

Governor in the very near future, and while ready to retire from such office whenever requested to do so by your Honorable Body, I desire to bring to your attention that it will be most inconvenient for me and my family to move during the winter months, owing especially to the present delicate state of health of my wife, which I am actually afraid would be endangered thereby, and also because I have no place to move to, inasmuch as I cannot obtain possession of my house on South Street until the first of May next, as same is under lease to that date, and the present occupant thereof refuses to surrender the premises until the expiration of the lease. Under these circumstances I trust that I may be allowed to occupy quarters at the Prison until the first of May next.

In view of long and faithful service, of the promises made and repeated to me on behalf of the City, that a retiring allowance of \$500.00 would be made, and of the principle accepted nowadays by this and other cities, that civic officials should not be removed in their old age without a retiring allowance being made, I respectfully ask that the City Government will not use its authority to do me an injustice.

WM. MURRAY.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the clause be amended by making the retirement to take effect February 1st, instead of January 1st, and that the Governor and Mrs. Murray be allowed to remain at the Prison in such quarters as may be set apart for them by the Prison Committee until the first day of May next, and that the clause as so amended be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Shaffner,

(1) That Governor Murray be retired from office on February 1st next, and that he and Mrs. Murray be allowed to live at the Prison in such quarters as may be set apart for them by the Prison Committee until May 1st next;

(2) That Underkeeper George Grant be appointed Governor of the Prison at a salary of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars a year.

(3) That a retiring allowance of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per year be allowed to Governor Murray for the remainder of his life.

By consent of Council, the amendment is divided, to be put before the Council in three parts.

Part (1) of amendment re retirement of Governor Murray is put and passed.

Part (2) of amendment re the appointment of George Grant Underkeeper, to the position of Governor of the Prison, is put and passed, eight voting for the same and four against it, as follows:—

For Part (2).

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Whitman, Gates,
Clarke, Corston,
MacKenzie, Upham—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Connolly, Douglas,
Hines, Hawkins—4.

Alderman Hoben asked to be excused from voting.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman MacKenzie gives notice of reconsideration of Part (1) of the amendment.

Part (3) of amendment, re retiring allowance of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to Governor Murray, is put and lost, two voting for the same and eleven against it, as follows;—

For Part (3).

Aldermen Whitman,
MacKenzie.—2.

Against it.

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

Alderman MacKenzie gives notice of reconsideration.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the Committee on revision of Juries Lists Aldermen Scanlan, Hines and Rankine. Approved.

Moved by Alderman Corston, seconded by Alderman Douglas that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed. seven voting for adjournment and six against, the division of Council being as follows:—

For Adjournment

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Gates, Douglas,
Corston, Mackenzie,
Upham.—7.

Against.

Aldermen Harris Connolly,
Clarke, Hoben,
Hines, Hawkins.—6.

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, January 18th, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Connolly, Hines, Hoben, Martin and Harris.

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

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

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

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz :—

Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of amendment (defeated) in re Fuel Yard as a market site. Verbal. December 7th, 1911. Page 200. See also page 193. December 29th, 1911, deferred until next meeting. Page 223. Jan. 11th, 1911, page 245.

Alderman Whitman declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz :—

Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of resolution in re Payzant Street. January 11th, 1912. Page 264.

Alderman Hoben declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter.

Read No. 3 on Order of the Day, viz :—

Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of Part 2 of amendment re appointment of George Grant as Governor of the City Prison January 11th, 1912. Page 275.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, eleven voting for the same and two against it, as follows :—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Harris, Connolly,
Gates, Scanlan,
Clarke, Hoben,
Kelly, Hines,
Hawkins, Martin,
Upham.—11.

Against.

Aldermen Shaffner,
Whitman.—2.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hines, that applications for the positions of Governor and Matron of the City Prison be advertised for.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the two resolutions of which Alderman MacKenzie gave notice of reconsideration should be considered with the motion of which Alderman Hawkins gave notice of reconsideration. Alderman Hawkins objected to that course, and His Worship the Mayor stated that he would hear Alderman MacKenzie's notices before proceeding with Alderman Hawkins'. Alderman Hawkins appealed from the decision of the chair. The City Clerk put the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" The Council being divided, there appeared:—

To Sustain the Chair.

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Whitman, Connolly,
Gates, Scanlan,
Clarke, Martin.—8.

Contrary.

Aldermen Hoben, Kelly,
Hines, Hawkins,
Upham.—5.

The City Clerk declares the decision of the Chair sustained.

In the absence of Alderman MacKenzie, Alderman Whitman, on his behalf, moves, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that Part 1 of amendment, re retirement of William Murray, Governor of City Prison, and Part 3 of amendment, re retiring allowance for Governor Murray be now reconsidered.

Alderman Rankine arrives and takes his seat in Council.

The motion for reconsideration is put and lost, three voting for reconsideration and eleven against, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Hines.—3.

Against.

Aldermen Harris, Connolly,
Scanlan, Clarke,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hines, Hawkins,
Martin, Upham,
Rankine.—11.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that

applications for the positions of Governor and Matron of the City Prison be advertised for, and that the appointments be made to take effect on February 15th, 1912. Motion passed.

Alderman Martin asked permission of the Council to introduce a resolution. Leave is unanimously given.

Alderman Martin submits the following resolution :—

RESOLVED, That legislation be obtained authorizing the borrowing on short term debentures of the sum necessary for the purchase of four thousand (4000) feet of fire hose ; also an amount sufficient to repair the turret in the Central Engine House used for drying hose ; and also a sum sufficient to purchase three hundred (300) feet of chemical hose.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hines and passed unanimously, the following Aldermen voting for the same, viz :—Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Harris, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hoben, Hines, Martin, Hawkins, Rankine and Upham.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

Report City Health Board, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Letter Provincial Secretary re loan for Chebucto School.

Letter Board of School Commissioners re loan for Chebucto School.

Application A. E. Easingwood for position of Governor of City Prison.

Report Coal Weighers for December.

Letter Anti-Tuberculosis League re Convention to be held January 25-26th, instant.

Petition against the widening of Cunard Street.

Reports (3) Committee on Works, viz. :—

Fire Insurance Buildings on Market Site.

Accounts.

Concrete Sidewalk, Queen Street.

Message His Worship the Mayor in re Fire Risks.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re loan for Chebucto School. Also read letter Provincial Secretary on the same subject.

CHEBUCTO SCHOOL.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, January 16th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that application is being made to the

Governor-in Council for an order to the City to issue debentures to raise \$4,175.00. due on 10th prox., for additional ground for Chebucto School.

R. J. WILSON, Secretary.

HALIFAX, January 17th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor-in-Council, under Section 12 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to an amount sufficient to raise the sum of four thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$4,175), which the Board requires for the purpose of paying for the addition to the grounds of the Chebucto School.

I am also to inform you that the Governor-in-Council has appointed Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, instant, at eleven o'clock, a. m., in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of the application shall be heard, and that the City may appear at the hearing.

FRED. F. MATHERS, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 17th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

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

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| Water Maintenance..... | \$1800 00 |
| City Property | 100 00 |
| Total..... | \$1900 00 |

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee on Works and reports (2) City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Queen Street.

QUEEN STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 17th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer, enclosing a copy of a letter received by him from Militia Department in re payment of one-half the cost of the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter in front of their property on the east side of Queen Street was read.

On September 6th, 1911, the attached report of the City Engineer on a

petition for the construction of a sidewalk between Morris Street and Spring Garden Road, East side, was read, and deferred pending the above stipulation being given. That matter being now satisfactorily settled, the adoption of the City Engineer's report is recommended.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, August 29th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on the east side of Queen Street, asking for the construction of a sidewalk between Morris Street and Spring Garden Road.

There is a sidewalk on the west side from Spring Garden Road to the Cemetery and one on the east side from Tobin Street to Morris Street. There is a good deal of traffic on this street and a permanent sidewalk should be laid. The estimated cost is \$2064.00.

The petitioners represent a majority of the frontage between Morris and Dundonald Streets, but the property between Dundonald Street and Spring Garden Road is owned by the Militia Department.

I would recommend that the construction of a sidewalk be ordered under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906, but that before sending it to the Council the Militia Department be asked to provide for the payment of one half the cost of the sidewalk in front of their property.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 16th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I have to-day received a letter from the Department of Militia and Defence, copy of which is attached, notifying me that they have agreed to place in the estimates a sum sufficient to pay one-half the cost of the construction of a sidewalk in front of their property on the east side of Queen Street.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK EAST SIDE OF QUEEN STREET, HALIFAX, BETWEEN MORRIS STREET AND SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, Ottawa, January 10th, 1912.

THE CITY ENGINEER, HALIFAX, N. S.:

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 19th ultimo on the above subject, I have the honour to inform you that it is proposed to provide funds for the construction of this pavement in 1912.

It is requested that further communications on this subject will be addressed to the General Officer Commanding 6th Division, Halifax.

E. Fiset, Colonel, Deputy Minister.

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for insuring properties on the Market Site

FIRE INSURANCE MARKET SITE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, January 17th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the Clerk of Works submitted the tenders received for the insurance of the properties on the Market site.

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| Thompson, Adams & Co..... | \$11,450. | Prem., \$352 25 |
| Rainnie & Keator | 11,450. | “ 229 00 |

The tender of Rainnie & Keator being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the report be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hines, that the Special Committee on Public Market ask for tenders for removing the buildings on the Market Site. The amendment is put and passed, nine voting for the same and three against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Harris, Gates,
Scanlan, Clarke,
Hoben, Kelly,
Hines, Hawkins,
Upham—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly,
Rankine—3.

Read message His Worship the Mayor re Fire Risks.

