

Moved in amendment by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for a report as to the cost of suitable buildings for a new City Home on the Rockhead Farm property, also upon the marketable value of the seven and a half acres of land comprising the present City Home property and on any other matter of interest in connection with the proposed scheme.

With the consent of the Council the following rider is added to the amendment on motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

“And that said Committee on Works report back to this Council at a special meeting to be called for an early date.”

The vote being taken on the amendment (as so amended) there appeared :

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :

- Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Edwards, Chairman.
- Reports (2) Charities Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.
- Report Cemetery Commission, by Alderman Hebb, for Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.
- His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

- Letter Halifax Herald re water meters.
- Petition for extension of Acadia Street.
- Application M. B. Keith, for an Auctioneer's license.
- Letter Dr. Eagar re damage to automobile by fire alarm box.
- Letter F. B. McCurdy & Co. re Silliker Car Company.
- Letter Board of Trade re differential freight rate against Halifax.
- Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.
- Report Police Committee re Accounts.

Reports (6) Committeeon Works, viz :

Accounts.

Tenders for forage.

Walker Street sewer.

Duffus Street water extension.

Chestnut Street water extension.

Charles Keddy's pay card.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter F. B. McCurdy & Co. in re proposed transfer of the property of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, to the new Company to be formed under the Nova Scotia Companies' Act, to be called The Nova Scotia Car Works' Limited.

RE THE CAR WORKS.

HALIFAX, Oct. 27th, 1910.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, Esq., Mayor, Halifax, N. S.:

DEAR SIR,—At the meeting held at the Board of Trade Rooms on Monday afternoon, the 24th inst., a resolution was passed, a copy of which we enclose.

We believe it to be of vital importance to the City of Halifax and the citizens generally that the industry started by the Silliker Car Company, Limited, should be continued.

With the large amount of new capital which will be put into this enterprise if the proposed transfer is made the life of the industry we believe is assured.

We think, therefore, that the City of Halifax should have no objection to confirm to the new Company all the rights and exemptions now enjoyed by the Silliker Car Company, Limited, under Chapter 70, of the Acts of 1907, entitled, "An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to assist the Silliker Car Company, Limited."

We would, therefore, request you to call a special meeting of the City Council to discuss the matter of the proposed transfer of the property of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, to the new Company, to be formed under the Nova Scotia Companies' Act, to be called the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, for the purpose of passing a resolution authorizing the securing of such legislation as may be necessary to confirm to the new Company the respective rights and exemptions now conferred upon the Silliker Car Company, Limited.

It is necessary to move promptly in completing the transfer, as a second meeting of the shareholders of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, must be held in accordance with the Companies' Act to confirm the above mentioned resolution.

Such meeting has been convened for Tuesday, 15th day of November next, and if a special meeting of the City Council is held within the next few days a report of the Committee to which the matter will probably be referred, can be submitted at the next regular meeting of the Council.

If the Council agrees to continue to the new Company the rights and exemptions conferred on the Silliker Car Company, Limited, immediately upon the shareholders confirming the resolution passed at the meeting of the 24th inst., the transfer to the new Company will be made, and the Car Works industry, under new management and with new capital, will be vigorously carried on.

Kindly inform us what day and hour you fix, if you determine to call a special meeting of the Council, so that we may notify the parties interested.

F. B. McCURDY & Co.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition for extension of Acadia Street to Rector Street.
Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Dr. Eagar re damage to automobile by fire alarm box.
Referred to Committee of Fire Wards for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for September. Filed.

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

Read Annual Report Board of Health, 1909-10. Filed.

Read petition for improvements Henry Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application M. B. Keith for an auctioneer's license. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

By unanimous consent of Council the order of business is suspended to permit of the appointment of two Commissioners of Schools and one Provincial Exhibition Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Smith that Aldermen McManus and O'Brien be appointed School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that Alderman Martin be a School Commissioner.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For Alderman McManus.	For Alderman O'Brien.	For Alderman Martin.
Aldermen Wilson,	Aldermen Snaffner,	Aldermen Shaffner,
Whitman,	Wilson,	Douglas,
Hebb,	Whitman,	Hoben,
Bligh,	Hebb,	Kelly,
Douglas,	Bligh,	Hubley,
Smith,	Smith,	Thompson,
Hoben,	Hubley,	Corston,
Kelly,	Thompson	MacKenzie,
MacKenzie,	Corston,	Rankine.—9
Edwards.—10	Edwards,	
	Rankine.—11.	

Aldermen McManus, O'Brien and Martin excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Aldermen McManus and O'Brien duly elected Commissioners of Schools, vice His Worship Mayor Chisholm and Alderman Kelly, term expired.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Alderman Edwards be appointed an Exhibition Commissioner vice William J. Clayton, term expired.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Mr. W. J. Clayton be reappointed.

By consent of Council this matter is deferred until Mr. Clayton is communicated with.

The order of business is resumed.

Read report Charities Committee re tenders.

CITY HOME TENDERS.

HALIFAX, October 27th, 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 McManus, Shaffner and Thompson.

The meeting was called to open tenders for supplies to the City Home for one year from November 1st, 1910, and the following tenders are recommended for acceptance—

Groceries	Wentzells, Ltd.
Flour	Wentzells, Ltd.
Pork	W. A. Maling and Wentzells, Ltd.
Meats	W. A. Maling & Co.
Fresh Fish	Geo. Gregoire.
Butter	P. T. Shea.
Milk	J. M. Currie.
Dry Goods	J. & M. Murphy, Ltd.
Leather	Henry Lovett.
Forage	F. W. Fraser.

A tender was also received from S. J. Crowell for the purchase of offal of City Home for three years from November 1st, 1910, which is recommended for acceptance.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for October.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, November 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 McManus, Hebb, and Rankine.

The Superintendent's report for October shows that during the month there were 41 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 24 discharged, and 5 died. Of the number admitted, 14 were chargeable to the Province and 25 to the City. The total number of inmates Oct. 31st was 334, made up of 206 men, 127 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 218 men, 130 women, and 2 children, a total of 350.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—Wentzells, Ltd., \$614.50* W. A. Maling & Co., \$317.90. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$123.97. J. M. Currie, \$79.90. Geo. Gregoire, \$24.07. Frank W. Fraser, \$30.33. The Fleischmann Co., \$3.90. J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$61.98. Henry Lovett, \$22.18. The Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., Ltd., \$32.97. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$122.20. Deal Bros., \$36.90. The Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25. Blackadar Bros., \$13.05. W. C. Knight, \$1.60. Farquhar Bros., \$2.15. Lane's, \$2.80. Black & Flinn, \$22.10. Scott & Johnson, \$4.50. Nickerson & Hart, \$18.20. Hillis & Son, Ltd., \$14.70. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$926.90. B. J. Mulcahy, \$17.76. Salaries, \$832.41. Total, \$3338.24.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee for October.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 8th, 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) Corston and MacKenzie, the following accounts, amounting to \$111.51, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

John H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$15.74. Austen Bros., blasting material, \$2.50. Irwin & Sons, drugs, 75c. F. W. Fraser, oats, \$26.00. Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.95. W. N. Brown, repairs to cart, \$1.60. C. H. Jordan, horseshoeing, \$2.26. A. S. Austen, hardware, \$1.15. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$7.50. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$14.50. Wentzell's, Ltd., groceries, \$16.94. Hillis & Sons, stove pipe, 85c. Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$18.00. Halifax Electric Tram. Co., light, \$1.77. Total, \$111.51.

The monthly reports of Governor and Matron are hereto attached.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 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 were submitted, approved and recommended for payment:

Street Lighting	\$1,789 16
Streets	919 35
Sewerage	601 76
Fuel, City Hall.....	452 55
City Property.....	167 51
Teams and Stables.....	135 95
Telephones.....	84 56
City Hall Lighting	70 05
Permanent Sidewalks.....	63 95
Internal Health	47 53

Public Baths.....	\$ 35 95
Insurance.....	32 50
Electric Wiring Inspector.....	14 25
Water Maintenance.....	341 50
Water Construction.....	1,168 13
Total.....	\$5,924 79

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

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

Read report Cemetery Commission re accounts.

CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY, October 24th, 1910.

To the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Camp Hill held at the Lodge, Camp Hill, on Monday, October 24th, the following accounts were recommended for payment:—Wm. McFadrigde, 2 rolls felt, \$5.00; D. A. MacDonald for cartage, \$6 25. Total, \$11.25.

