

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, November 9th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, oil hats, \$24 00. Wm. Taylor & Co., boots, \$4.00.
Total, \$28.00.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters. The same is considered clause by clause.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Connolly, Hoben, Corston and Rankine the following matters were dealt with:—

1. Letter City Treasurer re interest, (\$81.37) charged Royal Securities Corporation on recent City Loan.

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion (in writing) if the City is liable for this charge.

2. The Chairman reported that the Committee on Works had purchased a motor truck and that it would be necessary to provide the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars to pay for it.

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund submitted an offer to loan the City the said sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars for this purpose, said loan to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

It is recommended that the City do borrow the said sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars for payment of a motor truck, and that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be accepted on the terms mentioned in their letter of this date, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Treasurer be authorized to negotiate said loan on behalf of the City.

3. Report Committee of Fire Wards (Sept. 13th, 1911) in re gratuity of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the widow of the late Dominick Healy, adopted by City Council, Oct. 5th, 1911.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act and submit same at the next session of the Legislature to enable the City to borrow One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) on a short term loan (one year) and that the method of paying over the said sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) when borrowed be considered at a future meeting of this Committee.

4. Read application Mary MacAlpine for a refund of One Hundred Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$100.34) the amount paid by late Henry MacAlpine into the Official's Superannuation Fund.

It is recommended that the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund pay over the said amount (\$100.34) as directed by the provisions of section 271 P of the City Charter and at the discretion of the Trustees of the Fund.

5. Order Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise \$57,103.15 for the erection of Tower Road School.

Provision having been made at a previous meeting to borrow \$40,000.00 of this amount, action on balance is deferred until the money is required.

The following accounts, amounting to \$1,045.24, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

St. Patrick's Home for quarter ending Nov. 1st, 1911. Truants, \$363.95; Court Commitments, \$102.02—\$465.97. Halifax Industrial School for quarter ending November 1st, 1911. Truants, \$220.20. Court Commitments, \$195.34—\$416.54. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, Collector, \$3.75. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, City Clerk, \$1.60; City Treasurer, \$1.50; City Collector, \$10.00; City Auditor, \$2.25; Mayor, \$1.00—\$16.35. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death Henry Street, \$4.00; C. H. Peckham, \$4.00; S. Townsend, \$4.00—\$12.00. Herald, subscription from January to July, 1911, City Collector, \$3.00. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes, etc., \$52.50. Jas. Delouchry, bringing ashore remains W. Bartlow, \$5.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., rubber stamp, City Treasurer, \$6.00. Chronicle Pub. Co., advertising, \$64.13. Total, \$1045.24.

A sub-Committee, consisting of Aldermen Connolly, Hoben and Rankine, was appointed to confer with the Brothers in charge of St. Patrick's Home in re accounts rendered for keep of boys.

ALFRED WHITMAN, Chairman.

Read clause 1 re interest charged Royal Securities Corporation on recent City Loan. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re loan of Four Thousand (\$4000.00) Dollars, for Motor Truck.

MOTOR TRUCK.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, CITY HALL, November 8th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to offer to loan the City the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) at par, for the purpose of paying for a motor truck, under authority of Chapter 40, Acts of 1911, said loan to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. (4%) per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

W. L. BROWN, City Treasurer.

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

WHEREAS, The City requires the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) for the purpose of paying for a motor truck;

AND WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to loan the sum

of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) under authority set forth in their letter, namely Chapter 40, Acts of 1911 ;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the offer of the Trustees be accepted and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue out of Consolidated Fund 1905 a stock certificate in the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00), bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum and repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

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

The remaining clauses of the report are severally read and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Rankine that the report be adopted as a whole and the accounts therein referred to paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 8th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

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

Water Maintenance	\$3,634 52
Water Construction	233 13
Streets	2,038 85
Sewerage	1,653 45
Street Lighting	1,841 49
Fuel, City Hall	389 46
Teams and Stables	146 90
Telephones	84 56
City Hall Lighting	68 86
Electric Wiring Inspection	31 60
Insurance	29 50
Public Baths	28 80
Cleaning Paved Streets	14 00
Internal Health	3 13
Permanent Sidewalks	1 77
City Property	126 95
" for Motor Truck	4,000 00
Total	\$14,326 97

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Library Commission covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The Citizens' Free Library Commission beg to recommend for payment the following accounts, the same having been examined and found correct :—

T. C. Allen & Co., books, etc., \$7.55 N. S. Furnishing Co., mattings, \$3.90.
C. D. Cazenove & Son, \$4.72. Total, \$16.17.

JOHN RANKINE, Chairman.

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

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 6th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz :—

N. S. Telephone Co., 'phones, \$38.63. Canadian Express, expressage, \$1.88.
Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for Hospital, \$10.98. City Home, kindlings, \$2.59. Melvin & Co., hardware, 75c. Telegrams, 90c. T. C. Allen & Co. stationery, \$9.75. C. A. Mumford, drugs, \$34.65. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$24.22. J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$60.84. Freeman's, furnishings Smallpox Hospital, \$10.05. Dixon's, Ltd., groceries Smallpox Hospital, \$26.28. Burgess & Co., meats quarantined houses, August and September, \$64.81. Quinn & Co., groceries, \$87.68. Halifax Hotel, board Prof. Starkey, \$7.20. Total, \$381.12.

JOHN A. WATTERS, Secretary.

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

Read report Charities Committee for October.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, November 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 Upham and Alderman Scanlan.

The Superintendent's report for October, 1911, shows that during the month there were 29 persons admitted into the City Home, 26 discharged, and 7 died. Of the number admitted, 8 were chargeable to the Province, and 21 to the City. The total number of inmates October 31st was 305, made up of 182 men and 123 women. On the same date last year there were 206 men, 126 women, and 1 child, a total of 334.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—Wentzell's, Ltd., \$513.80. W. A. Maling & Co., \$411.07. P. T. Shea, \$113.64. J. M. Currie, \$70.50. Geo. Gregoire, \$34.50. F. W. Fraser, \$66.59. J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$61.50.

Fleischmann & Co., \$3.90. H. D. MacKenzie & Co., Ltd., \$50.03. Henry Lovett, \$26.16. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$28.70. Nova Scotia Telephone Co., \$22.50. John A. Hunt, \$25.00. W. McFairidge, \$40.00. City Prison, \$49.50. Black & Flinn, \$17.50. R. J. Whitten & Co., \$18.50. Brookfield Bros., \$3.13. B. J. Mulcahy, \$87.11. Salaries, \$830.75. Total \$2,484.38.

J. F. CORSTON, Chairman.

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

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

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

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held this day, the attached bills were submitted, examined, found correct, and referred to the City Council for payment.

Longard Bros., \$638.00. J. MacInnes & Son, Ltd., \$97.81. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$84.14. Stroud & Eveleigh, \$1.00. Farquhar Bros., 90c. W. C. Knight, \$1.50. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$10.26. J. A. Simmers, \$27.25. Frank W. Fraser, \$20.75. Robinson's, Ltd., \$3.00. R. B. Adams, \$1.20. Robertson & Sons, 105.90. Total, \$991.71.

EDW. T. POWER, Secretary.

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—The Committee of Fire Wards met yesterday at 4 p. m. Present Aldermen Martin (Chairman), Hines and Scanlan.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. The report of the Chief charging Frank O'Regan of No. 2 Chemical with being under the influence of liquor whilst on duty, suspended October 25th, has been deferred until the next meeting, O'Regan not being present to answer to the charge.

2. John Sullivan, callman No. 4 hose, and Edward Coy, callman on No. 3 engine have resigned. Resignations recommended for acceptance.

3. Wm. Ryan, callman on No. 1 engine, has been granted two months' leave of absence.

4. John Sullivan, resigned from the call force, is recommended for appointment as a supernumerary.

5. Alex. Jennex and John Hoganson, Supernumeraries, are recommended for appointment to the call force, vice John Sullivan and Edward Coy, resigned.

6. Cornelius Leahy and Joseph Whalen, acting-drivers, are recommended for appointment to the permanent force.

7. It is recommended that George Kline be appointed a supernumerary.

8. It is recommended that a new heater be placed in Bedford Row House—
Cost \$350.00.

9. Tenders for forage were received from F. A. Shaw, J. Cashen & Son, and F. W. Fraser. The prices were as follows:—

	F. A. Shaw.	J. Cashen & Son.	F. W. Fraser.
No. 1 Timothy Hay.....	\$16.00 per ton.	\$15.50	\$15.50
No. 1 Ontario White Oats....	.60 per bush.	.63	.67½
Ontario Wheat Bran.....	26.00 per ton.	27.00	27.25
Oat Straw, for bedding.....	9.00 per ton.	10.00	11.00

The tender of F. A. Shaw, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

10. The Committee has had lately considerable difficulty in obtaining horses, and recommend that the Chairman be authorized to send the Department Veterinary, or some other suitable person, out of the City to select not exceeding four (4) horses.

11. The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Elec. Tram. Co. light, \$20.27, power \$13.18.—\$33.55. T. C. Allen & Co., memo. books, \$4.50. Burns & Kelleher, castings, \$1.68. Canadian Oil Co., gasoline, etc., \$17.17. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$29.80. Canadian Rubber Co., cement, 45 cents. City Home, wood, \$6.25. Chronicle, advertising, \$11.70. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$23.56. James Dempster, Ltd., lumber \$12.37. Patrick Dowd, painting, \$25.00. T. A. S. DeWolfe & Son, salt, \$1.20. E. B. Eddy Co., mailla, \$3.12. John Foley, mason work, \$5.25. F. P. Farquharson, pitner lights, \$3.50. Neil Fox, saddlery, \$15.00. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$16.38. A. J. Grant & Co. supplies 75 cents. Halifax Printing Co., printing, \$1.25. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., 3 stall pans, \$75.00. W. C. Knight, brushes, \$5.00. Lawrence Hardware Co., hardware, \$63.77. Longard Bros. heater, \$350.00. Henry Lovett, leather, \$4.09. Wm. McFarridge, roofing, \$13.00. J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$11.01. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$13.37. Thos. A. Morash, carriage work, \$1.45. Robert Merlin, lumber, \$6.16. J. S. Parker, & Son, lumber, \$4.55. David Roche, glazing, \$5.09. Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$154.75. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$293.25. W. & C. Silver, oil cloth, \$14.40. N. S. Telephone Co., phones, \$81.00. Thompson, Adams & Co., fire Insurance, \$1.00. Ungar's Laundry, work, \$11.73. James Vass, plumbing, \$3.00. Wentzell's Ltd., soap, \$4.10. Total, \$1348.02.

P. F. MARTIN, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause and the several clauses adopted.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the report as a whole be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for supplies.

CITY HOME SUPPLIES.

HALIFAX, October 26th, 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, Aldermen Shaffner, Gates, Upham and Scanlan.

