

I have asked for tenders from six of the local dealers and the only one received is from Brookfield Bros., Ltd., who tender 40½c. per hundred pounds nett, f. o. b., cars at Deep Water.

I would recommend that 175,000 pounds be purchased from them at this figure.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for pipe and valves.

PIPES AND VALVES.

CITY WORK'S OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer, requesting that tenders be invited for supplying 5000 feet of 6" pipe and 50 6" valves was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—We should make a contract now for the coming season's work for about five thousand feet of six-inch pipe and fifty six-inch valves.

During the last two seasons we have been handicapped and delayed by the delivery of pipe and valves very late in the season, in one case, too late to perform the work ordered during the year. We should therefore make our contract at as early a date as possible and I would recommend that tenders be invited at once.

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

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

Read letter City Clerk, covering report of Board of License Commissioners re Liquor Licenses 1911-12.

LIQUOR LICENSES, 1911-12.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, February 18th 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit herewith a report from the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax respecting applications for liquor licenses, which report was filed with me this day.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT, 1910.

HALIFAX, February 18th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council and to the City Clerk :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor, pursuant to the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act 1910, to submit herewith the report of the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax upon the applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax during the license year 1911-12 referred to said Board by the City Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secty. Board of
License Commissioners.*

LIQUOR LICENSES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 18th, 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council of Halifax :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax beg to report as follows :—

The Board, in pursuance of the duty imposed upon them by the N. S. Temperance Act 1910, met on Friday, the 17th inst., at 3.30 p. m. in the Council Chamber to consider the applications for licenses referred to the Board by the Council. Notice of the time and place of meeting was duly given in the Press.

At such meeting the Board heard sundry objections presented against certain applications, and also arguments in support of various applications, all of which have been carefully considered by the Board, and the Board have determined to grant the seventy shop or hotel licenses applied for by the applicants whose names are set out in Schedule "A" to this report and to refuse the fifteen applications set out in Schedule "B".

In reference to the objection raised against granting a wholesale license to Dillon Brothers, the majority of the Board do not feel justified in refusing the license in the absence of any legal evidence in support of the objection, and in any event the objection is one which in the opinion of the Board ought more appropriately to be raised in a court of law.

In reference to the objections raised by the Dartmouth Board of Trade, no complaint was made of the character of the applicants or of their premises. They have all held licenses for a number of years, and the Board feel that the nature of the objection is one rather for the consideration of the Legislature than of the Board.

The Board wish to add that the rejection of any application must not be considered as any reflection on the character of the applicant or of the premises, but simply the result of the necessity of reducing the number of licenses imposed on the Board by the Statute.

W. B. WALLACE, Chairman.
F. H. BELL.
J. A. RUDLAND.

SCHEDULE "A."

List of applications which the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax have decided to grant :—

WARD ONE.

David M. Finlay, shop, 17 Victoria Lane.
John Courtney, shop, Gas Lane

WARD TWO.

Section A.

James L. White, shop, Rottenburg Street.

Section B.

W. J. Forrestall, shop, Rottenburg Street.
Stephen Major, shop, Dresden R.w.

Section D.

A. Keith & Son, Brewers.
Evelyn Burns, hotel, Salter Street.
Richard Cahill, shop, 126 Lower Water Street.

Section E.

Wm. McEachren, shop, 52 Sackville Street.
Annie Cahill, hotel, 25 Argyle Street.
Dillon Bros., wholesale, 76 Sackville Street.

Section G.

E. L. MacDonald, Halifax Hotel.
Margaret McGrath, shop, 6 Sackville Street.
Wm. F. Blank, shop, 117 Hollis Street.
James P. Fairbanks, Queen Hotel.
Nath. Doherty, Prince George Hotel.

Section H.

E. D. Blair, shop, 21 Sackville Street.
L. J. Redmond, hotel, 155 Hollis Street.
Simon Fraser, hotel, 43 Argyle Street.
Jas. Hogan, shop, 62 Grafton Street.
William Conway, shop, Sackville Street.
Nathan Cornfoot, shop, 65 Granville Street.
Patrick Ryan, hotel, 204-206 L. Water Street.

WARD THREE.

Section A.

H. R. Wright, hotel, 8 to 10 Duke Street.
Thos. W. Hardy, hotel, 100-102 Granville Street.
Edward J. Quirk, shop, 217 Lower Water Street.
John Glassey, shop, 196 Hollis Street.
James T. Hogan, shop, 143 Albemarle Street.
Thomas H. Renner, hotel, 1 Upper Water Street.
Catherine Coleman, shop, 33 Upper Water Street.
Susan C. Fiske, Acadian Hotel.
David Andrews, hotel, 82-84 Granville Street.

H. W. Brown, shop, City Wharf.
 Jas. P. Mackasey, shop, 9 Upper Water Street.
 Charles Hamm, shop, 136 Grafton Street.
 John Tobin & Co., wholesale, 15 Upper Water Street.
 Kelley & Glassey, Ltd., wholesale, 196-204 Hollis Street.
 Halifax Breweries, Ltd., brewers.

Section B.

James M. Power, Shop, 13 Buckingham Street.
 Gaetano Verdi (James Scott & Co.), shop, 180 Granville Street.
 Dan. Connors, shop, Duke Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 Peter Hartry, shop, 1 Bell Street.
 James Salterio, Farmers' Hotel.
 Ellen Meagher, shop, 144 Argyle Street.
 Daniel Morrissey, shop, 211 Barrington Street.
 Edward Donahoe, shop, 53 Buckingham Street.
 Charles AuCoin, shop, 46 Upper Water Street.
 R. N. MacDonald, shop, 152 Barrington Street.
 Grace & Gastonguay, wholesale, 73 Upper Water Street.
 A. Monaghan & Co., wholesale, 122 Barrington Street.
 R. J. Mahoney, shop, 102 Upper Water Street.

WARD FOUR.

Section A.

J. M. Inglis, shop, 2½ Starr Street.
 Michael Goulding, shop, 176 Upper Water Street.
 Charles A. Norton, shop, 146 Upper Water Street.
 Wm. P. Duggan, shop, 93 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas Killeen, shop, 87 Upper Water Street.
 T. F. Courtney, shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 T. F. Courtney & Co., wholesale, cor. Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

Section D.

George A. James, hotel, 290 Upper Water Street.
 Thos. D. Chalmers, hotel, 278-284 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnson, shop, 286 Upper Water Street.

Section E.

R. M. Anderson, shop, 53 Creighton Street.
 Robert A. Gibson, shop, 86 Cornwallis Street.
 Dan. Johnson, shop, 47 Maynard Street.

WARD FIVE.

Section A.

Julia Keating, shop, 9 Cornwallis Street.

Section B.

Adam L. Miller, shop, 155 Gottingen Street.
 Dougal McDonald, shop, 101½ Gottingen Street.

Section D.

John Handley, shop, 91 Gerrish Street.

Section E.

Simeon Meadon, shop, Agricola Street.

Section F.

John Mullane, shop, 33 West Street.

Section I.

Edward J. Walsh, shop, Gottingen Street.

Chas. T. Kehoe, shop, Gottingen Street.

Section J.

Edward Rolston, Revere Hotel, North Street.

WARD SIX.

Section A.

Thomas Pearson, shop, 5 Almon Street.

John F. Wells, shop, Almon Street

William Wilson, King Edward Hotel, Lockman Street.

Section E.

Samuel Bevis, shop, 43 Almon Street.

Oland & Son, brewers, Sullivan Street.

SCHEDULE "B."

List of applications refused by the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

WARD TWO.

Section D.

A. P. Calnen, shop, 104 Lower Water Street.

Section G.

Jas. E. Ryan, shop, 157 Lower Water Street.

Peter C. Flemming, shop, 156 Lower Water Street.

Section H.

Agnes Cahalane, shop, 5½ Bedford Row.

WARD THREE.

Section A.

Jeffrey Terrio, hotel, 13 Upper Water Street.

Section B.

Willoughby Smith, shop, 174 Grafton Street.

William Glassey, shop, 234 Hollis Street.

