 1910) that an Act be prepared appointing the three City Assessors as a Board of Revisors of the Juries List.

It is recommended that no change be made in this Act at present. The Chairman dissenting.

2. Letter S. J. Harivel complaining of discourteous language to him at a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Your Committee are of the opinion that as Alderman Edwards has publicly expressed his regret for the language used by him, the Committee think Mr. Harivel should accept the apology in the spirit it was given.

3. (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);

It is recommended that these matters be referred to the City Solicitor to ascertain what legislation affecting building lines is in force in other cities in Canada.

4. The following draft Acts were submitted to the Committee by the City Solicitor:—

(1). Re making abutters liable for one-half cost of curbs and gutters;

On motion of Aldermen Whitman and Wilson it was decided that this be referred back to the Committee on Works.

(2). Re estimates and rate for civic year 1910-11.

It is recommended that this Act be adopted.

(3). Re money to pay unpaid bills City Home 1908-9 and Library Accounts 1909-10.

It is recommended that this Act be adopted.

(4). Authority to sell or dispose of land Larch Street or other portions of land not required for streets.

It is recommended that this Act be referred back to Committee on Works.

(5). Re borrowing of \$1000 to pay the children of late James Tynan.

It is recommended that this draft Act be adopted.

(6). Re borrowing \$4200 for fire hose, hose waggon, skigh and harness for Fire Department.

It is recommended that this Act be referred back to the Committee of Fire Wards.

(7). Act re cesspits and privy vaults.

It is recommended that this Act be referred to Committee on Works.

The Chairman dissenting against referring the several draft Acts back to the various committees after the matters have been dealt with by the Council.

F. P. BLIGH, *Chairman.*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any Committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee of that name of the said Council or City; the expression "the City Charter" means the Halifax City Charter, brought into force on the first day of March, 1907, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council, dated the 20th day of February, 1907, and any sections herein referred to by number, without other reference, are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered, and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof.

1. (1) The Council may direct a curb and gutter to be laid along any sidewalk which has been previously covered and that the cost thereof shall be defrayed out of either the street appropriation or out of the moneys borrowed for permanent sidewalks as the Council sees fit. One-half of the cost of any curb and gutter so laid and also one-half of the cost of any curb and gutter laid along any sidewalk on which no covering is placed shall be borne by the owners of the properties abutting on such sidewalk and shall be a lien on such properties and be collected in like manner and with the like remedies as are provided in respect to the one-half of the cost of covering a sidewalk which is made payable by the owners of abutting properties under sections 561 to 564 of the Charter.

(2) The provisions of this section shall apply to the curb and gutter laid along the north side of Victoria Lane, Williams Street, Tower Road and Windsor Street notwithstanding that the same was laid before the passing of this Act.

2. The Assessment and rate for the civic year beginning first May, 1910, is hereby declared to be legal and valid notwithstanding the inclusion therein of the sum of six hundred (\$600) dollars for revisors of Jury Lists of which four hundred (\$400) dollars is to be expended in payment of the Revisors for the

years 1908-9 and 1909-10, and the Council is hereby authorized to make such payment if it deems fit.

3. The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400.00), required to discharge the unpaid accounts incurred in connection with the City Home for the civic year 1908-9 with interest thereon, and also a sum not exceeding _____ required to discharge unpaid accounts incurred in connection with the Public Library for the civic year 1909-10; and the amounts so borrowed, with interest, shall be included in the estimates for the civic year 1911-12, and rated and collected along therewith.

4. The City may sell and dispose of any land owned by the City fronting on the west side of Larch Street for the best price obtainable and shall credit the moneys obtained therefor to the appropriation for streets for the civic year 1909-10, and shall out of the said appropriation after such moneys have been so credited pay for the land acquired by the City from Willis E. Hebb and situated on the east side of Larch Street.

The City may at any time in connection with the re-location of any street which has been accepted by the City or dedicated as a street, dispose of by sale or exchange of any part of such street, which, after such location, will no longer form part of the street, and any moneys received from the sale of any such land shall form part of the Street Appropriation for the year in which they are received.

5. (1) The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to be expended as hereinafter provided, for the education and support of the children of James Tynan, formerly a member of the City Fire Department, and killed in the discharge of his duty. The said sum, with interest, shall be repaid by three equal instalments and one such instalment, with interest thereon, shall be included in each successive assessment and rating of the City, beginning with that for the civic year 1911-12, and rated and collected along therewith until the same is discharged.

(2) The said sum when borrowed shall be invested in the names of the Mayor of the City, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the City Auditor, all for the time being, and in bonds of the City of Halifax or on deposit in a bank at not less than four per cent., and the principal and interest thereof shall be expended by the said Trustees in their discretion in the support and education of the children of the said James Tynan, namely, Daisy, Emma, Leo and Rose, until they or the last surviving of them reaches the age of twenty years.

6. The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available a sum not exceeding four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200), of which three thousand dollars (\$3,000) shall be expended for the purchase of additional hose for the Fire Department and the balance for a double waggon, sleigh and harness and fittings for the said Department. The amount so borrowed, with interest thereon, shall be repaid in three instalments, and one such instalment, with the interest thereon, shall be included in each successive assessment and rating of the City beginning with that for the civic year 1911-12, and rated and collected along therewith until the same is discharged.

7. (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 the same fails to comply with the direction of the Board in that behalf the Board may report such failure to comply to the Committee on Works and that Committee may thereupon itself enter upon the premises and itself do any work therein required to carry out the direction 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 any provision of the Halifax City Charter, and may be enforced and collected in like manner as any lien or charge on real property in favor of the City.

(2) Upon the completion of any work done or performed by the Committee on Works the Committee 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 three equal instalments, the first of which shall be due and payable 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 hereby created.

(6) For the purpose of performing any work under this section, the Mayor, as Chairman of the Committee on Works, may borrow on the credit of the City the amount required for such work from any bank or fund available and the amount so borrowed with any interest payable thereon shall be repaid out of the moneys from time to time collected from the owner of the property on which such work was done.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Committee of Revisors or Juries Lists.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act appointing the City Assessors a Board to revise the Juries Lists.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Corston, MacKenzie—9,	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, Smith, Hubley, Edwards, Rankine—6.

Read clause 2 re complaint S. J. Harivel against Alderman Edwards of using improper language towards him while sitting as a member of the Laws and Privileges Committee.

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

His Worship the Mayor called Deputy-Mayor Bligh to the chair.

His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council explaining his reasons for referring the letter of Mr. Harivel to the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

Read clause 3 re building lines.