The meeting was called to open tenders for supplies to the City Home for one year from November 1st, 1911, and the following tenders are recommended for acceptance :—

Groceries, Wentzell's, Ltd. Pork, W. A. Maling & Co. Meats, W. A. Maling & Co. Milk, J. M. Currie. Butter, Smith & Proctor. Fresh Fish, A. Wilson & Sons. Flour, Wentzell's, Ltd. Forage, J. S. Cashen & Sons. Dry Goods, J & M. Murphy, Ltd. Leather, Henry Lovet'.

J. R. CORSTON, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Upham, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day, present Aldermen Harris (Chairman), Clarke, Hoben, Hawkins and MacKenzie, the following matters were dealt with :—

1. Letter Retail Merchants' Association, October 9th, re washing of windows and displaying goods in front of shops.

Your Committee have considered the two requests contained in this letter, and are inclined to the opinion that the existing ordinance governing these two matters should not be changed, except for very substantial reasons, which are not advanced in this letter. If the Association is at all anxious to press their claims for a change the Committee will be glad to bear a presentation of their case.

2. Letter Principal S. A. Morton and petition A. L. Wood and others, regarding abatement of noise made by vehicles.

Your Committee has had under consideration the proposals made by the petitioners for the amendment of the existing Ordinance for the regulation of trucks.

The two clauses, Nos. 12 and 21, of the Ordinance dealing with this matter, are as follows :—

" 12. No portable front or sideboard shall be used on any truck unless the same is so fastened when in place as to prevent it from moving or rattling.

21. Within the distance bounded by North Street, Agricola Street, North Park Street, South Park Street, Inglis Street, and the water side, no truckman or driver shall drive his horse faster than a walk."

We are advised by the City Solicitor that in his opinion these two clauses, as well as other clauses, apply to all trucks and heavy vehicles of a similar nature, whether licensed by the City or not, and that the noise nuisance can be most effectively abated by the vigorous enforcement of the existing Ordinance by the Committee on Cabs and the Police Committee. Should such a course prove the futility of the existing provisions, suitable amendments should then be considered.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause and the several clauses adopted.

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

Read invitation to City Council to attend a meeting of City Improvement League, November 14th.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 4th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Dear Sir,—A very important meeting of the Civic Improvement League is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 14th, at 8 o'clock, in the Board of Trade Rooms. The project of a comprehensive plan for the future development of the City will be under consideration. Following the discussion, it is possible that a resolution will be passed asking the City Council to take action in the matter, and it would make clear exactly what we propose, and facilitate the Council's handling of any proposals we may afterwards make. We should greatly like to have yourself and the members of the City Council present at that meeting. Would you please be good enough to read this letter in the Council in case there should be a Council meeting before the 14th inst., and in this manner convey our special invitation to the Aldermen.

E. J. KELLY, Secretary Civic Improvement League.

Filed.

Read message His Worship the Mayor re Public Market site.

MARKET SITE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, November 8th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—I beg to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that the block bounded by Duke, Brunswick, Buckingham and Albemarle Streets, has been expropriated for the purposes of a Market building, and the title to the property is now fully vested in the City. The area of this block is 38,400 square feet; the area of the block on Bedford Row, about which there were some negotiations some years ago, is 24,700 square feet, making a difference in favor of the expropriated site of 13,700 square feet. The amount expended in the expropriation is \$23,552.23. As the property is now vested in the City, the next step to be taken is to decide upon the erection of a suitable building on the premises. It would be well, in my opinion, to appoint a special committee to consider the subject with the City Engineer, and to request such committee to report to the Council as soon as practicable. Last year Mr. (then Alderman) J. S. Edwards was one of the delegates to the Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Toronto. At my request, he made an investigation into market house conditions in the Cities of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, St. John and Moncton, and he embodied the result of his investigations in a valuable report, which I append to this message, and which I direct to be printed in the Minutes for the information of Aldermen and Citizens.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

HALIFAX, N. S., September 8th, 1910.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Dear Sir,—Pursuant to instructions, I herewith submit to you a report of the result of my investigations into market-house conditions in the different cities I visited recently.

QUEBEC.

A careful study of market house matters in this City, seems to indicate that from the financial point of view of the city, market-house buildings have not been

a success. Up to quite recently, the City had four market-houses each with a large market place or square attached. Recently, however, three of the houses and the lands adjoining have been sold. Champlain was disposed of to make room for a trans-continental railway depot. The Finlay market was sold to the same company, and on the site of that building and market square, the railway has erected a ten-story office building, whilst the Jacques Cartier was razed and the land on which it stood and the market square adjoining were converted into a public park.

Champlain was sold for \$50,000; the Finlay brought \$35,000 and the Jacques Cartier building and site was valued at \$40,000. This arrangement leaves the city at the present time with only the St. Peter's market building and market yard attached. It is the present intention of the city to continue the market house end of this, but the market yard will be eliminated. The St. Peter's house will be confined entirely to the sale of meats, but a large site extending along the river bank has been secured and will be converted into a central market yard limited to the sale of country produce only.

The scale of tolls or fees for this proposed new market has not yet been arranged, but after it has, and the market goes into commission, I understand the revenues will be sold to the highest bidder who is to take full charge and carry on the market subject to a code of regulations to be laid down by the city.

In addition to the above, Quebec has a hay-market square in which nothing but hay is sold; and, also, there is a cattle market confined entirely to the sale of cattle, hogs, etc.

Fish is not admitted for sale in any market-house in Quebec. It is also proposed to license all persons who sell fresh meats outside of St. Peter's market; and to protect the dealers in the market, no license will be issued to any fresh meat shop located less than one thousand feet in either direction from this market-house.

Lack of revenue is given as the reason for closing up all but one of the Quebec market houses; and it seems to me, that in a city of the size of Quebec, four market-houses with their accompanying expense accounts, were out of all proportion to the city's requirements, and that under these conditions they would naturally be a financial failure, whilst one moderately large house and yard would be a success.

I think this about covers the market situation in Quebec.

MONTREAL.

In Montreal all officers interviewed, including the mayor, were unanimous in saying that the market-houses were great conveniences to citizens and farmers, and also a source of a large revenue to the city.

In Montreal I found five large market-houses each with a square or yard adjoining. These markets are Bonsecours, St. Lawrence, St. Anthony, St. James and St. Jean Baptiste; also two cattle markets and a hay market.

Of these, Bonsecours is the central and largest. The building is 500 feet long by 100 feet in width and is two stories high, one end of it being decorated, so to speak, with a monster dome. This house has solid stone walls with tile or flag flooring. It was originally built in 1845, repaired heavily in 1888 and remodelled to some extent in 1896. The cost of this building exclusive of the land was \$350,000 and the earnings from it and the Jacques Cartier square or yard which is attached to it and is under its jurisdiction, totalled over \$40,000 last year. The running expenses exclusive of interest on debentures were about \$5,000. Add interest on debentures say \$14,000, and we find that this one market house and square yielded a net revenue of over \$20,000.

The staff at the Bonsecours consists of one head clerk, three sub-clerks or collectors and two sweepers; the salary of these officials being, head clerk \$1300; subs \$850 each; sweepers \$500 each.

The other four market houses at Montreal are much smaller than the Bonsecours; the St. Lawrence being 150 feet square and two stories high; St. Jean Baptiste 150 by 100 feet and three stories high, whilst the St. Anthony and St.

James are much smaller than either of these. The St. Lawrence house cost \$35,000; the St. Jean Baptiste \$50,000 and St. Anthony and St. James about \$25,000 each.

Each of the four smaller markets has a staff of two men: a clerk and assistant. The latter acting as assistant collector and also sweeper. The wages paid the clerks of the smaller market houses are \$750 per year with living apartments in the market building, also free light and fuel.

The total net revenue for markets last year, including the two cattle markets and the hay market was over \$75,000.

DESCRIPTION OF MARKETS IN MONTREAL.

Bonsecours costing as already stated, about \$350,000 and in size being 500 by 100 feet and two stories, is used on the ground floor for the selling of meats only; the floor being divided up into sections or stalls, the stalls being 4 feet in width, and the rental for that space being \$2.00 per week. All of the butchers who occupy these sections have two or more of them, the rental being at the rate of \$2.00 per week for a stall of four feet no matter how many stalls a man may rent.

The upper story is furnished with tables two feet wide and extending in rows the entire length of the building. These tables are divided into three feet spaces, and for the use of one of these spaces for the sale of butter, eggs, etc., the farmer pays 10 cents per day.

If he requires more than one of the spaces, he may have as many as he needs if there are any to spare, and he pays 10 cents for each space.

The Jacques Cartier Square, connected with the Bonsecours market house, is devoted to the sale of produce direct from the farmers' waggons. A portion of this square is in pavilion style, the remainder being without roofing of any sort. As teams arrive, they are allotted space, the meat waggons going into the pavilion portion and the vegetable and produce waggons stand out in the open. Horses are removed from the waggons, and the waggon-shafts must be raised up off the ground high enough to give clear head room.

In the pavilion the farmers cannot sell in any smaller quantities than quarters. The charges to farmers on the square or in the pavilion range from 5 cents to 25 cents per load according to the nature of produce the load contains. These fees are collected by the clerk and his assistants; the collection check being pasted on the side of the waggon, and the stub stamped and showing same sum as the check remains in the book, the collectors being responsible to the market clerk for the full value of the 100 stubs in each book he takes out, and the clerk has to account to the city treasurer. The collection check is the farmer's license to sell for one day. If he has not sold out by the time night arrives and remains to dispose of the balance of his load the next day, he has to pay again.

If there is no room on the market square, a farmer may dispose of his load around town after reporting at the market and paying his fees in the usual way, but under no other conditions can he sell beyond the limits of the market house or square; and a peddler's license for fruit, produce, etc., costs \$50.00 per year.

In connection with market house matters in Montreal, it is interesting to note that a license fee of \$50.00 per year is charged for cutting up and selling fresh meat outside of the market building, and no license will be granted for the opening of a meat store nearer than 1000 feet from the market house.

The arrangements, rules, regulations, etc., of the smaller houses in Montreal are the same as at the Bonsecours, except that in one or two cases the upper flats are used for janitors' quarters and public halls instead of for market purposes.

At all the market houses the clerk is the official weigher. He weighs all meats sold by wholesale, and the charges for weighing vary from one cent to five cents, according to the size of the animal and weight of beef weighed; also all goods sold by weight instead of measure and being labelled good weight, are subject at any time to weighing inspection by the clerk; and if on being weighed, the bundle or

package is found short of the weight stamped upon it, the goods are confiscated and the farmer fined in addition.

TORONTO.

In Toronto I found a peculiar state of affairs in market house matters. The city has a market house building which cost \$250,000, but it is optional with the farmers as to whether they sell their produce in the market house or elsewhere. There is no law compelling them to stand at the market house or even to report there before disposing of their produce in other parts of the city. There are no market fees and no market charges of any sort to farmers.

This peculiarity in the Toronto market laws dates back to the days of the abolition of the toll-gates on the country roads. Previous to that date the city had a scale of market house fees, and the farmers were obliged by law to sell at the market house. But by what might be called an "act of reciprocity" between the city and the counties, an arrangement was made under which, in return for the abolishing of the fees to city people passing the toll-gates, the city abolished market fees and all market regulations which placed any restrictions on the farmers within the city limits.