Timothy Mullane, shop, 212 Argyle Street.

WARD FOUR.

Section A.

Joseph Ferguson, shop, 200 Upper Water Street.
N. A. Ross, shop, 212 Upper Water Street.

WARD FIVE.

Section B.

Wm. Parsons, Jr., shop, 141½ Gottingen Street.
J. P. O'Connor, shop, 147 Cottingen Street.

Section C.

Jos. B. Ward, shop, 2 Cunard Street.

Section E.

Geoffrey Meagher, shop, 20 West Street.

WARD SIX.

Section A.

Catherine Doody, shop, 33 Almon Street.

The following resolution is submitted.

RESOLVED, That this Council do hereby authorize the Mayor of the City and the Inspector of Licensed premises for the City to issue to each of the seventy applicants for shop or hotel licenses whose applications have been granted by the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax and whose names are set out in the Schedule "A" to such report a shop or hotel license to sell intoxicating liquor, such licenses to be respectively shop licenses or hotel licenses, according as the same are mentioned in the said report; and also to issue to each of the applicants for a wholesale or brewer's license mentioned in the said Schedule a wholesale license for the sale of such liquors, each of such licenses to be for the term of one year beginning on the 16th day of March, 1911; and to be for the localities respectively set out in the said Schedule, and to be in form as heretofore issued, and to be issued only on compliance by the said applicants respectively with all requirements and conditions imposed by the Liquor License Act and amendments thereto and payment of the required fees.

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

His Worship the Mayor announced that since the last meeting the Council had lost one of its members by the death of Alderman James J. O'Brien.

The following resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst our colleague Alderman James J. O'Brien a man who in his sphere of citizenship and as an Alderman had by his excellency of character and kindness of heart won the esteem of all with whom he came in contact;

AND WHEREAS, through the demise of Alderman James J. O'Brien the City has lost an earnest worker for all that had a tendency to alleviate the conditions of the poor and distressed, and this Council has lost a member of unimpeachable integrity and wide experience and sound judgment in Civic matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council place on record this expression of its sense of the deep loss it has incurred ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the Minutes of this Council and that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

AND BE IT ALSO RELOVED, that as a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased colleague this Council shall now adjourn, and stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. Friday March 3rd, 1911.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Bligh and passed, the members of Council standing to vote.

Council adjourns 8.45 o'clock.

— EVENING SESSION. —

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 3rd, 1911.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment of February 28th ult. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen McManus, Martin, Douglas Edwards, Hoben, Smith, Hubley, Wilson and Bligh.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

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

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Smith, Acting Chairman.

Report Special Committee on Public Franchises re Double Tracking of Street Railway loop line, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Cash Statement City Collector.

Report Coal Weighers for January.

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

Offer of Trustees of Sinking Funds to loan the City \$2,500.00.

Letter School Board re vacancy on the Board.

Opinion of City Solicitor re expenses of delegations.

Opinion of City Solicitor re Workmen's Compensation Act.

Letter Board of Trade re Board of Control.

Letter The Festival of Empire and Imperial Exhibition, London, Eng., May to October, 1911.

Petition for Sewerage Jubilee Road to the North West Arm.

Petition for building lines Quinpool Road.

Petition T. M. Mullane et al in the matter of Liquor License Act.

Letter Moirs Ltd., re amount of their taxation.

Letter Scotia Pure Milk Co., re exemption of manufacturing plant from taxation.

Letter F. B. McCurdy & Co. re legislation affecting Silliker Car Co. and the Nova Scotia Car Works.

Reports (3) Committee on Works, viz :—

Notifying Fire Department when water supply is not in operation.

St. Mathias Street.

Coburg Road and Oxford Street sewer.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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

Read report Coal Weighers for January. Filed.

Read cash statements City Collector re taxes and water rates, May, June and July, 1910. Filed.

Read letter The Festival of Empire and Imperial Exhibition, London, England, May to October, 1911. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letter Scotia Pure Milk Co. re exemption of manufacturing plant from taxation.

SCOTIA PURE MILK CO. TAXES.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 27th 1911.

The Mayor and Corporation City of Halifax :

DEAR SIRS,—We have purchased the wooden buildings, Nos. 94-96 Upper Water Street, immediately in the rear of our premises on Barrington Street, and have erected thereon a fire-proof concrete building for the purpose of manufacturing ice cream, and other products.

Under Section 344, sub-section 2, City Charter, this building and machinery are exempt from increased taxation. Will you kindly see that the necessary vote is passed by the Council to effect this?

SCOTIA PURE MILK Co., LIMITED,
CHAS. N. BUTCHER, Manager.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read petition for sewerage Jubilee Road to the North West Arm. Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for building lines Quinpool Road. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Moirs, Ltd., re amount of their taxation.

MOIRS LIMITED TAXES.

March 3rd, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The special legislation relating to the taxation of our Company

by the City of Halifax will terminate in a very few years. At present we are assessed on the amount of Sixty-four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (64,300.0) and are exempt on Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (2,500,000) gallons of water annually.

We beg to ask that the City of Halifax for the purpose of taxation annually assess and rate us at a sum not exceeding Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) for a period of twenty (20) years, the said sum to cover all the real estate, buildings, plant, machinery, stock in trade and personal property whether now owned by us or hereafter acquired by us, including all buildings which may be hereafter erected, and all extensions of such buildings or of existing buildings, provided however, that if during the said period of twenty (20) years we shall acquire any additional lands or building the assessed value of such lands or buildings at the time of such purchase shall be added to the amount of said assessment.

We also ask to be exempt during the said period of twenty (20) years from water rates on Ten Million (10,000,000) gallons of water each year, but that for any excess of said quantity we shall pay at the usual meter rate charged by the City.

Our business has grown to such an extent that we find our present manufacturing facilities inadequate to meet the increased demand for our products. Our factories are so scattered, and their capacity is so limited, that we cannot, under present conditions conduct our business along those systematic and economic lines, which are so essential to the success of every concern. If we are to take care of the increased business offered us we must make provision for enlarging our plant. To carry out our plans would involve the expenditure of a large sum of borrowed capital. This money we have been assured is obtainable if we can provide against a large civic tax, and we are convinced that the responsibilities of incurring a heavy financial liability for the purpose of erecting buildings and equipping them with machinery are too great for us to assume unless the City of Halifax is prepared to support legislation along the lines suggested herein, and which it is absolutely necessary we should have in order to feel reasonably sure of making a success of so large an undertaking.

We are the biggest employers of labor in the City, having over Five Hundred (500) employees on our pay roll and paying out a large amount annually in wages, and we believe that with increased facilities we could in a short time give employment to many more people.

The great development of the Canadian North West has naturally created a big market for all classes of manufactured goods. We are now shipping the products of our factories throughout the whole of the Dominion as far as the Pacific Coast. We find, however, that our competitors situated in the large centres of population have many advantages over us. We are handicapped by high freight rates, the long haul and consequent slower delivery. You can see, therefore, that we would be in a much better position to meet competition and secure larger orders if our factories were located in Montreal or some other western city, which is the territory we have to look to in future for our big markets.

We ask you, gentlemen, to give this matter which concerns the development of a big, local, homemade industry of such importance to Halifax your early and favourable consideration.

Very respectfully,

MOIRS LIMITED,
C. V. MONAGHAN, *Secretary*.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

By leave of Council Alderman Hebb submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS, James J. O'Brien, an Alderman of this City for Ward No. 2, has departed this life, leaving a vacancy in the representation of that ward;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That this Council do hereby declare the seat in this Council for Ward No. 2, formerly held by Alderman O'Brien to be vacant.

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

Read letter School Board, informing the Council that the death of Alderman O'Brien causes a vacancy in the representation of the City Council on said Board.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Smith, that Alderman Martin be appointed to the vacancy on the School Board caused by the death of Alderman O'Brien. Motion passed.

Read petition T. W. Mullane et al in the matter of the Liquor License Act.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—We the undersigned, licensed liquor dealers of the City of Halifax, having been refused our applications for licenses for the year 1911-12, respectfully petition and request your body to present a bill at the present term of the Legislature allowing us three months extension of time in which to dispose of our surplus stock.