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

The following amendment is submitted :

That section 547 of the City Charter be amended to give the City Council power to lay down building lines on streets heretofore opened and accepted by the City on which buildings have been erected and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation to that effect.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston.—5.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Bligh, Douglas, Kelly, MacKenzie, Edwards, Rankine.—10.

Original motion put and passed.

Read clause 4 (1) re cost of curbs and gutters.

Also read preamble to draft Act.

Preamble passed.

Also read clause 1 of said draft Act.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that clause 4 (1) of the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that clause 1 of the Draft Act be adopted. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston, MacKenzie—9.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Wilson, Hebb, Edwards, Rankine—6.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 4 (2) of the Committee's report re estimates and tax rate for 1910-11 and payment of Revisors of Juries Lists.

Also read clause 2 of draft Act on same subject.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Hoben dissenting.

Read clause 4 (3) re unpaid bills of 1908-09 City Home and 1909-10 Library Commission.

Also read clause 3 of draft Act on same subject.

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

Read clause 4 (4) re disposal of land Larch Street.

Also read clause 4 of draft Act on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that clause 4 (4) of the report of the Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the clause of the Committee's report and the draft Act (clause 4) be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further report.

Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,
Bligh, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly, Hubley,
Corston, MacKenzie—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Edwards,
Rankine—3.

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

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 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 Douglas, Martin, Thompson, Smith, Hubley, Hoben, Bligh, McManus and Wilson.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Whitman, Shaffner, O'Brien, Hebb, Kelly, Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards and Rankine.

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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz: Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of draft Act re one-half cost of laying curbs and gutters. February 17th, 1910.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said draft Act be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Alderman Whitman submits the following in substitution for the Act now under reconsideration.

"The provisions of this section shall apply to the curb and gutter laid along the north side of Victoria Lane, and the east side of Windsor Street, between Cunard Street and Compton Avenue, notwithstanding that the same were laid before the passing of this Act."

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the City Solicitor prepare an Act in accordance with the draft now submitted. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are now submitted:—

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Hebb, Chairman.

Report Fire Wards, by Alderman Edwards, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, re tenders, etc., by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, re accounts, draft Acts etc., by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers —

Report Police Committee re accounts.

Report City Auditor re Silliker Car Co. accounts and insurance

Report City Treasurer re Trust and Reserve Funds.

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

Report City Solicitor re costs Rex vs. Cowans and Dick.

Report Coal Weighers for January.

Reports (4) Committee on Works, viz :—

I. C. Railway water contract

Double tracking tramway tracks.

Accounts.

Water Meters.

Protest of Kingston, Ont., against bill in re protection of navigable waters.

Letter Federation of Board of Trade re Georgian Bay Canal.

Petition for widening of Cunard Street and for double tramway tracks.

Petition for extension of Charles Street.

Letter W. S. Saunders, Secretary of Committee, covering resolution criticising City Council in re granting of Liquor Licenses.

Petition for concrete sidewalk Windsor Street.

Cablegram re portrait of Earl of Halifax.

Petition for reduction of amount of peddler's license fees.

Letter Board of Fire Underwriters re use of fire horses for other than Fire Department purposes.

Letter London Times re advertising Halifax.

Order of Supreme Court for preparation of new Juries Lists.

Application W. Coolen for lease of strip of land foot of Jubilee Road.

Letter Typographical Union re Union label on City printing.

Letter Trades and Labor Council re the granting of licenses for shows on Labor Day.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Windsor Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Auditor re Accounts and Insurance Silliker Car Co.

RE SILLIKER CAR COMPANY.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, March 10th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have examined the accounts of the Silliker Car Company, Ltd., up to and including September 11th, 1909, the end of their financial year.

I find the City's security in the Company, as required by the Acts of 1908, Chap. 73, to be considerably enhanced in value after deducting what I consider proper depreciation on machinery and buildings.

The Company have paid all sinking fund and interest charges due the City of Halifax to January 1st, 1910, and have fire insurance on buildings for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) fully paid to April 6th, 1910.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read petition for extension of Charles Street to Gottingen St.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Treasurer re Trust and Reserve Funds.

TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, March 7th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I have the honor to submit the list of securities in the hands of the City Treasurer belonging to the various Trust, Sinking and Reserve Funds, as at March 5th, 1910.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

HALIFAX, N S, MARCH 5, 1910.

List of Securities in hands of City Treasurer.

SALES MARKET HOUSE.

16 Bonds—Land Damages Loan to H. & S. W. Ry. No. 31 to 46	
\$1000.00 4 p. c.	\$16,000.00
130 shares Consols 1905, Certf., 57 4 p. c.	13,000.00
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank No. 96, 152, 4 p. c.	10,796.72
	39,796.72

COMMON COMMUTATION FUND.

Deposit Receipt Royal Bank No. 96, 149, 4 p. c.	3,034.26
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COGSWELL BEQUEST.

Deposit Receipt Royal Bank No. 96, 150, 4 p. c.	4,872.22
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R. T. LEWIN—TRUST FUND.

In Dominion Government Savings Bank Book No. 43, 229.	334.00
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WARREN BITUMINOUS PAVING CO., DEPOSIT.

Deposit Receipt Royal Bank No. 96, 151, 4 p. c.	4,000.00
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SMITH TRUST.

Deposit Receipt Royal Bank No. 96, 148, 4 p. c	109.06
As per Investment Account	<u>\$52,14.266</u>

SINKING FUND 1902.

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1880.

5 Debentures No. 1816 to 1820, \$1000 ea., 4 p. c	\$5,000.00
1 " " 1150, 4 p. c	650.00
1 " " 1474, 4 p. c	840.00
1 " " 8121, 4½ p. c	500.00
63 Share Certf. 455, 5 p. c	6,300.00
50 " " 507, 4½ p. c	5,000.00
40 " " 460, 4½ p. c	4,000.00
40 " " 494, 4½ p. c	4,000.00
3 " " 495, 4½ p. c	300.00
250 " " 444, 4 p. c	25,000.00
50 " " 478, 4 p. c	5,000.00
10 " " 496, 4 p. c	1,000.00
50 " " 522, 4 p. c	5,000.00
50 " " 339, 4 p. c	5,000.00

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905.

