

HALIFAX, December 8th, 1909.

CITY BOARD OF WORKS :

Gentlemen,—In reference to the City's claim against us for water rates amounting as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ year to Sept., 1906, \$31.97; $\frac{1}{2}$ year to March, 1907, \$24.56; $\frac{1}{2}$ year to Sept., 1907, \$69.32; $\frac{1}{2}$ year to March, 1908, \$23.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ year to Sept., 1908, \$3.91; $\frac{1}{2}$ year to March, 1909, \$6.16.

After the first reading of the first meter that was placed in our building, we found the rate amounting to \$31.97, very much in excess of what we had been paying, and when in September, 1907, a bill was rendered to us for \$69.32, we took steps to have an investigation made. In company with one of the City officials, the writer of this accompanied said Inspector to the basement, and this Inspector told him that the meter was defective, by a small percentage.

By perusing the figures above, you will note there is quite a discrepancy. After the alleged leaks had been repaired in September, 1907, (or a month or two later), there still seemed to be an excessive charge for the following half years as compared with that ending September, 1908, and March, 1909.

We would respectfully represent to your Committee that it would not be our intention to waste water, and if there was a waste as indicated by the meter, by very slight repairs this seems to have been remedied. We would further like to say that we do not wish to avoid any responsibility, but to at all times assume our full share of the civic expenses, at the same time we look for a full measure of justice.

CRAGG BROS. & CO.

WATER BILL, CRAGG BROS.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from, Messrs. Cragg Brothers referred to me, but I can add nothing further to the report made on June 28, 1909.

Mr. Morrison inspected the fixtures with Mr. Cragg and states that he did not tell him that the meter was defective. On the contrary, it was removed and tested and found to be registering correctly.

The Water Meter Inspectors state that they know nothing about the matter.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 17th, 1911.

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

Gentleman,—In September, 1907, we received a bill from the City for water for \$69.32 for the preceding half year. As this was an inordinate charge, we called the attention of the Water Department to the fact, who examined the meter and found that it was not absolutely accurate. You will please observe that we do not claim that the meter was registering incorrectly to this great extent, but the fact remains that, one of the Water Department officials named O'Neil stated that it was incorrect.

On inspecting the various outlets in our establishment we found that two water closets on one of the upper floors were leaking, but it was not thought even by Mr. Morrison or Mr. O'Neil who so expressed themselves at the time, that this would cause so great a waste of water, yet, on further investigation it was found that this leak made up to a great extent the cause of the large bill.

The leak in September 1907 was such that tinsmiths working on the same floor

did not, nor did the writer of this letter notice that there was any extraordinary leakage, a leakage that could have been remedied in a very few minutes by one of our workmen, and when the writer's attention was called to it, it was immediately stopped.

Why we seek the indulgence of the Council is that meters at the date of this complaint were comparatively new, and a knowledge of their working very vague, besides this the meter was in our establishment five or six months before we knew it, never having authorized anyone to put it in, that if the City had inspected our water system and found it defective it would have been remedied at once; when the defect was found, it was immediately stopped, and as tax-payers and citizens we claim we should at least receive fair treatment from the Council, and that we should not be fined, so to speak, for a neglect which any reputable citizen might be guilty of, and which is not criminal, therefore we ask the indulgence of the Council in considering this case which has been before the Board of Works, and who have refused redress. What we consider would be a fair adjustment would be to pay an amount equal to that charged us before the installation of the meter.

Memo of Water Meter Bills to March, 1907, \$56.53; 1908, \$92.47; 1909, \$10 07 1910, 17.50; 1911, 13.58. Total 190.25.

Besides this we pay \$24.00 per year Fire Protection Rates.

CRAGG BROS. CO., LTD.

F. J. Cragg, President.

CRAGG BROS.' WATER BILL.

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I beg to report in accordance with the following resolution:—

“Resolved, That the matter of the claim of Cragg Bros., Limited, respecting reduction of water rates, be referred to the City Engineer to investigate the matter of such claim and report whether the same is well founded and whether the amount of water charged them was in excess of that which was fairly required by the owner or occupant of the premises in respect to which the same is charged, and whether such excess (if any) has passed through the meter by reason of unavoidable accident or otherwise, without the negligence, default or failure to use proper care and precaution on the part of Messrs., Cragg Brothers, Limited, the owners of said premises; and in the event that the said claim is well founded to report to what extent the same should be allowed.”