We wish to point out that this course was adopted in New Brunswick, and we feel that our request for an extension of the license period is a reasonable and meritorious one.

In conclusion we trust that this petition will meet with favorable consideration at your hands.

T. M. MULLANE.
JEFFREY TERRIO.
N. A. ROSS.
JOSEPH B. WARD.
J. P. O'CONNOR.
J. E. RYAN
WM. PARSONS, JR.
JOSEPH FERGUSON.
G. M. MEAGHER.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The amendment is withdrawn by consent.

The original motion is put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that a number of gentlemen were present who desired to address the Council on the matter of changing the location of certain streets.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that

the Rules of Council be suspended to permit the consideration of No. 19 on the Order of the Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Read No. 19, viz: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re petition J. K. Munnis for changing location of certain streets. (See printed Minutes of Council, Jan. 5th, 1911.)

By unanimous consent of Council the delegation present is permitted to address the Council on the "Street Improvement Project," the speakers and their subjects being:

1. J. K. Munnis—Outline.
2. J. A. McDonald—Relation to prospective transportation developments.
3. R. M. Hattie—Relation to City Planning and the Economic aspects.
4. Rev. Dr. Forrest—The question of grades.
5. R. H. Murray—The humane aspect.
6. John W. Brookfield—Need of another through street from North to South.
7. W. S. Davidson—Relation to the waterfront.
8. Hector McInnes—The Financial aspect.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that this matter be referred to a special committee for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hebb, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said Committee consist of Aldermen Smith, Wilson, Rankine, Martin, Höben and McManus.

Aldermen Martin and Rankine decline to serve on said Committee and Aldermen Hubley and Douglas are nominated in their stead.

The nominations as amended are approved.

Read letter Board of Trade re Board of Control.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that said letter be considered with the majority and minority reports on the subject on the files of the Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, that His Worship the Mayor call a special meeting of the Council for Tuesday evening March 7th to consider the matter of Board of Control.

His Worship the Mayor acting on the opinion of the City Solicitor rules the amendment out of order.

The original motion is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that at this meeting the consideration of the reports of the Committee on Works have preference over any other matters. Motion passed.

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

CEDAR STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 18th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Sewer extension Cedar Street from Louisburg Street west to Walnut Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 8th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer in Cedar Street from Louisburg Street west to Walnut Street.

There has been no water supply in this block, but the property owners have petitioned for it and it will no doubt be put in next year.

Wherever it is possible, the sewer should accompany the water supply, especially where the ground is as level as it is in this block and where the rock is so near the surface. Further, the construction of the two works at one time reduces the total cost. Estimated cost, \$4,200.00; estimated assessment, \$1,575.00. I would recommend that this sewer be ordered to be constructed in its turn.

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

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

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

WATER EXTENSION CEDAR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 18th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re Water extension, Cedar Street, from Louisburg Street west, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 16, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water system in Cedar Street, from Louisburg Street west to connect with the end of the pipe already laid in Cedar Street.

The district is high service; size of pipe required, six-inch; length, 535 feet; estimated cost, \$1,305.50. The estimated cost, if laid on the side of the sewer trench, is \$530.00

I have already recommended the construction of a sewer in this street, and I would therefore recommend that the water pipe be extended at the same time, and as three houses connected with the sewer with closets installed would pay the interest on the estimated outlay, it would not be necessary to require a special rate.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving assessment William Dennis.

PAVING ASSESSMENT, GRANVILLE & GEORGE STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 8th, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on letter from W. Dennis in re paving assessment for his property corner of George and Granville Streets, was read and referred to Council for its information. A copy has also been sent to Mr. Dennis.

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

[For copy of Mr. Dennis' letter see printed minutes of Council, February 14th, 1911.]

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 31st, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mr. Wm. Dennis, asking for further information in connection with the assessment on his property on Granville and George Streets for paving laid in these streets.

I shall be glad to give Mr. Dennis any information in connection with it that it is possible to give, but it is impossible to give him some of the details that he asks for. He wants to know the actual number of square yards of paving charged to him and the details which make up the charge on that number of square yards.

I am not in possession of that information and have never been, and consequently cannot give it. As I explained in a former report, the law requires that one-half of the whole cost of paving the street or portion of street shall be borne by the property owners in proportion to their frontage on the street. We made up the assessment in accordance with the law and I gave the frontage in the former report, on which we charged assessment to Mr. Dennis. It would be impossible to keep the cost of the pavement in front of each property separate.

Mr. Dennis also complains that the cost is apparently greater per square foot than the price paid to the Paving Company. He is quite correct in that, as the total cost of the work includes inspection, advertising, adjusting the stand pipes of the water system, resetting sewer manhole tops, relaying the gutters on concrete foundation, plant, tools, etc., no part of which work was done by the Paving Company or were they paid for it. The cost of the work did not exceed the estimate, and attached hereto is a copy of the report made to the Council before the work was ordered, as required by law, and which Mr. Dennis states he has been unable to find in the Minutes of the Council.

If there is any error in the assessment, it must, of course, be corrected at once, but I am not aware that there is anything wrong with the bill as rendered.

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

[For the previous report of the City Engineer referred to in above report, see printed minutes of Council, December 8th, 1905.]

Filed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that Mr. Dennis be furnished by the City Engineer with a detailed statement of the cost of pavement in the block adjacent to his property. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meters William Dennis property.

METERS MR. DENNIS' PROPERTY.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 8th, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer in re Meters on Mr. Dennis' property, was read and referred to Council for its information. A copy has also been sent Mr. Dennis.

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

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 those properties that other citizens are taxed on their assessed values.

WM. DENNIS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 7th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mr. Wm. Dennis respecting the meters on his buildings.

Mr. Dennis removed the meters from the Herald building and from the buildings No. 96 and 106 Granville Street and I have replaced them. The meters at 96 and 106 Granville Street were placed inside the buildings as before; the meter

at the Herald Building was placed in the street where it will register the consumption inside the building as formerly and also show at once any leakage in the four-inch service pipe between the meter and the building.

It is quite true that Mr. Dennis is not satisfied with the meters but I am forced by circumstances to conclude that his dissatisfaction is caused by his dread of their efficiency and not because he believes them to be inaccurate.

Soon after the meters were first installed at 96 and 106 Granville Street, the complaint was made that the quantity registered was too great. A test was made and the registration found to be accurate. Investigation revealed a closet wasting water and showed the good work of the meter. Repairs reduced the consumption. All the meters were re-tested before they were re-installed and were registering correctly. Judge Graham states in his judgment "the meters in my opinion correctly indicated the consumption of water."

At the Herald Building Mr. Morrison has made several inspections and found a good deal of waste. On one occasion he found two water closets wasting so badly that the tanks could not fill, that is, all the water that could flow through the pipes was running to waste. After these leaks were stopped and other repairs made, the consumption was 10,000 gallons a day less, for a time. There are fifteen water closets in this building. There is a cooling system for the gas engines in the basement which has a $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch waste pipe to the sewer which would waste a great deal of water if allowed to run. I have been informed that at times this has run continuously. There is also a hydraulic lift which is capable of using a large quantity of water.

Referring to the wild statement that in a large number of instances hundreds of thousands and millions of gallons have been charged for which were never used and never passed through the meters, I think I need only say that it is not correct, and that scores of reductions and adjustments of extortionate metered water charges were made by the Works Committee and officials without the apparent knowledge of the Council is also incorrect.

There is a law authorizing reductions when water has passed through the meter in consequence of an accident which proper care and precaution could not prevent. Although between 7000 and 8000 meter bills have been made out during the period covered by this law, only thirteen reductions have been made, in all of which the Council concurred.

Mr. Dennis asks to have the meters removed and a flat rate charged instead, claiming that he would have to pay more on Number 96 and 106.