The authorities of Toronto now, however, feel that it is a mistake for the city to have no control over the sale of country produce by farmers, and a movement is on foot to abolish existing conditions and enact market-house legislation, giving the city control of the farmers and re-establishing a schedule of market-house fees.

The only market-house of any consequence in Toronto is the St. Lawrence, and as I have stated, it cost \$250,000. It is about 550 feet long and 125 feet wide. It is divided into two separate compartments, one known as the south, the other as the north market.

The south market is devoted chiefly to butchers' stalls and is the great meat market of the city; the butchers paying from \$250 to \$1,000 per year for the spaces they occupy, the rental depending of course, on the size and location of the stalls.

There are also in the south market, a large number of huckster stalls, and also certain sections allotted entirely to the sale of vegetables by commission men.

The north market is intended for the use of farmers who sell at wholesale only from their waggons, but there is no compulsion on them to use it, and they pay nothing for the privilege when they do use it.

The St. Lawrence market house at Toronto has two levels, it being situated on sloping ground. The sections described above are on the higher street level. The lower level is used by cold storage firms, and is also the storage rooms for ice used by a number of the butchers having stalls on the upper floor. Along the sides of the lower level there are good wide stand-ways for farmers' waggons, but here again, the peculiar market conditions are felt, the farmers going to these stands only when it suits them and paying nothing for them when they go.

The north market has an annual deficit of about \$3500, but the rentals collected from the south market produce sufficient revenue to cover the interest and running expenses of both markets and leave a small surplus; and this, added to the rentals from stores in the street end of the north section, just about covers the deficit on the farmers' section. So that taking the St. Lawrence market as a whole, it just about clears itself under present conditions.

Toronto has another smaller market called St. Patrick's. It is, however, obsolete, and very little business is done in it. The only reason for the property being continued as a market, is the fact, that the land on which it stands was presented to the city and is entailed for market house purposes only. It is, however, the intention of the city to apply to the legislature for an act breaking the entailment and releasing the property; and if this act is secured, the market building now on the land will be razed, and the land used for other purposes; the business now being done in the St. Patrick's being transferred to the St. Lawrence.

HAMILTON.

In Hamilton, I found very fine market house conditions. The accommodations for farmers consisting of a fine, yet inexpensive market house, surrounded on all four sides with a market square.

The market house is 320 feet long by 50 feet wide and cost \$31,000. The floor space in the house is divided into stalls for the sale of meats by retail by the butchers, and sections used by commission men, whilst on both sides of the entire length of the building outside there are neat stores or stalls for hucksters. These butcher stalls, commission stands and huckster stands are leased at weekly rentals of from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per week, according to size and location.

One section of the market square is arranged in pavilion style, the roofing of this section being metal; and the roof is wide enough to allow two rows of waggons to stand under it. The length of this pavilioned space is 300 feet and the width of the roof is 40 feet. This section is devoted to the sale of farmers' meats only, and in this section nothing smaller than a full quarter of any animal can be disposed of.

In this pavilioned section, and running its entire length, there is a trolley system of hooks on which to suspend meats. Each bar in this trolley system is so arranged, that no matter at which point a hook with its load of meat is started, it will reach the official scale at the end of the pavillion, the throwing of switches at different points guiding the loaded hook up to the right bar or track, and when it reaches the official scale, the weigh-master notes the weight and attaches a certificate of weight to the meat and then it is returned back along the trolley to the place from which it started. The official weigher, and he only, weighs meats in this wholesale section of the Hamilton market house; and the trolley hook system is simply a marvel in its simplicity and effectiveness.

The farmers with produce, fruit, etc., stand their waggons in snugly arranged lines along the sides of the market square. They take their positions at the direction of the market clerk or his collectors, and one of the strict regulations of this splendid Hamilton market system is that as soon as a waggon has been backed into its place on the square, the horse or horses must be removed from it and taken away out of the square, and the shafts or poles of all waggons must be either detached and run under the waggons or raised up from the street so that pedestrians can pass safely underneath.

Another striking feature of the Hamilton market regulations is that the sale of foreign produce, meats, fruits, etc., is absolutely prohibited. Nothing but Canadian grown products are permitted to be sold within the precincts of the Hamilton market except by the butchers within the building who have the right to cut meat other than Canadian raised.

The city of Hamilton does not conduct its market house and square as money-makers, but still, the annual earnings are sufficient to cover interest and all running expenses and leave, as a rule, a small margin of profit.

In addition to the market house and square described above, Hamilton has a very fine hay-market square at which hay only is allowed. For this hay-market there is an official weigh master, and last year the earnings of the hay-market were \$1400.00.

Another regulation is, that the clerk of the market has the right at any time to weigh any package of butter, cheese, etc., on which the farmer has stamped the weight, and if on being weighed by the market weigh-master, the package is found short of the weight stamped on it, the entire load or whatever is left of it from which this package was selected, may be confiscated and the farmer heavily fined besides.

In passing, I may say, that this regulation is in force also at Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and it is one of which all market officials speak very highly.

In addition to the big market house and square, Hamilton has another neat building that cost \$500,000, in which butter and eggs only are allowed; and the

city also has a section of this market square fitted up with stands specially for the sale of flowers. These flower stands and also certain spaces in the butter and cheese market are rented at the fixed sum of 60 cents per week, the renter paying that sum to the city whether he occupies his stand or not.

The Hamilton people take great pride in their market system. They firmly believe that their market house and square and their market regulations are the best in Canada, and whilst I am not prepared perhaps, to go as far as saying that, yet I think I am safe in saying that Hamilton has the best market system that I have seen.

OTTAWA.

Next to Hamilton, and possibly in some respects at least, as good, Ottawa has a market house and square and market regulations that are worth copying.

Its market accommodations consist of two houses, each 100 feet long by 50 feet wide, and both are two stories.

These houses are located on a market square 500 feet long and 300 feet wide; one section being devoted to the sale of meats only.

The arrangement of the Ottawa buildings and square are very much the same as at Hamilton, but with this difference, that at Ottawa they have no pavilion.

What they call the old market house, cost about \$25,000; the newer one cost about \$50,000 and is a very handsome structure. The upper story being fitted up as a public hall and rented for various purposes; and also a portion of the upper flat of one building is fitted up as offices for the market officials and also some other minor city officials.

Ottawa also differs from Hamilton in the matter of prohibiting the sale of foreign produce, otherwise the regulations are almost identically the same; but the Ottawa market as a whole, is very much larger than the one at Hamilton; and even now, Ottawa officials say that their market houses and square spaces are entirely too small and the city is now negotiating for the purchase of another large piece of land adjoining the present market premises.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

The market system at St. John differs completely from that in any of the other cities which I visited, inasmuch as at St. John they have a market house only with no square or yard attached or connected, and everything in the shape of produce must be unloaded from the waggons and put in and sold from the market house shelves or tables.

The dimensions of the St. John market house are 400 feet long by 84 feet wide, and at both ends the building is two stories high. The lower stories are fitted up in finely-appointed stores that rent for large sums of money, and the upper stories are fitted up for lodge rooms and other public hall purposes. The cost of the building was \$130,000. The average revenue of the city after paying all expenses, including interest on debentures, is about \$5000 per year.

The staff consists of a clerk, a watchman, one scrubber for the shelves and tables, and two sweepers; and the tolls or fees are sold annually to the highest bidder.

I may also say, that in St. John the market regulations with regard to fees are entirely different to any of the other cities, except Moncton. The fees are arranged on each different class of produce that comes in and not on the load or on space occupied as in the other places.

MONCTON, N. B.

The market system at Moncton is modelled after the St. John system, both in the construction and arrangement of the market house and the absence of any market yard or square; also, in the arrangement or the schedule of fees and the manner of collecting them.

The Moncton house cost about \$75,000, and the annual revenue just about balances expenses.

If you have time to study this somewhat extended report, I think you will get a fair idea of the market house conditions existing throughout this country, because in addition to seeing for myself in the cities named, I have talked with representatives of many other cities and towns, and all seem to have market house systems similar to one or other of those specified above; and I have yet to be able to locate a single town or city which has not a market house and market square, a market only, or a market square only, except our own city of Halifax. In this particular at least, Halifax seems to be unique.

As you will however, notice, whilst in a general way, the market systems are similar, yet in the matter of details such as cost, and style, and arrangements of the buildings, regulations governing the sale of produce, fees, rents, etc., nearly all differ from the others, and after carefully considering all I saw, I am of the opinion that the Hamilton system with its market house and market square and its regulations, will come very close to being adaptable to Halifax.

Hamilton being somewhat larger than Halifax and being surrounded with a much more fertile country, of course, requires a larger market than would be necessary here; but by adopting the Hamilton system and reducing the size of the house and square to suit our requirements, I think we would get just about what we need.

I may, perhaps, add, that I have written to Hamilton, asking for blue print plans of its market house and square, and I have no doubt I shall receive them. In the meantime, I trust you will find something of interest and value in this report.

JAS. S. EDWARDS.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that His Worship's recommendation be adopted and a committee appointed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that a committee be appointed to interview the Government respecting an exchange of a portion of the property on Brunswick and other streets recently expropriated for the Fuel Yard on Bedford Row. The amendment is put and lost, seven voting for the same and nine against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Connolly, Gates,
Bligh, Upham,
Rankine—7

Against it.

Aldermen Harris, Scanlan,
Douglas, Clarke,
Hoben, Hines,
Martin, Hawkins,
MacKenzie—9.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

The original motion is put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the committee recommended in his message the following, viz. :—Aldermen Shaffner, Gates, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, MacKenzie. Approved.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for forage.

TENDERS FOR FORAGE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 8th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for the forage used by this department were considered:—

	Hay.		Oat Straw.		Wheat Bran.		Cracked Oats and Corn.		White Oats.	
	Immed-ate Deliv.	As req'd.	Immed-ate Deliv.	As req'd.	Immed-ate Deliv.	As req'd.	Immed-ate Deliv.	As req'd.	Immed-ate Deliv.	As req'd.
F. W. Fraser...	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$10.50	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$35.00	\$37.50	58c.	63½c.
F. A. Shaw.....	15.25	16.00	10.50	11.00	28.00	28.00	36.00	38.00	59c.	64c.
Gunn & Co., Ltd	14.00	16.00	8.50	10.50	26.00	28.00	34 00	36.00	55c.	60c.

The tender of Gunn & Co., Ltd., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for sale of buildings Gottingen Street in connection with Charles Street extension.

CHARLES STREET EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 8th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for the purchase and removal of the buildings on the property on the west side of Gottingen Street, and on the line of the proposed extension of Charles Street, were considered.

Archibald McPatridge.....	\$ 25 00
W. Barnes.....	400 00

The tender of W. Barnes is recommended for acceptance.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Scanlan, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of water meters and the construction of a reservoir.