FIRE RISKS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, January 18th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—I have been requested to invite the attention of the Committee of Fire Wards to the necessity of revising the Building Act, and of taking into consideration the extension of the brick district: also to improvement in the construction of buildings so as to make them less exposed to fire. The matter of procuring a fire boat has also been urged upon me. With the consent of the Council, I shall ask the Committee of Fire Wards to take these various matters into consideration.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee of Fire Wards for report. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, January 18th, 1912.

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, which were passed by the Board at a meeting held on Friday last, viz:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for hospital, \$12.61. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.70. Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$15.55. Transportation Milk Inspector, \$12.50. Total \$43.36.

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 Finance Committee re Halifax Electric Tramway Company, and covering accounts for payment.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 18th, 1912.

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), Corston, Rankine and Hoben, the following accounts, amounting to \$506.25, were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment, viz:—

A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, etc., City Collector, 40c.; City Assessor, \$25.45; City Collector, \$65.50; City Treasurer, \$4.50—\$93.85. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and blank forms, Mayor's Office, \$3.00; City Assessor, \$25.25. City Treasurer, 30c.; City Collector, \$6.00; City Clerk, 42,15—\$76.70. Blackadar Bros., advertising Recorder, \$2.90. Blackadar Bros., subscription to Recorder, 1912, \$5.00. Chronicle, subscription to Chronicle, 1912, \$6.00. MacAlpine Publishing Co., printing voters' lists, \$152.00. Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$80.50. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Ann Doyle, \$4.00; Harold Drake, \$4.00; Edw. H. Checkley, \$4.00; Pierce Mullaey, \$4.00; Jos. J. Doyle, \$4.00; Mrs. Mary Seymour, \$4.00; Emma L. Seymour, \$4.00—\$28.00. Dr. James Ross, Acting Medical Examiner, Stephen Tobin, \$12.00; W. H. Bartlow, \$4.00—\$16.00. R. C. R. Band, car fares and transport, \$45.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., engraving badge, 30c. Total \$506.25.

Your Committee further recommend that the membership subscription fee of \$50.00 be paid to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for year ending August 1st, 1912.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee the matter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company's Charter, stating that their exclusive right the streets of the City would expire in 1915, and suggested that some steps be taken so that the City would obtain a larger percentage of revenue than at present from the Company.

The following is submitted by your Committee for the information of the Council:—

1. WHEREAS, The exclusive right of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company to operate trams in the streets of Halifax will expire in the year 1915.

2. AND WHEREAS, After that year all the rights of said Company will be non-exclusive.

3. AND WHEREAS, It is desirable that the tramways in the City and the supplying of light and power should be owned and operated by one company and separately from other Provincial or other companies of unknown financial strength.

Provided that the City of Halifax have power to regulate such trams and lighting, and

Provided some further and substantial interest in the increased earnings of said Company be secured to the City and citizens of Halifax.

4. AND WHEREAS, The present capitalization of said Company consists of \$600,000 5% bonds and shares, amounting to \$1,400,000, on which dividends are being paid at the rate of 8%.

5. AND WHEREAS, The net earnings of the Company are equal to a small sum in excess of 15% on its capital stock, and are likely to materially increase in the future.

6. AND WHEREAS, Your Committee think that an agreement as to the franchise and a division of such earnings without decreasing the value of the rights of shareholders, and more equitable to the City of Halifax, should be made; Providing that

The said Tramway Company shall continue to enjoy its franchises exclusively, but shall not at any time hereafter increase its said capitalization beyond \$600,000 of 5% bonds and \$1,400,000 of stock, or create any new charge on its property or undertaking.

And that the City of Halifax shall have the right to examine the books of the Company to ascertain the accuracy of its statements as to its net earnings.

And that the City of Halifax and the citizens of Halifax shall share in the net earnings of the Company, but shall incur no liability of any kind on account of participating in such division of the earnings of the Tramway Company.

And that no Company, engaged directly or indirectly in the business of electric lighting or tramways, shall directly or through any other person, firm or corporation, be capable of holding the bonds or stock of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, nor shall the shareholders of said last named Company be capable of exchanging their shares for shares or securities in any other tramway or electric light company, nor shall such shares be capable of being mortgaged to secure the bonds or securities of any other Tramway or Electrical Light Company or of any Company directly or indirectly interested in such undertakings.

ALFRED WHITMAN, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that clauses 1 and 2 of the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed. Read clause 3 re the Halifax Electric Tramway Company. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this matter be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration and report.

Alderman Harris submits the following amendment :

That the whole question of the relations between the City and the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, be referred to the Public Franchises Committee for report, with particular reference to the revenue derived by the City from the Company, the extension and double tracking of existing lines, the fares

charged to patrons of the lines, the charges for gas and electric light to consumers; street lighting, the cost of snow removal, street paving and street sprinkling.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke.

Alderman Clarke asked permission of the mover and of the Council to withdraw his name as seconder of the amendment. Agreed to.

Alderman Harris and the Council agree to the withdrawal of the amendment.

The original motion is put and passed unanimously.

Read petition against the Widening of Cunard Street, and in favor of running the tramway lines up Cornwallis Street. R eferred to Committee on Works for report.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of motion to rescind the motion passed December 7th, 1911, adopting the recommendation of the Public Franchises Committee that Cunard Street be widened in accordance with the Official Plan. See page 222.

Read letter The Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League re Convention to be held in Halifax January 25-26, asking the co-operation of the Council and inviting the Mayor to attend. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for December, 1911. Filed.

Read application A. E. Easingwood for position of Governor of the City Prison. Filed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 27th, 1911.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

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

Application of James T. Gault for a license for a moving picture show at the Empire Theatre, Jacob Street.

It is recommended that permission be granted, subject to the following conditions :—That the license be made out in the name of the owner of the building; that the building shall comply with the requirements of the Building Act and be satisfactory to the City Engineer and the Chief of the Fire Department, representing the Board of Fire Escapes; that the license fee shall be at the rate of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars per annum for the balance of the year.

2. The Chairman submitted letters from Messrs. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., R. E. Gannon, Wentzell's, Ltd., and M. Dwyer, Esq., President of the Board of Trade, also a petition from a number of merchants and truckmen, all asking that Water Street be exempt from the provisions of Section 21 of the Truck Ordinance.

A large delegation of merchants, expressmen and others, waited on the Committee and urged that this section of the Ordinance be amended.

Your Committee have had the attached amendments to the Ordinance prepared by the City Solicitor, which have been approved of by a Committee of the petitioners.

It is recommended that this amendment to Ordinance No. 15 of the City of Halifax—"The Regulation of Trucks,"—be adopted and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

R. V. HARRIS, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re application for license for moving picture show at Empire Theatre, Jacob Street.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 8 re proposed amendment to the Ordinance relating to Trucks.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read (first time) an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15 of the City of Halifax "Of the Regulation of Trucks."

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that the said Ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

The said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Prison. See printed Minutes of Council, January 11th, 1912, page 264.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the section of the report dealing with the death of John Mountain be first considered. Motion passed.

Read Sections 16 to 25 inclusive. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the same be received and laid on the table. Motion passed.

Read sections 1 to 14 inclusive. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the same be received and filed. Motion passed.

Read section 15 clauses (a) and (b). Dealt with at meeting of Council January 11th, 1912.

Read clause (c) re promotion of Messenger MacDonald to the position of Underkeeper. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hines, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (d) re the amalgamation of the Police and City Prison Committees. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hines, that said clause be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that said clause be

placed on the Order of the Day. The amendment is put and lost, three voting for the same and nine against it, the division of Council being as follows :—

| For the Amendment. | Against it. |
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| Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben—3. | Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Upham—9. |

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

By leave of Council the motion of Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, is amended to provide that the duties of the Police and Prison Committees be performed by one Committee constituted as the Police Committee now is.

The motion is put and passed, eight voting for the same and four against it, as follows :—

| For the Motion. | Against it. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Upham—8. | Alderman Shaffner, Whitman, Clarke, Hoben—4. |

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause (e) re operating the Prison farm. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (f) re the water service and plumbing of the Prison building. Also read report of Plumbing Inspector on the matter. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that clause (f) be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (g) re sewerage facilities. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (h) re shower baths. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (i) re recommendations of City Health Inspector. Also read report City Health Inspector re sanitary condition of the Prison. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted with the amendment that legislation making provision for the money to carry on the work recommended, be obtained at the next session of the Legislature. Motion passed.

unanimously, the following Aldermen voting for the same :—Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Harris, Upham.

Read clause (j) relating to the feeding of prisoners. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (k) re providing prisoners with knives and forks. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "at the direction of the Governor." The amendment is put and passed, and the clause passed as so amended.

Read clause (l) re abolition of the cell system and the adoption of the dormitory system. Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be struck out of the report. Motion put and lost, three voting for the same and nine against it, as follows :—

| For the Motion. | Against it. |
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| Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben—3. | Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Upham—9. |

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause (m) re furnishing prisoners with iron bedsteads. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that clause (m) be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (n) providing for a ward for Hospital purposes. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (o) re construction of a permanent wall around the Prison premises. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be struck from the report. Motion passed.

Read clause (p) re private personal property of the Governor. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (q) re making of prison uniforms by female prisoners.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the clause be struck from the report Motion passed.

Read clause (r) re estimating the finances for carrying out certain of the recommendations. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be struck from the report Motion passed.

Read clause (s) that legislation be obtained to carry out the recommendations of the Committee. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Shaffner, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 8th, 1912.

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

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Douglas, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hoben, Hines, Corston, MacKenzie and Upham.