For 1908 and 1909, the only two full years during which there have been meters on No. 96 and 106, the average charge was \$20.18; flat rate \$25.40, difference \$5.22. On the Herald Building for the only full year metered the charge was \$552.00; the flat rate would be \$125.50, difference \$426.50, a net saving to Mr. Dennis if he could remove the meters and let the waste go on unchecked, of \$421.50. In other words, he is prepared to lose \$5.22 a year to save \$426.50.

Wasting water is wasting money, for water delivered through a million dollar system is not in its free state. The benefit obtained from the meters installed on the low service since March, 1908, is shown clearly by the pressure records. The average pressure at the low service hydrants in the month of March, 1910, was twelve per cent. higher than in 1908, while during the same period the high service average decreased twelve per cent.

The improvement in the low service and the drop in the efficiency of the high service are really greater than the figures show, because we have been able to push the low service back up the hill, and we are now supplying several blocks from the low service which were supplied from the high service previous to 1908.

If Mr. Dennis should be allowed to remove his meters permanently, many others who are awaiting the result of his request, must be granted the same permission. The effect would be disastrous. If some of the larger consumers asked for

the same treatment, there could be no good reason for refusing it. The consequence would be a large reduction in revenue and a great increase in waste. The pressure would drop again and the higher parts of the low service system and all buildings over three stories in height would be in the same condition as many houses in the high service were during the cold snap, viz., without water.

It is absolutely necessary in order to maintain the service at its present state of efficiency, that no backward step be taken, as many new service pipes are being put in every year. I must therefore strongly urge that the door shall not be opened by granting the request.

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

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the same be filed. Motion passed.

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

WATER BILL 20-22 UPPER WATER ST., KEARNEY ESTATE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 5th, 1911.

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 reducing water meter rates on properties 20-22 Upper Water St., belonging to the Kearney Estate was read and recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan 28th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Miss Alice Kearney.

Miss Kearney claims that if there was any leak in her premises, the leak was unavoidable, and claims that she has used every precaution to prevent waste.

A reduction was made in the charge for water supplied at this property for the year previous to March, 1909, chiefly on the ground that the owner of the property did not receive notice of waste that had taken place, or the consumption reported by the meter, in consequence of the failure of the Inspector to find the owner.

A subsequent reduction was made to cover the period between March, 1909 and the time that the owner received notice from the City of the condition which had caused the waste and large bill. Since that time the Inspector has repeatedly called attention to a closet in the property which was wasting.

The plumbing in this house has been reported by the Inspector so many times that I regret to state that I cannot agree with Miss Kearney's claim that every precaution has been used to prevent waste, and therefore the reduction could not be made legally.

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

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works to make a reasonable reduction in the meter bill of the Kearney estate.

Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same, and 4 against it as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Corston—10.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, MacKenzie, Rankine—4.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in re stone stored on Coburg Road.

COBURG ROAD FLATIRON.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 8th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on question asked by Alderman Hebb in re why a large quantity of rock had been dumped on the newly acquired lot, Robie Street and Coburg Road, was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 23rd, 1911

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the question asked by Alderman Hebb, namely, why a large quantity of rock had been dumped on the newly acquired lot, Robie Street and Coburg Road.

There is a good deal of work ordered to be done on Coburg Road, including concrete sidewalks and granite curb and gutter on both sides of the street and around the Flatiron. A large quantity of stone, such as we have stored at Coburg Road, is required to carry out the work, and as the quantity of sewer and water work done recently is limited we are obliged to save all the stone that we get, to avoid the necessity of again blasting the ledge on Young Avenue.

The stone was stored where it is at present to save a second truckage, and as soon as the season opens it will be used in the new work.

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

Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Official City Plan.

OFFICIAL PLAN.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 8th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on question asked by Alderman Smith, in re official plan, was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 23rd, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report in answer to Alderman Smith's question when the remaining portions of the City plan will be dealt with by the Council.

For the purposes of the Official Plan, the City has been divided into twenty-three sections, thirteen of those having been approved. Of the other ten, four, including Section 17 could be advertised for approval within a short time, possibly one or two others. The remainder will not be finished in the near future with our present staff.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that all completed sections of the City Plan be advertised by the City Engineer. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works in re notice from F. W. Bissett & Co., of their intention to vacate the Stayner wharf property.

LEASE STAYNER'S WHARF.

CITY WORK'S OFFICE, Feb. 8th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached notice of vacating the Stayner Wharf property by F. W. Bissett Co., Ltd., was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer laying in winter time.

SEWER WORK IN WINTER TIME.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 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 letter from the Rev. L. J. Donaldson, Convenor for the Poors Association, in re sewer laying in winter was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

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

To the City Council :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Rev. L. J. Donaldson, Convenor of the Committee of the Halifax Poors Association.

Mr. Donaldson suggests that the City should start laying a sewer in the very near future, to enable a portion of the labouring classes to obtain work.

At present there is no work of any kind on the order book which could be started during winter weather. I have a petition for a sewer on Cedar Street on which I am reporting favourably. Mr. Donaldson states that it was pointed out that blasting of rock, which is the main work in constructing a sewer can be carried on as economically in winter as in any season of the year.

The reverend gentleman and his advisors are in error in making this statement.

The labourers cannot do as much work in cold weather as in more comfortable temperature. The preparation for the blasts has to be made much more carefully and takes a longer time. The handling of the water, which is invariably encountered, is much more difficult and expensive in winter, and all material overlying the rock is frozen solid and costs much more to take out, and all material, including the rock taken out, freezes solidly together again as soon as it put on the bank, and generally has to be blasted to break it up so it can be refilled into the trench. The cost of sewer work in the winter months is from fifty to one hundred per cent greater than in the summer.

I am making these statements merely to correct a misapprehension and not in anyway to influence the decision of the Council on the question of the wisdom of giving the labourers work in the winter. If the Council decides to give them work, it should be clearly understood that it will cost more than in the summer.

Another possible obstacle in the way of starting work is the lack of funds. The sewer appropriation is practically exhausted, and if we are to begin the construction of a sewer at once, some arrangement must be made to provide the money. There is no account on which we can draw to carry on any additional work unless some special arrangement is made by the Council or some money borrowed.

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

Filed.

By unanimous consent of Council the following resolution is submitted.

Resolved. That the City borrow a sum not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars, to be expended in the construction of new sewers, and that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders for stock or debentures to produce that amount.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Douglas and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen voting for the same, viz:—Aldermen Wilson, Shaffner, Hebb, Bligh, Smith, Douglas, McManus, Hubley, Kelly, Hoben, Thompson, Coston, Martin, Edwards, Rankine and MacKenzie.

Read report Committee on Works in re City Home.

CITY HOME.

CITY WORKS OFFICE. January 18th, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Works, to which the matter of the sale of the City Home was referred, begs to report as follows:

This matter has been referred to the Committee for a report

- (1) As to the cost of a suitable building for a new City Home on the Rockhead Farm property;
- (2) Upon the marketable value of seven and a half acres of land comprising the present City Home property.
- (3) On any other matter of interest in connection with the proposed scheme.

Your Committee has had several meetings at which statements were received from a number of gentlemen in relation to the matters thus referred to the Committee. Copies of all the material statements made before the Committee have been sent to each Alderman, so that the members of the Council are now in full possession of all the facts presented to the committee.

RE ROCKHEAD FARM PROPERTY.

The general opinion expressed with reference to the Rockhead property was that it is not suitable for the purposes of a City Home.

On this subject Dr. George L. Sinclair, Inspector of Humane and Penal Institutions for the Province, spoke as follows :

"I am not at all familiar with the physical characteristics of the Rockhead site, but I say that in any site which might be had in view there are certain essential things which should be always considered. One of them, I think, should be the facility for perfect drainage; another that the site should not be too far removed from the City—within reasonable distance from the tram service, for instance, so that the friends of the inmates could visit them and the philanthropic people who occasionally give entertainments could be accommodated; so that the police would be available, and also the fire department of the City; and that there should be an abundant supply of good water; and also some arrangement by which the delivery of the staple articles, such as food and fuel, could be done in the most economical way possible."