140 Shares Certf. No. 33, 4 p. c	\$14,000.00
140 " " " 52, 4 p. c	14,000.00
150 " " " 0181, @ 93.39 4 p. c	14,008.50
114 " " " 0250, 4½ p. c	11,400.00

SHORT TERM LOANS

1 Bond No. 159, 4½ p. c	\$500.00
4 " 190 to 193, \$1000 ea., 4 p. c	4,000.00
1 " 198, 400 " 4 p. c	400.00
4 " 200 to 203, 800 " 4½ p. c	3,200.00
3 " 204 to 206, 4½ p. c	1,242.40
Public Gardens Bond present value 4½ p. c	1,389.29
Exhibition Deficit " 4½ p. c	1,509.22
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank 96, 145, 4 p. c	50,005.51
	<u><u>\$183,244.92</u></u>

SINKING FUND 1898.

18 Shares Consols 1905 Certf. No. 56, 4 p. c	\$1,800.00
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank 96, 147 4 p. c	942.81
	<u><u>\$2,742.81</u></u>

SINKING FUND WATER SERVICE, 1901.

40 Shares Consols 1605, Certf. No. 54, 4 p. c	\$4,000.00
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank 96, 146, 4 p. c	2,677.77
	<u><u>\$6,677.77</u></u>

SINKING FUND H. & S. W. RY.

38 Shares Consols 1880, Certf No. 461, 4½ p. c.....	\$3,800.00
60 " " 1905, " " 53, 4 p. c.....	6,000.00
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank 96, 155, 4 p. c.....	17,721.95
	\$27,521.95

SINKING FUND—SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

29 Shares Consols 1880—Certf. 491 4 p. c.....	\$2,900.00
50 " " " 492 4 p. c.....	5,000.00
60 " " " 493 4½ p. c.....	6,000.00
Deposit Receipt Royal Bank " 96, 154 4 p. c.....	18,549.96
	\$32,449.96

SINKING FUND "SILLIKER."

Deposit Receipt Royal Bank 96, 100 4 p. c.....	\$3,936.82
" " " 96, 153 4 p. c.....	943.06
	\$4,879.88

RESERVE FUND.

Loans 1904 Account.....	\$5,250.00
" 1905 ".....	1,100.00
" 1906 ".....	16,750.00
" 1907 ".....	31,806.75
	\$54,906.75

I certify that I have examined the above named securities and find them as stated, and that they agree with the entries in the books of the City.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read order of the Supreme Court for the preparation of new Juries Lists.

JURIES LISTS.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, }
COUNTY OF HALIFAX, SS. }

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Before the Honorable Mr. Justice Russell

Upon hearing read the affidavit of Richard A. MacLeod, Deputy-Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia at Halifax, sworn this day, and it appearing to the Court that new lists of Grand, Petit and Special Jurors for the County of Halifax are required, and upon motion,

It is Resolved, that the Revising Committees of the City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and Municipality of Halifax County prepare for the current year, pursuant to Section 12 of the "Juries Act" new lists of persons within the City, Town or Municipality respectively to serve as Grand, Petit and Special Jurors for the County of Halifax, and that the said Committees prepare such new lists on or before the 31st day of May, A. D., 1910.

Dated at Halifax this 22nd day of February, A. D., 1910.

S H. HOLMES, Prothonotary.

Certified a true copy of the original order on file in my office at Halifax.

S. H. HOLMES, Prothonotary.

22nd February, 1910.

Referred to Juries Lists Committee.

Read report City Solicitor in re costs Rex vs. Cowans and Dick.

COAL CONSPIRACY CASE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, March 10th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Mr. A. G. Morrison, K. C., Crown Prosecutor, has informed me that Mr. Ritchie, Counsel for the Prosecution in the recent Coal Conspiracy Case has presented to him a bill for witness fees amounting to four hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$433) which Mr. Morrison is holding under consideration for the present. If the case is continued at the next criminal term these fees will probably be largely increased, possibly doubled. As the matter is a serious one to the City by whom the bulk of the bill will require to be paid, I would suggest that some immediate action be taken in the matter.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Bligh be appointed a special committee to confer with the City Solicitor to take such action in the matter as they deem necessary to relieve the City of any liability, to prepare legislation if necessary and to lay the case before the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read petition for reduction of amount of Peddler's License Fees.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter Board of Fire Underwriters re use of fire horses for other than Fire Department purposes:

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSES.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 1st, 1910.

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

DEAR SIR,—I annex hereto a copy of resolution passed at the last meeting of our Board in reference to the use of Fire Department horses for other than Fire Department purposes, and will be obliged if you will kindly submit same to the City Council at its next meeting.

I am this day forwarding a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of Committee of Fire Wards also.

E. J. FAHIE, *Secretary.*

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22nd, 1910.

Copy of resolution passed this day by Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

Whereas, the Chief of the Halifax Fire Department has in each of his Annual Reports to the Committee of Fire Wards for the City of Halifax, since the year 1903, regularly and strongly recommended that the horses of the Fire Department be not used for street sprinkling services because such services materially impaired the efficiency of the Department;

And Whereas, one of the recommendations of the Committee which had in hand the investigation of the Fuller fire was that the horses of the Fire Department should not be used for purposes other than those of the Fire Department;

And Whereas, the use of Fire Department horses for other than fire purposes is one of the deficiencies pointed out by this Board to the Fire Wards, for which an extra rate of insurance is charged;

And Whereas, the City of Halifax has on more than one occasion suffered from fires having gained headway on account of delay in the arrival of apparatus, owing to horses being so used;

Therefore Resolved, that this Board record its strong approval of the recommendations made by the Chief and the Fuller Fire Investigation Committee, and reaffirm its opinion that as long as Fire Department horses are used for other than fire purposes, the efficiency of the Fire Department is materially curtailed, and further, that the evident tendency of the City Council to increase these outside services rather than to eliminate them altogether, or to at least reduce them, is to be deplored.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day with No. 12 thereon relating to the Fuller fire investigation. Motion passed.

Read application W. Coolen for lease of a strip of land at foot of Jubilee Road for a float for boats, etc.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter London (England) Times re advertising Halifax. Rate £180 per page.

Referred to Commercial Committee for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for January. Filed.

Read letter Typographical Union re use of Union label on all city printing.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said letter be placed on the Order of the Day with No. 5 thereon on the same subject. Motion passed.

Read letter Trades and Labor Council asking that no licenses be granted to Circus or other outside shows for Labor Day.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Kingston, Ontario, re an Act respecting the protection of Navigable Waters now before the Canadian Senate.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read the following cablegram:—

LONDON, ENG., Feby. 21st, 1910.

Mayor, Halifax, N. S.

Large portrait Dunk, Earl Halifax, Sir Joshua Reynolds, original letters relating same, selling Christie's, London, Saturday, 26th-inst.