HY. D. HOLLOWAY, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermeu Whitman (Chairman), Bligh and Edwards.

The following matters were considered:—

1. Circular letter re subscription to Shakespeare Memorial National Theatre.
2. Circular letter in re donation to the Windsor National Memorial to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

Your Committee report that there is no fund from which subscriptions to these objects could be taken, nor has the Council any authority to make such an appropriation.

The following accounts, amounting to \$1,649.63, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, 5 pupils for year ending June 25th, 1910. \$500.00. Halifax Industrial School, for quarter ended Oct 31st, 1910: Truants, \$286.12; Court commitments, \$181.10—\$467.22. St. Patrick's Home, truants, \$288 50; Court commitments, \$133 17—\$421.67. Citizens' Free Library, Binding books, etc.—City Treasurer, \$3.60; City Collector, \$1 80; City Clerk, \$41.25—\$46.65. Leo Fillis, bringing ashore body T. McQuarrie, \$3.00. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Catherine Sullivan, Jas. R. Williams, James Quirk, Thomas McQuarrie, Jas. H. Graves, Martin Jamieson, John A. O'Brien and Bernard Feetham, \$4.00 each, \$32.00. Halifax Herald, advertising, \$22.35. Blakadar Bros., advertising, \$12.00. T.

C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing: Police Department, \$8.50; City Collector, \$19.75; City Treasurer, \$1.80; City Clerk, \$26.65—\$55.70. F. M. Switzer & Co., hackmen's badges, \$9.75. Canada Law Book Co., vol. 16, C. C. Cases, \$6.50. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes, etc., \$25.84. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, City Treasurer, \$9.60; City Clerk, \$6.50; City Collector, \$21.25—\$37.35. Total, \$1,640.03.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Police Committee re accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, November 8th, 1910.

To the City Council:

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

Fire Department, 3 months' feed, shoeing, etc., patrol horse, \$37.50. W. F. Pickering & Co., repairing clothing, \$1.00. Lane's, helmet and caps, \$10.00. Total—\$48.50.

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

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards for October.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 7th, 1910

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. On August 18th last, the Council referred to this Board reports from the Committee on Works and City Engineer and correspondence with the N. S. Telephone Company, relating to underground ducts for carrying electric wires through the streets of the City. This Committee, in order to be informed as to the practice in other places communicated with all the principal cities in Canada and obtained their replies, which are attached hereto, and also the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the Charter rights of the Telephone Company in respect to this subject, which is also appended.

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and City Solicitor, with the view to drafting such legislation as will protect the interests of the City as against all companies and persons now, or hereafter operating lines of wires in the City and give to the City some *quid pro quo* for the benefit they derive from special privileges in our streets.

Mr. J. E. Roy appeared before your Board, representing the Civic Improvement League, and urged that the proposition of the Telephone Company be accepted.

2. The Chief reported twelve men for absence from annual inspection October 5th, viz: Captain Stone, Vincent Brunt and John Sullivan, on sick list; James Sweeney, William Zong and Henry Morrow on leave, and Thomas Whalen, Robert Warner, John Lapham, George Myers, Edward Coy and William Oakley without leave. Those on the sick list and on leave were excused also for good reasons given were Warner, Lapham, Meyers, Coy and Oakley. Whalen's case was deferred.

3. Two horses recently sold netted \$283.50.

4. William Beazley, Supernumerary, suspended since October 4th, for being under the influence of liquor at a meeting of the Board on that date, has since resigned and his resignation is recommended for acceptance.

5. Thomas Power, driver on No. 2 hose waggon, was suspended for four days for being under the influence of liquor and fighting in the Spring Garden Road Station on October 29th. Power appeared before the Board with his witnesses, and after investigation it was decided to deprive him of his days off duty for three months on the charge of being under the influence of liquor.

6. William Cook, callman on No. 2 hose, has been suspended since October 29th for being under the influence of liquor, fighting and using profane language in the Spring Garden Road Station on that date. Cook has since resigned, but on the recommendation of the Chief his resignation was not accepted, and the Board recommends that he be dismissed from the Department.

7. James Moriarty, callman on No. 3 engine, has resigned. Resignation recommended for acceptance.

8. The following appointments are recommended: Alex. Loch, acting driver, to be placed on the permanent force; G. P. Hoganson and E. S. Graves to be supernumeraries; V. T. Helpard to be a callman vice James Moriarty, resigned.

9. The Committee had under consideration the question of fire insurance on the apparatus in the fire stations and decided not to place any insurance on same.

10. In response to advertisement in the newspapers, tenders for forage were received from F. W. Fraser and F. A. Shaw. It is recommended that the tender of F. A. Shaw, being the lowest, be accepted, viz: Hay, \$11 50; oats, 47½c.; bran, \$23.00; straw, \$8.00

11. The Secretary has been instructed to advertise for tenders for remodelling old No. 1 ladder truck on designs and specifications prepared by Messrs Fidler and Condon.

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

W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$90 44; \$96.37—\$186.81. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.07. N. S. Telephone Co., cross arms, etc 94c. Globe Laundry, \$6 44. Halifax Tram. Co., light, \$22 28; power, \$6 67—\$28 95. Austen Bros. supplies, \$38 54. Wm. P. Brunt, stone cutting, \$9 60. Can. Rubber Co., matting, \$3 12; suction hose, \$44 85—47.97. J. W. Churchill, stone, \$17.20. Can. Gen. Electric Co., battery supplies, \$314.30. Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$7.00. James Dempster & Co., lumber, \$7.70. Pitner Lights, supplies, \$1.60. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$23 26. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$5 20. J. R. Gaunt & Son, buttons, \$12 27. Hillside Stables one grey horse, \$290.00. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$6 90. T. C. Johnson & Sons, badges, etc., \$8.50. A. J. McNurt, carriage work, \$7.25. National Drug Co., sponges, \$5 10. Recorder, advertising, \$4 35. David Roche, glazing, \$2.50. Wm. Robertson & Son, iron, \$14 51. Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$42 00. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$4 06. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$309.84. Silliker Car Co., wood, \$7.50. Starr, Son & Co., wire, \$2 63. James Taylor, mason work, \$17 00; \$12 51—\$29 51. Constant Upham, patent food, \$2 50. Wentzell's, Ltd., lard, \$1 90. T. J. Barron & Co., drugs, \$1.75. Total—\$1450 70.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that Clause 5 disciplining Driver Thomas Power be referred back to to the Committee for further consideration.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts. Oct. 19th, 1910.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, October 19th, 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) Hubley, Martin and Hebb.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. The new La France service ladder truck was taken delivery of on Monday, 17th inst., has been examined and tested and is now ordered into commission at Grafton Street house.

2. It is recommended that the City Clerk advertise the two old "Amoskeag" fire engines "Victoria" fifty-one years in service and "Albert" forty-nine years in service for sale.

3. In connection with the matter of underground conduits for wires, it is recommended that the City Solicitor report on the charter rights of the various companies operating wire services.

4. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

A. M. Bell & Co., coat, \$2.31. American La France Engine Co., ladder truck, \$1984.00. John Davison & Son, lime, \$1.20. J. M. McGrath & Co., one gray mare, \$300.00. Austen Bros., hose straps, \$8.50. David Roche, glazing, \$2.80. MacDonald & Co., axe holders, \$8.80. Halifax Printing Co., printing, \$1.00. Globe Laundry, work, \$6.30. Farquhar Bros., supplies, 20c. W. H. Isnor & Sons, landos, \$6.00. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, etc., \$13.90. E. B. Eddy Co., paper, \$6.50. Pitner Lights, supplies, \$5.20. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$673.20. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$3.50. National Drug Co., sponges, etc., \$3.50. Total—\$3026.91.

J. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common re accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, October 13th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common, held this 4 p. m., the following accounts were approved and passed for payment, and the Secretary requested to forward same to the City Council for their information and concurrence;

J. A. MacInnis, \$37.27. Halifax Herald, \$6.00. Blackadar Bros., \$1.50. J. Davison & Son, \$6.62. A. E. Donovan, \$9.70. National Drug Co., \$1.50. D. Roche, \$74.40. Halifax Elec. Tram Co., \$6.51. W. H. Neal, \$10.00. M. Scanlan & Son, 50c. Austen Bros., \$2.00. R. & J. Farquhar, \$3.75. S. Cunard & Co., \$251.50. W. C. Knight, \$8.50. R. B. Adams & Co., \$3.50. Crowell Bros., \$3.00. W. N. Brown, \$7.10. F. A. Shaw, \$23.71. Can. Foundry Co., \$1.05. N. S. Nursery, \$73.35. W. Robertson, \$27.59.—Total, \$559.65.