WATER METERS—HIGH SERVICE RESERVOIR.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 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, recommending the purchase of 450 water

meters, one-half to be "Tridents," and one-half "Lamberts," and that plans be made to determine the best location for a reservoir, with an estimate of cost to be submitted to the Council at as early a date as possible, was read and recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—In May last, the Council adopted the following recommendation, namely, that meters be installed in the high service district and further that if the pressure increased sufficiently to guarantee the filling of a reservoir by gravity, that the necessary changes in the distribution be made, and a reservoir constructed at the most suitable location, capable of storing at least three days' supply, also that a meter be placed on every new service pipe in future.

In carrying out the decision of the Council, the Water Department has installed over two thousand meters. We have not sufficient meters to cover that portion of the high service district in the South end from Coburg Road to South Street and the houses on Oakland Road and Waterloo Street. There are about 300 houses in this district. We require 298 meters to finish.

The installation of meters has already made a most decided improvement in the service. The pressure at the different hydrants to-day is much greater than the last pressure taken previous to the installation of the meters. To quote a few: The pressure at the corner of Windsor and Almon Streets, where at times we were unable to fill a watering cart, is now 26 pounds. The pressure at the corner of Windsor and North Streets which was 12 pounds is now 33 pounds, an increase of 21 pounds. The pressure at the corner of Agricola and North Streets was 11 pounds and is now 36 pounds.

The averagedaily consumption during the month of October, 1910, was 2,018,000 gallons. The average daily consumption for October, 1911, was 1,600,000 gallons. The consumption for October 28th, the last record that I have obtained, was 1,595,000 gallons, while in October 1910, it reached 2,137,000 gallons. This improvement will be increased as the waste is stopped, as the meter readers are finding a good deal of waste were the meters have been installed.

Three hundred service pipes have an area equal to one-third the area of the 15-inch supply main, and if three hundred houses in the South end are permitted to waste water during the coming winter, the improvement will be lost, and many of the people in the North end, who are saving water, will be unable to get a supply.

At the Sanitarium, about the highest point in Willow Park, Miss Nolan states that the water fills the tank at the top of the house, a condition unknown previously in her experience.

As the pressure has already increased sufficiently to guarantee the filling of a reservoir by gravity, I would recommend that surveys be made to determine the best location for a reservoir; that plans be made for the necessary changes in the distribution, and an estimate of cost with complete report be submitted to the Council at as early a date as possible; also that three hundred meters be purchased to complete the installation, and as we should have about fifty meters to replace meters taken off for repairs and about one hundred meters for new service pipes and to install in houses were the property owners ask to have them placed, which we are obliged to do under the provision of the Charter, I would recommend that the total number of meters purchased be four hundred and fifty, one-half to be Tridents and one-half Lamberts. The price is the same, namely \$8.00. f. o. b. New York.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Whitman,

that the same be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Rankine seconded by Alderman Hoben that the two subjects in the report be separately considered.

Amendment put and lost, six voting for the same and nine against it, as follows :—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Bligh, Scanlan, Hoben, Rankine—6.	Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Douglas, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie, Upham—9.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

The following amendment is submitted :—

WHEREAS, The citizens of Halifax have on different occasions expressed disapproval of the use of water meters for domestic purposes, especially at the annual civic election held in April, 1907, and very recently in a by-election in Ward Three :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That no more meters be purchased until after the result of the use of meters now installed is fully tested through the coming winter season.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Bligh.

The amendment is put and lost, five voting for the same and ten against it, as follows :—

<i>For the Amendment.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh, Scanlan, Hoben, Rankine—5.	Aldermen Harris, Whitman, Gates, Douglas, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie, Upham—10.

By leave of Council Alderman Scanlan submits the following questions :—

That the Clerk of Works submit to this Council at an early date :—

1. Statement showing the total number of water meters that have been installed in the City of Halifax to November 1st, inst.
2. The amount of money paid for same, together with all other expenses in connection with same.
3. The total cost paid by the City for installing same—specifying the amounts paid to contractors for work done by them.
4. The total amount to November 1st inst., paid for maintenance of meters, including the expense of reading, inspecting and repairing meters.
5. The number of City employes engaged in the above work, partially or entirely, in addition to contractors employed in installation.

6. All meter rates charged each year from January 1st, 1908, to November 1st, 1911, and what the amounts would have been if charged under the legal flat rate.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Mackenzie that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The original motion is now put and passed, ten voting for the same and five against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Harris, Whitman,
Gates, Douglas,
Clarke, Hines
Upham, Hawkins,
Martin, MacKenzie—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh,
Scanlan, Hoben,
Rankine—5.

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

Council adjourns 10.35 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 7th, 1911.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there was present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen MacKenzie, Bligh, Clarke, Hines, Shaffner, Rankine and Harris.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Hines, that the time meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Kelly, Corston, Hawkins and Upham.

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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, namely: Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of amendment (defeated) in re Fuel Yard as market site. Verbal. November 9th, 1911, page 193.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, seven voting for the same and six against it, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Whitman, Gates,
Bligh, Clarke,
Rankine—7.

Against.

Aldermen Scanlan, Kelly,
Hines, Corston,
MacKenzie, Upham—6.

Alderman Whitman's amendment of last meeting, namely—that a committee be appointed to interview the Dominion Government respecting the exchange of a portion of the property on Brunswick Street and other streets recently expropriated, for the Fuel Yard on Bedford Row, is now before the Council, being moved by Alderman

Whitman and seconded by Alderman Bligh. With the concurrence of the Council, the following is added to the said amendment—"and that a final answer be given to this Council by the first meeting in February."

The amendment is put and lost, six voting for the same and eight against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Whitman, Gates, Bligh, Rankine—6.	Aldermen Scanlan, Clarke, Keliy, Hines, Hawkins, Corston, MacKenzie, Upham—8.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Mackenzie, Acting-Chairman.
Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.
Report Public Franchises Committee, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.
Report City Health Board, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.
Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Corston, Chairman.
Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Harris Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Letter Simon Cummins re appointment of a coal weigher.
Applications R. G. Hales and W. M. Carroll for position of coal weigher.
Letters S. Cunard & Co. and William Roche re appointment of coal weighers.
Application Willoughby Smith for refund of liquor license deposit.
Report Coal Weighers for October.
Petition James W. Bigelow re amount of his assessment.
Letter Miss Marshall Saunders re playgrounds for children.
Letters (2) Civic Improvement League re city planning.
Letter "The Field" re advertising Halifax.
Report Commercial Committee re advertising Halifax.
Letter Society for Prevention of Cruelty re protection of human life and the life of animals at fires.
Notice of action E. L. Fenerty against the City of Halifax.
Annual financial statement Provincial Exhibition Commission.
Letter City Auditor re deficit Provincial Exhibition 1911.
Message from His Worship the Mayor re Provincial Exhibition.
Letter Union Canadian Municipalities re level railway crossings.
Estimates for Public Schools 1912-13.
Letter J. Edwards Midgeley re oil painting of the City of Halifax.
Resolution Union Canadian Municipalities re the capital cities of provinces.
Report Police Committee.

Report Commercial Committee re procuring sites for factory purposes.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz—

Sewer appropriation.

Maynard Street water extension.

Charles Street extension Arbitrator's award.

Transfer from Water Maintenance to Sinking Fund and to Water Construction Account.

Sewer assessment.

Edward Street sidewalk.

Accounts.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read application Willoughby Smith for a refund of liquor license deposit. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read resolution Union of Canadian Municipalities re the capital cities of the provinces and of the Dominion.

EMBELLISHMENT OF CAPITAL CITIES.

MONTREAL, November 9th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR CHISHOLM :

Dear Sir,—I am requested to forward to you the following resolution of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, discussed at their Annual Convention held in the City of Quebec, August last, with recommendations that the Executive of the Union act in the matter.

The report of the Executive is expressed in the following:—

We concur, and suggest that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Dominion and to the Premiers of the respective provinces. Copies should also be sent to the Mayors of the Provincial Capitals.

“The Capital City of a Province should be an ideal City, and an example in every way to the municipalities dominated by it. Its officials should be men of the highest type, chosen from the whole province for their worth and efficiency.”

“That, whilst it is universally admitted that a general movement is being made towards every improvement which can be achieved in every city, and it is quite becoming that public property in cities that occupy the dignified position of national or provincial capitals of this country should be properly cared for by the National or Provincial Governments.

“That this Union of Canadian Municipalities views with favor, and will uphold with all the influence in its power, any initiative which may originate either in the National or Provincial Capitals of Canada to promote the improvement and embellishment of such cities in a manner which would tend to make them models of development and progress to all municipalities.

“That this Convention is of opinion that such cities as are the provincial or federal capitals are under heavier obligations than other cities, and have to shoulder obligations of a much more expensive nature than other localities, in the form of public receptions, exemptions from taxation for federal and provincial properties, and such embellishments as tend to beautify the seats of government.”

W. D. LIGHTHALL, Hon. Sec.-Treas. U. C. M.

Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for October. Filed.

Read letter Dr. J. Edwards Midgeley, Brooklyn, New York, offering to sell an oil painting of the City of Halifax. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition James W. Bigelow re amount of his assessment. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Miss Marshall Saunders re playgrounds for children. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letters (2) Civic Improvement League re City planning.

CITY PLANNING.

HALIFAX, November 22nd, 1911.

MAYOR J. A. CHISHOLM :

Your Worship,—At a meeting of the Civic Improvement League on Wednesday, November 17th, the following resolution was adopted unanimously :—

RESOLVED, That the Comprehensive Plan Committee be instructed by the Civic Improvement League to approach the proper civic authorities and endeavor to persuade them to appropriate a sum of money in order to engage an expert in City planning to prepare a comprehensive plan of the City of Halifax.

As chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, I wish to communicate this resolution, through you, to the City Council. I would therefore beg you to have this letter read in the City Council, and respectfully ask that the Council direct the proper committee to receive the Comprehensive Plan Committee and give them a hearing at a future date.

F. H. SEXTON.

HALIFAX, November 24th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to send you herewith a resolution of the Civic Improvement League, passed at a meeting of the League held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, which, along with this letter, I would ask you to please have read at the next meeting of the City Council. As it might be more advantageous from the Committee's standpoint to have the matter involved first reported upon by one of its committees, the League would be quite glad if you were to refer it to a committee, and give our representatives the privilege of presenting the case before that committee at an early date.

E. KELLY, Secretary Civic Improvement League.

RESOLVED, That the Civic Improvement League ask the City Council to take immediate action for the formation of a standing Board to be called the Board of Improvements, and to be appointed by the City Council for the study of the needs of Halifax from a comprehensive city planning standpoint, with a view to recommending such improvements and changes in the planning and for the beautification of the City as may be considered advisable.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such Board consist of nine members—four from the City Council, four citizens and the City Engineer.

Your Worship,—The above is a copy of the resolution which you kindly promised to have read at the next meeting of your Council.

E. KELLY, Chairman.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letter "The Field" newspaper re advertising Halifax.
Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read report Commercial Committee re advertising Halifax.