Dr. Trenaman, the City Medical Officer, said of Rockhead :—

"It would be open to those objections and to greater ones because it is a very bleak, exposed place, intensely cold. All the north and south roads leading to it are swept almost clear of snow, and when we have good sleighing to Duffus Street the roads from there to it are almost clear. The roadways leading to the Infectious Hospital and to the City Prison are very often blocked with snow. I have many times had to take my horse out of the sleigh and walk him through to the Infectious Hospital in winter time. The tramway is on Campbell Road, some distance from the Prison."

The following is an extract from the statement of Mr. James H. Dow, former Superintendent of the City Home :—

"Q. You think the Rockhead Farm is not suitable?

A. No. It is cold and bleak for old people, and the people would be prevented from coming into the City for six months in the year, and their friends would be prevented from going to see them.

Q. I suppose the friends of the inmates very frequently call to see them?

A. Yes."

Mr. B. J. Mulcahy, the present Superintendent of the City Home, said in reference to the Rockhead property :—

"It is a very bleak property and hard to get at. It means, if you locate on Rockhead, considerably more, I should think, for fuel. You have to keep the building warm, steam going day and night. As far as the inmates are concerned, they would hardly ever get to town, during the winter months particularly. They would have very few visitors from the City, and one of the best things in regard to the institution is the visiting. They come to us Tuesday, Friday and Sunday afternoons."

Alderman Hubley, the Chairman of the Committee on Charities, submitted a list of six properties in the northwestern part of the City, which he suggested as suitable sites for a new City Home, but no particulars were given as to the probable cost or the acreage of the various properties.

PROBABLE COST OF A NEW CITY HOME.

On the question of the cost of a new City Home your Committee has not been able to obtain any very definite information. It would be necessary to have plans and specifications of the proposed building or buildings before ever an approximate estimate could be made. The contract price for the present City Home was \$60,000 and the contractor was allowed to use the old material in construction. That

figure represents the contract price for the building alone. Heating and lighting were additional. The total cost has been estimated at \$80,000.00.

Dr. Trenaman was asked if he would undertake to approximate the cost of a fire-proof building in another locality, and his answer was as follows :—

"I am not an architect, and I do not think it would be fair for me to make an estimate, but I am certain that you could not erect such buildings as would be required for a sum less than \$250,000.00. It would mean a larger ground space to be covered, which would mean larger foundations and a larger roof, and these are matters that enter into calculation pretty extensively. You might build ten storeys and the same roof to cover all of them, but a two story building to cover the same number of people would require larger excavations, larger foundations and larger roofs and cover a larger space, and as a consequence proportionate expense."

He thinks that the present City Home building could not be erected to-day for \$100,000.00.

Mr. James H. Dow gave as his opinion that the probable cost of suitable buildings on a new site in line with his ideas would be \$150,000. Outbuildings and barns would be additional.

Mr. F. W. W. Doane, the City Engineer, said :—

"I made an estimate in 1907 placing the value of the property at that time at \$55,500 and the cost of removing and re-erecting the buildings on another site, \$148,000.00.

Since that time the Children's Hospital and the Fire Station have been erected, and I estimate the value of the remaining property as building lots at \$45,400.00 assuming that there are no buildings on the land."

Mr. M. E. Keefe, who built the present City Home, on the other hand, stated that a new institution might vary in cost from \$150,000 to \$250,000, according to the whim of the architect, and he handed in the following letter dealing with the matter of the cost of a new building :—

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1910.

ALFRED WHITMAN, ESQ.,
CITY.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your inquiry as to what in my judgment it would cost to duplicate the present City Home, with the idea in view of increasing its capacity one-third, would say that to meet the present day requirements for a building of that nature it could not be erected for less than two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars. This, of course, is only approximate, and for a building of fire-proof construction. If built of concrete instead of brick and stone, as at present, I do not think it would materially reduce the cost. You will understand that to give anything in the nature of a final estimate it would be necessary to have plans and specifications.

M. E. KEEFE.

VALUE OF PRESENT SITE.

The only statement we have with respect to the value of the present site is from the City Engineer, who states as above, that the present property without the buildings is worth as building lots \$45,400.00.

PROVIDING WORK FOR INMATES.

On this point the following statement of Dr. Sinclair is important:

"Some land in connection with the institution would be desirable, but I think there is a mistaken idea in the minds of some persons as to how much work can be got out of the inmates of an ordinary asylum. People go there at certain seasons and see a large number of able-bodied men and think they can be used to cultivate a

farm, but these men are only in the institution in winter and disappear with the arrival of spring and summer. The majority of the inmates are capable of doing some work, but not the amount of work that would be supposed. I do not know of any of the county institutions in which the farm furnishes all they need unless it would be in the matter of vegetables—potatoes.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the same be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be placed on the Order of the Day.

Amendment put and passed.

Read report Committee on Works re F. A. Shaw's account for forage.

F. A. SHAW'S ACCOUNT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 18th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached certificate of the City Engineer in re payment to F. A. Shaw for forage as per contract, was read and recommended for payment.

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

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the report be adopted and the account paid if found correct. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works, City Engineer and City Solicitor re Saw Mill, Cedar Street.

SAW MILL, CEDAR STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 11th, 1911.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor on Minute of Council in re Saw Mill, Cedar Street, were read and referred to Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 21st, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council respecting Mr. Theakston's saw mill on Cedar Street.

Mr. Theakston obtained a permit for the erection of a workshop, but has no permit or authority for running a mill or machinery. Section 785 of the City Charter provides that no steam engine, steam mill or other establishment, manufactory or trade dangerous or productive of serious inconvenience or discomfort to the persons living near to the same shall be established, continued or carried on in any part of the City unless by permission of the City Council. Every such establishment erected without such permission shall be deemed a common nuisance, and

a penalty is provided. Section 745 provides that no engine shall be placed in any building without a permit from the Building Inspector.

I have therefore to report that in my opinion the running of Mr. Theakston's mill is a violation of the City Charter.

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

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, January 10th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman Committee on Works.

SIR,—The principal point, as I understand, on which my opinion is required, is whether or not Mr. Theakston has been guilty of a violation of Section 745 in installing and operating a gasolene engine without a permit from the Building Inspector.

That Section requires that "no engine, dynamo, boiler or furnace for any purpose other than domestic heating shall be placed in any building without a permit from the Inspector." Prima facie this would include a gasolene engine. But the last sentence of the clause provides that the Inspector after examination, etc., may issue a permit for placing "a boiler or furnace." No authority is given him to issue a permit for an engine. It is therefore, to my mind, obvious that the only engine for which a permit is required is one requiring a boiler and furnace. This conclusion is strengthened by the last clause of the section which authorizes the inspector to "prescribe the conditions on which boilers or furnaces may be maintained in buildings." In other words, it is the use of fire only that the Act aims to regulate, and an engine operating without fire is not within its scope.

Section 785 referred to in Mr. Doane's report does not appear to me to be material to my opinion as the only question that could arise in this case is one of fact. The mill is not one of the industries specifically enumerated and whether or not it is a "manufacture or trade dangerous or productive of serious inconvenience or discomfort to the people living near the same," is not a question of law but of fact. I may further point out that under this section the remedy is by an action at the suit of the City in which the City would have to shew affirmatively that the mill was dangerous or productive of serious inconvenience or discomfort.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sale of land, Duke Street, to the Merchants' Bank of Canada.

MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on letter from T. W. Murphy, Solicitor for the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in re purchasing a strip of land on the south side of Duke Street, belonging to the City, was read and recommended to the Council for adoption, the price being fixed at \$150.00.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 18th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from T. W. Murphy, solicitor representing the Merchants' Bank of Canada, asking if the City will sell to the Bank

a small strip between the official street line and the property recently purchased by the Bank on the south side of Duke Street, so that they may build to the official line.

The strip of land referred to measures about one foot by the scale on our official plan, and runs to 0 about 36' down Duke Street. To acquire this strip, would therefore increase the bank frontage about one foot.

I would recommend that the land be sold to the Bank for the sum of \$150.00, which I think is a fair value considering the prices obtained in recent sales in the business district.