I have already reported all the facts which I have been able to obtain respecting this matter. Messrs. Cragg Bros., Limited, acknowledge in their letter, negligence, and as I have already stated, I cannot report that the water has passed through the meter without the negligence, default or failure to use proper care and precaution on the part of Messrs. Cragg Bros., Ltd, the owners of said premises.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

HALIFAX, Dec. 7th, 1911.

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

Gentlemen,—On October 17th, we addressed a letter to your honorable body in reference to an excessive charge for water for our business premises, 151-153 Barrington Street.

In that letter we stated the facts concerning the matter, calling your particular attention to the fact that the meter was defective, also, when we found there was a

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a leak we had it immediately stopped. We however omitted stating in that letter that the meter was in our building some six months before the writer, who is the responsible head of this business knew it, and the meter was put in without his consent or authority.

What we consider would be an equitable adjustment of this matter would be to charge us what would have been the flat rate for the years 1907 and 1908, and to allow the meter rate to pertain after the year 1908.

This matter was originally placed before the Board of Works, afterwards as per our letter October 17th before your honorable body and by you referred back to the Board of Works, and now on account of that worthy commission not being unanimous in their opinion as to the method of the adjustment of the claim, inform us that it is our privilege to return it again to you for consideration.

CRAGG BROS. CO., LTD.
F. J. Cragg, President.

RE CRAGG WATER REDUCTION.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, January 4th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—The point on which I understand my opinion to be wished is whether the Committee can legally resolve to allow a reduction in a case in which the Engineer has reported that the claim is not well founded, that is, that the excess for which reduction is claimed has not passed through the meter by reason of unavoidable accident or otherwise, without the negligence, default or failure to use proper care or precaution on the part of the owner or occupant of such premises.

Although the statute does not in so many words make the report of the Engineer conclusive as to the facts, it appears to me that such is the inevitable construction. The Committee can only act on the report, and it must therefore be deemed the statement of facts on which any adjudication made must be founded. If the Committee are to act on their own knowledge, how, in the event of an appeal to the Council, is that knowledge to be conveyed to the Council; it appears to me that any other construction would lead to great confusion and largely defeat the object of the Act.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

HALIFAX, April 3rd, 1912.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS :

Dear Sir,—Referring to the resolution of the Committee on Works on our application for a reduction of Water Meter Rates, we hereby apply to the Committee of Works to have the matter referred to City Council.

CRAGG BROS. CO., LTD.,
By F. J. Cragg.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 3rd, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the report of the City Engineer is adopted, and the Committee refuses to allow the claim of Messrs. Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd. for a reduction on water meter rates. The Committee is not unanimous in refusing to allow this claim and the petitioners request the Committee on Works to refer the matter to the City Council which is now done.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the claim of Messrs. Cragg Bros., be compromised on the same basis as Mr. Dennis' claim.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report of the City Engineer on Cragg Bros. claim be adopted.

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

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Whitman, Douglas, Hawkins—3.	Aldermen Harris, Shaffner, Bligh, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie, Upham—10.

The motion is put and passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.55.

That the City of Halifax did, through its agents and employees, in the year 1893, and in various other years since said date, wrongfully break and enter certain lands of the plaintiff, Edward Lawson Fenerty, situate on or near the St. Margaret's Bay Road, in the County of Halifax, and dug trenches on said lands and laid water pipes thereon, and placed erections of earth and stone on said lands, without the consent of, and against the command of the said Edward Lawson Fenerty, and has up to the present time maintained, and continues to maintain said trenches, pipes, and erections on said lands, although notified by the said Edward Lawson Fenerty to remove the same.

The plaintiff will claim in said proposed action:—

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

Dated at Halifax, N. S., this 8th day of April, A. D., 1912.

LLOYD H. FENERTY,
88 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.,
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said matter be referred to the City Solicitor to take such action as is necessary in the interests of the City.

Read letter Young Women's Christian Association re Halifax Improvement Act.

HALIFAX IMPROVEMENT ACT.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 9th, 1912.