UNDERWOOD.

Filed.

Read letter Canadian Federation of Boards of Trade and Municipalities re Georgian Bay Canal.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read (by title) circular letter W. S. Saunders, Secretary of Committee, covering resolution criticising the City Council in re granting of Liquor Licenses.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

HALIFAX, Feb. 21st, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have been instructed to respectfully submit for your consideration the following resolution adopted unanimously at a public meeting, held under the auspices of Mayflower Division, S. of T., of this City, on Sunday afternoon February 20th.

W. S. SAUNDERS, *Secretary of Committee.*

Resolved, that this meeting, composed of Halifax citizens, is fully convinced, after due consideration, that the City Council in its recent action in granting nearly a hundred licenses represented the wishes and opinions of but a very small minority of the citizens; adopted a course injurious to the best interests of the community, and in thus promoting and protecting the liquor traffic has taken a stand opposed to the deliberately expressed wishes of the electors, as voiced by very large majorities on two different occasions;

And Further Resolved, that while expressing our deep regret because of the action of the majority we have pleasure in placing on record our appreciation of the conduct of the minority in voting against all licenses, thus voicing the real sentiment of the people and representing the best interests of our City and Province; and the Secretary is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the City Council.

Filed.

Aldermen Hoben and Hubley asked that said letter be read *in extenso*.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the document could not now be read as it had already been disposed of by him as Chairman under the Rules of Council.

Alderman Hubley appealed to the Council from the ruling of the Chair.

The City Clerk put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

The division of Council appeared as follows:—

To sustain the Chair.	Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards, Rankine—15.	Aldermen Smith, Hoben, Hubley—3.

The City Clerk declared the decision of the Chair sustained by a vote of 15 to 3.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read Report City Prison Committee for February.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 9th, 1910.

To 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) O'Brien and Corston, the following accounts amounting to \$69.94 were passed for payment, viz:—

Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$18.00. Halifax Tram Co., light, \$2.37. A. S. Austen, hardware, \$2.95. J. H. Sutherland, Dry Goods, \$6.66. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$9.00. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$9.42. Wentzell's, Ltd., groceries, \$21.54. Total—\$69.94.

The Governor was authorized to have the working carts repaired, the expenditure not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00.)

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 Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

March 10th, 1910.

To the City Council :

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

N. S. Telephone Co., 3 months service, to March 31st, 1910, \$26.75. Fire Commissioners, feed, shoeing, supplies, etc., patrol horse and waggon, \$37.50. F. M. Switzer & Co., buckles, \$96.75. Farquhar Bros., grate and fitting, \$2.25. W. C. Knight, belt and frogs, \$53.75. John Starr, Son & Co., repairing flash lights, etc., \$2.00. Cragg Bros. & Co., handcuffs, \$72.00.—Total, \$291.00.

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

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

Read report Charities Committee on various matters.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, March 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, Aldermen Corston and Wilson.

The Superintendent's report for February, 1910, shows that during the month there were 35 persons admitted into the City Home, 16 discharged and 5 died of the number admitted, 13 were chargeable to the Province and 22 to the City. The total number of inmates February 28th, was 408 made up of 273 men and 135 women. On the same date last year there were 298 men, 144 women and 4 children, a total of 446.

The Committee would recommend that the Council instruct His Honor the Recorder to prepare An Act to amend Sub-section 3 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1909, entitled An Act to amend Chapter 44, Revised Statutes 1900. re-admission of patients to Nova Scotia Hospital in so far as the City of Halifax is concerned.

The following accounts are recommended for payment viz., Wentzell. Ltd., \$607.14; W. A. Maling & Co., \$317.41, Scotia Pure Milk Co., \$136.84, J. M. Currie, \$71.40; Geo. Gregoir, \$30.32, Fleischmann & Co., \$5.40, F. W. Fraser, \$44.68, J. & M. Murphy \$60.53, H. D. MacKenzie Co., \$251.57, Henry Lovett, \$18.75, The Halifax Tram Co. \$37.02, Wm. McFatridge, \$29.00, Snow & Co., \$6.65, John Starr Son & Co., \$2.50; Robinson Ltd., \$1.80, W. C. Knight, \$8.55, Brookfield Bro., \$12.53, Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$1.75, Dr. E. D. Farrell, \$5.00, Salaries, \$657.83, Total \$2306.67.

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 Hebb, seconded by Alderman O'Brien and passed.

Read report Committee on Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 9th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day Present Aldermen Edwards, (Chairman), Hebb, Wilson and O'Brien, and beg to submit the following report and recommendations:—

1. That James Malone and William Connors be appointed Supernumeraries.
2. That the resignation of G. R. Hatchett, Callman No. 2 Division, West Street, be accepted.
3. The following report from Chief Engineer Condon was adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to Macdonald & Co. together with a bill for the value of the tubes :

RE ALEXANDRA FIRE ENGINE.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 4th, 1910.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Fire Wards :

GENTLEMEN,—In reference to the above matter I beg to say that during the time

that I have been connected with the Fire Department as Chief Engineer it has been the custom in the case of renewals or alterations to Fire Department apparatus for the Contractor to return the old fittings to the Department; and, in my opinion, the tubes removed from the Alexandra engine should be returned to the Department by Messrs. Macdonald & Co.

E CONDON, Chief Engineer H. F. D.

4. It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bill to authorize the borrowing of three thousand dollars (\$3000) for the purchase of hose, the same to be repaid with interest in four annual instalments

5. It is also recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bill to authorize the borrowing of a sum not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500) on capital account for the purchase of a service ladder truck and a double waggon, sleigh, harness and fittings for the Fire Department.

6. Your Committee have considered the letter of Deal Brothers re the purchase of horses for the Fire Department, and for the information of the Council submit herewith the certificates of the Department's Veterinary Surgeon, as to the three horses referred to by Messrs. Deal Bros.