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

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the report be amended by fixing the price for the land at \$100.00 instead of \$150.00.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Rates Acadia Sugar Refinery, and recommending amendments to existing scale of meter rates

ACADIA SUGAR REFINERY WATER METER RATES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 18th, 1911.

To The City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on letter from the Acadia Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., in re a reduction on its meter rate, was read. It was decided to recommend for adoption the scale as suggested by the report.

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

HALIFAX, N. S., December 16th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Works:

SIR.—We have received a bill from the City for water for our Richmond Refinery for the period between March 14th, 1910 and September 15th 1910, a period of six months. The bill amounts to \$4274.65. This is at the rate of \$8550.00 per annum.

We note that the total cost of the water service for the year 1908-9 was \$81,945.34 so that our account would exceed one tenth of the whole cost of the service.

In looking over the question of charges by meter we note that for the first thousand gallons daily, or under, 15 cents per thousand gallons is charged, and that thereafter the scale decreases a half-cent for each thousand gallons of daily consumption, stopping at 60,000 gallons daily at 7½ cents per thousand gallons.

We think a moment's consideration of the matter will convince your Worship and the other members of the Board, as well as the Council, that we are entitled to some reduction in consideration of the large quantity we are using.

During the six months in question the consumption was 56,862,000 gallons or an average of about 310,000 gallons per day.

What we respectfully ask is that the rate should not exceed five cents per thousand gallons for consumers of 200,000 gallons daily and upwards.

We think it is only necessary to call the attention of your Committee and of the Council to this matter in order that the remedy may be applied.

ACADIA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.,
T. M. CUTLER, Secretary.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 16th 1911

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from the Acadia Sugar Refinery Company, asking for a re-adjustment of the charge by meter measurement for water consumed in large quantities.

At present the water used is charged for by a sliding scale adopted in 1896. The sliding scale reduces as the consumption climbs from 1000 gallons daily until it reaches 60,000 gallons daily. For all consumption above that quantity the charge is 7½ cents per thousand gallons.

When the scale was made, it was believed to be proportionately fair to all consumers. Since that time, the consumption at the Richmond Sugar Refinery has increased enormously. The bill charged against the Sugar Refinery for the six months from March to September, 1910, amounts to \$4240.64, at which rate, the Sugar Refinery would pay about one-tenth of the total cost of maintenance of the water system.

It was not intended by the Works Department in framing the scale, that it should work out with any such result. If the larger consumption had been anticipated at that time, the scale would have been continued, and I would respectfully recommend that the scale from 60,000 upwards be amended as follows:—

60,000 gals. daily to	80,000 gals. daily	7½c	per thousand gals.
80,000 " " "	100,000 " " "	7c	" " "
100,000 " " "	125,000 " " "	6½c	" " "
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150,000 " " "	200,000 " " "	5½c	" " "
200,000 gallons daily and upwards		5c	" " "

With the exception of the change that this makes, I would recommend that the scale as adopted by the Council on the 22nd of October, 1906, be continued.

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

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

Read letter F. B. McCurdy & Co., re legislation affecting Silliker Car Co. and the Nova Scotia Car Works.

SILLIKER CAR COMPANY.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 2nd, 1911.

His Worship Mayor Chisholm, Halifax,

DEAR SIR,—At the request of the City Solicitor a draft of the proposed Legislation respecting the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, has been handed to him.

The Silliker Company transferred its property to the Nova Scotia Car Works on February 28th.

We would like to have the necessary legislation secured at as early a date as possible and would be glad if you would expedite the matter.

F. B. MCCURDY & Co.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the Committee on Laws and Privileges with the City Solicitor as a Committee to watch the legislation referred to and also as a Committee to watch the progress through the Legislature of legislation affecting the City.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said committee be approved. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on the matter of providing sewerage for the Western slope of the City.

COBURG ROAD AND OXFORD STREET SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 22nd, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on the various minutes of the Board of Health and City Council as well as the petition from the property owners in re Coburg Road and Oxford Street Sewer was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 21st, 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying communications respecting the construction of a sewer in Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

While the district is not definitely described in any of the papers, I assume that the streets or portions of street in which there is most urgent need for a sewer are the districts referred to. That portion of Oxford street which is in most urgent need of a sewer is between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road. The worst conditions on Coburg Road are between Oxford Street and Walnut Street.

The designing of a drainage system for these two blocks involves a study of the whole drainage problem on the western slope of the City, east and west from Walnut Street to the Arm and north and south from the railway crossing at Mr. Webb's property in Dutch Village to Oaklands.

The papers returned herewith, are a petition signed by the property owners, asking for the construction of the sewer in Coburg Road and Oxford Street, copy of resolution passed by the City Health Board, asking the Works Department to order the construction of the same sewer as soon as possible, and a request made by Alderman Wilson in the Council for a report on the feasibility of draining the eastern side of Oxford Street through the Inglis Street sewer.

While not physically or financially impossible to drain the whole of the western slope of the City into the Harbour, the cost would be so great that the adoption of any such scheme would not be justifiable at least for many years to come. The office staff has been obliged to spend a good deal of time on this question, and as a result of the studies made, it has been ascertained beyond doubt that Coburg Road east of Oxford Street and Oxford Street between Quinpool Road and South Street,

with the district included east of Oxford Street, sloping towards the Arm, could be drained through Inglis Street to the Harbour.

In working out this proposal we have tried out two schemes, one to carry the drainage through Atlantic Street to the Ogilvie Street outlet at Steel's Pond, the other to carry the drainage down Inglis Street to the Esplanade outlet.

In this Inglis Street scheme, it would be necessary, eventually, to enlarge the sewer on Inglis Street for a length of about 1700 feet. Going down Atlantic Street, about 1800 feet of the old sewer would be too small. The estimated cost of discharging at Atlantic Street would be \$100,000. The estimated cost of discharging at Inglis Street would be \$85,000.00. The cost would not warrant the adoption of this scheme, because the area that could be drained is only about 150 acres, while the expenditure now of about the same amount for drainage to the Arm would provide for a district of about 375 acres, which includes about all that would be requiring drainage in the next twenty years.

There are two systems by which the western slope can be drained. One is known as the separate system, the other is known as the combined system. The combined system is the one adopted on the eastern slope, and carries the water and house sewage together. The construction of the combined system, without any attempt to deal with the house sewage except by discharging it into the Arm untreated, would be cheaper, but there is already strong opposition to any proposal to discharge raw sewage into the Arm. The discharge of the dry weather flow of raw sewage into the Arm would mean the creation of a nuisance at every street end, and all floating matter carried in the sewage would be deposited along the shore by the prevailing westerly winds. The result would be similar to that already experienced in the vicinity of the Esplanade, and would be most undesirable, and in my opinion such a proposal should not be entertained.

We have made a preliminary design for a combined system to carry the dry weather flow of house sewage to an intercepting sewer running along the shore and discharging at a point in the vicinity of Black Rock, with a provision for overflows at the street end for the discharge of storm water to reduce the cost of the system.

We have looked over all the possible locations from north to south in this district and find that the neighbourhood of Black Rock affords more advantages and fewer disadvantages than any other location. Farther north boating, bathing and the different public landings would be affected. The water is shallower near the shore and the shoals run out farther. At Black Rock, the Arm is at about its narrowest, and consequently the current is greater, the water is deep and the shore bold.

The scheme which I am recommending for adoption includes sedimentation tanks, which would clarify the sewage before discharging it into the Arm, so that there would be no apparent nuisance. It would be necessary to construct one tank only for present requirements, and the operation would be practically automatic. While such tanks can be operated without offence, it is not desirable to place them at any of the street ends on the arm, where there is so much traffic and which are the only places at which the public have a right of access to the Arm waters.

The estimated cost of constructing so much of the system as would be required for the immediate future, is \$98,600.00 and this outlay will provide trunk sewers for the accommodation of all the streets draining to Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

The condition of Coburg Road and Oxford Street is already becoming dangerous. The property owners are using cesspits excavated in the solid rock and the overflow runs in some cases directly to the gutter, thence for a quarter of a mile or more in the open ditch. It is unnecessary to emphasize the menace to health contained in such conditions. The drainage system for this district must be constructed in the near future or building operations must be stopped. There has been no sound argument advanced against the construction, except the financial one. That is a question for the City Council, not the Engineer.