SECRETARY CITY COUNCIL:

Sir,—At a meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association the following resolution was moved:—"That the Y. W. C. A. is heartily in favor of the movement approved by the City Council, known as Alderman Clarke's Scheme, and that a copy of this motion be sent to the City Council."

E. WOODILL, Rec. Secy.

Filed.

Read report Library Commission covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 11th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—The Library Commission beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts:—

T. C. Allen & Co., books, etc., \$10.25. Canadian Finance, subscription to December 30th, 1911, \$1.50. Chronicle Pub. Co., subscription to December 31st, 1912, \$6.00. C. D. Cazenove & Son, \$1.82. Heaton's Agency, Com. Handbook, \$1.28. H. H. Marshall, subscription to Herald from July 1st, 1911 to July 1st, 1912, \$6.00. Methodist Book Room, books, \$11.36, \$12.75, \$15.05—\$39.16. N. S. Furnishing Co., matting, \$3.90. Scientific American, 2 vols. Americana, \$16.00. The Librarian, University of Toronto, \$3.71. Total, \$89.62.

JOHN RANKINE, Chairman.

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

Read letter William McFatrige re rental of Stayner's wharf property. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer, submitted at Council meeting April 6th, 1911, in re Griffin & Keltie's water meter account.

GRIFFIN & KELTIE'S WATER METER BILL.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 22nd, 1911.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—The Works Committee, at a meeting held on the 22nd inst., considered the accompanying report recommending a reduction of \$76.08 in the water meter bill of Griffin & Keltie, and beg to recommend the same to the Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Oct. 18th, 1910.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—I beg to report on the request from Messrs. Griffin & Keltie for a reduction in the amount charged for water by measurement in 1907.

During the six months from March 25 to September 17, 1907, the amount passing through the meter was 336,875 gallons and the quantity since the meter was installed has varied from that total to 21,500 gallons in six months. The bills have been as follows:—

Period.	Consumption.	Amt. of Bill.
April 24th to Sept. 18th, 1906	183,925 gals.	\$28 41
Sept. 18th, 1906 to Mar. 25th, 1907.....	32,325 "	5 85
Mar. 25th to Sept. 17th, 1907	336,875 "	51 53
Sept. 17th, 1907 to Mar. 24th, 1908.....	76,876 "	12 53
March 24th to Sept. 21st, 1908.....	36,250 "	6 44
Sept. 21st, 1908 to Mar. 16th, 1909.....	26,400 "	4 96
March 16th to Sept. 15th, 1909	37,300 "	6 60
Sept. 15th, 1909 to March 8th, 1910.....	21,500 "	4 23

Mr. Keltie claims that there was no leakage or waste during the six months period when the bill reached the sum of \$51.53, and states that his tenant, who was a man named Bentley, at the time in the service of the Water Department, had informed him that there was no leakage or waste. I have no further information respecting the matter than that already given, except that the same meter has been in use from April 24th, 1906 to date. If there had been anything wrong with the meter, it could not cure itself but would have to become worse instead of better.

It seems reasonable, then, to conclude that there must have been some cause for the extraordinary consumption which Mr. Keltie has no knowledge of.

The bill for the whole year from March, 1908 to March, 1909, is only \$11.40. I am unable to suggest any other possible cause for the large consumption during some periods as shewn, than leakage or waste, and whatever the cause may have been, it has been removed as shewn by the result during the last year quoted.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 16th, 1911.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—I beg to submit a supplementary report on the request from Messrs. Griffin & Keltie for a reduction in the amount charged for water by meter measurement in 1906 and 1907.

The records already quoted, show a large consumption between April 24th, 1906 and March 24th, 1908, and that the cause was ascertained and the remedy applied, so that since that time the average consumption from March 24th, 1908 to March 24th, 1910, was largely decreased.

Mr. Keltie claims that he had as a tenant an employee of the City Water Department, on whom he depended for advice, and that as soon as he discovered that the consumption was high, he had the plumbing looked over and found that there was a leak. He believed that the leakage had been stopped, but when he got subsequent readings, found that it still continued, when he states that he immediately gave the plumber orders to install new plumbing throughout of the heaviest pipe, and new faucets, etc., at a cost of \$46.50.