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

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, namely—Alderman Hoben's notices of reconsideration in re amalgamation of Police and City Prison Committees. January 18th, 1912. Page 286.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said matter be now reconsidered.

Alderman Doctor Hawkins is here called away from the meeting by telephone.

The motion for reconsideration is put and passed.

Read clause (d) of report City Prison Committee, December 20th, 1911. (See page 266 printed Minutes, January 11th, 1912).

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be not concurred in. The motion is put and lost, six voting for the same and nine against it, as follows:—

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| For the Motion. | Against it. |
| Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, | Aldermen Harris, Connolly, |
| Bligh, Douglas, | Gates, Scanlan, |
| Hoben, Corston—6. | Clarke, Kelly, |
| | Hines, MacKenzie, |
| | Upham—9. |

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Corston, that said clause (d) be referred back to the City Prison Committee to

confer with the Police Committee and report back to the Council. Motion passed.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, namely :—Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of resolution to adopt dormitory system at the City Prison. January 18th, 1912. Page 287.

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

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| For Reconsideration. | Against. |
| Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Bligh, Douglas, Clarke, Hoben, Kelly, Corston, MacKenzie, Upham—10. | Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Scanlan, Hines—4. |

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said recommendation be not concurred in.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this matter be referred back to the City Prison Committee for further consideration. Amendment put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Rules be suspended to permit Alderman Gates to make a motion. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman that the City Clerk be instructed to write the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company giving them the permission to lay conduits on Inglis Street and Gerrish Street that was accorded the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, by resolution of Council May 11th, 1911.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

- Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Corston, Chairman.
- Reports (2) Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report City Health Board, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.
- Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman MacKenzie, Vice-Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Harris, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Letter Department of Marine and Fisheries re application of Charles Brister for water lot North West Arm.

Letter Royal Canadian Regiment re assistance of Military at fires.

Petition for concrete sidewalk Robie Street.

Letter J. W. Bigelow, Wolfville, N. S., re amount of his assessment.

Application T. W. Hardy for refund of certain liquor license fees.

Application City Solicitor for increase of salary.

Order of Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for an issue of debentures for extension of grounds Chebucto School.

Letter A. S. Barnstead, Secretary of Industries and Immigration, re advertising Halifax.

Proposition of Alderman Clarke re improvement of the district of the City bounded by Grafton, Sackville, Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

Letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company re double tracking.

Letter Board of Trade re Public Market Site.

Reports (4) Committee on Works, namely :—

Accounts.

Street light opposite Victoria General Hospital gate.

Building Act.

Land Larch Street.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read application T. W. Hardy for refund of certain liquor license fees. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter J. W. Bigelow, Wolfville, N. S., re the amount of his assessment. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read Order Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for an issue of debentures for \$4,175.00 for extension of grounds of Chebucto School.

CHEBUCTO SCHOOL LOAN.

HALIFAX, January 25th, 1912.

THE CITY CLERK :

Sir,—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to transmit herewith certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated 24th instant, ordering and directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$4,175, which is required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to pay for the addition to the grounds of Chebucto School.

FRED. F. MATHERS, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ORDER OF HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA IN COUNCIL, DATED 24TH JANUARY, 1912.

WHEREAS, The Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars to pay for the addition to the grounds of Chebucto School in the City of Halifax, and applied to

the Governor-in-Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum required as aforesaid ;

AND WHEREAS, Due notice of the sum so required, and of the purpose for which the same is required, and of the time and place appointed, namely—Tuesday, the 24th January, 1912, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, at which the matter of said application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City ;

AND WHEREAS, The matter of said application was heard at such time and place ;

NOW THEREFORE, The Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of section 820 of the Halifax City Charter, added thereto by Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, is pleased to order and direct, and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the amount so required.

FRED. F. MATHERS, Clerk of the Executive Council.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read application City Solicitor for an increase of salary.
Referred to Committee on Finance for report.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk west side of Robie Street, from Cunard Street to North Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Royal Canadian Regiment re assistance of the military at fires.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE AT FIRES.

WELLINGTON BARRACKS, 18th January, 1912.

TO THE CITY CLERK :

Sir,—I am directed by the Commanding Officer to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

The Commanding Officer wishes me to say that he is pleased to know that the services of the party from the regiment on the occasions referred to were so much appreciated.

He further desires me to inform you that he is willing at all times to co-operate with the Civic authorities in the protection of life and property.

C. R. WILLBTTTS, Lieut , Adjutant the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Filed.

Read letter Department Marine and Fisheries re application Charles Brister for water lot at North West Arm.

WATER LOT NORTH WEST ARM.

OTTAWA, 1st February, 1912.

THE CITY CLERK, Halifax, N. S.

Sir,—I enclose herewith plan and description of a water lot on the North West Arm property at Halifax, N. S., applied for by Mr. Charles Brister, and have to request you to report to this Department whether in your opinion there are any

objections to the grant as applied for being made, or whether works erected thereon will interfere in any way with navigation.

S. STANTON,

Assistant Deputy Minister.

DESCRIPTION.

Also all that certain water lot or lot of land covered with water situate, lying and being in the said County of Halifax, and bounded as follows :—

Beginning on the eastern shore of the North West Arm at the north angle of water lot granted to Thomas Ritchie in A. D., 1869; thence running south fifty degrees fifteen minutes (50' 15") west by the north west line of the said Ritchie lot and the continuation thereof three hundred (300) feet into the water of said North West Arm; thence north thirty-five degrees thirty minutes (35' 30") west six hundred and twenty-eight (628) feet more or less to a point bearing south fifty degrees fifteen minutes (50' 15") west from the south angle of property owned by George E. Francklyn, Esq.; thence northerly fifty degrees fifteen minutes (50' 15") east four hundred and fifty (450) feet more or less to the shore of said North West Arm at the south angle of the said Francklyn property; thence south-easterly by the shore at high water mark to the place of beginning.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read proposition Alderman Clarke re improvement of a portion of the City bounded approximately by Grafton, Sackville, Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

IMPROVEMENT CENTRAL PORTION OF CITY.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 5th 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HALIFAX.

Gentlemen,—For some years past it has been my desire to see the City undertake the improvement of the district lying in the centre of the City and bounded (approximately) by Grafton, Sackville, Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

While this area comprises some ten blocks of land, the proposals I make have no reference to such blocks as the recently acquired market site, nor to any portion of the district occupied by such buildings as Robt. Taylor Mfg. Co., Halifax Dispensary, Moirs, Ltd., County Academy, Brunswick and Grafton Sts. Engine Houses, Globe Laundry, Jost Mission and other buildings of City ownership or permanent construction.

My proposal is that the City expropriate the entire area and raze all buildings thereon excepting only such as I have referred to above.

After the cleaning of the expropriated area, the City should undertake the replanning of the entire district, laying out such new Streets as would be necessary to provide an easy grade from Argyle Street to Brunswick Street, and providing new sidewalks and sewers where necessary, a public square, and a site for future civic buildings.

On the completion of the proposed changes, the City would, in my opinion, have no difficulty in disposing of the entire area at a price more than sufficient to reimburse it for the cost of expropriation, improvements and sale.

The proposed diagonal street is bound to become a great thoroughfare leading from the north to the centre of the City, and lots on that street will command a high figure.

The City can borrow the money to pay for this land and improvements, and can set aside each year from the money received from sales and revenues sufficient for the sinking fund to retire the bonds at maturity.

At the present time this section of the City is most unprofitable from a financial standpoint. Take for example the six blocks bounded by Brunswick, Grafton, Jacob and George Streets, assessed at about \$206,000, and yielding the City in taxes about \$4,000, or on an average of \$650 per block.

If such proposals were carried out I feel sure that within a few years, say five to ten, the entire area would not only be sold but that it would be occupied by buildings of permanent construction, and the City would be getting a yearly revenue of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a block instead of the \$650 as to-day.

Another advantage would be enlargement of the fire or brick district, thereby reducing the insurance rates on property throughout the entire business district.

Still another evident benefit would be the eradication of a section of the City generally regarded as a hideous eyesore dangerous to the health of the City.

I feel that these proposals are sound and practicable and that the undertaking would be beneficial to the City from every standpoint.

I would ask that the matter of improving this section of the City be referred to a competent committee for investigation and report to Council at an early date.

MELVIN S. CLARKE.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that a special committee of six be appointed to consider the matter and report thereon. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as said Committee the following named:—Aldermen Harris, Connolly, Clarke, Hines, Corston, MacKenzie. Approved.

Read letter A. S. Barnstead, Secretary Industries and Immigration re advertising Halifax. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 7th, 1912.

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:—

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| Sewerage | \$7,516 17 |
| Street Lighting | 1,705 98 |
| Streets | 690 95 |
| City Property..... | 562 09 |
| Water Maintenance..... | 481 03 |
| Teams and Stables | 322 52 |
| City Hall Lighting | 71 75 |
| Cleaning Paved Streets | 14 00 |
| Internal Health..... | 3 29 |
| | \$11,367 78 |

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report City Health Board re accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 8th, 1912.

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 :—

Royal Gazette, advertising, \$25.00. Freeman's, cheese cloth, \$1.20. J. S. Parker & Son, shingling hospital, \$366.30. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4.81. G. A. Wootten & Co., stove pipe, etc., \$3.55. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$114.07. C. A. Mumford, drugs and disinfectants, \$39.30. Geo. Wakefield, groceries, \$9.95. J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$105.10. Dr. M. A. Lindsay, examination of meat, \$15.00. H. Kennedy, expenses to Lunenburg, \$23.05. Total, \$707.33.

JOHN A. WATTERS, Secretary.