ADVERTISING HALIFAX.

BOARD OF TRADE, December 6th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—On November 24th the Commercial Committee of the City Council and Board of Trade discussed the matter of Civic Publicity, and the following resolution was passed:—

RESOLVED for the purpose of advertising the advantages of Halifax as a desirable place of residence and as a suitable location for manufacturing industries, the Commercial Committee requests that the City Council when submitting their estimates for 1912 make provision for the money needed to do this work.

At the above meeting it was pointed out that in the past the City has published matter of this kind, but not since 1906; frequent applications for literature of this nature have been made to the Secretary of Industries and Immigration, and it is considered desirable that the City of Halifax should fall in line with nearly every other city of Canada in a publication of this sort.

Trusting this matter will receive your favorable consideration.

E. A. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letter Society for Prevention of Cruelty re protection of human life and the life of animals at fires.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE AND LIFE OF ANIMALS.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 22nd, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a largely attended meeting of the Executive Committee the matter of fire protection was dealt with fully, particularly in its relation to the protection of helpless human beings and the dumb animals.

In the first case, the Marriott fire brought to the attention of the Committee the great need of authority being vested in your body to make ordinances whereby proper exits could be provided for stables, and the necessity of having a watchman continually on hand in the night where a large number of animals are kept, such as those to be found in livery or boarding stables. The advisability of having special bags provided for placing over the horses' heads in case of fire was discussed, but no determination was arrived at in this matter.

Secondly, the notorious and continued neglect on the part of the Board of Fire Escapes and public and charitable institutions to provide proper fire escapes for the protection of those within these institutions was also fully discussed, and I was instructed to request that immediate steps be taken to see that modern fire escapes are provided for these buildings, which are so well known and in need of immediate protection.

R. H. MURRAY, Secretary.

Referred to the Board of Fire Escapes for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter Simon Cummins, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, asking for the appointment of a coal weigher.

Read letters S. Cunard & Co., and William Roche re appointment of coal weighers.

Read appointment Roland G. Hales and William M. Carroll for position of coal weigher. Also read applications previously submitted from Gerald F. Egan, John Johnston, Chris. Connolly and Charles H. Woollard for position of coal weigher.

The following are severally nominated for the position, namely—Carroll, Woollard, Hales, Johnston, Egan.

The vote being taken there appeared :—

For Carroll—Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Bligh, Kelly, Hines, Corston, MacKenzie—7.

For Hales—Aldermen Hoben, Hawkins—2.

For Johnston—Alderman Rankine—1.

For Egan—Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Scanlan, Douglas, Clarke, Upham—6.

The second vote being taken there appeared :—

For Carroll—Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Whitman, Bligh, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Corston, Rankine—10.

For Hales—Alderman Hoben—1.

For Egan—Aldermen Connolly, Scanlan, Douglas, Clarke, Upham—5.

His Worship the Mayor declared Carroll elected.

Read Notice of Action E. Lawson Fenerty against the City of Halifax.

MILL OWNERS' CLAIMS.—FENERTY vs. CITY.

TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX, ITS CHIEF MAGISTRATE, CLERK AND SOLICITOR :

Take Notice, that after the expiration of twenty days from the date hereof an action will be brought by Edward Lawson Fenerty, doing business under the firm name and style of The Halifax Shovel Company, as Plaintiff against the City of Halifax as Defendant.

The causes of said action are as follows :—

(1) That the City of Halifax did, through its agents and employees, during the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November, A. D. 1911, and also on many other occasions previous to said month of May, A. D. 1911, wrongfully obstruct a stream of water flowing from the Chain Lakes into the head

of the North West Arm, through the plaintiff's lots of land situate on the course of the said stream, and did withhold and permanently divert out of the said stream large quantities of water flowing therein, to the great loss and damage of the plaintiffs in the operations of his mills situate on said stream, and in other ways.

(2) The said City of Halifax at the times and in manner mentioned in the paragraph marked (1) did diminish the supply of water naturally flowing through the lands of the said Plaintiff below the quantity naturally flowing through the same, to the great loss and damage of the plaintiff as above set forth.

The plaintiff's grounds of action, in addition so those implied in the foregoing causes of action, are as follows :—

(1) The Plaintiff possessed in fee simple of several lots of land situate on the course of the aforesaid stream flowing from the Chain of Lakes to the North West Arm, and is entitled as riparian owner to the use of the full and free flow of water in said stream.

(2). (a) The Plaintiff is entitled to the use of the full and free flow of water as aforesaid, because he and his predecessors in title to the said lots of land have enjoyed the continuous and exclusive use of said free flow from time immemorial, and (b) because the plaintiff acquired the right to the flow of the full quantity of water naturally flowing from the Chain of Lakes in said stream through the lands of the said plaintiff under and by virtue of a written and sealed agreement dated the first day of December, A. D. 1846, and made by and between Thomas Hosterman, the predecessor in title of the plaintiff, of the one part, and the Halifax Water Company, the predecessor in title of the City of Halifax, of the other part.

The Plaintiff will claim in said proposed action :

(a) Damages.

(b) Such other or further remedy or relief as may to the Court seem just, equitable and proper in the case.

Dated at Halifax, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1911.

LLOYD H. FENERY, of 88 Barrington Street, Halifax.

Filed.

Read Annual Financial Statement of the Provincial Exhibition Commission for 1911.

Also read report City Auditor relating to the deficit of the Provincial Exhibition 1911.

EXHIBITION—1911.

DR.		CR.	
October 31st.		October 31st.	
Horse Department.....	\$115 40	Admissions, including exhibi-	
Agricultural Department.....	45 00	tor and privileges :	
Arts	314 21	Tickets	\$17,018 25
Poultry	270 95	Rentals	200 00
Mines.....	15 75	Entry Fees.....	672 30
Transportation	98 02	Privileges	1,765 27
Sheep and Swine.....	15 00	Speed Entries	4,495 00
Educational	20 00	Balance Expenditure over Re-	
Horticultural	62 00	ceipts	11,288 10
Ticket Department.....	535 10		
Lighting	812 29		
Manufacturers.....	136 97		
Machinery.....	35 40		
Cattle	124 65		

	DR.	CR.
Speed	657 40	
Insurance	2,065 00	
Watchman	532 53	
Caretaker	458 75	
Interest	727 33	
Firemen	26 77	
Postage	355 53	
Bands	740 00	
Attractions	2,878 27	
Commissioners' Expenses	325 85	
Secretary's Office	2,059 36	
Domestic Department	126 45	
Printing and Advertising	2,795 21	
Reception and Meals	184 00	
Lodging Bureau	41 05	
Police	424 48	
Judges	522 30	
Expenses	1,179 11	
Maintenance	1,592 35	
Fisheries	303 30	
Prizes, Ordinary	8,312 20	
" Speed	6,530 00	
	\$35,438 92	\$35,438 92

M. MCF. HALL, Manager and Secretary.

SYNOPSIS.

No Entries.	Department.	Amount Offered.	Amount Paid.
191	Horses	\$3,330 00	\$1,161 00
164	Beef Cattle	2,155 00	1,224 00
398	Dairy Cattle	2,605 00	2,294 00
252	Sheep	1,196 00	725 00
99	Swine	903 00	417 00
1279	Poultry	905 25	679 75
63	Dairy Produce	253 00	234 00
3	Honey	44 00	10 00
383	Agriculture	443 00	308 50
195	Horticulture	230 25	184 25
33	Fisheries	422 50	112 00
9	Educational	254 50	18 00
75	Fine Art	140 00	83 00
25	Photography
843	Domestic	887 00	618 00
17	Indian Men	47 00	22 00
4025		\$13,815 50	\$8,090 50

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, November 22nd, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—I have examined the accounts, etc., of the Secretary and Manager of the N. S. Provincial Exhibition for the season of 1911, and find expenditure to be in excess of receipts \$11,288.10—one-half of which is payable by the City of Halifax; and I would recommend that the sum of \$5,644.05 be placed in the estimates for the civic year 1912-13 to meet same.

W. W. FOSTER, City Auditor.

The same are referred to the Finance Committee for report.
Read message His Worship the Mayor re Provincial Exhibition.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, December 4th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of this Council held on August 25th, 1908, I moved a resolution, which was seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that a committee of six be appointed to investigate the whole question of the Provincial Exhibition Commission, but the resolution was not adopted. The matter came up again in the report of the Finance Committee presented at the meeting of Council of February 15th, 1911, but up to the present time no definite action has been taken in that direction. The whole subject is now being considered by the Provincial authorities, and I have been asked to make a statement as to the position of the City with respect to it. That I cannot do without first ascertaining what the views of the Council are. I would suggest that a committee of six be appointed to confer with the Government of Nova Scotia and with the Commission, and I submit a resolution in line with that suggestion.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

The following resolution is submitted :—

RESOLVED, That a committee of six be appointed from the City Council to confer with the Government of Nova Scotia and with the Provincial Exhibition Commission, with a view of taking into consideration the whole question of the Provincial Exhibition, and to report thereon at an early date.

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

His Worship the Mayor nominates said committee as follows :—
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Douglas, Hoben, Hawkins, Rankine.
Approved.

Read letter Union Canadian Municipalities relating to level railway crossings.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

MONTREAL, November 29th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR CHISHOLM AND COUNCIL,
Halifax :

Dear Sir,—The following Bill No. 5, An Act to amend the Railway Act, now before Dominion Parliament, is so important that it deserves all the practical support you can give it, and is in line with resolutions passed at our Annual Convention in Quebec, August last.

“ And where the railway has been constructed before the passing of this Act, and is permitted by the Board to pass over any highway crossing at rail level, the municipality shall not be ordered to pay any portion of the cost or expense of protecting such crossing unless and except it is otherwise provided by agreement, approved of by the Board, between the Company and the Municipal Corporation.”

W. D. LIGHTHALL, Hon. Sec.-Treas U. C. M.

The following resolution is submitted :—

RESOLVED, That we approve of the proposed amendment to the Railway Act embodied in Bill No. 5 introduced by Mr. Lancaster, which received its first reading in the House of Commons on November 29th, 1911, dealing with the subject of highway crossings.

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

Read estimates for Public Schools 1912-13.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that this Council approve of the estimates of the Commissioners of Public Schools of the City of Halifax for 1912-13, amounting to \$156,950.00, that the same be placed in the City Estimates, and that the said approval be communicated to the Governor-in-Council for confirmation. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 5th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen.—The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts, passed by the Board, viz:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for Hospital, \$8.25. Melvin & Co., glass, 88c. Jas. Flannigan, truckage, \$1.00. Canadian Rubber Co., rubber stoppers, 50c. F. Parsons, conveyance, \$5.00. Geo. A. Harvey, milk for Hospital, \$17.28. Webster, Smith & Co., jars, 50c. A. S. Forrestall, bread, \$54.74. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.25. Cunard & Co., coal, \$35.25. Dixon, Ltd., groceries Hospital, \$21.85. Burgess & Co., meats for houses, \$31.91. Quinn & Co., groceries for houses, \$45.81. G. A. Wootten & Co., repairs furnace, etc., \$38.98. Total \$264.20.