EDW. T. POWER, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for forage.

TENDERS FOR FORAGE.

November 9th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Works Committee, at a meeting, held on the 2nd inst., considered the accompanying tenders from F. A. Shaw and F. W. Fraser for forage and bedding for the year 1910-11, and beg to recommend that the tender of F. A. Shaw be accepted for hay, straw and bran and the tender of F. W. Fraser for oats and cracked feed.

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

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

Read report Special Committee in re Dry Dock.

DRY DOCK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Oct. 18th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee on Dry Dock begs to report as follows:—

1. By the Dry Docks Subsidies Act, 1910, (Chapter 17 of the Statutes of Canada for 1910), provision is made for the payment of subsidies by the Federal Government to incorporated companies undertaking to build dry docks of certain classes, with two of which only we are concerned, namely:—Those of the first class, costing not more than \$4,000,000, whose length on bottom is 900 feet, width 100 feet and depth of water over sill at high water, ordinary spring tides, 35 feet; and those of the second class, costing not more than \$2,500,000, whose length is 650 feet, width 85 feet and depth 30 feet (Sec. 7.) Before a subsidy is granted the Governor-in-Council must be satisfied, on the report of the Minister of Public Works, that the dry dock is needed in the public interest. (Sec. 3, SS. 2). To docks of the first class, above mentioned, the Government may grant a subsidy of 3½ p. c. of the cost for a period of thirty-five years, and to docks of the second class, a subsidy of 3½ p. c. of the cost for a period of twenty-five years. (Sec. 8) The value of an existing dock, capable of enlargement, so as to become a dock of the first class or a dock of the second class is to be taken into account for the purposes of the subsidy calculation as part of the cost under the Act (Sec. 4); but such value has to be determined before the agreement is entered into with the Government. (Sec. 4, SS. 3). The cost on which the subsidy shall be calculated shall include the cost of all necessary equipment and plant and any sum expended or to be expended for a site. (Sec. 5).

Under the provisions of the above mentioned Statute, the Directors of the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, are considering the matter of enlarging the existing dry dock in Halifax, and Mr. S. M. Brookfield, on their behalf, has approached the Committee with a request for civic assistance to the project. It has not yet been made clear to the Committee whether it is intended to enlarge the dock, so as to bring in within the designation of docks of the first class or that of docks of the second class.

2. Mr. Brookfield has asked in the first place for a subsidy from the City to supplement whatever Federal subsidy the Company becomes entitled to under the Act. The civic subsidy sought is \$5,000 a year for a period of twenty-five years. The Committee has heard several citizens, both in support and in opposition to the application for such subsidy, and the majority of the Committee (one member dissenting) are of opinion that no good reason has been shown for giving the cash subsidy asked for.

3. Coupled with the request for a cash subsidy was an application to exempt the dock from taxation for a period of twenty-five years. The Committee was asked not only to exempt the additions or extensions to be made to the existing dock, but also to exempt the existing dock itself, which is now assessed, under the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1903, at \$200,000. The conclusion arrived at by the majority of the Committee was that the existing assessment should stand, but that any additions or extensions made to the dock should not be taxed in the period during which the Federal subsidy is paid.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the consideration of said report be deferred until the next monthly meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

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

WALKER STREET SEWER.

CITY WORK'S OFFICE, Nov. 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 on Minute of Council in re sewer Walker Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer on Walker Street south of Almon Street.

This is a short street running north and south from Almon Street to the Silliker property. There are only two houses on it but several vacant lots.

The estimated cost of constructing the sewer is \$1550.00; estimated assessment \$490 00.

As any other system of draining houses except by a sewer is unsatisfactory, I would recommend that this sewer be constructed. We have no other sewers on the order book.

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

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

The election of an Exhibition Commissioner is resumed.

Alderman Wilson states that Mr. Clayton would accept the appointment for another term if the Council desired.

Alderman Edwards withdraws his name from nomination.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that W. J. Clayton be reappointed a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

WATER EXTENSION DUFFUS STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1910.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In re petition of Mrs Mary Hamilton and Charles E. Andrews (attached hereto) for water extension to their properties on Duffus Street west of Albert St., the Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the 2nd inst., considered the accompanying report of the City Engineer in reference to the same and beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Charles E. Andrews and Mrs. Mary Hamilton asking for the extension of the water to their property on Duffus Street.

The district is low service, size of pipe required, 6 inch. The distance to supply Mrs. Hamilton's property would be over 300 feet. It is very unlikely that the low service would supply Mrs. Hamilton's property. It is quite probable however, that Mr. Andrew's property could be supplied as it is only about 100 feet from the end of the pipe.

The estimated cost to supply Mr. Andrew's property is \$150.00. The estimated revenue would pay the interest on the estimated outlay.

I would recommend that the water be extended to Mr. Andrew's property, but for the reasons given, I cannot recommend the extension at present to Mrs. Hamilton's property.

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

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

Read reports Committee on works and City Engineer re water extension Chestnut Street.

WATER EXTENSION CHESTNUT STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 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 on petition asking for water extension Chestnut Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor :

I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Chestnut Street, south of Jubilee Road, asking for the extension of the water

The district is high service ; number of houses to be supplied, three ; distance 320 feet ; size of pipe required six-inch.

The estimated cost is \$1019.87 ; interest on estimated outlay at 5% \$50.99.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$17.00.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works and opinion City Solicitor in re payment of Charles Keddy's pay card to James Mercer.

RE MERCER PAY CARD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Nov. 9th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Works Committee, at a meeting held on the 2nd inst., decided to forward to the Council for their information the attached opinion of the City Solicitor re Mercer's time card.

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

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, Halifax, N. S., Nov. 1st, 1910.

Chairman Committee on Works:

SIR,—A pay card is not a negotiable instrument and its purchase does not confer on the holder any right as against the City. A contract can be assigned but it would require much greater formality than the mere purchase of a pay card. In any event the notice on the card would probably operate to prevent its transfer.

The practice of the City, stated by Mr. Hopewell appears to be an excellent one and I am of opinion that the City is not bound to recognize any claim by Mr. Mercer unless it sees fit so to do.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that of the \$8.10 due by the City on Keddy's pay card \$5.00 be paid to James Mercer and \$3.10 to Warden Slauenwhite. Motion passed.

Read letter Board of Trade re differential freight rate against Halifax, asking the City to vote \$500.00 towards defraying the cost of presenting the City's case.

DIFFERENTIAL FREIGHT RATES.

November 9th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—For some years the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade has been grappling with the differential rate of one cent per hundred pounds on import and export freight which exists against this port, and acting on the advice of expert traffic men, we first took up the case against the Intercolonial Railway with the result that Mr. Tiffin, General Traffic Manager, has stated that his railway is willing to place Halifax on the same basis as other Atlantic ports, but are unable to carry it into effect on account of an agreement between the Intercolonial Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway, which was ratified in Parliament in 1899.

Previous to 1898 there was a difference of several cents against Halifax in favor of other Atlantic ports, but that year a tentative agreement was agreed to with Mr. A. H. Harris, then General Traffic Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, reducing it to one cent, with the understanding that should this difference prove disadvantageous to the port it would be rearranged.

Without the consent of the Halifax merchants the one cent extra charge was incorporated into the agreement previously referred to, and we are now taking the case against the Grand Trunk Railway before the Railway Commission, and have reason to believe that we will be successful in having this differential removed.

We have recently held two joint meetings of the Council, Commercial Committee and Transportation Committee, at which your Council has been represented; at the last meeting held on November 2nd, it was decided to employ Counsel, and the matter of financing the case was also discussed and the following resolution passed:—

“That in the opinion of this joint meeting the City Council should vote a sum of money not exceeding \$500, towards defraying the cost of case in question.”