7. The Board received tenders for plumbing in Quinpool Road Engine House and for heating in Quinpool Road and Grafton Street Engine Houses, as follows:—

	Plumbing	Heating.
M. F. Burns.....	\$174 00	\$329 00
Macdonald & Co.....	229 00	329 00
Longard Bros.....	181 00	343 00
Day & Kinsman.....	165 00	369 00
Farquhar Bros.....	175 00	307 00
G. A. Perrier.....	185 00	287 00

It is recommended that the tender of Day & Kinsman for plumbing work in Quinpool Road engine house (\$165 00) and of G. A. Perrier for heating in Quinpool Road and Grafton Street engine houses (\$287.00) being the lowest, be accepted

8. The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—

J. A. Dunn, Ltd, nickelplating, \$4 60 Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1 31. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$17.57. N. S. Telephone Co., wire, \$7 11. Farquhar Bros. elec. supplies, \$10.49 Neil Fox saddlery, 45c. Dominion Express Co., expressage, etc... 90c. S. F. Hayward & Co., springs, etc., \$12 50. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$25 00. Halifax Tram Co., light, \$27.09; power, \$7.86—\$34.95. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$14 46 Chas. Brister, lead, \$7c. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$45 00 Robinson Bros., paid horses, \$475.00. J. C. Calder, polish, \$24 70 Canadian Rubber Co., clamps, etc., \$1 95. Canadian Oil Co., gasoline \$11 50. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$1 26. E. B. Eddy & Co., paper, \$6 50. Alex. Frizzel brooms \$6.50 Rudolf & Co., Ltd, brushes, \$15.00. Globe Laundry, work, \$5 63. Holland & Kuhn, frames, \$7 10. A. J. Grant & Co., Hardware, 78c. Guildford & Sons, Hose, \$118.00. W. C. Knight, Saddlery, \$27.80 Henry Lovett, Leather, \$18.20 A. J. McNutt, Carriage Work, \$92.00. Macdonald & Co., Machine Work, \$9 10 Robert Merlin, Lumber, \$4.68 Pitner Lights, Supplies, \$2 90 Wm. Robertson & Sons, Rope, \$2.25. F. A. Shaw, Feed, \$210.52. Stroud & Eveleigh, Carriage Work, \$3 80 Total \$1223.38.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 5 re borrowing \$2,300.00 for a service ladder truck and \$1,200.00 for double hose carrier.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin, that a sum not to exceed \$2,300.00 be borrowed on a short term loan for the purchase of a service ladder truck.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that a sum not to exceed \$2,325.00 be borrowed on a five-year loan, to be repaid in five equal annual instalments for the purchase of a service ladder truck, ladders and equipment.

Amendment put and passed unanimously, there being eighteen Aldermen present and voting.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the Council obtain authority to borrow the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purchase of a two-horse horse waggon, sleigh and harness for West Street Engine House.

The vote being taken the division of Council appeared as follows:—

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

His Worship the Mayor declares the motion lost, not having been supported by two-thirds of the Council.

Read clause 6 on letter of Deal Brothers re purchase of Fire Department horses.

Also, read Deal Brothers letter and certificates of Dr. H. McFtridge as to the three horses referred to in Deal Brothers' letter.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that clause 6 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be referred back to the Fire Wards and that Deal Brothers be given a hearing before that committee.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that

the City Clerk write to Deal Brothers asking if they have any charges to make in connection with the purchase of the horses referred to and if so to submit the same in writing,

Alderman Douglas' motion put and passed.

Clauses 7 and 8 are read and adopted.

The following resolution is submitted :--

Resolved, that the report of the Committee of Fire Wards as amended 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 Committee on Works on application of Halifax Electric Tramway Company for permission to double track their lines from Buckingham Street to the corner of Almon and Windsor Streets.

DOUBLE TRACKING TRAM LINES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 9th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached letter from the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., in re "permission to double track our lines from Buckingham Street to the corner of Almon and Windsor Streets. As shown on the accompanying plan No 540" was read. It was decided to recommend to Council that the permission requested be granted.

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

Also read petition from citizens for the widening of Cunard Street and for double tracking the tram lines.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 5th, 1910.

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

DEAR SIRS,—We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Ward V. hereby petition your honorable body that you immediately take action respecting the widening of Cunard street, as it is at the present time in a very much neglected and also dangerous condition.

Whereas, we form a large part of the taxpayers of this Ward, we feel that in all justice something ought to be done in this direction and it would be money wisely spent.

We also desire that you ask the Halifax Electric Tram Co., to lay a double tracking on same, thereby giving a much better service than we enjoy at the present time. We feel that this would meet with the approval of a very great majority of the ratepayers and residents of the big North End.

H. L. HART, et al.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacManus, that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works together

with the petition and that the Committee give an opportunity to the petitioners to be heard on the subject. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 9th, 1910.

To the City Council:

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

Street Lighting	\$1719.40
Streets	315.81
Fuel	198.22
Teams and Stables	87.90
City Hall Lighting.....	74.13
Sewerage.....	49.25
City Property.....	3.73
Internal Health.....	64
Water Construction.....	184.26
" Maintenance.....	71.04
	\$2604.38

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 purchase of water meters.

WATER METERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 9th, 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 purchasing six 2 inch meters and six 1½ inch meters, was read. It was decided to recommend to Council that he be authorized to purchase same at lowest market rates.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re contract for water rates between the City and the I. C. Railway.

I. C. RAILWAY WATER RATES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, July 7th, 1909.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer covering a copy of the proposed contract with the I. R. C. authorities for water for a term of 5 years was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, July 7th, 1909.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY WATER AGREEMENT.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—The agreement under which the water is supplied to the I. C. R. at the different properties owned by them in the City, expired on the 1st day of May. I have been in conference with the I. C. R. authorities with reference to the renewal of this agreement and have arrived at a mutual approval of the conditions of the old contract with the exception of the fixed sum which they pay in lieu of fire protection.

In the old agreement this amounts to \$800.00. I asked for an increase to \$1000 to which the railway authorities have agreed.

I therefore recommend the approval of the draft agreement submitted herewith. If approved, it should be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and forwarded to the Minister of Railways for his signature.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that said reports be adopted and the agreement approved and His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on the lighting of the Council Chamber and Aldermen's Room.

LIGHTING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 16th, 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 lighting City Council Chamber and Aldermen's room was read. The City Electrician was present and explained the different proposals submitted.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the third proposal be adopted with the proviso that the present fittings remain, on account of the gas attachments, and that ground glass globes replace those at present in use in Aldermen's room.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor.*

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

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying report from the City Electrician estimating the cost of changing the lighting in the City Council Chamber.

The third plan reported on by Mr. Colpitt, he states, would give the best results, and I would recommend that the alteration be made in accordance with his suggestion at the beginning of the new civic year, as soon as the new appropriation is available.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works, City Engineer and City Solicitor re water meter rates Elmwood Hotel.

ELMWOOD METER BILL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 16th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor in re reduction of water meter bill to Elmwood Hotel, H. C. Preedy, Proprietor, was read.