I would therefore recommend that the system outlined as above, be adopte

and that the trunk sewer from the point near Black Rock, to Coburg Road with tank, etc., and the trunk sewer on Coburg Road from the Arm to Walnut Street and on Oxford Street from Coburg Road to Jubilee Road be constructed as soon as possible after the appropriation is provided.

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

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hebb, that said reports be referred to the Finance Committee for report on the financial aspect of the proposal. Motion passed.

By leave of the Council Alderman Smith submits the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, the City will require the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) as the City's contribution toward the Sir Sandford Fleming Park;

AND WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to loan the said sum of money at par, interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum;

RESOLVED, that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be accepted, and the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue out of the Consolidated Fund, 1905, a stock certificate in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500), bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, repayable first July, 1940.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McManus and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Hoben, Kelly,
Hubley, Corston,
MacKenzie.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Wilson, Hebb,
Bligh, McManus,
Thompson, Edwards,
Rankine.—7.

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

Council adjourns 11.40 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 9th, 1911.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Deputy Mayor Alderman Bligh and Aldermen Smith, Martin, Hubley, Douglas, Thompson, Hoben, Wilson, Shaffner and McManus.

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

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

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

Alderman Bligh, Deputy Mayor, in the chair.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz. Alderman Bligh's notice of reconsideration of resolution re expropriation of property for a Public Market site. February 14th, 1911.

The Deputy Mayor asked that this matter, because of his having to occupy the chair, be deferred until next meeting.

The Deputy Mayor submits a letter from a Committee of the County Council re Public Market site.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the Order of Business be suspended to allow the Committee of the County Council to address this Council. Motion passed.

Read letter County Council re Public Market site.

PUBLIC MARKET SITE.

MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX,

Halifax, N. S., March 9th, 1911.

F. P. BLIGH, Esq., *Deputy Mayor*.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the Municipal Council for the Municipality of Halifax, now in session, a Committee was appointed to confer with a Committee of the City Council, having in charge the purchase of a site and building of a Market in order that property facilities for the sale of farm products, fish, etc., may be provided.

On behalf of the Committee I have taken the liberty of writing you to ascertain if the City Council would appoint a Committee with whom we could confer regarding the establishment of a Market site which would be satisfactory to both the citizens of Halifax and the farmers and market gardeners who bring their products to the City. I may say that the latter take a deep interest in regard to the proposed Market and are very anxious that it be built in a locality which would be most easily accessible to all.

Should the Council comply with this request we would like to meet your Committee, if possible, this evening, in order that we may be able to report to our Council, which may close on Friday.

Trusting that you will bring this matter to your Council at its meeting this evening.

C. E. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The Council is now addressed in opposition to the Market site selected by the City, by Councillors Temple, Bowes and Smith.

The Deputy Mayor requests Alderman Wilson to take his place in moving for the reconsideration of the Market Site matter.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the resolution (being No. 1 on the Order of the Day) re expropriation of property for a Public Market Site be now reconsidered.

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

For Reconsideration.

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

Against.

Aldermen McManus, Douglas,
Hoben, Kelly,
Thompson, Martin,
Corston, MacKenzie—8.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Smith, Acting Chairman.

Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Wilson, Acting Chairman.

Report Charities Committee by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

The Deputy Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Order of His Worship the Mayor fixing date of By-election Ward No. 2.

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

Letter A. F. Messervey re High Service Water Supply.

Letter W. W. Howell & Co. re Motor Truck.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee.

Draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money.

Draft Act to amend the law relating to the City of Halifax.

Reports (14) Committee on Works, viz. :

Motor Waggon.
 Accounts.
 Inglis Street Sidewalk.
 Birchdale Water Meter Rates.
 Edward Street Sewer.
 George C. Webster Claim.
 Dartmouth Ferry Dock.
 Quinpool Road building lines.
 LeMarchant Street Sewer.
 Public Lavatory.
 High Service Water Supply.
 Water Supply at fire Duke Street.
 Workmen's Compensation Act.
 W. M. B. Webster Water Meter Rates.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

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

Read order of His Worship the Mayor fixing March 22nd as the date for By-election Ward No. 2.

BY-ELECTION WARD No. TWO.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., March 6th, 1911.

To the City Clerk :

DEAR SIR.—Whereas, by the death of the late James J. O'Brien, an Alderman representing Ward Two in the City Council of Halifax, a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Alderman for the said Ward, I therefore, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 82 of the City Charter, do hereby fix and appoint Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1911, as the day for an election of a duly qualified person to fill the said vacant office.

Dated at Halifax, this 6th day of March, A. D. 1911.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor.*

Filed.

Read letter W. W. Howell & Co. re motor truck. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter A. F. Messervey re High Service Water Supply.

HIGH SERVICE WATER SUPPLY.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 9th, 1911.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen,
 City of Halifax :*

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,—It was my intention to prepare and present to you o_n

behalf of a number of citizens resident in the North West suburbs, a petition bearing on the inadequate water supply of that section of our City, and asking if the condition of affairs that at present and have for some time existed, could not be remedied.

Noticing however, in the press last evening, that a report is to be presented to your honorable body this evening from our City Engineer, advocating the placing of a large number of meters on the high service, and fearing that said report might be prematurely adopted, I am therefore taking the liberty of addressing you in my individual capacity as a citizen and ratepayer of Halifax.

At the outset let me say that I have no quarrel with the City Engineer. I, at all times, have found him courteous and willing to supply any information asked of him, and doubtless, were I to ask him the questions that I propose now to propound to your honorable body, he would answer them to my satisfaction; but as I have neither the time nor the inclination to impart them to other interested persons, and as the questions would be those that would have appeared in the proposed petition, they will receive greater publicity when answered officially by your authority.

I believe the citizens of the north end are ready to co-operate in any plan that will improve the present condition of the water service, but have yet to be convinced that water meters is the only recourse left, without going to a greater expense than the City's finances would at present warrant.

One objection to the meters is their unreliability, and which is abundantly testified to in the frequent complaints and adjustments that the Works, or Water Department, are called upon to make now.

The questions that I should like to receive an answer for if it is possible for your honorable body to supply me with the information are as follows:—

(1) What districts or streets, or portions thereof, within the City of Halifax are now being supplied from the High Service Water Supply, that were, within the present City Engineer's term of service with the City, supplied from the Low Service, and, if any, the approximate daily quantity of water required to be drawn from the High Service to supply said district, streets, or portions of streets?

(2) Is it a fact or not that a considerable quantity of water runs over the dam at the lake from which the high service draws its supply?

(3) Question two being answered in the affirmative, is it not possible to conserve this waste, and thereby improve the pressure on the supply in question, and what would be the approximate cost of same?

(4) Question two being answered in the affirmative, is the gate valve at the lake open to its full capacity? If not, could it not be done without jeopardizing the whole service? Would not the passage of a quantity of this water now running through the main to waste over the Dam materially help conditions that now prevail in the water supply in the northwestern part of the City?

(5) Is it a fact that during the winter that mounted troops were being mobilized here for South Africa, and the men, together with their horses, were quartered at the Exhibition Grounds, that during that period, even on frosty days, the residents of this section of the City had a more satisfactory supply of water than they could obtain immediately before and after the period the troops were in quarters on said grounds, and that when our annual exhibition is held similar conditions prevail?

What reason can be given for this? Will the Department say that they do nothing to bring the said conditions about, and if the pressure of water has been increased or diverted to bring said satisfactory conditions about, is it not feasible to continue them throughout the whole year?

(6) Are there not numerous well founded complaints lodged with the Department now, and from time to time, complaining about overcharges on water supplied through meter, and which have had to be adjusted, the claims, on investigation, having been found to be reasonable and just?

(7) Question six having been answered in the affirmative, is it not reasonable to suppose the same ratio of complaints will have to be investigated when 2000 meters additional would be installed, and would the present staff of the Works or Water Department be able to cope with said extra work without materially interfering with the present efficiency of the Department, and if not what would be the additional staff that would be required to handle this extra work.