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

Read report Charities Committee for January.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, February 7th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report :—

The Superintendent's report for January, 1912, shows that during the month there were 40 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 11 discharged, and 3 died. Of the number admitted, 12 were chargeable to the Province, and 28 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st, was 351 ; made up of 215 men, 135 women, and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 241 men, 143 women and 2 children, a total of 386.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz :—Wentzell, Ltd., \$483.37. W. A. Maling & Co., \$445.87. Smith & Proctor, \$122.48. J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$48.94. J. S. Cashen & Son, \$60.33. Fleischmann & Co., \$3.90. H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$235.02. A. Wilson & Son, \$39.93. Blackadar Bros., \$5.80. Victoria General Hospital, \$121.11. Henry Lovett, 62c. J. M. Currie, \$69.75. W. McFatrige, \$27.75. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$47.20. John Starr, Son & Co., \$1.60. Hillis & Son, Ltd., \$1.59. Farquhar Bros., \$3.00. John F. Oathit, \$2.00. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$15.54. Baldwin & Co., \$2.20. Robinson, Ltd., \$4.09. Dr. F. R. Gow, \$20.00. Dr. M. A. B. Smith, \$5.00. B. J. Mulcahy, \$76.20. Salaries, \$836.48. Nova Scotia Hospital, \$1,047.87. Total, \$3,727.64.

J. R. CORSTON, Chairman.

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

Read report Finance Committee covering accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Feb. 8th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on Finance beg to recommend for payment the following accounts, amounting to \$1005.95, the same having been examined and found correct, viz :—

Holloway Bros., printing minutes, etc., \$91.50. Halifax Industrial School, support of boys for quarter ending, January 31st, 1912, criminals, \$196.97, truants, \$148.12—\$345.09. St. Patrick's Home, support of boys for quarter ending January 31st, 1912, criminals, \$180.00, truants, \$303.56—\$483.56. Halifax Posting Co., posting voters' lists, \$20.80. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of Horace Millgate, \$12.00. Mabel T. Smith, \$4.00. John Shea, \$4.00. Annie Hamilton, \$4.00. Chas. Connors, \$4.00. Eileen C. Hanlon, \$4.00. W. L. Mullins and A. Lily, \$4.00. J. H. Phillips, \$4.00—\$40.00. T. C. Allen & Co., printing estimates, \$25.00. Total \$1005.95.

ALFRED WHITMAN, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, 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, February 1st, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day at four o'clock. Present Aldermen Martin (Chairman), Hines, Scanlan, Gates, Harris and MacKenzie.

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. The Committee, in response to advertisement, received a number of tenders for various kinds of 2½" fire hose and 1" chemical hose. The Schedule of Tenders is attached hereto. The Committee recommend the acceptance of tenders, as follows ;—

2½ INCH FIRE HOSE.

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1000 ft. Keystone, Canadian Rubber Co., | | \$1.10 per ft. |
| 1000 " Keystone, Stairs, Son & Morrow, | | 1.10 per ft. |
| 1000 " Crescent, Austen Bros. | | 1.10 per ft. |
| 500 " Goodyear, G. B. Oland & Co., | | 1.05 per ft. |
| 500 " Dunlop } Cotton } Guildford & Sons, | | 1.05 per ft. |

CHEMICAL HOSE.

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| 150 ft. Goodyear G. B. Oland & Co., | | 50 per ft. |
| 150 " Standard, Austen Bros. | | 43 per ft. |

2. The Committee also received tenders for heating the hose drying tower of the Central Engine House, as follows :—

| TENDERER. | STEAM. | HOT WATER. |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| J. Bert Macdonald, | \$473 00 | \$443.00. |
| Day & Kinsman. | 498.00 | 465.00. |
| Longard Bros. | 258.00 | 151.00. |
| Farquhar Bros. | 597.00 | 470.00. |

It is recommended that the tender of Longard Bros. \$258.00 for steam heating being the lowest, be accepted.

3. For a number of years the City has been endeavouring to dispose of the obsolete fire engine "Victoria," and have hitherto not received any acceptable offer. Messrs. Charles Brister & Son now bid \$150.00 for this old engine, and your Committee recommend that it be sold at that price.

4. James Sweeney, Callman on No. 4 engine, suspended since January 3rd, in consequence of having been arrested by the Police, is still under suspension.

5. Robert Warner, Engineer of No. 4 engine, suspended by the Chief in consequence of a report from the Chief Engineer of allowing the tubes of the "Alexandra" engine to be burnt out, was under investigation by the board, and has been reinstated.

6. James Sullivan, Callman No. 3 engine, and William Sheehan, Supernumerary, have resigned. Resignations are recommended for acceptance.

7. Three horses have recently been purchased at a cost of \$925.00.

8. The tubes of No. 1 fire engine (Waterous) started leaking after fires Box 7 Dec. 29th and Box 4 Jan. 12th and have been repaired by the Department. It is necessary that a new set of tubes be purchased for this engine and it is recommended that the same be obtained at once.

9. The steam fire engine "Alexandra" went out of commission at fire Box 4 Jan. 12th and is under repairs.

10. The following Callman on the sick list did not respond to third alarms of fire Boxes 36, 7 and 4:—Arthur Verity, Charles McGuire, Henry Quirk, James Kiley, Thomas Healey, John Brommitt. At the same alarms William Ryan, Joseph Power and Alex. Jennex were absent on leave. John O'Brien, James Barnaby, Vincent Brunt, absent from the same fires, appeared before the Committee and stated that having no tappers and not hearing the bells was the cause of their absence. These men were excused.

11. William Healey, Arthur Lynch, John Brooks and Gus Hoganson, slightly injured at fires Dec. 29th and Jan. 12th have reported for duty.

12. It is recommended that Sydney Smith, Percy Smith, Duncan James, William P. Stone, and James E. O'Brien be appointed Supernumeraries.

13. It is recommended that a set of grate bars be purchased for No. 4 engine "Alexandra."

14. It is recommended that twenty tons of Scotch steam coal be purchased for use in the fire engines.

15. It is recommended that Frank O'Regan, Assistant Engineer No. 2 chemical reported by the Chief for drunkenness be asked to tender his resignation.

16. The Union Protection Company, at fire at Herald Building, Jan. 12th, 1912, lost a number of covers and other equipment to the value of \$159.50. It is recommended that the Union Protection Company be reimbursed by the City for their loss.

17. The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., power, \$17.29, light, \$34.76—\$52.05. R. L. Archibald, lamps, 50c. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$3.50. Militia Council, Encroachment, 25c. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$12.75. Wm. J. Butler & Co., insurance, \$13.35. Burns & Kelleher, casting, etc., \$62.39. British Fire Prevention Com., ann. subscription \$5.11. Canadian Oil Co., gasoline, \$15.45. Cornelius Callahan Co., hose jacket, 15.00. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$393.12. Can. Gen. Electric Co., wire, \$23.15. Can. Rubber Co., supplies, \$ 5.64. Day & Kinsman, plumbing, \$13.55. Jas. Donohue, metal work, \$21.55. James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$17.30. J. A. Dunn, Ltd., plating, \$12.00. Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$50.10. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$5.45.

Freeman's Store, bedding, \$6.40. F. P. Farquharson, Pitner Supplies, \$2.75. Callmen, working after fires, \$125.65. Farquhar Bros., plumbing, \$1.76. Guildford & Sons., packing, \$1.25. S. Huggan, mitts, \$1.00. T. Hogan & Co., Boilerwork, \$12.00. C. H. Jordan, horseshoeing, \$1.57. R. R. Kennedy, mitts, 50c. W. Y. Kennedy, mitts, \$2.00. W. C. Knight, saddlery, \$39.27. Lawrence Hardware Co., hardware, \$3.25. A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$4.00. Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$1.35. McNicholl Bros., horseshoeing, \$1.50. John MacInnes & Son, lumber, \$12.35. O. C. Marriott, horseshoeing, \$3.05. Morton & Cragg, polish, \$35.00. Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.77. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$29.20. Frank Reardon, lettering, \$8.00. David Roche, glazing, \$1.14. Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, 65c. Robinson Bros., one horse \$300.00. F. A. Shaw, forage, \$361.38. Wentzells, Ltd., lard, \$1.78. Strond & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$16.20. Total \$1697.95.

P. F. MARTIN, Chairman.

TENDERS FOR FIRE HOSE.

4000 ft. 2½ inch Fire Hose.

LAWRENCE HARDWARE Co, (Boston Belting Company.)

| Style. | Brand. | Time & Pressure | Price per 100ft. guarantees. |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Carbolized Rubber. | Phoenix. | 3 years, 300 lbs. | \$124 31 |
| Cotton Rubber Lined. | Imperial. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 89 20 |
| " " | Phoenix. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 75 31 |

LAWRENCE HARDWARE Co., Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co.)

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| Cotton Rubber Lined. | Winner (Double.) | 3 " 400 lbs. | 70 20 |
| " " | Winner (Medium.) | 3 " 300 lbs. | 58 50 |
| " " | A. No. 1 (Single.) | 3 " 400 lbs. | 68 73 |

GUILDFORD & SONS (Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co.)

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| Double Jacket Fabric. | Dunlop. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 05 per ft. |
| " " | Niagara. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 00 " |
| " " | Imperial. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 00 " |
| " " | Cateract. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 95 " |
| Single Jacket Fabric. | Globe. | 3 " 350 lbs. | 80 " |
| Rubber. | Dunlop. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 22 " |
| " " | Acme. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 90 " |

AUSTEN BROTHERS (Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co.)