It was decided to recommend to Council the reduction named in the City Engineers report under date February 16th, 1910.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 16th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—At the request of your committee I beg to report on the reduction that could properly be made in the bill for water supplied to Elmwood Hotel.

The bill as rendered from March, 1906, to March, 1907, is \$138.13, a little over 1/12 of which would have to be taken off, as it was included in the bill covered by the last payment on the flat rate. From March, 1907, to March, 1908, the bill is \$166.52. From March, 1908, to March, 1909, the bill is \$65.64. From March, 1909, to September, 1909, the bill is \$30.85.

Mr. Preedy asks to be allowed to pay a rate not exceeding \$75.00 per year for the first two years and I would recommend that a reduction be made on that basis charging him \$75.00 a year for the year 1906-7 and 1907-8, and the bill as shewn by the meter—\$65.64—and \$30.65 from March, 1908, to September, 1909.

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

WATER RATES REDUCTION.

PREEDY'S CLAIM

January 29th, 1910.

The Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR,—As I understand the point of my opinion is whether on the facts disclosed in Mr. Preedy's letter and the Engineer's report the Committee has legally the power to make the reduction asked for. Whether it will do so is a matter of discretion for the Engineer and the Committee.

The Statute empowers the Committee to make a reduction only in case it is satisfied that the excess in respect to which a reduction is claimed, has passed through the meter by reason of unavoidable accident or otherwise without the negligence, default or failure to use proper care and precaution on the part of the owner or occupant.

What is an "unavoidable accident" depends as most phrases do on the connection in which it is used, but speaking generally it does not mean an accident that could not possibly have been averted by any means however unusual or extravagant. A statute is usually made to regulate the conduct of people in the ordinary business of life and it is unfair to expect a higher degree of care and foresight than would be usually displayed by any careful and prudent man. The Supreme Court of the United States (12 Ted cases 283) said "By common acceptance 'unavoidable accident' means a casualty which happens when all the means which common prudence suggests have been used to prevent it," and the New York Court of Appeals (8 Wend. 473) gave the same definition in other words, as follows:—"When we speak of an unavoidable accident in legal phraseology we do not mean an accident which it was physically impossible in the nature of things to prevent. All that is meant is that it was not occasioned in any degree either remotely or directly by the want of such care or skill as the law holds every man bound to exercise." This construction of the phrase is much strengthened in this case by the addition of the words "otherwise without negligence, default or failure use proper care and precaution." If these have been used it is to me clear that the applicant

would be entitled to relief. It should not be overlooked that the object of installing meters is not to produce more revenue but to prevent waste, and that when genuine efforts to prevent waste are made and ultimately successful the object of the Act has been attained. To go further and impose heavy penalties on persons who have done their best to avoid them is practically to defeat the object of the Act by unnecessarily adding to the unpopularity of the meters.

Applying these general observations to Mr. Preedy's case, it appears to me that Mr. Preedy did all that anyone could do. He exercised care and vigilance himself and imposed the same on his household and employed a competent plumber. That, however, is a matter of fact for the Engineer and the Committee. All that is necessary for me to say is that in my opinion on the facts the Committee have the power to make the reduction if they see fit.

CLARKE'S CASE.

As I understand, the only legal point in this is whether the claim can be made after the lapse of time that has taken place. Mr. Clarke's excuse for not making it before is that no record of the water consumed was delivered. The statute does not say that the claim shall be made within one month from consumption, but within one month from the delivery of the record of consumption. If Mr. Clarke has made his claim within the month from delivery of the record he is clearly within the statute. The record is obviously the intimation to the owner that waste is occurring, and the City's failure to serve this cannot deprive a consumer of his right to make a claim.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re Cedar Street sewer.

CEDAR STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 16th, 1910

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to request the Council to rescind its motion under date Feb. 10th, 1910, in re Cedar and Henry Streets sewer extension in so far as it relates to the Cedar Street portion thereof, so that the matter can be reconsidered by the Committee and the parties concerned heard thereon.

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

Alderman Whitman gives notice of motion to rescind the resolution passed February 10th, 1910, in re Cedar and Henry Streets sewer in so far as the said resolution relates to Cedar Street.

Read reports Committee on Works, City Solicitor and Foreman of Water Department re Dr. N. E. MacKay's claim for damages.

DR. MACKAY'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 16th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Solicitor on Minute of Council in re damages claimed by Dr. N. E. MacKay was read.

It was decided to recommend the payment of the claim.

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

HALIFAX, Feb. 4th, 1910.

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

DEAR SIR.—With reference to letter of Dr. N. E. MacKay I may state that on the 4th of January we opened a hole on Livingston Street for repairing a small leak in the 6-inch main. The opening was about 9 feet long, or room enough for a man to work down with an ordinary length of shovel handle. We repaired the leak and refilled the trench with all the material that we took out of it. Being a cold day some of the earth was frozen in putting it back, but there was considerable water in the trench. We put all the earth back that was taken out and left it at the time as firm as any other part of the street. I did not hear of any hole being on the street after that until the 18th of January, when I immediately sent to get it filled in, and I did not know then that the accident had happened to Dr MacKay. The man who filled the hole in tells me that the deepest part of this hole was hardly one foot deep, but that it was soft so that the horse might get stuck in it.

E. MORRISON.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Feb 9th, 1910.

IN RE DR. MACKEY'S CLAIM.

The Chairman of the Works Committee :

SIR,—The liability of the City for a claim of this nature, as I have several times before pointed out, depends upon whether the City has been guilty of negligence. If the accident could have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable foresight and diligence, the City would be liable, but not otherwise. Whether such diligence and foresight have been exercised must in all cases be rather a question of fact than of law, and must be consequently determined by the Committee for itself.

This case is similar to other ones on which I have given opinions. If the City makes an excavation in a street and fills it in with such want of precaution that a citizen is injured, and would not have been injured if proper precautions had been taken, undoubtedly the City is liable. In this case, the City officials are aware that to fill an excavation with frozen earth may result in subsidence after a thaw. The thaw occurred so soon after the excavation was filled in that a jury might very possibly come to the conclusion that the officials should have remembered the recent excavation and taken precautions against it being a danger to persons using the street, and if they found upon such facts that the City had been guilty of negligence, I do not think that any court would set aside the finding.

I do not think the fact that the street has not been accepted by the City is material. The City is treating it as a public highway by laying a water pipe in it and unless it could be considered merely a private highway, I do not see how the City could well escape liability.