As the matter is one of very great importance to this city, as the removal of the differential will greatly increase the export and import trade of the port, I have been desired to write the foregoing facts and ask your honorable body to favorably consider the financial assistance, as outlined in the above resolution.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

Alderman Whitman asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether this Council has authority to make such an appropriation.

The City Solicitor gives as his opinion that the City has no such power.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Laws and Privileges Committee be instructed to prepare a bill authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$500.00 for the purpose named in the communication from the Board of Trade. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 7th, 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, Smith-Hubley, Martin and Edwards, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. Petition for and against changing the name of Coburg Road to Spring Garden Road. The Committee was waited upon and addressed by several property owners interested and presented by a petition signed by twenty-one of the original signers of the petition to have the name changed stating that they had reconsidered the matter and also signed by nineteen others, including owners of the largest properties on the road, expressing a wish that the name Coburg Road be allowed to remain as at present. In view of the fact that a large majority of the property owners are against making any change it is recommended that no change be made in the name of Coburg Road.

2. In re report City Health Board on saw mill Cedar Street operated by Messrs Theakston and Thompson, it is recommended that the Committee of Fire Wards obtain from the Chief of the Fire Department a report on the matter and submit same, to this committee.

3. In re Message His Worship the Mayor on use of Motor vehicles on streets, it is recommended that the following sub-section be adopted and that the City Council memorialize the local legislature to enact the same as an amendment to Chapter 44 Section 5 N. S., Acts 1907. “The Motor Vehicles Act.”

(6) No person under the age of eighteen years shall operate any motor vehicle and the owner of any motor vehicle who permits his vehicle to be operated by any person under the said age shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and in any prosecution against such owner for an offence under this sub-section, the operation of the vehicle by a person under the said age shall be presumptive that it was done with his permission

No person operating any motor vehicle when overtaking any tram car shall pass or attempt to pass such car on the left hand side of the car.

Every motor vehicle when stopped on any street in any city shall have the centre line of the street on the right side of such vehicle.

F. P. Blich, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re changing the name of Coburg Road.

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

Read clause 2 re saw mill Cedar Street.

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

Read clause 3 re amendments to "The Motor Vehicles Act."

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

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

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

Council adjourns 11.40 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 9th, 1910.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Reports (2) Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Hebb, Chairman.

Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Edwards, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

Report Special Committee on Old Home Week by Alderman Shaffner, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Report City Auditor re Silliker Car Company.

Letter A. M. Bell re Silliker Car Company.

Report Chief of Police re Sunday violation Liquor License Act.

Letter Civic Improvement League in re Railway Sidings and Crossings.

Letter Alice Kearney re water rates.

Application Roy E. Smith, for a bill posters license.

Petition against bill boards.

Report of Coal Weighers for October.

Letter City Auditor re School Board Funds.

Report Police Committee re accounts.

Annual Report Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Report of City Auditor re Provincial Exhibition, 1910.

Report City Engineer re expropriation of property for Public Market Site.

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz :

Accounts.

Street Lights.

Horse Stalls.

Prince Street sewer outlet.

Intercolonial Railway expropriation of City Property.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter Halifax Herald re water meters.

HERALD WATER METERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov., 7th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—I am not satisfied with the working of the water meters attached to my properties 96 and 106 Granville Street.

I am convinced that these water meters are useless for recording the actual quantity of water passing through them.

In a large number of instances in this City, all of which should have come to your notice meters are alleged to have registered, and citizens have been charged with hundreds of thousands and millions of gallons of water which they never used and which never passed through the meters—which fact is evidenced by the scores of "reductions" and "adjustments" of extortionate metered water charges made by your Board of Works and your officials without the apparent knowledge of the City Council.

In many other instances much larger quantities of water are believed to pass through the meters than the readings show.

Thus some citizens are relieved of their fair proportion of water rates, while the rest of the people have to pay a great deal more than their fair share.

I believe that much more water is used in the buildings Nos. 96 and 106 Granville Street than the meters record, and that consequently I am not paying my fair proportion of water rates on those properties. I am therefore removing the meters so that they may be tested by some competent and unprejudiced authority; and I again repeat the request made to your officials over a year ago, to be assessed at the same legal flat rate for water on these properties that other citizens are taxed on their assessed values.

WM. DENNIS.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter F. W. Bissett & Co., Ltd., re lease Stayner's wharf.

RE STAYNER WHARF PROPERTY.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen City of Halifax in Council assembled :

GENTLEMEN.—We regret the delay that has been occasioned in coming to some definite understanding regarding the leasing of this property to us. To some extent we are ourselves to blame for this delay, but we beg to submit that our refusal to accept the offer which was made by you on August 18th ult. was based on the presumption that your Council would in the alternative prefer to sell the property to us outright. We are now thoroughly disabused of this idea and would hereby respectfully signify our desire to accept your said offer of lease for five years at \$700 per year, your Council retaining the option to cancel at any time upon reasonable notice, provided, however

that whatever necessary expenditure for repairs we shall make during our incumbency shall be based pro rata on a ten year term of lease, and while we will do the repairs at our own cost should the City cancel our lease at any time previous to ten years we shall be refunded pro rata per year for the unexpired portion of ten years. We would make only such repairs as would render the wharf safe and the buildings tight, subject to the approval of the City.

F. W. BISSETT CO., LTD.

F. W. BISSETT, President.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

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

Read letter Civic Improvement League re railway sidings and crossings.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS AND SIDINGS

THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE, Nov. 16th, 1910.

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

DEAR MR. MONAGHAN.—The enclosed clipping was up for discussion before a meeting of the Civic Improvement League. It was thought that the subject matter complained of was of considerable importance and that the railway authorities were the responsible people. I was directed to write to you to ascertain whether anything was being done in this matter, and if not, whether the City Council or some department of the City Government might not take some action. In case it has not already come to the notice of the Civic Authorities, we believe they will be quite ready to take it up, for the safety of life is concerned and the matter is therefore of the highest importance.

R. M. HATTIE, *Sec'y., Civic Improvement League.*

September, 27th, 1910.

Editor Recorder:

SIR.—In reference to your article in last evening's Recorder on "City Planning," I wish to call attention to the hideous mess which the railways have made of the street leading out of the north end of the City during the last few years and apparently with out serious protest from either the legal custodians of our public rights or the citizen themselves.

When the Cotton Factory siding was laid the I. C. R., was permitted to take the whole eastern side of Kempt Road for the track instead of carrying it through the adjoining fields, and although the railway has since acquired this property the track still remains on the public street, and its use is a continued menace to the public.

Since the erection of the new Round House this Cotton Factory Branch has become a main line and has very dangerous crossings both on Lady Hammond Road and Campbell Road. Cottingham Street and Longard Road are important City thoroughfares, but they have both been completely cut off from the water fronts at their north ends.

The worst damage, however has been done to Campbell Road, which has been practically ruined for driving purposes by the railway. This street is supposed to be sixty feet wide, but is now barely eighteen feet in many places.

The Deputy Minister has a reputation as a good road advocate, and I am sure that if his attention is called by the proper authorities to these matters there will be a quick improvement upon the present conditions.

W. J. CLAYTON.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.
 Read letter Alice Kearney re Water rates.
 Referred to Committee on Works for report.
 Read application Roy E. Smith for a bill poster's license.
 Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.
 Read petition against bill boards.
 Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.
 Read report Coal Weighers for October. Filed.
 Read letter City Auditor re School Board Funds.

SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, CITY HALL, Nov. 21st 1910.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Doubts having arisen as to the meaning of Legislation passed 1910 in re School Board matters, and feeling that these should be set finally at rest in order to place the financial relations of the City Council and the School Commissioners on a clearly defined basis, I would ask that your Council take this matter up and finally dispose of it.

I am convinced from the attitude of the School Commissioners in the case of Unexpended Balances that it will be necessary in order to have same passed to credit of Sinking and Reserve funds to have the amount of same deducted when ascertained from next payment by the City to the School Commissioners, unless said unexpended balance has been already passed over by the School Commissioners to the Trustees of the Sinking and Reserve Funds; also that the Board of School Commissioners be placed in exactly the same position as other spending departments in re limitations for expending in any year from that year's appropriation only instead of carrying same continuously from year to year; and further that the Act put in force shall state at what date it becomes law and that the full intention of the City Council as laid down by Chapter 47, Acts of 1910, sec 9 be confirmed as well as Chapter 48 sec. 817, otherwise we will be again placed in the position of seeing unexpended balances used contrary to the meaning of the City Charter as has been done in the past two years to the extent of \$7,861.68 simply because a commission which draws 88% of its revenues from the ratepayers of this City do not consider they are bound by the general requirements of the Charter.