The records show that this has stopped the leakage and waste. Under the circumstances, I think this is a case similar to that of Alderman Hubley and Mr. Preedy.

The object of the Works Committee in promoting the present law was to put the City in a position to punish water takers who took no precautions to prevent waste, or allowed waste to continue after their attention had been called to it. There was no intention or disposition to punish water takers who were the unfortunate victims of circumstances over which they had no control. While it is not wise to be lenient, on the other hand, if the City is convinced that an injustice would be done, it seems to me that Mr. Bell's view in reporting on the Preedy claim should prevail.

Mr. Bell stated, that Mr. Preedy, in exercising care and vigilance himself, and imposing the same on his household, and also employing a competent plumber, did all that anyone could do.

Following Mr. Bell's guidance in the case cited, I think that Messrs. Griffin & Keltie's claim is one that should be settled by charging for the years from April 24th, 1906 to March 24th, 1908, the sum of \$22.24, the average charge during the last two years recorded, which would be a reduction of \$76.08 for the two years.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

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

Read Deed City of Halifax to Governors of Dalhousie College.

DEED TO DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

THIS INDENTURE made this second day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, between the City of Halifax, a body corporate (hereinafter called the Vendor) of the First Part and the Governors of Dalhousie College (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the Vendor was, by section 11 of Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1909, authorized to convey to the Purchaser, the land hereinafter described;

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said authority and of the sum of one dollar to the Vendor paid by the Purchaser at or before the execution and delivery of these Presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Vendor doth hereby grant, bargain, sell, alien, transfer and convey unto the

Purchaser, its successors and assigns, all that 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 of beginning; the above described lot including Carleton Street from College Street to Morris Street. Reserving however to the City a right of way for a public street across the land hereby conveyed, such street to be in substitution for Carleton Street, to be not less than sixty feet in width and to begin on the northern boundary of the said land at the point where Carleton Street now enters on the said land, and to continue across the said land to Morris Street in a course not unreasonably deflected from that now followed by Carleton, such course to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer of the City of Halifax; together with all and singular the easements, tenements, hereditaments, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and its appurtenances unto and to the use of the Purchaser, its successors and assigns in trust, to hold, enjoy and use the same for purposes of education and for no other purposes.

And the Purchaser, its successors and assigns hereby covenants to and with the Vendor its successors and assigns, it, the said Purchaser, will make no other use of the said land or any part thereof except for the purposes of carrying on the educational work connected with Dalhousie College and University, and that if at any time it or they should make use of the said land or any portion thereof for any other purpose than that of such education or sells or disposes of the said land or any part thereof, then in every such case the land conveyed and every part thereof shall forthwith revert to the said Vendor and all right, title and interest in the Purchaser created by these Presents, shall absolutely cease and determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Vendor hath executed these Presents by the hands of its Mayor and City Clerk and by affixing thereto its corporate seal, and the Purchaser hath also executed the same by the hands of its President and Secretary and by affixing its corporate seal the day and year first above written.

(Seal of City.)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor,
L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.

Witness to signatures of

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor,
and L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.

MINNIE A. HUNTER.

[Endorsed.]

I certify the within Deed to be in due form and in accord with the resolution of the Council.

F. H. BELL, City Solicitor.

Filed.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common re improvements to the Common.

IMPROVEMENT HALIFAX COMMON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 28th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held this day at four p. m., the following resolution was moved by Commissioner Connolly, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and passed :—

WHEREAS Chairman Kelly appeared before the Finance Committee and submitted the following scheme,—

That the Finance Committee do recommend to the City Council the borrowing of five thousand dollars for the following permanent improvements to the Common,—draining, grading, and rebuilding wall of Egg Pond, draining and grading Common, draining, grading and planting trees on Camp Hill, building underground latrine.

That a special fund be formed for the term of years necessary of the moneys now received as commutation interest (i. e., two hundred and twenty 36-100 dollars from the City and about eighty dollars from deposit receipt Royal Bank) the same to be used for the payment of interest and principal of said loan.

AND WHEREAS, The Finance Committee looked with favor on said scheme, but through some inadvertency the same was not reported to the City Council ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That His Honor the Recorder, with the concurrence of the City Council, prepare an Act authorizing the borrowing of five thousand dollars for the purposes mentioned in this resolution.