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| Rubber, | Beaver. | 3 " 350 lbs. | 1 00 " |
| " " | Crescent. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 10 " |
| Cotton Rubber Lined. | Paragon. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 10 " |
| " " | Red Cross. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 00 " |
| " " | Surprise. | 3 " 400 lbs. | 1 00 " |

A. M. BELL & COMPANY.

| Style. | Brand | Test on delivery. | Guarantee against defect. | Price per ft. |
|--------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | Keystone. | 400 lbs. | 3 years. | \$1 10 |
| | Caruco. | " " | " " | 1 00 |
| | Patrol. | " " | " " | 1 00 |
| | Arrow. | " " | " " | 95 |
| | Broncho. | 350 lbs. | " " | 90 |
| | Safety. | " " | 2 years. | 80 |
| | St. Jacket. | 400 lbs. | 3 years. | 95 |

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| Squelcher. | 400 lbs. | 3 years. | \$1 00 |
| Para. | " | " | 1 10 |
| Colonial. | 350 lbs. | " | 1 00 |

JAMES SIMMONDS, Limited, (Canadian Rubber Co.)

| Style. | Brand. | Time & Pressure Guarantee. | Price per ft. |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Rubber. | Para. | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 1 10 |
| " | Colonial. | " 350 lbs. | 1 00 |
| Cotton Wax & Gum Treated, | Keystone. | " 400 lbs. | \$1 10 |

CANADIAN RUBBER COMPANY.

| | | | |
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| Rubber Lined. | Keystone. | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 1 10 |
| " | Para. | " 400 lbs. | 1 10 |
| " | Squelcher. | " 400 lbs. | 1 05 |
| " | Colonial. | " 350 lbs. | 1 00 |

WILLIAM STAIRS, SON & MORROW, (Canadian Rubber Co.)

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| Rubber Lined. | Para. | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 1 10 |
| " | Keystone. | " 400 lbs. | 1 10 |

G. B. OLAND & Co., (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.)

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------|
| Rubber. | Goodyear. | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 1 05 |
| Cotton Rubber Lined. | Magnet. | " 400 lbs. | 1 05 |

300 FEET CHEMICAL HOSE.

LAWRENCE HARDWARE COMPANY.

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| Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company. | Red Star. | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 43 87 |
| Boston Belting Co. | Excelsior | 3 years. 400 lbs. | 53 00 |

E. P. MEAGHER, (American LaFrance Fire Engine Co)

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| As above. | 2 years. | 400 lbs. | 185 00 |
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GUILDFORD & SONS (Donlop Tire and Rubber Goods Company.)

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| Donlop. | 3 years. | 400 lbs. | 60c. per ft. |
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AUSTEN BROS., (Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co.)

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| Standard. | 3 years. | 300 lbs. | 43c. per ft. |
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JAMES SIMMONDS, LTD., (Canadian Rubber Co.)

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| Para. | 38½ " |
| Star. | 31 " |

CANADIAN RUBBER CO.

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| Para. | \$41 38 per 100 ft. |
| Star. | 34 47 " |

G. B. OLAND & Co., (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada.)

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| Goodyear. | 3 years. | 300 lbs. | 50c. per ft. |
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The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re tenders for 4000 feet 2½ inch hose and 300 feet chemical hose. Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re tenders for heating hose-drying tower of Central Engine House. Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re sale of obsolete fire engine "Victoria." Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 re suspension of James Sweeney, Callman. Approved.

Read clause 5 re charge against Robert Warner, Engineer No. 4 engine, "Alexandra" for allowing the tubes of said engine to be burnt out. It having developed since the Fire Wards' report was made that the tubes of the "Alexandra" engine were defective, it was moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hines, that Robert Warner be exonerated from any blame in connection with the burning out of the tubes of said engine at the Herald Building fire, January 12th, 1912, and that any pay retained from him while under suspension by the Fire Wards be refunded him. Motion passed.

Read clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 on various matters. The same are severally approved.

Read clause 10 re non-attendance of certain Callmen from third alarms of fire. Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Scanlan, that the fines imposed upon John O'Brien, James Barnaby and Vincent Brunt for absence from said third alarm of fire be refunded them. Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this matter be referred back to the Committee of Fire Wards for further consideration and report, and that the balance of said clause 10 be approved. Amendment put and lost.

Read clause 11 re certain men slightly injured at fires. Filed.

Read clause 12 re appointment of supernumeraries. Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Clauses 13 and 14 are severally read and approved.

Read clause 15, that Frank O'Regan be asked to tender his resignation. Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 16 re reimbursing Union Protection Company for goods lost at fire. Passed.

Read clause 17 re accounts. Moved by Alderman MacKenzie,

seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

The report as amended is adopted as a whole.

Read report City Prison Committee re appointment of Governor and Matron of the Prison, and covering accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February, 7th, 1912.

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, Hines and Scanlan, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. At the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor to the Chairman, the applications received for the position of head keeper and matron of the Prison were opened by your Committee. All the applicants, except Mr. A. F. Hiltz of Bridgetown, N. S., appeared before the Committee, and a careful investigation was made into the qualifications and merits of each applicant:—

The list of applicants is as follows:—

| Name. | Age. | Occupation. | Residence. |
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| Grant, George. | 49 | Underkeeper City Prison, | Tower Road. |
| Gates, Charles E. | 37 | Policeman, | 167 Hollis St. |
| Easingwood, Albert E. | 28 | Male Nurse, | 41 Longard Road. |
| Barrett, John, | 44 | Laborer and Boarding House Keeper, | 71 Lockman St. |
| Hiltz, A. F. | | | |
| Patterson, R. A. | 28 | Manager, | Industrial School. |
| Miller, John, | 30 | Policeman, | 57 West St. |
| Schwartz, Fred. | 50 | Commercial Traveller, | Agricola St. |
| Bowes, Alfred D. | 32 | Policemen, | 278 Maynard St. |
| Myra, Frederick, | 20 | Attendant N. S. Hospital, | 31 Longard Road. |
| Whales, Michael, | 53 | Boiler Maker, | 21 Gottingen St. |
| Duffy, Peter, | | Agent, | 35 Water Street. |

It is recommended that Underkeeper George Grant be promoted to the position of Governor or Head Keeper of the City Prison, at an annual salary of \$800.00, and that his wife be appointed Matron at an annual salary of \$400.

The following accounts, amounting to \$314.15, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tram. Co., light, \$3.70. Melvin & Co., hardware \$2.50. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., 2 oil coats and hats \$5.90. Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$5.63. C. H. Jordan, horseshoeing \$2.50. Geo. S. Yates & Sons, boots, \$15.00. J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$12.03. W. Y. Kennedy, pants \$16.20. W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$15.50. Dixon Ltd., groceries, \$15.45. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., Stove and fittings, \$11.55. A. M. Bell & Co. Ltd., hardware, \$2.86. Howard McFtridge, services, \$10.00. Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Co., coal, \$195.33. Total \$314.15.

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

A. C. HAWKINS, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re appointment of Governor and Matron of the

City Prison. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re accounts. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re land Larch Street and the closing of Payzant Street.

LARCH AND PAYZANT STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 7th, 1912.

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 land west side of Larch Street was read, and recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, February 5th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—On the 18th of April, 1911, I reported, recommending that a strip of land on the west side of Larch Street from Payzant street southwardly in front of property now owned by Mr. Silliker, which strip belongs to the City, but is not required for the purposes of the street, be deeded to Mr. Silliker in return for a similar strip on the east side which is required to complete Larch Street in that portion. Mr. Silliker offered to deed the strip of land opposite the City lot, and also a continuation on the east side across Payzant Street.

The City was not in a position to deed the strip on the west side across Payzant Street, as at that time it had not been decided to abandon the western block of Payzant Street, and there were two other property owners interested. The three property owners, W. L. Payzant, J. C. Calder and C. J. Silliker, have reached an understanding, and now agree that the strip to be deeded by the City should continue across Payzant Street, so that the length would be about the same as that offered by Mr. Silliker.

The land which it was proposed to deed is shown hatched in full lines on the accompanying plan. This been authorized already by the City Council.

I would recommend that in addition, the Mayor be authorized to sign a deed of the land owned by the City across Payzant Street on the west side of Larch Street, and shown hatched in dotted lines on the accompanying plan.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer

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

Read letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, asking for permission to double track Hollis, Morris and Buckingham Streets.

DOUBLE TRACKING TRAM LINES.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 7th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentleman,—Referring to the report of the Public Franchises Committee,

which was adopted by the City Council at their meeting on December 7th, 1911, which gave this Company permission to double track certain portions of the Loop Line, I am instructed by our Board of Directors to state that the Company hereby agrees to double track Cunard St., instead of running one track up Cornwallis St., and along North Park to Agricola Sts., and also agrees to run six cars each way on said Loop and give a seven minutes schedule. The Spur Line on Gottingen St., will also be constructed:

We would like to submit a new Plan, No. 589, dated February 2nd, 1912, showing a few additions to the plan previously submitted, and ask for permission to double track Buckingham, Hoile and Morris Sts., thus practically double tracking the whole of the Loop Line, as shown on the new plan.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.
Per W. J. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hines, that said letter be referred to the Committee on Public Franchises for report Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 31st, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

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

1. Message His Worship the Mayor re conveyance of certain lands to Dalhousie College.

A delegation of the Governors of the College consisting of Principal MacKenzie, Hector McInnis, K. C., and Mr. C. H. Mitchell, waited upon and addressed the Committee on the subject.