I do not think that the legislation of 1907 Chapter 67 amending the Education Act so far as it relates to the City of Halifax deals at all with the refunding or payment of outstanding debentures issued by the School Commissioners previous to that date and as there are \$64,600 of 4½% debentures falling due July 1st, 1911, it will be imperative that an Act be secured at next session of the Provincial Legislature making it clear that the City of Halifax deal with said amount as well as others falling due later.

Trusting your Council will agree with me in this matter, and that same may have your early attention, I am,

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Police Committee re accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Dec. 6th, 1910.

To the City Council :

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

Committee of Fire Wards, 3 month's feed patrol horse, @ \$10.00 per month \$30.00 ;
 3 months shoeing @ \$1 25 per month, \$3.75 ; 3 months cleaning sponges, &c., @ \$1.25 ;
 \$3.75.—Total—\$37.50.

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

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

Read report Charities Committee for November.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, December 7th, 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.

The Superintendent's report for November 1910, shows that during the month there were 40 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 24 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 10 were chargeable to the Province and 30 to the City. The total number of inmates November 30th, was 347 made up of 214 men, 131 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 246 men, 130 women and 3 children, a total of 379.

The following accounts are recommended for payment viz : Wentzel's Ltd., \$536 82. W. A. Mailing & Co., \$378.86. P. T. Shea, \$130.45. J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$65 34. J. M. Currie, \$67.50. Geo. Gregoir, \$40.06. F. W. Fraser, \$76 02. The Fleischmann Co. \$3.90. Henry Lovett, \$11.06. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$247.21. The Halifax Electric Tram Co. Ltd., \$43 76. A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd., \$7.75. The Halifax Herald, \$5.85. The Halifax Herald, \$5.85. J. G. Rainnie, \$35 00. Banks & Williams \$562 60. Farquhar Bros., \$106.00. Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow, \$1.81. Black & Fliin, \$48.88. Patrick Dowd, \$3 50. Webster Smith & Co., \$1 50. Brookfield Bros., 19.64. W. C. Knight, \$4 00. Farquhar Bros., \$1 25. B. J. Mulcahy, \$94 24. Salaries \$658 33. Total—\$3157.78. Also an account of Farquhar Bros., amounting to \$610.00 chargeable to 1909-10 account.

ANDREW HUBLEY.

I. B. SHAFFNER.

A. A. THOMPSON.

P. J. McMANUS.

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, TENDERS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 5th, 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), Douglas, Corston and MacKenzie, the following accounts, amounting to \$91.41, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :—

John McCrowe, mason work repairs, \$24.25. Halifax Tram Co. Ltd, light, \$2.76. F. W. Fraser, bran, \$22.00. C. H. Jordan, shoeing, \$3.25. John H Sutherland, dry goods, \$6.87. W. A. Maling & Co, ox heads, \$6 00 Farquhar Bros., electrical lamps, \$1.13. Wentzell's, Ltd, groceries, \$25.15 Total \$91.41.

Your Committee further recommend that the account of the N. S. Telephone Co, \$114 00, for exchange service for broken period extending from May 1st, 1907, to July 1st, 1908, be paid out of any fund available and be included in the estimates for 1911-12 and collected along therewith.

Tenders were opened for four suits of uniform clothing for the underkeepers from A. E. McManus & Son, W. S. Munnis, S. D. McCormack and Clayton & Sons.

It is recommended that the tender of Clayton & Sons, sample No. 12522, price \$13.50 per suit be accepted.

The monthly report of Governor and Matron were submitted and hereto attached.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman*

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

Read report Library Commission re accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 28th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—The Citizens' Free Library Commission, beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hebb, (Chairman), McManus, Rankine, His Honor Judge Wallace and Mr. G. M. R. Irving, the following accounts, amounting to \$288.36, were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment:—

T. C. Allen & Co, 1 book, \$1.00. W. H. Cobb, 1 book, \$2.60. Commercial Printing Co., printing rules, etc, \$8.80. Houghton, Mifflin & Co, 7 vols, \$88.00. Mutual Subscription Agency, subscription to magazines, etc, 1910, \$137.00. Methodist Book Room, books, \$9.88. C. D. Cazenove & Son, books, magazines and periodicals, 1911, \$113.63. Total, \$288.36.

W. E. HEBB, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1910.

To the City Council:

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

Streets.....	\$2915.37
Street Lighting.....	1752 65
Sewerage.....	435 04

City Property.....	\$ 170 91
Internal Health.....	119 04
City Hall Lighting.....	70 56
Teams and Stables.....	52 64
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	38 00
Permanent Sidewalk.....	1 70
Water Maintenance.....	362 88
Water Construction.....	360 20
Total.....	\$6278 99

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards, re various matters and accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 6th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. That Driver William Knapman, Jr., for leaving his fire station without permission was suspended for four days with loss of pay amounting to \$6.23.
2. That Driver George McGuire, injured November 10th, has not yet reported for duty.
3. The case of Driver William Shanks who has not yet reported for duty is under consideration.
4. All the members of the Call Force injured at the fires September 16th and 20th have reported for duty.
5. The tubes of No. 2 engines (Amoskeag) which were leaking have been repaired at a cost of \$17.25.
6. The Committee have forwarded to the Laws and Privileges Committee a report from the Chief on the saw mill Cedar Street that the property is not dangerous from a fire standpoint.
7. The Committee considered the following letter from the City Engineer and decided to instruct the City Electrician to carry the City Engineer's recommendations into effect in so far as he deems advisable and to report to this Committee cases in which he considers it not advisable to shift the City wires.

REMOVAL OF POLES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 3rd, 1910.

Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners:

SIR.—The Nova Scotia Telephone Company have notified me that they have removed their wires from about fifty poles, and are prepared to remove the poles as soon as the City wires are taken off.

I have gone over the lines referred to and in my opinion it is not a very difficult matter to remove the City wires, and if that can be done the poles will be taken out without further delay. The poles referred to are as follows:—

Bedford Row, at the corner of Sackville Street, opposite No. 12. In this case the wires would have to be attached to the buildings

Sackville Street, opposite No. 12. The City wires can be brought up on the pole line on the north side.

Pleasant Street, between the Academy of Music and Gas Lane. The City wires can be transferred to the Tram Company's poles.

Hollis Street, between Fawson Street and South Street, two poles.

Morris Street, between Pleasant Street and Hollis Street. Wires can be transferred to the other pole lines.

Salter Street, between Hollis Street and Water Street. City wires may be put on Tram Company's pole line south side.

Will you kindly give this matter as early attention as possible. I think it will be agreed that this work which the Telephone Company are now carrying out will make a very desirable improvement in the appearance of the streets.

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

8. Dr. Eagar's claim for compensation for alleged damages to an automobile top by a fire alarm box has been referred to the City Solicitor for report.

9. The Committee has decided to move fire alarm box No. 56 to the foot of Cunard Street, box No. 17 to the corner of Queen and Morris Streets, and box No. 65 to a better position than it is now in, if possible in the opinion of the Chief and Electrician.

10. It is recommended that the Committee on Works be authorized to sell the Queen Street and Gerrish Street fire stations.

11. The Committee have approved of an application from the Chief of Police that the policemen on night duty at a distance from the City Hall be furnished with keys of the nearest fire stations, so that they may go there during meal hours at night instead of travelling the greater distance to the City Hall.

12. Your Committee have fully considered a communication from the Secretary of the S. P. C. forwarded to the Fire Wards by His Worship the Mayor, relating to the width of horse stalls in the fire stations.

In the opinion of the Committee the existing conditions are satisfactory.

Appended hereto for the information of the Council is a letter from Mr. E. S. Arhibald, Superintendent of the Agricultural College, Truro.

13. Tenders received from Thomas A. Moreash, Patrick Dowd, and Stroud & Eveleigh for remodelling No. 1 Ladder Truck are under consideration by the Committee.