Attached you will find Superintendent Power's report on proposed improvement to Common.

EDW. T. POWER, Secretary.

PUBLIC GARDENS, March 1st, 1912.

Dear Mr. Chairman,—At your request for a report and estimate for the improvement I recommended for the Common, north and south, as you are aware the north or parade ground was used by the City Works for a dumping ground for all the City refuse, partly ashes, broken bottles, decayed vegetables, old cans, such as paint and oil cans, and small cans. Now after years this matter has decayed and left the surface with hills and hollows, quite unfit for parade or recreation of any sort such as baseball, cricket, football, lawn tennis, quibits or even children's games. The most of the material on the west side could be used and covered with earth from Camp Hill. The whole can be done without interfering with the present contour. The central square, including Egg Pond, would need draining east and west into the sewer which runs through the middle of the same. Egg Pond needs a good concrete wall. This is a very attractive place all through the summer, boys and girls sailing boats, wading out as far as it is safe, and it is nicely shaded with willow trees. The east, or circus grounds, need draining and grading. Camp Hill is in a rough state. Regarding it all the surplus material can be used on the north parade ground, not in any way interfering with its present contour. With the permission of the War Department a few groups of trees could be dotted over the hill. These would give shade and relieve the unsightly look of it as at the present. This could be done without interfering with field days or digging trenches. In my recent visit to New York and Boston I noticed in Central Park the meadows which were once forbidden ground with "keep off the grass" were turned into lawns, town plots and play grounds for children, also in any of the small parks of any size, in Boston Franklin Park, in South Boston Marine Park and extensive play grounds by the Charles River Basin well equipped with baths, swings merry-go-rounds, etc. I consider our Common, if as I suggested, second to none of these, as the Common is so centrally situated for the working man. These same could and do patronize the Common from Sackville to North Gottingen, and also to Oxford Street. All

these working men and their children enjoy, after working hours, these grounds, which if put in shape, with seats and the grass cut occasionally, would make it very attractive.

Please find estimates attached.

RICHARD POWER.

ESTIMATES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

North Common, labor and horse hire	\$1,000 00
Egg Pond, draining and grading.....	500 00
" rebuilding wall, concrete.....	1,000 00
Draining and grading Circus grounds.....	500 00
Underground lavatory.....	1,000 00
Camp Hill, draining, grading, and planting trees.....	1,000 00
	\$5,000 00

Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. The amendment is put and lost, five voting for the same and seven against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Clarke, Hoben, Corston—5.	Aldermen Harris, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine—7.

The original motion being put there appeared:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Harris, Kelly, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine—7.	Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Clarke, Hoben, Corston—5.

His Worship the Mayor declares the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds' vote of Council.

Alderman Kelly gives notice of reconsideration.

Read proposals of Heber Hartlen for the construction of an abattoir.

ABATTOIR.

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

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, ESQ., K. C.,

Mayor of the City of Halifax:

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose herewith a proposal for the construction of an abattoir and stock yards in the City of Halifax by myself and associates.

This proposition was submitted by me several weeks ago to the Board of Health, which body however did not accept the same, but formulated another proposal of its own, which was sent to the City Council for its consideration without

any reference whatever to my proposition, and the latter has consequently never been placed before the representatives of the City for their consideration. This procedure on the part of the Board of Health, I thought unfair to myself and my associates, and I am consequently obliged to bring the matter directly to your attention, and ask you to take such proceedings as may be necessary to bring the same before the City Council for their consideration.

The cost of the construction and completion of the works in question will be at least \$50,000, and the work will be done under and in accordance with the requirements of the Meat and Canned Foods Act of the Parliament of Canada and the Inspectors and Officers appointed thereunder, which will, of course, ensure the construction and completion of a thoroughly first-class and up-to-date abattoir, with all necessary appliances and conveniences.

It is proposed to erect the works on the shore of Bedford Basin alongside of all the railway tracks leading into the City. All animals intended for slaughter will therefore be brought directly to the works in the cars in which they were brought to the City which will do away with the nuisance, inconvenience and expense of driving animals through the streets of the City from the railway terminus, as at present, to the slaughter houses.