(8) Can the present City staff, viz., inspectors, mechanical and clerical, cope with the extra work involved in the installation and maintenance of 2000 additional meters to those at present in use, and if not, what would be the approximate extra cost to the City?

(9) If there would be an extra cost as referred to in questions seven and eight, would not said amount if capitalized at the rate at which the City is able to borrow money be sufficient to improve the High Service as effectually, at least as it is possible to do under the proposed installation of meters, adding to said capitalization the interest on the cost of 2000 meters, which are not fairly chargeable to the service if not placed in use?

When the above questions are fully answered, and the answers show clearly that meters are the only possible solution to improve the service, without undertaking an expense that the gentlemen composing the Council consider the City would not be justified in undertaking at the present time, you will remove in a large measure the feeling that prevails that the northwestern portion of our City is not receiving the treatment they feel they are justly entitled to.

Awaiting the favor of your early reply, I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
33 Willow Street.

Deferred for consideration with report Committee on Works on same subject.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 6th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. That Robert MacKenzie, driver No. 2 Chemical, reported sick February 9th, reported for duty February 20th.
2. That William Powell, driver No. 1 Waggon, reported sick January 27th, reported for duty February 6th.
3. It is recommended that C. F. Sharp, supernumerary, be appointed callman on No. Engine Company, vice Walter Purcell, resigned.
4. Tenders for renewing bricks in and pointing exterior walls of Bedford Row Engine House were received as follows:—

Samuel A. Marshall & Son.....	\$239 00
Thomas Lahey, Dartmouth.....	775 00
John Foley	174 00

It is recommended that the tender of John Foley, being the lowest, be accepted.

5. The Board advertised in the newspapers for one month for tenders for the two old steam fire engines known as "Victoria" and "Albert," and received only one tender—from John Simon. Mr. Simon offered for the engine at Islesville engine house \$90.00, and for the engine at West Street house \$125.00. It is recommended that the offer be filed.

6. The Chairman and Chief were authorized to purchase certain necessary furniture for Central Engine House.

7. The following accounts were passed for payment:—Halifax Elec. Tram Co., light \$30.36, power \$6.61—\$36.97. T. C. Allen & Co., printing, \$11.00. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$5.00. Burns & Kelleher, bracket, \$5.00. J. C. Calder, polish, \$10.80. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$22.30. James Donohue, ash cans, \$6.25. James Dempster, lumber, \$16.90. Patk. Dowd, lead bar, \$2.00. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$8.31. John Foley, plaster work, \$15.00. Alex. Frizzell, bushings, 20c. Freeman's Store, linoleum, etc., \$16.00. F. P. Farquharson, Pitner lights, \$6.05. Thos. Fohan & Co., repairs flag, \$1.50. Globe Laundry, work, \$13.50. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., castings, \$31.00. Holland & Kuhn, blinds, 80c. T. Holloway & Son, blocks, \$5.75. Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$12.50. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$11.32. London Rubber Stamp Co., figures, \$1.75. A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$8.00. A. E. McManus & Son, suit, \$17.00. MacDonald & Co., one whistle, \$22.00. Muldowney & Godwin, plumbing, \$17.95. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$4.42. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$12.89. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$4.44. National Drug Co., electrolite, \$1.50. N. S. Furnishing Co., furnishings, \$26.26. David Roche, lettering, \$2.50. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$30.28. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$245.39. Starr, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$1.21. Silliker Car Co., wood, \$7.50. Starr Mfg. Co., axle, \$15.00. Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$34.35. Starr, Son & Co., electrical supplies, 33c. Wentzells, Ltd., soap, etc., 69c. James Taylor, mason work, \$4.32. Total, \$696.13.

S. Y. WILSON, *Acting Chairman.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee re Accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE-

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 8th, 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following accounts which are certified as correct:—

Halifax Tramway Co., light, \$2.29. Wentzells, Ltd., groceries, \$22.75. Wm. Taylor & Co., boots, \$18.00. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, \$2.96. J. H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$2.50. Evans & Co., shovel, 90c. C. H. Jordan, horse-shoeing, \$2.00. W. A. Maling & Co., oxheads and shins, \$21.25. Freeman's Dept. Store, dry goods, \$10.45. Total, \$83.10.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman*

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

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF WORKS, March 9th, 1911.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Works Committee beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto, amounting to the sum of \$3,173.04, chargeable to the following services:—

Water Maintenance.....	\$ 198 99
City Property.....	101 36
Sewerage.....	55 51
Teams and Stables.....	52 50
Internal Health.....	79 40
Streets.....	559 50
Street Lighting.....	1778 52
City Hall Fuel.....	185 00
Bedford Row Engine House.....	92 72
City Hall Lighting.....	69 54
Total.....	\$3173 04

F. P. BLIGH, *Deputy-Mayor and Chairman*.

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

Read report Charities Committee for February.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, March 1st, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present: The Chairman, Alderman Hebb, Alderman McManus and Alderman Rankine.

The Superintendent's report for February, 1911, shows that during the month there were 28 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 27 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province and 20 to the City. The total number of inmates, February 28th, 1911, was 35, made up of 244 men, 139 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 273 men and 135 women, a total of 408.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz., Wentzells, Ltd., \$591.12. W. A. Maling & Co., \$456.50. P. T. Shea, \$133.98. J. M. Currie, \$63.00. Fleischman & Co., \$3.60. G. Gregoire, \$33.58. Frank W. Fraser, \$40.18. J. & M. Murphy, \$64.51. Henry Lovett, \$15.68. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$556.60. Halifax Tram Co., Ltd., \$42.88. W. McFatrige, \$33.50. W. J. O'Connell, \$18.11. W. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$3.90. Webster Smith & Co., \$3.10. Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$1.00. Cragg Bros. & Co., \$1.05. B. J. Mulcahy, \$85.70. A. C. Hawkins, M.D., \$15. Salaries, \$662.16. Total, \$2,785.15.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman*.

Also read report Superintendent City Home to the Chairman of the Committee re Anticipated Shortage in the appropriation for City Home.

DEFICIT CITY HOME APPROPRIATION.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 8th, 1911.

ALDERMAN HUBLEY, *Chairman Charities Committee* :

DEAR SIR,—As per resolution passed at last meeting of the Charities Committee I beg to inform you that the present indications are that there will not be a sufficient amount to the credit of the Charities Committee at the end of the year to pay all bills due up to that time. There are various reasons to account for this. Our revenue as compared with the ten months of last year for wood, maintenance of transient poor and maintenance of patients in the City Home and Nova Scotia Hospital has fallen off to the amount of \$88.17, \$534.00 and \$352.31 respectively, making a total in these services of \$974.48. On the other hand, the number of patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital has increased and for the nine months ending December 31st, 1910, the sum of \$2701.16 has been paid on their account as compared with \$2452.09 for the same period last year, an extra expenditure of \$249.07. There has also been some extra expenditure made during the year which was not estimated for, but which was found to be absolutely necessary, viz : Spouting on boiler house, \$106.00; extra cost of potatoes, \$170.00; fence dividing grounds from Children's Hospital, \$85.68; making a total of \$361.68. There has also been some increase in the price of food stuffs since the new contracts came into force November 1st, 1910. We have sufficient assets to cover the amount required, but it is doubtful if we will be able to collect same previous to May 1st, 1911, and consequently, so that no contractor shall have to wait for a year for the amount of his account, it will be necessary to ask the City Council to obtain legislation to borrow a sum not exceeding \$800.00.

B. J. MULCAHY, Superintendent.

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

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the Rules be suspended to permit Alderman Hubley to make a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McManus, that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$800.00 to meet the anticipated deficiency in the appropriation of the Charities Committee, the amount to be borrowed to be added to the assessment for 1912-13 and repaid out of said assessment. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 18th, 1911.

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), Smith, Hubley and Martin, the following matters were dealt with, as follows :—

1. Letter F. B. McCurdy & Co. re legislation affecting Silliker Car Co. and Nova Scotia Car Works.