14. The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$12.00. Halifax Tram Co., light, \$21.44; power, \$6.31—\$29.75. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$12.56. James Dempster, lumber, \$14.52. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$16.01. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$22.78. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$31.56. Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$3.45. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps, \$1.75. Globe Laundry, work, \$8.74. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, 80c. E. M. Bowes, glazing, \$2.30. A. M. Bell & Co., hardware, \$1.50. Clayton & Sons, clothing, \$8.00. Cragg Bros & Co., hardware, 75c. Canadian Rubber Co., boots, \$445.50. Canadian Rubber Co., brass plates, \$9.00. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$236.95. John Davison & Son, lumber, 75c. T. A. S. DeWolfe & Son, salt, \$1.20. J. A. Dunn, Ltd., nickel-plating, \$6.25. Farquhar Bros., tappers, etc., \$58.45. F. P. Farquharson, supplies, \$3.50. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., supplies, \$15.00. T. Hogan & Co., boiler-making, \$17.25. Herald, advertising, \$11.70. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$13.69. R. Murray et al., labor, \$5.00. Macdonald & Co., machine work, 25c. Thos. A. Moreash, carriage work, \$1.75. Muldowney & Godwin, carriage work, \$20.55. National Drug Co., acid, \$9.00. N. S. Furnishing Co., furnishings, \$16.24. David Roche, glazing, \$7.01. Wentzells, Ltd., soap, etc., \$6.00. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$339.09. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$10.90. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$26.40. Total, \$1429.90.

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Finance Committee re accounts and other matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 8th, 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 Alderman Whitman, (Chairman), Bligh, Smith, Hoben, Thompson and Edwards, the following accounts amounting to \$80.07 were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :

Herald Co., advertising, \$6.00 T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and forms—Police Department, \$2 50. City Collector, \$14 25. License Inspector, \$2 64 City Clerk, \$3 00—22 39. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$51.68. Total \$80.07.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a letter of F. B. McCurdy & Co., in re proposed transfer of the property of the Silliker Car Company, Ltd., to a new company to be formed under the Nova Scotia Companies' Act to be called "The Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd."

At the request of the Committee Messrs. McCurdy and Covert, representing the promoters of the proposed new Company, and Mr. J. J. Ritchie, Solicitor for a number of woodworking and retail lumber concerns, appeared before and addressed the Committee.

Mr. McCurdy submitted and read an amended proposal to the one submitted to the Council on the 10th ult. containing a clause that the Company be exempt from taxation for twenty years, also free water for the same period, and further that the assurance be given that the Council will undertake to put the water system in the vicinity of the Works in such a condition that insurance rates will not be raised on Company's property.

Mr. J. J. Ritchie asked that a clause be inserted in the Agreement (if made) protecting the interests of small contractors and dealers in builders' supplies who are large taxpayers, also to restrict the right of the proposed new Company to go into the retail business in competition with them.

The Committee decided to adjourn the meeting until to-morrow, Friday at 2.15 p. m., to make up their report.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

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

Read report City Auditor re Silliker Car Company.

SILLIKER CAR COMPANY.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, Nov 30th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have recently examined the accounts of the Silliker Car Company Limited, up to Oct. 31st, 1910.

I find the City's security in the Company as required by Acts 1907, Chap. 70, amended by the Acts of 1908, Chap. 73, to be as follows :—

Land at cost, including improvements.....		\$41,497 00
Buildings at cost	\$ 64,226 00	
Machinery at cost	146,484 00	
	<u>\$210,710 00</u>	
Less for depreciation	31,201 00	
		<u>179,509 00</u>
		\$221,006 00

I have in my possession fire insurance policies to the amount of \$101,000 00, fully paid to April 7th, 1911.

The total bond indebtedness of the Company to the City is \$135,476.00, on which all interest has been paid to June 30th, 1910, and there is in their Sinking Fund to November 11th, 1910, the sum of \$9,803.53.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read letter A. M. Bell re Silliker Car Company.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 17, 1910.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Esq., *Mayor,*
City.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the matter of the Silliker Car Company and the relation of the City Council to the proposals to come before it, it occurs to me that few more important questions have ever been brought before that body. I am presuming that there will be no disposition to interfere with the loan to the Company. The City has ample security, and the additional capital, part of which is to be invested in buildings and machinery, will give still further security for this loan.

The only other matter in which the City Council is interested is that of exemption from taxation for ten years and an assessment limited to \$50,000 for another ten years. As three years have passed there is now only seven years more and this is the first good reason for not interfering with existing conditions. Seven years is a very short time in the history of a city or a corporation, and looking at the matter from a commercial standpoint the City has made an excellent bargain. If I am correctly informed, the land now owned by these works and the large field bounded by North Street, Windsor Street and Chabucto Road were assessed jointly at the sum of \$15,000 00 before these works were established. To-day the value of these properties, exclusive of the Car Works, is at least \$150,000 00, while in various other parts of the City other houses have gone up as the direct result of this industry. To-day I am told that Halifax is sending \$6,000 00 per week to Ontario for beef and mutton, and the Silliker Car Company has been drawing from the West and other points say \$10,000 00 per week, \$4,000 00 of which has been circulated in wages.

The Dry Dock received \$200,000 00 from the City in cash and freedom from taxation for twenty years. Its annual pay roll has not averaged over \$70,000 00 to \$80,000 00 per annum. The Cotton Factory \$65,000 00. The Sugar Refinery about \$30,000 00. The Silliker Car Co. has this year spent in wages more than any two of these, probably as much as the three put together. They expect to employ many more men and thus still further increase their pay roll, but it depends entirely on the action of the Council.

If the Council refuses to extend to the new Company the privileges held by the present Company what will it mean? First it will mean a direct loss to Halifax citizens (and a few outsiders) of \$375,000 00 in stock subscribed and paid for, and it will be a blow from which Halifax will not recover for many a year to come. It will be a repetition of the Sugar Refinery and the Cotton Factory—those who have invested will lose everything. The works will go into the melting pot, be bought in by those who are proposing this new move, and will go on and succeed. At a very largely attended meeting of the shareholders of the Company held a few weeks ago after the scheme was

laid before the meeting, a unanimous vote was passed favoring the project, and it will be a grave blunder if the City Council puts a straw in the way.

In addition to the amount invested in the stock, the Directors are personally responsible for a very large amount to their brokers, and there are also heavy trade liabilities, much of which is to Halifax houses. Together these amount to about \$400,000 00, all of which will be jeopardized if any hindrance is put in the way of a reorganization. I do not think the members of the Council would knowingly do their fellow citizens such harm as they would if they vote to repeal any part of the present arrangement, and I write thus fully so that you may understand the situation and act intelligently when the matter comes before you. Those who now control the Company state most positively that unless the City agrees to continue to the reorganized Company all the privileges it at present enjoys, it will shut down the works, and when they come under the Sheriff's hammer will buy them in. If this happens Halifax citizens stand to lose altogether not less than \$500,000.00.

A. M. BELL.

Amount paid in wages in last 12 months, \$207,000 00.

Filed.

Read report Finance Committee re Silliker Car Company.

HALIFAX, December 9th, 1910.

The Finance Committee beg to report as follows :—

The Silliker Car Company, Limited, was organized in 1907, with a total bonded indebtedness to the City of \$135,476, on which all interest has been paid to June 30th, 1910, and the sinking funds to November 1st, 1910, \$9,803.52, leaving a balance due on this bonded indebtedness of \$125,672 48.

Common stock was issued at par to the amount of about \$250,000. Subsequently, they issued preferred stock to the amount of about \$125,000, the great part of which, we understand, has been paid in.

By a letter dated October 27th, 1910, F. B. McCurdy & Co., acting on behalf of a proposed new company, proposing to take over the Silliker Car Co., Ltd., asked that the City of Halifax confirm to the new Company all the rights and exemptions now enjoyed by the Silliker Car Co., Ltd., under Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1907, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to assist the Silliker Car Company, Limited." In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, dated December 8th, 1910, F. B. McCurdy stated that "more capital is required than at first thought necessary, owing to the discovery that losses have been suffered which were not known to us on October 27th. We are obliged to request that the City grant exemption from taxation for twenty years, furnish free water for the same period, and undertake to place the water service at the works in the condition required by the Board of Fire Underwriters, so that the insurance rate may be lowered."