The danger to the public health from the sale and slaughter of diseased cattle and other animals and the impossibility of supervising or controlling this matter under present circumstances has lately been brought forcibly to the public attention and it is generally recognized that something must be done, and at once, to correct the present situation and prevent the sale of diseased meat in the City. Quantities of such diseased meat have been destroyed in the past by the Inspectors of the Board of Health, but there is little doubt that much meat of this sort has been sold to the public without being discovered. The establishment of this abattoir will be an immediate remedy and indeed the only remedy for this situation.

The abattoir will of course be conducted and all animals slaughtered and meat delivered therefrom under the supervision of trained inspectors appointed by the Dominion Government, and all meat will bear the official stamp of such inspectors. This will operate as an absolute guarantee of its quality and fitness for use and will absolutely do away with the danger which at present exists in the sale of uninspected meats to the public in this City.

It will also have the effect of broadening and improving the public market for meats and enabling the owners of cattle and other animals to sell the meat therefrom, if they so desire, outside of the province of Nova Scotia, which at present it is impossible to do under the above mentioned Act, on account of such meats not having been inspected or bearing the stamp of the Government Inspector.

It is unnecessary here to go into the many other advantages which will flow from the erection of such an abattoir, the absolute necessity of which has been now universally recognized in this City for some years.

If my proposition as enclosed herewith is accepted by the City I will at once furnish satisfactory guarantees that the same will be carried out in all respects by myself and my associates. In order to procure requisite legislation in this matter it is necessary that the same should be passed upon by the City Council at once and I would respectfully ask that your Worship would take the steps necessary to have this done.

HEBER HARTLEN.

PROPOSITION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ABATTOIR AND STOCK YARDS.

The proposal is for the Construction of a modern abattoir, on a site of about 14 acres at the extreme north of Longard Road facing the Basin, and with the railroad passing through it. The building is to be three stories in height, 100x60, and built, subject to the approval of the Dominion Meat Inspection Department Ottawa, of stone, brick and concrete. The daily killing capacity will be 150 head of cattle, 500 lambs, 300 calves and 300 hogs.

The stock yard adjoining the abattoir is to be fitted with sheds, and pens, with a capacity for 500 head to be placed at the disposal of farmers or any one who may arrive in the City with cattle, calves, sheep, lambs or hogs, all to be free of charge, except feed.

There will be placed in the yard a large platform scales similar to those in use in large cities, by which a car load of animals can be weighed en bloc.

Any person arriving in the City with cattle, sheep lambs or hogs, wishing to dispose of them at public auction, can hold their sale and have privileges of stock yard (except food) free.

1. The proposers ask legislation requiring all animals killed in the City of Halifax for food purposes be slaughtered and inspected at the Halifax Public Abattoir, and to bear the Dominion Government stamp "Canada Approved."

2. All carcasses, portions or products offered for sale in the City of Halifax to bear the Dominion Government stamp.

3. The promoters ask the exclusive right for fifteen years of slaughtering animals for food in the City of Halifax.

4. The promoters ask an exemption from taxation and free water for ten years.

The scale of charges for killing proposed is the same as those in force at present, i. e.

Cattle.....	50c per head.
Lambs.....	8c "
Sheep.....	10c "
Calves.....	15c "
Hogs.....	50c "

With the right to retain the customary parts of the viscera or offal, namely, the blood, horns, feet, shanks, stomachs, intestines and caul of hogs only.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that Mr. D. C. Sinclair, representing the promoters of the abattoir, was present and desired to address the Council.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that Mr. Sinclair be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

Mr Sinclair addresses the Council on behalf of Mr. Hartlen and his associates. During the course of his remarks Mr. Sinclair withdraws clause 3 of the proposals relating to exclusive right of slaughtering.

Alderman Scanlan and Upham here arrive and take their seats in Council.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council approve of the proposals submitted by Mr. Hartlen, as amended.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Mr. Sinclair agrees to withdraw the application for free water contained in clause 4.

The amendment is put and passed, eleven voting for the same and three against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Harris, Whitman,
Bligh, Scanlan,
Clarke, Hoben,
Kelly, Hines,
MacKenzie, Upham,
Rankine—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Hawkins, Martin,
Corston—3.

Read report City Health Board relating to Mr. Hartlen's proposition for establishing an abattoir.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, March 27th, 1912.