Your Committee recommend that the City Council of the City of Halifax convey to the Governors of Dalhousie College at Halifax the following lot of land free of charge:—All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being between Carleton, Morris, College and Summer Streets in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the south side line of College Street at the intersection of the said south side line with the west line of Summer Street, thence south along the said west line of Summer Street for a distance of three hundred and seventy-three feet, more or less, or until it meets the north line of Morris Street, as shown on section seventeen of the official City Plan; thence westerly along said north line of Morris Street for a distance of four hundred and eighty feet more or less, or until it meets the west line of Carleton Street; thence northerly by the said west line of Carleton Street for a distance of three hundred and sixty seven feet, more or less, or until it meets the south line of College Street; thence easterly by the said south line of College Street for a distance of four hundred and eighty feet, more or less, to the place beginning; the above described lot including Carleton Street from College Street to Morris Street; provided said land is used by the Governors of Dalhousie College at Halifax exclusively for educational purposes.

Further provided that the said Governors provide at all times a convenient right-of-way through said property from College Street to Morris Street for carriages and for foot passengers.

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

The matter was referred by your committee on Works to investigate the charges made against Mr. Hopewell, Clerk of Works, who have reported that after investigation it was decided not to take any further action. Your Committee found that there was no foundation for the charge and decided to send the report of the Committee on Works, with Mr. Hopewell's written statement, up to the Council for its information.

3. Re License Empire Theatre.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee that an objection had been raised to granting the license to the Empire Theatre on the former recommendation of this Committee and submitted and read the opinion of City Solicitor addressed to the City Clerk on same.

It was decided to adhere to the previous recommendation of this Committee.

4. Resolution of Council December 30th, 1911, in re remuneration to Board of License Commissioners.

Your Committee have requested the City Solicitor to draft an Act repealing section 17 of Chapter 33 of Acts of 1911.

5. Letter J. A. Macdonald re poll tax.

It is recommended that this matter be deferred and taken up with the general matter of assessment.

Your Committee, in closing this report, recommend that His Worship the Mayor call a special meeting of Council to deal with Legislation, and ordinances awaiting third reading.

R. V. HARRIS, Chairman.

POLL TAX.

39 SOUTH PARK ST., Dec. 29th, 1911.

J. A. CHISHOLM, ESQ., K. C., Mayor :

Sir,—On December 12th inst., I addressed a letter to the press with regard to equalizing the burden of civic taxation. Since then a large number of citizens have expressed to me their feeling that something should be done along these lines. I am therefore emboldened to ask through you that the City Council take the matter into consideration, and if they deem it advisable, take such steps as are necessary to improve the present unjust method of imposing the poll tax.

You will remember that at the present time a man with an income of \$400.00 pays a tax of \$5.00, while a man with an income of \$1000.00 or more pays the same amount. It is impossible of course to devise a method of taxation that will be perfect, but I submit that \$5.00 is too much for a man with an income of \$400.00 or \$500.00. I also submit that \$5.00 is too high for a minimum tax to allow a man to vote. I believe that if a lower minimum were fixed and the tax graded according to income, the City would gain revenue and many citizens would take an interest in civic affairs who now have no vote.

I enclose a copy of "Montreal Gazette" of 19th inst., and have marked the report of the Montreal City Council showing that they approved of a notice to tax non-residents who simply come to the City to work. This was referred to in my letter to the press and I think it only fair that a man coming to work in the City should contribute towards its upkeep, even though he resides outside.

Trusting that this will receive your usual courteous attention. I beg to remain

J. A. McDONALD.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re conveyance of certain lands, including a portion of Carleton Street, to Dalhousie College. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re expropriation of property of Archibald McFatridge for the extension of Charles Street. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re license for Empire Theatre.

RE EMPIRE THEATRE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, January 31th, 1912.

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

Dear Sir :—I am of the opinion that a license can be granted to the Empire Theatre, under the clause authorizing a license to be granted for a place of amusement other than those previously enumerated for not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars a month nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars a month. In this case as the resolution has directed the license to be granted at the rate of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars for a year, the amount of the license will be in the proportion borne by the unexpired portion of the year, to two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Clauses 4 and 5 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 6 re special meeting of Council to deal with certain legislation and ordinances. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

On motion of Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Clarke the report is adopted as a whole.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re petition of George Wright for amendments to the Building Act.

BUILDING ACT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, February 7th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentleman :—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council covering petition of Geo. Wright, for amendment to Building Act was read, and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January, 10th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from George Wright, asking

for an amendment to the law respecting buildings, so that he may be permitted to raise one part of a building owned by him to the height of the rest of the building.

The Charter permits the alteration of a building which has a pitched roof, so that the upper storey may be squared and a flat roof constructed. Such a change makes a building less liable to take fire than with the pitched roof. The pitched roof is invariably shingled, and when the shingles are old, they are very easily set on fire by flying cinders, and further, when a fire occurs in a building which has a shingled roof, the burning shingles are sometimes carried a long distance.

For these reasons, the flat roof is very desirable in the interest of fire protection. The provisions of the building law, however, are all made for the purpose of preventing the erection of any additional wooden structures in the Brick District.

What Mr. Wright asks for, means the erection of an additional storey on a wooden building or portion of a building, and from a fire protection standpoint, it would be clearly a step backward. The whole building law creates a hardship in that it compels property owners to spend more money in most cases than they otherwise would. If there is any necessity for a brick district and building restrictions, and I think it will be generally admitted that there is, then I cannot recommend the amendment that Mr. Wright asks for.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re light opposite gate of Victoria General Hospital, Tower Road.

TOWER ROAD STREET LIGHT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Feb. 7th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on request of Alderman Harris for a light on Tower Road, opposite the gates of the Victoria General Hospital was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 7th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying request for the placing of an additional street light on Tower Road, opposite the gates of the Victoria General Hospital.

The block between Morris and South Streets is long, too long for good lighting from the cross streets, and some additional light is desirable. I would recommend that a Bernstein lamp be placed opposite the gates of the Hospital, when funds are available.

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 Laws and Privileges, July 25th, 1911, on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, July 25th, 1911.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

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

1. Letter Assistant Receiver General in re country people blocking doorway of Dominion Savings Bank, Hollis Street.

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Police Committee to take necessary action.

2. Letter T. F. Tobin, Solicitor Mrs. Mary Heenan, in re alleged damage to her property Queen Street by City changing grade of street.

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for a report in detail of when the order was given to change the grade of this street, a copy of the Minutes of the Board ordering the change and all other facts in connection with the same.

3. Application Charles Russell for a license to operate a shooting gallery at No. 122 Upper Water Street.

It is recommended that a license be granted to Mr. Russell to conduct a shooting gallery only, and that the license fee be ten (\$10.00) dollars for the balance of the civic year.

4. Resolution of Council July 19th, 1911, in re legislation to enable the City to make and enforce an Ordinance regulating bill boards.

It is recommended that the accompanying draft Act dealing with this matter be adopted.

R. V. HARRIS, Chairman.

MRS. HEENAN'S CLAIM.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, June 16th, 1911.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer :

Sir :—The ground of Mrs. Heenan's claim is that the grade of Queen Street at the place commonly called the dump, has been raised to such an extent as to greatly interfere with the access to her property.

Assuming that the property has been materially injured, it nevertheless appears clear that Mrs. Heenan has no claim on the City. The Charter, section 534, provides as follows :—

“The Committee on Works may at any time raise or lower the level of any street, and no action shall be maintained against the City, its officers or contractors, for any injury thereby occasioned to any property.”

This provision is only declaratory of the common law by which it was well settled that no action would lie against an authority having the care and control of a highway for injury resulting from a change of grade. Elliott on Streets gives the following concise statement of the law :—

“The general rule is well established that a municipal corporation is not liable for consequential damages necessarily caused in grading a street, unless the corporation is made liable by the Constitution or by some provision in its Charter, or the Statutes of the State.”

And the authorities cited in the note, both English and American, fully bear out the text. See particularly *Governor &c. vs. Meredith*, 4 T. R., 794; *Boulton vs. Crowther*, 2 B. & C., 703.

Mrs. Heenan's case does not differ in any way, except perhaps in degree, from numerous other cases which have arisen in the City, and will constantly be arising, and if the City were to recognize her claim it would be impossible to refuse recognition to others.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are severally read and approved.

Read clause 4 re ordinance regulating bill boards, covering draft Act. The said draft Act is now read and considered clause by clause.

BILL POSTING.

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

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly :

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City; and any committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee or official of that name of the said council or city; the expression "The Charter" means the Halifax City Charter brought into force on the 1st. day of March, 1907, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council dated the twentieth day of February, 1907; and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference, are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered; and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof.

2. Section 507 A of the Halifax City Charter is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

507 A (1) No person shall post any bills or placards who has not first obtained a license to carry on business as a bill poster.

(2) No person shall erect, maintain or make use of any bill board, hoarding, fence, building, wall, frame or construction of wood, metal or other material for the display of advertising matter, bills or placards, whether on his own property or the property of other persons, who has not first obtained a permit for the erection, maintenance and use thereof.

(3) The Council may by ordinance regulate the manner in which the business of a bill poster shall be conducted, the erection maintenance and use of such bill boards, hoardings, fences, building, walls, frames and other constructions of wood, metal or other material for the display of advertising matter, bills or placards and the fees to be paid for such license or permit.

Read clause 1,—Interpretating clause. Passed.

Read clause 2, (1) repealing Section 507 A of City Charter.

Read clause 2, (2) re permits for places for bill posting.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this clause be adopted. Motion put and passed, seven voting for the same and five against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Gates, Clarke,
Hoben, Hines,
MacKenzie—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly,
Bligh, Scanlan,
Upham—5

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 3 re power of City Council to make ordinances. Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter Board of Trade conveying resolution of said board relating to site for Public Market.

PUBLIC MARKET SITE.

JANUARY 26th, 1912.