In a letter from Mr. McCurdy, addressed to the Finance Committee, dated December 9th, 1910, Mr. McCurdy varies the above requests as will appear by his letter, of which the following is a copy:—

"Referring to my letter of yesterday, the various newspaper and other reports of the concessions which the Nova Scotia Car Works require from the City before money is available for the use of the Company, differ so much from one another that I wish to here restate what is required.

My letter to you yesterday asked that the City grant:—

- 1.—Complete exemption from taxation for twenty years.
- 2.—Free water for twenty years.
- 3.—Undertake to place the water service at the works in the condition required by the Board of Fire Underwriters so that insurance rates may be lowered.

I saw that it was impracticable that the Council could make any definite progress

with the latter of these three at the present moment, and I therefore offered to withdraw that provided the Council would pass a resolution recommending that this work be undertaken so soon as practicable.

To meet your objections to free water I also offered to modify No. 2 so that free water be given only to the extent of five million gallons per year, (I am informed the quantity used by the works this year was some 15,000,000), but in return for this modification that No. 1 should be extended by fixing the valuation of the properties for taxation purposes for the ten years following the twenty years exemption at the assessed value of the land before any buildings were erected on it.

I wish to be explicit, for in business of such importance to all concerned it would be unfortunate if there were a misunderstanding."

The Nova Scotia Car Company, Ltd., has an authorized capitalization of \$3,000,000, divided into (a), 10,000 first preference shares of \$100 each, bearing a seven per cent cumulative dividend redeemable at \$110; (b) 250,000 divided into 2500 second preference shares of \$100 each, bearing seven per cent non-cumulative dividend payable after all dividends are paid on the first preference shares and redeemable at \$110 per share; (c) 500,000 divided into 5000 third preference shares of \$100 each and bearing a non-cumulative dividend of six per cent, ranking after all dividends are paid on the first and second preference shares; (d) \$1,250,000 divided into 12,500 ordinary shares at \$100 each.

They propose at once to issue \$600,000 of first preferred stock, \$125,000 of second preferred, and \$250,000 of third preferred. The \$125,000 of second preferred goes to the present preference stockholders of the Silliker Car Company, Limited; the \$250,000 of the third preference goes to the common shareholders of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, dollar for dollar in each case.

The proposed charter of the Nova Scotia Car Company, Limited, contains all the powers contained in the old charter of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, besides some additional powers as regards capital, etc.

The members of the Finance Committee are so divided in opinion that it is necessary in this report to give their individual views.

Alderman Bligh agrees to grant the concession of exemption from taxation as asked for twenty years, but no concession as to water.

Alderman Thompson would recommend the continuance of the Silliker Car Company's concessions.

Alderman Hoben and Alderman Smith are willing to grant exemption from taxation for twenty years as asked. They will grant the new Company free water for twenty years to the extent of five million gallons per year.

The Committee recommend that the Council pass a resolution recommending that the work of improving the water service at the works be undertaken as soon as practicable. All are agreed, also, to let the balance due on the mortgage to the City remain as at present, the new Company undertaking all the obligations of the Silliker Car Company in respect to the same.

Alderman Whitman and Alderman Edwards are not agreed to give the exemption of taxation of water at all.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

To the Directors of Silliker Car Company, Limited:

GENTLEMEN,—We offer the Silliker Car Company, Limited to purchase the business, property real and personal, rights, books, book debts, choses-in-action, articles, effects and franchises of the Silliker Car Company, Limited, including its entire assets and undertaking and all unpaid calls due or accruing due by and from members holding preference shares and to give in payment therefor:

1. One thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) second preference shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each aggregating at par one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) and bearing a seven per cent (7%) non-cumulative

dividend payable after all dividends are paid on first preference shares and redeemable at one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per share and accrued dividends. Said second preference shares to be preferred also as to capital next to the first preference shares in case of winding up.

2. Two thousand four hundred and ninety one (2491) third preference shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each aggregating two hundred and forty-nine thousand one hundred dollars (\$249,100.00) and bearing a non-cumulative dividend of six per cent (6%) payable after all dividends are paid on the first and second preference shares. Said third preference shares are preferred also as to capital next to the first and second preference shares in case of winding up.

3. Four hundred and sixteen (416) ordinary shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each aggregating at par forty one thousand six hundred dollars (\$41,600.00.)

Such second and third preference shares and ordinary shares to be issued by a Company to be formed under the "Nova Scotia Companies Act" and to be called Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, having an authorized capital of three million dollars divided into thirty thousand (30,000) shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each consisting of :

(a) One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) divided into ten thousand (10,000) first preference shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each bearing a seven per cent (7%) cumulative dividend and redeemable at one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per share.

(b) Two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) divided into two thousand five (2500) second preference shares of (\$100.00) each bearing a seven per cent (7%) non-cumulative dividend payable after all dividends are paid on the first preference shares and redeemable at one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per share.

(c) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) divided into five thousand (5000) third preference shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each and bearing a non-cumulative dividend of six per cent (6%) ranking after all dividends are paid on the first and second preference shares.

(d) One million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000.00) divided into twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) ordinary shares of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each.

4. An undertaking from the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, to assume and pay off the liabilities of the Silliker Car Works, Limited, as they mature including all amounts due and to become due to the City of Halifax.

5. An undertaking to purchase six thousand first preference shares of Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, at par, less a commission and to pay for same as required by the Directors of said Company.

The Silliker Car Company Limited, represents its liabilities on bills payable and open accounts to be \$168,828.01 and this offer is conditional on that statement being substantially correct.

The above is contingent upon the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, being able to secure from the City of Halifax through its Council within one week from this date a resolution or agreement assenting to the passing of such Legislation at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature as shall give to and vest in the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, satisfactory rights, benefits, exemptions and powers; and also being able to effect an arrangement that all existing rights by lease or otherwise now held by the Silliker Company be vested in the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, and that all employment or agency agreements shall be cancelled or otherwise arranged to our satisfaction.

F. B. McCURDY, & Co.

HALIFAX, CANADA. Nov. 30th, 1910.

ALFRED WHITMAN, ESQ., *Chairman Finance Committee,*

DEAR MR. WHITMAN,—I had a notice to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee to-morrow (Thursday), but in conversation with Mr. Bligh over the telephone, he states that certain members of that committee want to attend a meeting of the School Board, and that it would suit them better to postpone this meeting until early next week.

As I must go to Montreal to-morrow morning on business in connection with the Car Company, this will also suit me equally well.

I shall telegraph Mr. Covert from Montreal as to the exact date of my return, and would be glad if you could arrange to call a meeting then on short notice.

It seems to me it would be well to have the meeting held before the regular meeting of Council next Thursday night, and if possible, before the meeting of shareholders next Tuesday.

Our principals intend to request that you grant exemption from taxation for twenty years for the Nova Scotia Car Works, free water, and an undertaking from the City to place the water service at the works in the condition required by the Board of Fire Underwriters, so that the insurance rates may be lowered.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made, it is the intention of the new company to spend a sum of money, from \$60,000 to \$100,000, on additions and improvements, which will of course improve the City's security on their present outstanding loan, and it is expected that the output at the works will be at least doubled. This will of course entail the employment of a large additional number of men, a matter in which the City is greatly interested.

F. B. McCURDY.

HALIFAX, CANADA, Dec 8th, 1910.

ALFRED WHITMAN, ESQ., *Chairman Finance Committee,*

DEAR SIR,—Referring to our letter of October 27th, 1910, to the Mayor with respect to exemptions, a modification of our original offer has been presented to and accepted by Silliker Car Company, Limited, involving further concessions from the City than those asked for in our letter to the Mayor. More capital is required than was at first thought necessary, owing to the discovery that losses had been suffered which were not known to us on October 27th.

We are obliged to request that the City grant exemption from taxation for 20 years, furnish free water for the same period, and undertake to place the water service at the works in the condition required by the Board of Fire Underwriters, so that insurance rates may be lowered. Subscriptions for \$600,000, new capital to be put into the business, are based on our securing the concessions asked for.

We have no wish to unduly hurry the consideration of such an important measure, but it is only fair to point out that it is of the utmost importance that whatever is done be done quickly in order to continue the Car Works a going concern.

F. B. McCURDY & Co.

HALIFAX, CANADA, Dec. 9th, 1910

FINANCE COMMITTEE, *Halifax.*

GENTLEMEN.—Referring to my letter of yesterday, the various newspaper and other reports of the concessions which the Nova Scotia Car Works require from the City before money is available for the use of the Company differ so much from one another that I wish to here restate what is required.