JOHN A. WATTERS, Secretary.

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

Read report Charities Committee for November.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, December 6th, 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 Kelly and Alderman Upham

The Superintendent's report for November, 1911, shews that during the month there were 25 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born (still-born), 10 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted, 3 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Shelburne Co., and 21 to the City. The total number of inmates, November 30th, was 318, made up of 191 men and 127 women. On the same date last year there were 214 men, 131 women, and 2 children, a total of 347.

The Superintendent was directed to provide the regular Christmas dinner fo

the inmates of the institution, and to carry out the usual arrangement in regard to officials and nurses.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—Wentzell, Ltd., \$565.74. W. A. Maling & Co., \$372.72. Smith & Proctor, \$124.34. A. Wilson & Son, \$29.00. J. M. Currie, \$67.50. J. S. Cashen & Son, \$59.70. Fleischmann & Co., \$3.99. J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$70.45. Henry Lovett, \$10.08. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$45.00; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$115.50. Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Co., \$168.08. T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.20. The Chronicle Pub. Co., \$1.95. W. H. Schwartz, \$5.00. Dr. G. A. Mackintosh, \$5.00. Canadian Casualty Co., \$35.00. W. N. Brown, \$11.70. City Prison, \$31.20. Farquhar Bros., \$5.20. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$7.83. Brookfield Bros., \$5.25. R. J. Whitten, \$1.40. Hillis & Son, Ltd., \$24.33. Robinsons, Ltd., \$3.75. W. C. Knight, \$9.80. Snow & Co., Ltd., \$13.80. Muldowney & Godwin, \$25.00. Baldwin & Co., \$2.50. B. J. Muleahy, \$395.06. Salaries, \$661.33. Total \$2788.21.

J. F. CORSTON, Chairman.

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 6th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

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

Water Maintenance.....	\$ 5511 79
“ Construction	1491 45
Charles Street Extension.....	4598 80
Street Lighting.....	1808 98
Sewerage.....	588 34
Teams and Stables.....	587 97
Streets	406 36
City Hall, Lighting.....	70 56
“ Fuel.....	45 90
Internal Health.....	39 35
Cleaning Paved Streets	15 25
City Property	1 00
	\$15165 75

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read reports Committee on Work- and City Engineer re borrowing \$15,000.00 for sewer construction.

SEWERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 29th, 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 cost of carrying on sewer work during the Winter was read.

The funds of the Sewer Account being exhausted it was resolved to ask Council to place \$15,000, (fifteen thousand dollars) to its credit an amount estimated to be sufficient to carry on sewer work until Dec. 31st, 1911, and to make concrete blocks during the Winter.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Sir,—In compliance with your request, I have made an estimate of the cost of carrying on sewer work during the Winter.

It will be necessary to continue work in the concrete building as rapidly as possible in order that we may have sufficient material to proceed with the construction of the trunk sewer at the Arm next year. Labor and material will require an average of \$1,350 a month, while if the sewer construction is also carried on, between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a month will be necessary. In any case, I would urge that the construction of concrete sewer blocks be continued.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read report Committee on Works recommending the transfer from Water Maintenance Account of \$15,000.00 to water construction account, and \$15,000.00 to the Sinking Fund.

WATER ACCOUNT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 29th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to recommend to Council that fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be transferred from the surplus in Water Maintenance Account to Water Construction Account, and that fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be transferred from the same account to the Sinking Fund Account.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

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

MAYNARD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 22nd, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of water extension on Maynard St. to property of P. W. Maxner.

Your Committee recommend that said report be adopted and the work commenced at once.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 22nd, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. P. W. Maxner asking for the extension of the water main along Maynard Street to supply his property.

The district is high service ; length of pipe required, 120 feet to Mr. Maxner's property which is south of Black Street ; size of pipe, 6 inch.

Estimated cost :

Excavation.....	\$180 00
Pipe.....	72 00
One service pipe.....	25 00
Lead and paint.....	1 00
	\$278 00

Interest on the estimated outlay at five per cent.—\$13.90.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$13.90.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer covering award of arbitrators in re expropriation of properties for the extension of Charles Street.

CHARLES STREET EXTENSION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec 6th, 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 awards of Arbitrators in the matter of the Charles St. Extension was read and referred to Council for its information.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 5th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—The arbitrators have filed an award for properties expropriated for the extension of Charles Street.

In the case of Archibald McFatrige, the award is unanimous, increasing the amount to be paid Mr. McFatrige by \$195.00.

In the case of William Barnes, the award is signed by Mr. J. C. Harris, arbitrator appointed by Mr. Barnes, and Mr. J. F. Corston, the third arbitrator. They have awarded Mr. Barnes an additional amount of \$2,813.00. Mr. John T. Ross, the arbitrator appointed by the City dissents, and has filed an independent report. A copy of the awards is attached hereto, and also a copy of Mr. Ross's report. The amounts paid into Court were :—

Archibald McFatrige	\$1700 00
William Barnes.....	3000 00

AWARDS—Archibald McFatridge\$1895 00
 William Barnes..... 5813 00

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

IN RE EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY OF ARCHIBALD MCFATRIDGE, SITUATE ON CREIGHTON AND CUNARD STREETS, IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX, BY THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

TO THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX:—

Sir,—We, the undersigned arbitrators beg leave to report as follows:—Mr. George F. Brady was appointed arbitrator on behalf of Mr. Archibald McFatridge, John T. Ross, barrister, was appointed arbitrator on behalf of the City of Halifax, and Mr. James F. Corston was appointed third arbitrator, under the provisions of Section 630 of the City Charter.

We visited and inspected the premises of Mr. Archibald McFatridge which the City expropriated, and heard evidence under oath in respect to its value. The evidence, description of property, and all other papers, put in evidence before us are herewith enclosed.

We have determined and fixed the amount of compensation due to Mr. Archibald McFatridge for the lands taken from him and expropriated by the City of Halifax, as described by the evidence herein, at the sum of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$1895.00). The said lands and premises are the lands first mentioned in the Resolution of the City Council, and shown on expropriation plan Charles Street extension, filed in the City Engineer's Office as Plan No. 2239, and herewith enclosed.

JAMES F. CORSTON, }
 GEO. F. BRADY, } Arbitrators.
 JOHN T. ROSS. }

Halifax, Nov. 21, 1911.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE LANDS OF WILLIAM BARNES OF GOTTINGEN STREET IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX FOR CHARLES STREET EXTENSION.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Sir,—We the undersigned arbitrators beg leave to report as follows:—John T. Ross, of the City of Halifax was appointed arbitrator on behalf of the City of Halifax, J. C. Harris of the City of Halifax was appointed arbitrator on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Mr. J. F. Corston was appointed under Section 630 of the City Charter as third arbitrator by said John T. Ross and said J. C. Harris.

Evidence was taken under oath at the City Hall Committee Rooms, beginning on the 7th of November, instant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The said arbitrators having met to consider their award on this 25th day of November, A. D., 1911, the arbitrators, James F. Corston and J. C. Harris, do determine the amount of compensation due by the City of Halifax to the said William Barnes for the lands and premises taken and expropriated by the City of Halifax under the resolution of the City Council passed respecting the same and as described in said resolution a copy of which is herewith enclosed and in the plan filed in the City Engineer's office at Halifax as plan 2239 to be the amount or sum of five thousand eight hundred and thirteen dollars (\$5,813.00.)

Halifax, N. S., November 25, A. D., 1911.

JAMES F. CORSTON, }
 J. C. HARRIS. } Arbitrators.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE LANDS OF WILLIAM BARNES,
SITUATE ON GOTTINGEN STREET, BY THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

To Mr. DOANE, City Engineer :

Sir,—I beg leave to report as follows:—As arbitrator appointed by the City of Halifax to fix the compensation due Mr. Barnes, I am of the opinion that the compensation due him for the lands expropriated should be fixed at the sum of \$4,840.00. The rental of the northern house situate on his property, as Mr. Barnes has shown, has been \$240.00 a year, being at the rate of \$20.00 a month. Mr. Barnes stated that he had rented the front and back shops in the house situate on the southern part of his property at \$15.00 per month, and he valued the rental of the portion occupied by himself at \$20.00 per month, this latter being the sum of \$240.00 per year. Mr. Barnes also stated that he sometimes received as much as \$5.00 per month for the barn situate on his property. In respect to the rental of the shop and the part of the house occupied by him, I am of the opinion that the rental value does not exceed \$25.00 per month, being \$300.00 per year, and this, I think, would be a fair rental for the house and shop. \$600.00 a year would be a large rental for Mr. Barnes' whole property—from this rental would have to be deducted taxes, insurance and repairs.

One of these properties is 18 years old and the other 15 years, both wooden buildings, and the repairs from now on would be considerable per year. These houses are not fitted up with modern conveniences, there is no electricity and the sanitary arrangements are very poor, the water closets are situated outside of the building, and the capitalizing of the rental on 10% basis on houses of this class is, in my opinion, altogether too high. I am of the opinion that \$4,400.00 is good commercial value for this property, and adding 10% for compulsory taking, the total value would be \$4,840.00.

The sum of \$4,840.00 would in my opinion, purchase for Mr. Barnes, in many places in the North end, property which would bring him in a larger rental than his present property, and if looked upon in the light of a business stand he could with that sum acquire a much better business position.

The placing of two houses upon this property of Mr. Barnes, of the like character and construction as the present buildings, would not, in my opinion, exceed the sum of \$4,000.00. These houses have now an average age of 16 years, and I think that 15% is too small a reduction to make upon the value which these two new houses would be to Mr. Barnes. I think this reduction should be 30% on \$4,000.00, leaving the value of the present houses at \$2,800.00. The value of the land I put at \$1,600.00, thus the whole value, in my opinion, amounts to \$4,400.00, to which I have already pointed out I have added 10% for compulsory taking, making in all the sum of \$4,840.00, which I fix as the amount due by the City of Halifax as compensation to Mr. Barnes for the expropriation of his property by the said City of Halifax. The arbitrator on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Harris and the third arbitrator appointed by Mr. Harris and myself—Mr. Corston—are both builders of large experience, and I am sorry to differ with them in their estimate of the compensation due to Mr. Barnes, but I have no doubt that they have acted conscientiously in the matter.

JOHN T. ROSS,

Arbitrator on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Halifax, December 4th, 1911.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the reports be adopted and the deficiency paid into the Supreme Court Motion passed.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, December 7th, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

John Starr, Son & Co., battery and flash lamp, 75c. Farquhar Bros., stove pipe, etc., \$12.60. Kline & Mullins, cap and helmet, \$5.10. Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$1.00. W. F. Pickering & Co., altering clothing, \$1.50. Fire Department, three months' feed, etc., patrol horse, \$37.50. Total, \$58.45.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman, (Chairman), Corston and Rankine, the following matters were dealt with, viz. :—

1. Letter City Treasurer covering account Royal Securities Corporation, Ltd., (\$81.37) interest on loan of \$55,000.00 from July 3rd to August 8th.