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

Gentlemen,—At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade held the afternoon of January 23rd, the matter of the Fuel Yard site was fully discussed, and the following resolution passed :—

WHEREAS, The Minister of Militia has intimated to the City Council that the Large Fuel Yard can be obtained for a mere nominal consideration, for the use of the City for market purposes ;

AND WHEREAS, The immediate vicinity of the Fuel Yard has been used from time immemorial as a green market, and is the most convenient place in the City for that purpose, both for citizens and for people bringing their produce to the City for sale ;

AND WHEREAS, It is a well-founded belief that the market people coming into the City will not be compelled against their wish to give up the present locality and be forced to go to the Brunswick Street site to sell their produce ;

AND WHEREAS, The Brunswick Street site will cost a very large sum of money, probably much over \$100,000, including the excavation and building, and in order to make the same self-supporting, the charges will be much heavier than the market people can afford to pay ;

THEREFORE, The members of the Board of Trade, at this their Annual Meeting assembled, do hereby resolve to request the City Council to make other disposition of the Brunswick Street property, and to procure the Fuel Yard site and proceed with having the market placed thereon.

I trust that this letter will be read at the first meeting of the Council, and that favorable consideration will be given the contents of the resolution. The opinion of nearly all the speakers on the subject was, that the City had acted wisely in acquiring the Brunswick Street site, nearly all approved of the remarks of Alderman Clarke regarding the purchase of the adjoining blocks by the City, the tearing down of the undesirable buildings, and the cutting through of any necessary streets, and belief was expressed that the sale of the balance of the property, under the new and improved conditions, would more than reimburse the City for the outlay made in connection with the purchase.

E. A. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the same be filed. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee relating to the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company and to contract for electric lighting. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Gates, that said report be adopted. Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Mackenzie in amendment, that the consideration of this report be deferred and each Alderman furnished with a copy of the legislation proposed in said report. By consent of Alderman MacKenzie and the Council Alderman Kelly withdraws his amendment.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the Council do now adjourn until eight o'clock to-morrow evening, the 9th instant, to consider the report. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.00 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 9th, 1912.

The City Council met this afternoon at the above named hour, pursuant to adjournment of last evening. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Harris, Bligh, Connolly, Douglas, Scanlan, Clarke, Kelly, Hoben, Hines, Corston, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Upham.

The Council proceeded with the consideration of report of Finance Committee relating to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company. The legislation proposed by the Committee is taken up clause by clause.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

CITY HALL, Feb. 8th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The Finance Committee at a meeting to-day decided to recommend the adoption of the accompanying draft Act respecting the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

And they further recommend that the contract for electric lighting be renewed for a term of ten years if the proposed legislation becomes law.

ALFRED WHITMAN, Chairman.

WHEREAS, The exclusive franchise of the Halifax Electric Tram. Company hereinafter called the Company) to operate tram cars on the streets of the City of Halifax will expire in the year 1916 ;

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable that an arrangement should be made for a continuance of such exclusive franchise for a further period on terms more favorable to the City than those heretefore prevailing ;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :—

1. The exclusive franchise to operate tram cars on the streets of the City of Halifax, conferred by Sec. 34 of Cap. 107 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby extended for a period of twenty-one years.

2. The amount of bonds or debentures of the Company, and the rate of interest thereon shall not be increased beyond the present amount of \$600,000 of first mortgage bonds bearing interest at five per cent, and no second or other mortgage or other charge of any description shall be placed on the property or franchises or income of the said Company.

3. The amount of Capital Stock of the Company shall not be increased beyond the amount of \$1,400,000 Common Stock now existing, and no stock shall be granted any preferential rights.

4. The property and franchises of the Company shall not be sold, leased, conveyed, transferred or hypothecated to any other Company, except to a bona fide trust company for the purpose of securing the said issue of \$600,000 of bonds, and any such sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or hypothecation shall be deemed ultra vires and illegal, any Act of the Legislature or any provision in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

5. No share of the stock of the Company shall be held by any company having objects similar to those of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company or by any person in trust or for the benefit of any such company, directly or indirectly, and if any such share is at the passing of the Act so held by any such other company or any person in trust for or for the benefit of any such other person, the company or person so holding such share shall be incapable of voting upon the same either in person or by proxy at any meeting of the company.

6. (1) No agreement between the Company and any person or any other company for the supply of electric current to the Company shall be failed unless the same has been approved by the City Council of the City, and such approval shall not be given unless it is shown that such agreement will effect substantial economies in the operation of the Company, and be for the interest of both the Company and the City.

(2) If the City Council fails to approve any such proposed Agreement the Company may apply by petition to the Supreme Court sitting en banc, and if the Court is of opinion that such Agreement will probably effect substantial economies in the operation of the Company and be for the interest of both the Company and the City, it may confirm such proposed Agreement, but not otherwise.

(3) If any such Agreement is approved by the City Council, any ratepayer of the City may in his own name, without joining the Attorney-General, begin an action in the Supreme Court to set aside and cancel such Agreement, and the Court may on it being shown that such Agreement will probably not effect substantial economies in the operation of the Company and be for the interest of both the Company and the City, set aside and cancel the said Agreement. Any such Action shall be begun within six months from the date of such approval and the Plaintiff may be ordered by the Court or a judge to give security for any defendants' costs.

(4) If the Company enters into any such Agreement for the supply of electric current without the same having been approved by the City Council, or confirmed by the Court, it shall be deemed a violation of their Charter and the rights and franchises granted thereby shall thereupon cease and determine.

7. The existing taxes and contributions as paid by the Company to the City at the passing hereof, including the contributions in respect to its gross revenue from the tramway and gas and electric current shall continue.

8. The net profits on the operation of its franchises by the Company shall be divided as follows :—

(1) In payment of a dividend not exceeding 8 per cent., to the holders of stock.

(2) Four per cent., on the Common Stock to be yearly set aside as a fund to be applied as required in extensions and improvements of the Company's property.

(3) The remainder to be equally divided between the Company and the City.

9. The Company may at any time reduce its charges for carriage on its cars or for the supply of electric current and gas, and the consent of the Public Utilities Commission shall not be required to validate any such reduction.

10. The City shall at all times have full access to the books of the Company for the purpose of checking or auditing any statement by the Company of its net earnings and expenditure.

Read preamble to proposed legislation and clause 1, re exclusive

franchise for twenty-one years to operate tram cars. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said preamble and clause 1 be adopted.

Alderman Harris submits the following amendment :—

RESOLVED that the City of Halifax apply to the next session of the legislature for an Act enabling the City :

(a) to expropriate the whole or part of the present undertaking, property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited ; and

(1) to operate the property, franchises and undertaking so acquired by means of a commission, or

(2) to lease the property, franchises and undertaking so acquired to the present Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, or any other company, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed ;

(b) To purchase a controlling interest in the Halifax Tramway Company, Limited ;

(c) To construct, maintain, and after the 20th day of March, 1916, to operate a tramway or street railway upon and along the streets of Halifax ; to manufacture and sell electric power for electric lighting purposes and for power purposes ; and to manufacture and sell gas for illuminating and heating purposes ;

(d) To make contracts, leases and agreements with any company or companies for the furnishing of electric power for lighting and power purposes, street lighting, and the operation of street cars upon the streets of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie.

In answer to a question, His Worship the Mayor ruled that the amendment if passed would dispose of the whole of the legislation proposed by the Committee.

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

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Harris, Kelly,
Hines, Hawkins,
MacKenzie—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Connolly, Bligh,
Scanlan, Douglas,
Clarke, Hoben,
Corston, Upham—10.

Motion put and passed, nine voting for the same and six against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Connolly, Scanlan,
Douglas, Clarke,
Hoben, Corston,
Upham—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Harris, Bligh,
Kelly, Hines,
Hawkins, MacKenzie—6.

Alderman MacKenzie gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 2. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 secs. (1), (2), (3), (4). Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that the said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 7. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 8, secs (1), (2), (3). Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 9. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 10 Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said clause be adopted.

Alderman Harris suggested that the word "net" in the last line of the clause be expunged. By unanimous agreement the said word "net" is expunged from the clause and the clause as so amended is adopted.

Alderman Harris gives notice of reconsideration of amendment passed Feb. 8th, 1912, referring back to City Prison Committee for further consideration clause L of report of said Committee, December 20th, 1911, in re dormitory system at the City Prison.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas that clause 2 of the report of the Finance Committee, that the electric light contract be renewed for a term of ten years, be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, five voting for adjournment and nine against, as follows:—

For Adjournment.
Aldermen Harris, Hoben,
Kelly, Hines,
Hawkins.—5

Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman,
Bligh, Scanlan,
Douglas, Clarke,
Corston, MacKenzie,
Upham.—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the recommendation in the report be amended by striking out the word "ten" and substituting thereafter the word "five" Amendment put and passed.

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

Council adjourns 6.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 13th, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Bligh, Martin, Harris, Hoben, Shaffner, Whitman, MacKenzie and Hawkins.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Gates, Hines and Corston.

The Council was summoned "In re applications for Liquor Licenses, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of clause 2 (2) of draft Act re permit for places for bill posting. Februry 8th, 1912. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, three voting for the same, and eight against it, as follows:—

| For Reconsideration. | Against. |
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| Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Bligh—3. | Aldermen Harris, Gates, Hoben, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie—8. |

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz.: Alderman MacKenzie's notice of reconsideration of resolution adopting preamble and clause (1) of draft Act re exclusive franchise of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company. February 8th, 1912.