My letter to you yesterday asked that the City grant:—

1. Complete exemption from taxation for twenty years.
2. Free water for twenty years.
3. Undertake to place the water service at the Works in the condition required by the Board of Fire Underwriters, so that insurance rates may be lowered.

I saw that it was impracticable that the Council could make any definite progress with the latter of these three at the present moment, and I therefore offered to withdraw that, provided the Council would pass a resolution recommending that this work be undertaken so soon as practicable.

To meet your objections to free water I also offered to modify No. 2, so that free water be given only to the extent of five million gallons per year. (I am informed the quantity used by the Works this year was some 15,000,000), but in return for this modification that No. 1 should be extended by fixing the valuation of the properties for taxation purposes for the 10 years following the 20 years exemption at the assessed value of the land before any buildings were erected on it.

I wish to be explicit, for in business of such importance to all concerned it would be unfortunate if there were a misunderstanding.

F. B. McCURDY.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the work of improving the water service at the Silliker Car Works be undertaken as soon as practicable, and further that the balance due on the mortgage to the City remain as at present, the new Company undertaking all the obligations of the Silliker Car Company in respect to the same. Motion passed.

Alderman Edwards rising to a point of order asked if Aldermen who are shareholders in the Silliker Car Company are competent to speak or vote on the question before the Council.

The City Solicitor gave it as his opinion that Aldermen personally interested could not speak or vote.

His Worship the Mayor ruled in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the Council do now adjourn until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb,
Bligh, McManus,
Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly,
Martin, MacKenzie—10.

Against.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
Hubley, Thompson,
Corston, Edwards,
Rankine—7.

Council adjourns 9.05 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

(ADJOURNED MEETING.)

3.10 o'clock.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor stated a delegation from the Anti-Tuberculosis league now present desired to address the Council.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said delegation be heard. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council is now addressed by Dr. John Stewart and Mr. L. J. Mylius. Dr. Stewart stated that the present request of the League was that the City make a grant of fifty cents a day for each patient in the proposed tuberculosis hospital, not exceeding ten patients a year which would amount to about \$1800.00 a year, and that a committee be appointed to confer with the League on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that a special committee be appointed to confer with the Anti-Tuberculosis League on the matter of the proposed establishment of a tuberculosis hospital, and that the matter of a civic grant for the same be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration when making up the estimates. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such special committee Aldermen Wilson, Hebb, Douglas, Kelly, Martin and MacKenzie. Approved.

The Council, pursuant to adjournment, resumes consideration of the Finance Committee in re Silliker Car Company.

Alderman Edwards asked for a ruling as to whether any member of the Council who may be an underwriter of stock of the proposed new company or a creditor of the Silliker Car Company is entitled to speak or vote on this matter.

The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that no member of the Council could speak or vote upon any question in which his personal interests are involved.

Alderman Edwards asked for a ruling on the point that if the concessions asked for by the company are granted the action of the Council would be invalidated if aldermen personally interested vote for the granting of the concessions.

The City Solicitor stated that if the total number required for a majority vote included the vote of any disqualified member the action of the Council would be void.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the report of Finance Committee containing F. B. McCurdy & Co's letter be again read. Motion passed.

The same is now again read.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the clauses of the report not already dealt with be taken up clause by clause.

Alderman Hoben submits the following amendment :

Resolved, that the City of Halifax do authorize and empower the application to the Legislature of Nova Scotia at the ensuing session for such legislation as shall enable the City to give and grant to the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, when incorporated, when and as soon as it has purchased the property of Silliker Car Company, Limited, exemption from taxation for a period of twenty years covering the real and personal property now used and owned by said Silliker Car Company, Limited for manufacturing purposes, and also such legislation as shall enable the City to furnish to said Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, five million gallons of water free of cost or charge yearly for a period of (20) twenty years and the balance of all water used at the minimum rate for manufacturing purposes charged by the City.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith.

His Worship the Mayor ruled Alderman Hoben's amendment out of order, it not being an amendment to the original motion.

Alderman Douglas and McManus, with the consent of the Council, withdraw the original motion, and Alderman Hoben's proposed amendment becomes the resolution before the Council.

Alderman Edwards submits the following amendment :

Whereas, the matter of granting certain concessions asked for by the Nova Scotia Car Company involves a large sum of money and directly affects the taxpayers of this City and is a matter in which the ratepayers should be given an opportunity of expressing an opinion.

Therefore be it resolved, that this matter of concession to the Nova Scotia Car Company be submitted to a plebiscite of the taxpayers on the fourth Wednesday in April next or at any other date that this Council may agree upon.

Moved by Alderman Edwards.

Amendment not seconded.

Ex-Mayor J. C. Mackintosh being in the Chamber was invited to and accepted a seat beside His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Wilson submits the following amendment.

That the Nova Scotia Car Company be granted the following concessions by the City of Halifax—Ten years' tax exemption; a further term of ten years' taxation at \$50,000.00 valuation; the continuation of the Silliker Car Co's loan on the same conditions. These concessions to go into effect when the Nova Scotia Car Company has completed the purchase of the Silliker Car Company on the basis contained in their letters to the Finance Committee and the necessary legislation is procured.

Moved by Alderman Wilson.

Amendment not seconded.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the concessions asked for by the Nova Scotia Car Company and incorporated in Alderman Hoben's resolution, with the exception of granting them 5,000,000 gallons free water yearly be granted.

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

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Wilson, Hubley,
Thompson—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hebb,
Bligh, McManus, Douglas,
Smith, Hoben, Kelly,
Martin, Corston, MacKenzie,
Edwards, Rankine—14.

The original resolution is put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 3 against it, the division of Council being as follows:—

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh,
McManus, Douglas, Smith,
Hoben, Kelly, Hubley,
Thompson, Martin, Corston,
MacKenzie, Rankine—14.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,
Edwards—3.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock. Motion put and lost.

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

Council adjourns 5.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Dec. 15th, 1910.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas, Hubley, Martin, Whitman, Smith, Corston, Wilson, Shaffner and Hoben.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Hubley, 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 Hebb, Bligh, McManus, Kelly, Thompson, Edwards, Rankine, and MacKenzie.

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 Charities Committee by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Common by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :-

Report Coal Weighers for November.

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

Report City Solicitor re suit Fenerty vs. City of Halifax.

Report City Solicitor re suit Dennis vs. City of Halifax.

Report Police Committee.

Petition Police Officers for increase of pay.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it is important that the matter of the estimates for Public Schools be considered at this meeting.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the order of business be suspended to permit the taking up of the School Board estimates.

Alderman Douglas submits a copy of the estimates for Public Schools for 1911-12, amounting to \$153,900.00.

SCHOOL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1912.

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

The Committee on Finance having carefully considered the requirements of the Board for the year beginning 1st May next, beg to submit the following:—

Teachers	\$108,600	
Teachers Technical Schools	1,150	
Supervisor	1,800	
Secretary	1,500	
Assistant Secretary	400	
Caretaker of School Property	1,050	
Truant Officer	850	
Messenger	200	
Janitors	9,250	
Rents	8,750	
Fire Insurance	800	
Interest on Debentures (issued by the Board)	13,000	
Advertising and Printing	800	
Books and Stationery	1,400	
School Apparatus	600	
Office Expenses	150	
Fuel	7,000	
Maintenance of School Property:		
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds	\$8,000	
Furniture and its repairs	2,500	
Painting, colorwashing, limewashing and cleaning	2,000	
	12,500	
General Expenses	2,000	
Water Supply	1,200	
Medical and Dental Examinations	500	
Commissioners' Allowance	1,000	
		\$174,500
<i>Less.</i>		
Probable Provincial Grant Common Schools	17,150	
" " " Manual Training	1,200	
Revenue from and in favor of the Halifax Academy	2,000	
Interest on Bank Account	250	
		20,600
		\$153,900

The foregoing does not include the interest on the debentures issued by the City for school buildings and the annual appropriation for the Sinking Fund to retire the School debentures, which amounts are chargeable to the City directly.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that this Council approve of the estimates of the Commissioners of Public Schools of the City of Halifax for 1911-12 amounting to \$153,900.00, that the same be placed in the City estimates and that said approval be communicated to the Governor-in-Council for confirmation. Motion passed.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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