If the claim can be settled for a reasonable amount, I would suggest that this be done by the Committee.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

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

Read report (Feb. 16th, 1910,) Finance Committee on various matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 16th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held his day, there being present Aldermen Whitman (Chairman), Bligh, Smith, Hubley and

Edwards, the following matters referred to Committee for report were dealt with as follows :—

1 Request by Council that this Committee consider the matter of preparing a new form of tax receipts.

The Committee have deferred action on this matter until a conference is held with the City Collector and Assessors.

2 Letter City Auditor re unexpended balances School Board and report Laws and Privileges Committee (June 11th, 1909.) (Clause 4) in re payment over of certain funds to School Board, covering opinions of Mr. Hector MacInnes and City Solicitor.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act covering the points brought forward in Auditor's letter and submit same to Council.

3 The City Solicitor submitted a draft Act to borrow money for certain services.

(a) For City's contribution to the monument in the Sir Sandford Fleming Park \$2 500.00.

(b) To defray cost of repairs to the Bedford Row engine house, not exceeding \$1,000.00.

The consideration of this draft Act was deferred until other borrowing bills are submitted.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman*.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 re Tax receipts.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that this clause pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Hoben that this clause be deferred for consideration with clause 1 of a report from the same Committee dated March 7th, 1910, on the same subject. Amendment passed.

Read clause 2 re Unexpended Balances of the School Board.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this clause be considered with clause 5 of report of Finance Committee dated March 7th, 1910. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re loan. Filed.

Read report Finance Committee re Tenders for Loan of \$20,000.00 for sewer construction.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 9, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Bligh, and Edwards, tenders were opened for a loan of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for sewer construction, authorized by resolution of Council, February 10th, 1910, as follows :—

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 95.17% for.....	\$20,000.00
F. B. McCurdy & Co, and J. C. MacKintosh & Co., 97.60% for.....	20,000.00

Also read clause 1 of accompanying draft Act.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be adopted. Motion passed—Alderman Hoben dissenting.

Read clause 2 of draft Act, re sale of lands not required for street purposes.

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

Read clause 2 of the report re patent medicine vendors.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further consideration and report.

Amendment put and passed.

Read report (March 7th, 1910,) Finance Committee on various matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Finance Committee beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman, (Chairman) Bligh, Hubley, Thomposon and Edwards, the following matters were dealt with by your Committee:—

1. Request of Council that this Committee considered the advisability of preparing a new form of tax bill.

The matter has been deferred until more information is obtained on the subject.

2. The following accounts, amounting to \$229 34, are recommended for payment:—

Holloway Bros., Printing Minutes & Order of Day, \$76.41 T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery Mayor's Office, \$1.20. License Inspector, \$2.00. City Clerk, \$11.50. \$14 70: London Rubber Stamp Co., Repts. stamps, \$1.80: A. & W. McKinlay, Ltd., Books, Police Dept., \$43.68. Collector, \$51.00. Treasurer, \$4.75 Assessors, \$8.00. \$107 43: Dr. Finn, Med. Examiner, Certificates of death, Clarence Dixon, \$4.00. Jeanette Allen \$4.00. Alicia Burke, \$4.00. Gerald P. Bevis, \$4.00. Unknown female child, \$12.00. \$28 00: S. H. Holmes, Prothonotary fees, \$1.00 \$229 34:

3. Resolution of Council re contributing to Salvation Army Rescue Home, and the Good Shepherd Reformatory, a lump sum of \$400.00 each to provide for girls and women committed to those institutions respectively.

It is recommended that the following draft Act be adopted:—

(a) The City shall pay each year to the Salvation Army Rescue Home and to the Good Shepherd Reformatory the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) apiece, and such sum shall be in lieu of any and all sums payable to the said institutions under the provisions of section 301, clause (1), and of all other sums in any way payable by the City to them respectively; and in consideration of such payments the said institutions respectively shall maintain all persons committed to them for whose maintenance the City is responsible.

(b) For the current year the City may apply to the purposes specified in this section the two sums of six hundred dollars (\$600) each placed in the estimate for the

Protestant Home for Females and the Roman Catholic Home for Females, which amounts are hereby declared to be legally and property included in the said estimates, and the balance of such amounts over the two sums of four hundred dollars (\$400) provided for in this section shall be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the purposes of that fund, and hereafter the said two sums of four hundred dollars (\$400) each shall be included in the amount annually assessed and rated upon the citizens and property as an extra assessment.

4. (a) The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the amounts set out in the schedule hereto for the purposes specified for each amount respectively, and for no other.

(b) The sums to be borrowed shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be borrowed by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, and amendments thereto, and shall form part of that fund, and shall be secured by debentures or stock to be issued in conformity with the provisions of that Act, such debentures or stock to be made redeemable on the first day of July, A. D., 1940. Such debentures shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

(c) The said City is hereby authorized to contribute a sum of money, equal to the amount granted by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, but in no case to exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) mentioned in the said schedule, toward the erection of a monument commemorating the establishment of the Legislature of the Province in the park proposed to be presented to the City by Sir Sandford Fleming on the western side of the North West Arm, but such sum shall not be paid over until the said Park has been vested in the City, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, by good and sufficient conveyances, so that the same shall be under the absolute control of the said City, and access to the said property has been secured to the citizens of the City both by land and water by dedication to the said City of the road leading to the said property, known as the "Dingle Road" and by landing privileges at the wharf now existing on the northern side of the said property, together with a good and sufficient road at least twenty feet in width leading from the said wharf to the said Park.

SCHEDULE.

For the City's contribution to the monument in the Sir Sandford Fleming Park, a sum equal to the amount granted by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and not to exceed	\$2,500 00
To defray cost of repairs to the Bedford Row Engine House	} Not exceeding } \$1,000 00

5. The following sub-sections shall be added to section 817:—

(a) In any such estimate the Board shall state the amount estimated to be received from the Provincial Treasury and all other sources than the City of Halifax, and shall specify the total amount intended to be expended by the Board in the ensuing year, and the Board shall not expend in the year a greater sum than the total amount so specified, and any or all moneys received by the Board in excess of such total amount and all other sums not expended by the Board shall be deemed an unexpended balance within section 316, and paid to the Trustees of the Reserve and Sinking Funds to be invested and dealt with as part of such funds.

(b) Not less than one week before any such estimate is submitted to the Governor-in-Council, a copy of the same shall be sent to the Mayor of the City of Halifax and shall be by him transmitted forthwith to the Auditor of the City.

(c) The Board shall forthwith pay to the said Trustees for the purposes aforesaid the unexpended balance or three thousand and sixty-three dollars and fifty-four cents, (\$3,063.54), in the hands of the Board on the 30th, day of April, 1909.