Alderman Upham here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

| For reconsideration. | Against. |
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| Aldermen Harris, Gates, Bligh, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie—7. | Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Corston, Upham—5. |

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the preamble and first clause of the draft Act be not concurred in by this Council. Motion put and passed, seven voting for the same and five against it, as follows :—

| For the Motion. | Against it. |
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| Aldermen Harris, Gates, Bligh, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie—7. | Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Hoben, Corston, Upham—5. |

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read No. 3 on Order of the Day, viz. : Alderman Harris' notice of reconsideration of resolution re the dormitory system at City Prison. January 18th, 1912. Page 287. February 9th, 1912.

Alderman Harris declines to move for reconsideration in this matter.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :—

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

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Report City Health Board, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

Letter Dalhousie College re assessment on the Studley property, recently purchased by the College.

Application Walter E. Messervey for position of License Inspector.

Report License Inspector, covering applications for liquor licenses.

Message His Worship the Mayor, re representation of Halifax in the House of Assembly.

Report Coal Weighers for January.

Cash Statements City Collector, Taxes and Water Rates, for May, June and July, 1911.

Report Committee on Works re application Charles Brister for a water lot at the North-West Arm.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Coal Weighers for January. Filed.

Read letter Dalhousie College re assessment on the Studley property recently acquired by the College. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read cash statements City Collector, Taxes and Water Rates for May, June and July, 1911. Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report City Health Board re Oxford Street and other sewers.

OXFORD STREET SEWER.

OFFICE CITY HEALTH BOARD, February 13th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The attention of the City Health Board has been called to the notification that the further building of the Oxford Street and other sewers has been stopped for the present

The Board wishes to protest most strongly against such a procedure, which would further delay the completion of the Oxford Street Sewer. The neighborhood has been waiting for the sewer and is suffering for the want of it—cesspools are overflowing the sidewalk, and some contagious sickness has already appeared in the locality. In the interest of public health the sewer should be completed without delay. Some means must be devised to keep the work on it steadily going.

JOHN A. WATTERS, Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council borrow sufficient money for the completion of the Oxford Street sewer, and that the work be proceeded with without interruption. Motion passed.

Read message His Worship the Mayor re representation of Halifax in the House of Assembly.

REPRESENTATION OF HALIFAX IN LEGISLATURE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, January 25th, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—The population of the cities and counties of Nova Scotia, as found by the decennial census taken in 1911, has been published in the newspapers, and as representation in the Legislature is, or ought to be, based in large part upon population, it seems to me now an opportune time to direct your attention to the claims of the City of Halifax for larger and more direct representation in the House of Assembly. The question is not a party one, and I feel that it can be discussed within as well as without the Council, freely and dispassionately. At present the House of Assembly consists of thirty-eight members elected by eighteen separate constituencies. Sixteen counties return two members and two (Halifax and Pictou) return three members each. The seats were so distributed in 1867 (Chap. 2 of Acts of 1867) forty-five years ago, and they have so remained without any change whatever to the present time. The interval has wrought great changes in the relative population of the counties. Two or three have vastly increased in population; in the case of others there has been a retrogression. The inequalities which result from those changes, it seems to me, make it imperative that a readjustment of the representation should be made. The City and County of Halifax, for example, with a population of 80,258, returns three members, and the County of Pictou, with a population of 35,853, returns an equal number. Again, the Counties of Antigonish, Richmond, Guysborough, Annapolis and Hants, with a

combined population of 80,567, return ten members, while Halifax with 80,258, as already stated, returns three. The population of Nova Scotia is 493,859 and with thirty-eight members in the House we have, roughly speaking, a member for every 13,000 inhabitants. If the City and County were represented according to population they should return at least six members. If again, the number of members of the Legislature should be increased, the electoral unit will thereby be decreased and our claims to larger representation will become stronger. However, assuming that the House remains at thirty-eight, no valid reason can be urged against the City and County having six members. My purpose in this message, however, is to confine myself to the claims of the City. The claims of the County will no doubt be supported by those who have a better right to speak for that portion of the existing constituency.

The population of the City is returned at 46,081. If every 13,000 people are entitled to a member, the City is entitled to at least three members. These should be elected from the City. Halifax is the only City in Canada of any importance that is not directly represented in Parliament. It has never been directly represented in the House of Assembly. It has interests distinctly its own. Questions are constantly arising affecting the City in which the districts outside have little or no concern. In regard to such matters if the City had its own members it would have greater influence in the Legislature and greater care and attention would undoubtedly be paid to legislation in which the citizens are peculiarly concerned.

Again, if effect is given to the modern tendency in the direction of one-member constituencies, it would be absolutely necessary that the City should have separate representation in the House. In England the two-member constituencies are fast disappearing. In Dominion affairs all but three are single-member constituencies, namely—Queens, P. E. I., Ottawa and Halifax. The probabilities are that these may cease at an early date to be two member constituencies. One-member constituencies are the rule also in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Prince Edward Island, and for the most part in British Columbia. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick alone cling to the older system.

If the Council is of opinion that the City should have representation of its own in the Provincial Legislature, it may be worth while to consider whether the same rule should not be applied in the case of our representation in the House of Commons.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that the City of Halifax should be represented in the House of Assembly by three members returned by the Electors of the City :

And further resolved, That a Committee be appointed to urge upon the Government and Legislature a re-adjustment of the representation in the House of Assembly whereby the City of Halifax would be entitled to three members.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hoben, and passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor names as the Committee called for in the resolution just adopted, Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Douglas, Hoben, Martin, MacKenzie. Approved.

Read application Walter E. Messervey for the position of Chief License Inspector. Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that Walter E. Messervey be reappointed to the office of Chief License Inspector. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector covering applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors for the year 1912-13.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax for the ensuing civic year, which are set out in the report of the Inspector of Licenses for the City of Halifax, with all reports to the Council with respect to such applications, and all objections thereto, and all other papers deposited or filed with the Council, or the said Inspector in reference thereto be, and the same are hereby referred to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax to be dealt with under the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, four voting for the same and eight against it, as follows:—

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| For Adjournment. | Against it. |
| Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Martin, Corston—4. | Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Bligh, Hoben, Hines, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Upham—8. |

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February, 13th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—A meeting of the City Prison Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Hawkins, (chairman) Hines, Harris, Scanlan and Rankine.

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows.

1. It is recommended that the salaries of Underkeepers Keating, Higlett and McDonald be each increased to \$600.00 per annum, said increases to date from the first day of February inst.

2. Your Committee recommend that Underkeepers Higlett and Keating be superannuated on the first day of May next at \$360.00 per annum each, and that legislation be obtained at the ensuing session of the legislature authorizing the City to carry this recommendation into effect.

3. It is recommended that a sum not exceeding \$4000.00 be inserted in the City's borrowing bill to carry out the proposed alterations in Rockhead Prison recommended in the report of the City Prison Committee passed by the City Council January 18th, 1912, said alterations including sanitary arrangements, heating, plumbing, etc.

4. It is recommended that your Committee be authorized to send Alderman Hines and Governor Grant to visit several Canadian and American cities for the purpose of inspecting prisons and reformatories for petty offenders, and to get any information that will be useful for the better management of the City Prison at Rockhead.

A. C. HAWKINS, Chairman.

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re increase of salary to Underkeepers Keating, Higllett and MacDonald. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read clause 2 re superannuation of Underkeepers Keating and Higllett. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that ex-Governor William Murray's name be incorporated in the clause upon the same terms as the two Underkeepers named. The amendment is put and lost, five voting for the same and seven against it, as follows:—

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| For the Amendment. | Against it. |
| Aldermen Harris, Bligh, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie—5. | Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Gates, Hoben, Hines, Hawkins, Upham—7. |

Alderman MacKenzie gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Gates, that Ex-Governor Murray and Mrs. Murray be paid three months' salary from the first day of February, and that legislation be sought for authority to borrow the sum necessary from any available fund or from any bank, and that the amount be placed in next year's estimates. The vote being taken there appeared:—

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| For the amendment. | Against it. |
| Aldermen Shaffner, Gates, Bligh, Hoben, Hines, Corston—6. | Aldermen Harris, Whitman, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie, Upham—6. |

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment and declares it lost.

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

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| For the Amendment. | Against it. |
| Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Gates, Hoben, Hines, Hawkins, Upham—7. | Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie—5. |

Alderman MacKenzie gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 3 re borrowing \$4000 for improvements in the Prison building. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. The vote being taken there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Hoben, Hines,
Hawkins, Martin,
Upham—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Gates,
Bligh, Corston,
MacKenzie—5.

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

Alderman Harris gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 4 recommending that Governor Grant and Alderman Hines be authorized to visit several Canadian and American cities to obtain information of service in the management of the City Prison. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Harris, that said clause be adopted. Alderman Hines asked to be excused from voting. The motion is put and lost, three voting for the same and seven against it, as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Harris, Shaffner,
Hines—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Gates,
Bligh, Martin,
Corston. MacKenzie,
Upham—7.

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

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, February 22nd, 1912.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas, Connolly, Clarke, Shaffner, Corston, Hoben, Whitman, Bligh, Martin, Rankine, Scanlan, Harris, Upham and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned—

“ To authorize the issuing of licenses, pursuant to the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910, to the applicants whose applications for licenses have been so reported to be granted by the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.”

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration of resolution refusing to concur in preamble and clause (1) of draft Act re exclusive franchise of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited. February 8th, 1912. February 13th, 1912. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, ten voting for reconsideration and four against, as follows :—

| For Reconsideration. | Against. |
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| Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan, Douglas, Clarke, Hoben, Corston, Upham, Rankine—10. | Aldermen Harris, Bligh, Martin, MacKenzie—4. |

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the preamble and clause (1) of draft Act relating to the franchise of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, be now adopted.

Aldermen Kelly, Hines, Gates and Hawkins here arrived and take their seats in Council.

The motion is put and passed, ten voting for and eight against it, as follows :—