The Chairman submitted and read opinion of the City Solicitor to the effect that the City is liable for the account. In view of this fact, it is recommended that the same be paid.

2. Letter Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd., covering policy of fire insurance, Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., No. 24792, for \$5000.00 to take the place of one for like amount of the Rochester German Insurance Company on car works.

It is recommended that the policy of the Aetna Insurance Company, No. 24792, for \$5000.00 be approved of and the policy of the Rochester German Insurance Company returned.

3. Letter Trustees Sinking Fund, Nov. 22nd, 1911, offering to loan the City a further sum of \$1875.00 for the extension of Charles Street, said loan to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

Also letter Trustees Sinking Fund December 6th, 1911, offering to loan the City a further sum of \$4600.00 for the extension of Charles Street, and \$15,000.00 for sewerage; the said sums to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

It is recommended that the City do borrow the further sums of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$1875.00) and four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4600.00) for the extension of Charles Street; and fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) for Sewerage; and that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, as contained in their letters of November 22nd, 1911, and December 6th, 1911, be accepted, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Treasurer be authorized to negotiate said loan on behalf of the City.

4. The following accounts, amounting to \$127.33, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz. :—

A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, \$3.15. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$46.75. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, Mayor's Office, \$1.00; City Collector, \$28.15; Police Dept., \$7.85; License Inspector, \$2.15; Treasurer, \$3.10; City Clerk, \$32.90—\$75.15. L. M. Green, 228 registered names, \$2.28. Total \$127.33.

ALFRED WHITMAN, Chairman.

RE ROYAL SECURITIES INTEREST.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, November 16th, 1911.

CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE :

Sir:—The facts on which my opinion is required I understand to be as follows :—

The City advertised for a loan to retire the School Board Debentures, offering as security the stock or debentures of the City Consolidated Fund. On the 23rd of June last the tender of the Royal Securities Company was accepted. The Company expressed the wish to take the whole amount of the loan in debentures. The City did not have a sufficient number of debenture certificates, but required the money to meet the old debentures which fell due on the first of July. It, therefore, in order to meet the situation, requested the Company to advance the amount of the loan upon one certificate and an undertaking to furnish debentures as soon as the certificates could be obtained. This the Company did. Subsequently on the 8th of August the City having obtained the certificates paid them to the Company and received back its general certificate. The Company obtained the money from the Royal Bank depositing the City's general certificate as collateral. When the debentures were exchanged for the certificate the City paid the Company the 4% payable on the debentures for the time during which the City had not delivered them: but the Company in the meantime had been obliged to pay the Bank 5½% and now request the City to repay it the difference of 1½% in interest.

Nothing was said in either the writings between the Company and the Treasurer or verbally as to interest on the advance, but I am of opinion that this is a clear case of the application of the familiar principal of an implied contract. I know of no better definition of that doctrine than that given by Brett M. R. (16 Q. B. D. 307) as follows :—

“It seems to me that whenever circumstances arise in the ordinary business of life in which if the persons were ordinarily honest and careful the one of them would make a promise to the other it may properly be inferred that both of them understood that such a promise was given and accepted.

To me it seems so perfectly clear that the Securities Company would not have agreed to make an advance to the City and incur a liability of additional interest in so doing that in my opinion it was a case where the matter seemed so plain to both the contacting parties that it was not worth mentioning and that therefore any court would without hesitation imply a condition to indemnify the Company against any liability for the difference of interest. I am therefore of opinion that the Company has legal claim against the City for the amount.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

CHARLES STREET EXTENSION.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, November 22nd, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to offer to

loan the City a further sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$1,875.00) for the purpose of the extension of Charles Street, under authority of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907, the said loan to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. (4%) per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

W. L. BROWN, City Treasurer.

LOANS.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, December 6th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to offer to loan the City the further sum of four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600) for the extension of Charles Street, under authority of Chap. 71, Acts of 1907, and fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for Sewerage, under authority of Chap. 40, Acts of 1911. The said sums to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. (4%) per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

W. L. BROWN, City Treasurer.

The same is considered clause by clause and the several clauses adopted. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report be adopted as a whole and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

The following resolution is also submitted :—

WHEREAS, The City requires the further sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$1,875.00) for the purpose of extending Charles Street ;

AND WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to loan the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$1,875.00) under the authority set forth in their letter, namely—Chapter 71, Acts of 1907 ;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the offer of the Trustees be accepted, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue out of Consolidated Fund, 1905, stock certificate in the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five Dollars (\$1,875.00), bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. (4%) per annum, and repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

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

The following resolution is submitted :—

WHEREAS, The City will require a further sum of four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600) for the extension of Charles Street, and fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for Sewerage purposes ;

AND WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to loan the City the said sum of nineteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$19,600) at par, under the authority and terms set forth in their letter ;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be accepted, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue stock certificate for the sum of nineteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$19,600) out of Consolidated Fund, 1905, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. (4%) per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

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

Read City Prison Committee.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 5th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hawkins (Chairman), Harris and Hines, the following accounts, amounting to \$132.12 were examined, found correct, and are recommended for payment :

C. H. Jordan, horseshoeing, \$2.00. Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$2.83. John J. Carnell, carriage repairs, \$4.76. Evans & Co., brushes, 60c. J. J. Scriven & Son, bread, \$10.40. Dixons, Ltd., groceries, \$23.36. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads and shins, \$13.00. Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$7.90. John Starr, Son & Co., Ltd., lamps, \$2.00. Muldowney & Godwin, plumbing, \$2.15. G. M. Smith & Co., dry goods, \$36.62. Robert Taylor Co., boots, \$26.00. Total \$132.12.

The Chairman submitted a letter from a taxpayer, who had given his name in confidence, complaining of the treatment of a prisoner, John Mountain, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on October 11th last, for escaping from custody on a previous sentence.

It is alleged that the man was in a very bad condition physically when received at the Prison and required medical attention immediately, which he did not get. His condition got so bad that on the 17th of October he was removed to the Victoria General Hospital where he died the next day.

Your Committee feel that if the statement in this letter is true the conditions as they exist at the Prison are deplorable in the extreme, and recommend that the City Council order that an inquiry be made in this matter before the County Court Judge, so that witnesses may be examined under oath, to get at the true facts of the case.

A. C. HAWKINS, Chairman.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 30th, 1911.

DR. A. C. HAWKINS, Chairman City Prison Committee :

Dear Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the following, which is a copy of a letter recently received by me :—

"Just a few lines to let you know some of the cruelty the unfortunate prisoners get in the City Prison. There was a man came in sick, when the keepers knew he was sick and could not work they reported it to the Governor, he, the Governor, ordered his bed to be taken away from him and he was cast into a cold cell to live or die. Just fancy to be cast into a cold Prison with no fire or food, but to shiver and die. The Keepers could do nothing for the poor fellow I know. I was in the cell next to him and sat and talked to him and did all I could for to comfort him but what can one prisoner do for another. I could only sit down and cry when I saw by the papers the poor fellow died. They sent for the doctor, when he came he ordered a fire and the Governor promised to have one at once, but the fire was not made. I don't know whose fault it was. The doctor said it was quite too damp.

Now Sir, I thought I would write you a few lines and hope you have the whole matter threshed out. Mountain is the man who I am writing of.

Please have the keepers sworn and they will have to tell the truth. I hope you will ake this matter to the S. P. C. they killed the man pure and simple."

The writer has reason to believe that this letter is in every respect a truthful statement and would suggest in view of the statement therein made that the manner of this man's death be investigated.

I have reason to believe that this man was taken to the City Prison on the 11th October, arriving there in the afternoon. That his physical condition was such that he needed medical attention, which he did not get but was put to work on the stone pile. That the following day he was unable to turn out to work and remained in his cell. That the Governor of the Institution inquired for him at the noon dinner hour about one o'clock, and the Keeper reported him ill. That the Governor ordered his bed taken away from him and that he be deprived of his dinner until he went to work. Some time on the 12th the City Medical Officer was telephoned for but he did not arrive at the Institution until Sunday morning the 14th instant, during which period this man was lying in his cell, being fed but twice a day on cornmeal mush and molasses, with no other food. That the doctor ordered him transferred from No. 2 ward to No. 1 and that a fire be made in said ward. That the man was transferred but no fire was made. His condition did not improve and on Tuesday the 17th instant he was ordered by the City Medical Officer to the Victoria General Hospital where he died on the following day, 18th October.

If the above are true facts it would appear that the authorities through their negligence jeopardized this man's life.

I would also call your attention to a very general complaint made by the prisoners in this institution that they are detained usually twenty-four hours and in some cases longer after their time is up. For example: John Reynolds was committed Saturday the 28th of October for ten days and released at 3 p. m. on the 8th November when he should have been out at one o'clock or immediately after dinner on the 7th.

James Donnelly was committed on the 27th October for ten days and was released November 8th instead of November 6th.

There are many instances of a like kind and it appears that prisoners are kept twenty-fours after their time has expired. It is generally understood that prisoners should be released on the day of the expiry of their sentence immediately after dinner. Charles Anderson was turned adrift from the City Prison on Tuesday the 21st instant in a wild north-east sleet storm, about 2 p. m., having been denied his dinner by the Governor because he was unable to work on account of illness on the Monday previous, which illness was reported to keeper Keating and by him reported to the Governor who gave the Keeper instructions that he was to receive no dinner.

The writer places these facts before you in order that you may ascertain as to their truthfulness and that you may satisfy yourself that the conditions at the City Prison are not what they should be.

Yours truly,

TAXPAYER.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re accounts. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re death of a prisoner John Mountain. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said clause be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the enquiry suggested in the report be held by the City Prison Committee and that said Committee report on the

same to this Council. Amendment put and lost, six voting for the same and eleven against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Bligh, Scanlan,
MacKenzie, Rankine—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Harris, Connolly,
Gates, Douglas,
Clarke, Hoben,
Kelly, Hines,
Hawkins, Corston,
Upham—11.

The original motion being put, the division of Council appeared as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Harris, Connolly,
Gates, Clarke,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hines, Hawkins,
Douglas, Corston, Upham—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Bligh, Scanlan,
MacKenzie, Rankine—6.

His Worship the Mayor declares the motion lost, as it would require a two-thirds vote of the Council to pass it.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the City Prison Committee investigate the whole circumstances in connection with conditions at the City Prison, especially in connection with the death of John Mountain, and report to this Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the Council now take up the report of the City Prison Committee on reorganization of the Prison.

His Worship the Mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

The original motion is put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the order of business be suspended to allow the report of the City Prison Committee on reorganization of the Prison to be taken up. Motion put and lost.