6 Notwithstanding anything contained in section 41, of Chapter 69, of the Acts of 1907, and in Section 12, of Chapter 85, of the Acts of 1909, the City of Halifax shall not be required to pay John P. Cairns formerly Assistant Assessor of the City, the sum of six hundred and sixty-six, 66/100 dollars yearly, or any sum whatever, and the said

Section 12, of Chapter 85, of the Acts of 1909, is hereby repealed in so far only as it makes or purports to make any such payment obligatory on the City.

7. (a) The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be expended as hereinafter provided for the education and support of the children of James Tynan, formerly a member of the City Fire Department, and killed in the discharge of his duty. The said sum, with interest, shall be repaid by three equal instalments and one such instalment, with interest thereon, shall be included in each successive assessment and rating of the City, beginning with that for the civic year 1911-12, and rated and collected along therewith until the same is discharged.

(b) The said sum when borrowed shall be invested in the names of the Mayor of the City, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the City Auditor, all for the time being, and in bonds of the City of Halifax or on deposit in a bank at the best rate obtainable therefor, and the principal and interest thereof shall be expended by the said Trustees in their discretion and in the support and education of the children of the said James Tynan, namely—Daisy, Emma, Leo and Rose, until they should respectively reach the age of twenty one years.

8. Section 50 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1907, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(a) There shall be a Board of Health for the City of Halifax consisting of six members to be appointed annually by the City Council to be known as the City Health Board.

(b) Two members of such Board shall be duly qualified medical practitioners of not less than five years' standing.

(c) Every account contracted by the said Board shall be authorized by the Council in the same manner as the accounts of any other committee of the City Council as directed by section 306.

9. The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available a sum not exceeding four thousand two hundred dollars, (\$4,200), of which three thousand dollars (\$3,000), shall be expended for the purchase of additional hose for the Fire Department and the balance for a double wagon, sleigh and harness and fittings for the said Department. The amount so borrowed, with interest thereon, shall be repaid in three instalments, and one such instalment, with the interest thereon, shall be included in each successive assessment and rating of the City beginning with that for the civic year, 1911-12 and rated and collected along therewith until the same is discharged.

10. (a) 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 the same fails to comply with the direction of the Board in that behalf, the Board may report such failure to comply to the Committee on Works and that committee may thereupon itself enter upon the premises and itself do any work therein required to carry out the direction 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 any provision of the Halifax City Charter, and may be enforced and collected in like manner as any lien or charge on real property in favor of the City.

(b) Upon the completion of any work done or performed by the Committee on Works, the Committee 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.

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

(d) 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.

(e) 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 liens hereby created.

(f) For the purpose of performing any work under this section, the Mayor, as Chairman of the Committee on Works, may borrow on the credit of the City the amount required for such work from any bank or fund available, and the amount so borrowed, with any interest payable thereon, shall be repaid out of the moneys from time to time collected from the owner of the property on which such work was done, and any balance after such repayment shall be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Tax Receipts.

Also read clause 1 of Report Finance Committee, February 16th, 1910.

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

Read clause 2 re accounts.

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

Read clause 3 re grants to Salvation Army Rescue Home and the Good Shepherd Reformatory. Also read draft Act.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the said clause and the draft Act be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 re grant to Sir Sandford Fleming Park Memorial Tower and loan for repairs Bedford Row fire station.

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

Read clause 5 re unexpended balances of the School Board.

(Also read clause 2 of report Finance Committee, February 16th, 1910, on same subject).

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that clause 5 be adopted.

Alderman Douglas submits the following amendment.

Whereas the present system of government of the public schools of the City of Halifax has proved to be in the best interests of and has given complete satisfaction to all classes in the City.

Therefore Resolved, that this Council protests against any legislation which would limit the powers or hamper in any way the Board of School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus.

The City Solicitor advises that the amendment is not in order.
His Worship the Mayor rules the amendment out of order.

It is agreed to consider separately sub-clauses A, B and C of clause 5.

Read clause 5 A.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that clause 5 A be adopted.

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

The motion for the adoption of clause 5 A 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, Hoben, Hubley, Thompson, Corston, Rankine—10.	Aldermen O'Brien, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Martin, MacKenzie—6

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows :—

For adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen O'Brien, McManus, Douglas, Hubley.—4.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Hoben, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine.—11.

Read Clause 5 B.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 C.

By agreement of Council this clause is abandoned.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the Council do now adjourn until Monday evening March 14th inst. at eight o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 12.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

(ADJOURNED MEETING.)

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 14th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening pursuant to adjournment.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Smith, Whitman, Wilson, Bligh, Kelly, Martin, McManus, and Shaffner.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Hoben, Corston, MacKenzie, and Edwards.

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

In accordance with the resolution (March 10th, 1910), for adjournment the council proceeded with the consideration of the report of the Finance Committee covering draft Acts, (see No. 27 on Order of the Day for March 14th, 1910), (See Printed Minutes March 10th, 1910).

Read clause 6 re superannuation of John P. Cairns.

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

Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston, Rankine—8.	Aldermen Bligh, McManus, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie—5.

Read clause 7, sub-sections A and B, re gratuity to family of the late James Tynan, a fireman killed in the discharge of his duty.

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

Read clause 8, sub-sections A B and C, re Board of Health.

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

Alderman Thompson here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that this matter be placed on the Order of the Day with No. 6 thereon, viz. : Report City Health Board re appointment of a Medical Health Officer and an Assistant Health Officer. February 26th, 1909.

Amendment put and passed, 9 for the same and 5 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, McManus,	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
Smith, Hoben,	Bligh, Hubley,
Kelly, Martin,	Thompson.—5.
Corston, MacKenzie,	
Rankine.—9.	

Read clause 9 re borrowing \$4200.00 for Fire Department purposes.

By agreement this clause is abandoned in consequence of resolutions passed at last session of Council.

Read a new clause in substitution of above submitted by the City Solicitor under authority of the resolutions above referred to.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN.

The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available a sum not exceeding five thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$5325.00) of which sum three thousand (\$3000) shall be expended in the purchase of new fire hose and the balance expended in the purchase of a new service ladder wagon for the Fire Department. The said sums with interest thereon shall be repaid in five equal annual instalments, the amount of one such instalment being included in the estimates for the civic year 1911-12 and one in each successive year until the same are repaid.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that said substituted clause (see printed Minutes of this meeting) be now adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 10 sub-sections A to F re privy vaults.

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

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hubley asked if the Committee on Works intends to start sewer work shortly.