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

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 5th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon at four o'clock. Present, Alderman MacKenzie (Acting Chairman), Hines, Harris and Gates.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. That Thomas Power, driver of No. 1 waggon, reported sick November 28th, reported for duty December 1st
2. That Bernard Coy, callman on No. 3 engine, has resigned.
It is recommended that said resignation be accepted.
3. That Ernest Isnor, callman on No. 5 engine, has resigned.
It is recommended that said resignation be accepted.
4. That Richard Baker, blacksmith, permanent, has resigned.
It is recommended that said resignation be accepted.
5. That Joseph Power, callman on No. 4 engine, asks for three months' leave of absence.
It is recommended that said request be granted.
6. That a horse has been bought for two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275.00).
7. Your Committee recommend that William Irons and Thomas McDonald be appointed to the call force, vice Bernard Coy and Ernest Isnor, resigned.
8. Your Committee recommend that George Saunders and William Hanson be appointed supernumeraries.
9. The Committee had before them a report of the Chief relating to a recent fire at the Deep Water Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway.

The Chief's report is as follows :—

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT, December 4th, 1911.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS :

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to make the following report :—An alarm of fire was sent in from box 52 on December 1st, at 3.45 a. m., for the Deep Water Freight Sheds. The Department found on arrival that the main road was blocked with cars and the apparatus could not reach the fire. It was very dark about the yards, and we found that some of the hose used by the I. C. R. would not fit the hydrants. Considerable delay was caused before we could get water on the fire, and from twenty to twenty-five minutes elapsed before the chemical engine could be got to work. On account of the fire breaking out in the small car repair shop, and the alarm being sent in very quickly by the watchman, the fire did not amount to much ; but should a fire occur in one of the large sheds, where there are a number of cars loaded with lumber and other inflammable material, with a northeast or southeast wind, the result might be very serious, under the conditions mentioned.

P. J. BRODERICK, Chief Fire Department.

Your Committee has considered this matter very carefully and in view of the fact that the extraordinary conditions respecting the liability to fire of the vast extent of property on the water front owned by the Dominion Government have repeatedly been reported to the proper authorities, respectfully recommend that a copy of the Chief's report be forwarded to the Intercolonial Railway and that the City Council suggest to the Management of the Intercolonial Railway the advisability and feasibility of the Dominion Government and the City of Halifax joining in proper proportion in the cost of procuring and maintaining a suitable fire boat, which is the only means of coping with fires at the very lengthy wharves already in existence and about to be constructed by the Intercolonial Railway and at other property on the harbour side of the City.

10. The Committee had before them an account from Dr. Shaffner (\$10.00) for professional services rendered a fireman at a fire and subsequently. It is recommended that the City pay for the emergency services only, as Callman Murphy should have called upon the City Medical Officer for subsequent treatment.

11. The following named accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light \$28.39, power \$13.56—\$41.95. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$9.50. LeMont Buskins, chimney sweeping, \$14.50. Burns & Kelleher, hooks, etc., \$3.50. Canadian Rubber Co., gloves, etc., \$24.02. Canadian Oil Co., gasoline, \$12.36. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$42.70. Day & Kinsman, plumbing, \$9.05. Jas. Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$75.02. Estey & Co., Hart nozzles, \$179.25. E. B. Eddy Co., paper, \$6.50. Neil Fox, saddlery, \$12.50. Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$26.87. F. P. Farquharson, supplies, \$5.15. Freeman's, blankets, etc., \$44.10. J. R. Gaunt & Son, buttons, \$1.88. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., fire pot, \$2.00. W. C. Knight, soap, \$3.50. R. J. Leary, cleaning coat, \$1.00. Lawrence Hardware Co., supplies, \$56.08. Macdonald & Co., machine work, 90c. J. C. Merlin & Co., lumber, \$8.90. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$8.00. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$20.68. Morton & Cragg, spotzoff, \$12.00. James Myers, repairing coats, \$2.75. National Drug Co., acid, \$19.68. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$269.32. J. S. Cashen & Sons, forage, \$73.89. Dr. A. A. Shaffner, professional services, \$5.00. Stairs, Son & Morrow, supplies, \$7.46. J. Starr, Son & Co., fire alarm box, \$165.00. J. Starr, Son & Co., supplies, \$2.65. Robinson Bros., one horse, \$275.00. Dr. Thos. Trenaman, professional services, \$5.00. Ungar's Laundry, work, \$11.63. Wentzells, Ltd., soap, \$2.40. A. A. Thompson, tabloid case, \$36.40. Total \$1487.09.

GEO. A. MACKENZIE, Pro-Chairman.

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

Read report Public Franchises Committee re double tracking of the tramway loop line and the widening of Cunard Street.

TRAMWAY DOUBLE TRACKING—WIDENING CUNARD STREET.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 7th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Public Franchises beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen MacKenzie, (Chairman), Harris, Connolly, Douglas, Hoben and Hawkins, a delegation from the Board of Trade consisting of Messrs A. M. Bell, W. J. Clayton, Nelson Smith, H. Flowers, F. M. Brown, R. T. MacIlreith, George Henderson, E. A. Saunders and several others waited on your committee and asked that permission be granted to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company to double track the loop line.

Your Committee after careful consideration of this matter recommend that the Halifax Electric Tramway Company be given permission to double track the loop in accordance with the plan submitted, except that the line from the corner of Cornwallis Street on Gottingen Street to the corner of Agricola Street and Cunard Street be double tracked instead of a new line up Cornwallis Street as proposed in plan, upon condition that the Company enter into an agreement to put on two extra cars each way, giving a seven minutes service.

Further Resolved that the said Company be requested to proceed with the construction of the spur line from Cunard Street to West Young Street on Gottingen Street in accordance with permission granted then upon their request by the City Council on April 6th last.

Your Committee further recommend that Cunard Street be widened in accordance with the Official Plan.

G. A. MACKENZIE, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION..

4.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 29th, 1911.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Harris, Bligh, Connolly, Gates, Douglas, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hoben, Hines, Corston, Martin, Hawkins, Rankine and Upham.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of amendment (defeated) in re Fuel Yard as a market site. Verbal. December 7th, 1911. Page 200.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of resolution (defeated) to have certain matters respecting the City Prison investigated by the Judge of the County Court. Verbal. December 7th, 1911. Page 219.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting of Council. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Reports (2) Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Martin, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Rankine, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common, by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.

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

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Estimates 1912-13, as prepared by the Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Application Nova Scotia Historical Society for a civic grant for erection of tablets.

An unsigned petition on behalf of sergeants and privates of the Police Force, for an increase of pay.

Letter Archibald McFatrige, re expropriation of property for extension of Charles Street.

Report City Auditor re Nova Scotia Car Works.

Letter Provincial Secretary re Estimates for Public Schools.

Letter Minister of Railways and Canals re fire boat.

Report Coal Weighers for November.

Petition against closing a lane leading from Quinpool Road to Allen Street.

Letter from His Worship the Mayor re application of L. H. Gray, for refund of a fine.

Application Royal Caledonian Curling Club for a grant of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.

Letter J. A. MacDonald re poll tax.

Report Committee on Works re street lights.

Letter Governor Murray re City Prison investigation.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read, by consent of Council, application of The Royal Caledonian Curling Club for a grant of Two hundred (\$200.00) dollars towards the entertainment of visiting Scottish Curlers.

SCOTTISH CURLERS' VISIT.

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 18th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX :

Dear Sirs,—We are instructed by the Committee arranging for the visit of the Scottish Curlers to invite you respectfully to co-operate in extending to them a fitting reception and entertainment.

Herewith you will find enclosed a list of names, addresses, and occupations of those in the party. You will notice by this that they are a most representative body of men, and it is almost needless to state, in our opinion, they should be given a reception and entertainment worthy of the City of Halifax. They are due to arrive here on the S. S. "Ionian" on January 1st next.

The financial expenses of entertaining this party will be borne by the curlers of the City and Province, but as the expenses are large, a heavy responsibility rests upon the City curlers.

As we understand there is a fund provided in the City estimates towards expenses of entertaining distinguished visitors, we consider it would not be out of the way to ask you to assist financially in the entertainment to the extent of \$200.

Trusting that you will consider this request favorably, on behalf of the Curlers Committee.

ARTHUR S. BARNSTEAD, Chairman,
W. A. MAJOR, Secretary,
Committee.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the sum of Two hundred (\$200 00) dollars be taken from the Contingent fund for this purpose, and that a special committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner and Rankine be appointed to distribute the same. Motion passed.

Read letter His Worship the Mayor re application of E. H. Gray for refund of a fine imposed in the Police Court upon Henry Roach.

REMISSION OF FINE.

December, 28th 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—Mr. L. H. Gray applied to me for a refund of the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), which he paid on December 11th, 1911, for the amount of a fine imposed upon Henry Roach in the Police Court on the 9th of August, 1911. This amount he states he advanced out of his own pocket. Later, about December 22nd, 1911, Henry Roach was released from custody under the Ticket of Leave Act. The papers in the matter are annexed hereto. Mr. Gray now makes application for a return of the money which he paid to obtain Roach's release.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter J. A. MacDonald re poll tax. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition against the closing of a lane leading from Quinpool Road to Allen Street on the west side of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd property. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for November. Filed.

Read acknowledgment from the Minister of Railways and Canals of a letter from His Worship the Mayor re Fire Boat

FIRE BOAT.

OTTAWA, December 13th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP J. C. CHISHOLM, K. C.,
MAYOR, Halifax, N. S.,

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I have yours of December 8th, in reference to a fire boat for harbour front purposes, and shall be very glad to give this proposal careful consideration.

F. COCHRANE.

Filed.

Read letter Provincial Secretary re estimates for Public Schools.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTIMATES.

HALIFAX, December 15th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,

Sir,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of a

copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Halifax on the 7th instant, whereby the Estimates of the School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for 1912-13, amounting to \$56,950, were approved.

With regard to the statement in the resolution that the approval be communicated to the Governor-in-Council for confirmation, I am to inform you that the subject of the School Estimates for the City of Halifax seems to be dealt with by section 8 of chapter 38, of the Acts of 1911, under which it appears that the formal approval of neither the City Council nor the Governor-in-Council is necessary, and that it is only in case of the disapproval of the Estimates that the Governor-in-Council is called upon to act.

FRED. F. MATHERS, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

Read report City Auditor re accounts of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS, LIMITED.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, December 19th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—I have recently examined the accounts of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, successors to the Silliker Car Company, Limited, and find the City's security therein very materially improved within the past year. I have in my hands insurance policies fully paid to May 9th, 1912, of \$116,500.00. Their total bond issue is \$135,475.00, on which all interest and sinking fund charges are fully paid to date, and in the latter fund, 30th September, there was \$14,925.63.

W. W. FOSTER, City Auditor.

Filed.

Read letter Archibald McFatridge re expropriation of property for Charles Street extension. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

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

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

CITY HALL, December 26th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report that they still have under consideration the matter of the insurance of firemen. A number of propositions recently received have been referred to a sub-committee for tabulation and report to the Board.

Three horses have lately been purchased at a cost of about \$950.00. It is recommended that the accounts for same be paid upon being properly certified.

P. F. MARTIN, Chairman.

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