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

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held this day there was under consideration a proposition from Mr. Heber Hartlen for the construction of a modern abattoir and stock yards for the City of Halifax.

There were present at said meeting, Mr. J. S. Edwards of J. A. Leaman & Co., Jacob Withrow of W. A. Maling & Co., J. F. Fraser of Davis & Fraser, James F. Shortell and J. F. Feeley, representing the owners of slaughter houses and pork packing factory at present doing business in the City, all of whom expressed themselves as being in favor of a public abattoir owned and controlled by the City.

After a general discussion by those present, and a full consideration of the matter by the Board it was unanimously decided, in the best interests of the City to recommend the enclosed draft Act, relating to a public abattoir, for the favorable consideration and approval of the City Council.

You will also find attached, for your information, a copy of Mr. Hartlen's proposition for the construction of an abattoir.

JOHN A. WATTERS, Secretary.

[For copy of draft Act referred to see printed minutes of Council, March 21st, 1912, page 394].

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for consideration with the proposals of Mr. Hartlen just dealt with. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re widening Cunard Street, covering plan and description of properties proposed to be expropriated.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE April 12th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR :

Sir,—The next step in the expropriation proceedings in connection with the widening of Cunard Street, is the approval of the plan and description. The majority of the property owners prefer to try arbitration as the City has to pay the arbitrators. I have prepared a plan and description showing the land required for widening the street between Gcttingen Street and Agricola Street. The land shown on the plan and included in the accompanying description is required by the City for widen-

ing of Cunard Street. It will be necessary to expropriate the land required from each property, the owner of which has not accepted the City's offer. In this connection, I have before me, several communications on which I feel it is my duty to report.

In a letter from the Civic Improvement League, it is stated that the City Engineer favours the curved street, and his only reason for recommending the widening on the north side only, is the smaller first cost. I have to correct this statement as it does not represent my opinion. While I favour a serpentine design for a boulevard or residential street where the houses can be kept back from the street line, I think the suggestion is not a practical one for a business street. Cunard Street between Gottingen and Agricola Streets is certain to be an important business street connecting the two north and south streets. Each property owner will construct a store or other building, in time, on his property, and as the buildings are constructed independently and at different times, the front of the building will be constructed at right angles to the side line. This will result in a saw-tooth street line, one building projecting beyond the other at the corner, giving a most unsightly appearance instead of the appearance desired by the Civic Improvement League. Even if the buildings were connected at the corner, the front of each building would be a straight line and the curved plan could not be followed. Such a form of construction is not at all suitable for two short blocks of a business street. Where the houses can be kept back from the street, any such irregularity is not apparent.

I have also received communications from the Women's Council, and have read a communication from the School Board. When the School of Domestic Science was located on Cunard Street, the tramway track was there already, with its attendant noise and dust. Further, the school was located back from the old line of Cunard Street for the special purpose of providing for the widening at that property. The proposed building line was given at that time. The widening of the street on the south side would, in my opinion, injure the appearance of the street rather than improve it. It is claimed by the Civic Improvement League that a great improvement would be made in the appearance of the street by the removal of the old buildings. They are under a misapprehension in reference to this part of the work, as each lot except the corner lots is large enough to permit of moving the building back, and I would not be justified in recommending that the City take the whole of the property in each case, which the law requires me to do before the City can take the whole of the property.

Further, I have gone over the matter with Mr. W. M. Brown, architect, who addressed the Council. He made an estimate himself, which shows that the widening on the south side would cost \$9,000 more than on the north side. I do not feel that I would be justified in recommending any policy which would increase the cost to that extent and probably more, to accomplish a scheme which I do not consider a practical one.

The appropriation is based on the smaller estimate, and if the Council were to decide that the widening should be done on the south side, the appropriation must be increased. The City has already purchased Mr. Marshall's property; his offer was accepted by the resolution of Council and he was notified of the action of the Council, which constitutes a contract with him. Mr. Marshall interviewed me to-day, complaining of the delay, and I assured him that I was taking steps required by the law, as rapidly as possible. If the widening were to be made on the south side, we must first obtain authority for a larger appropriation, and then take the preliminary steps, which will mean a loss of time of three or four months.

It further means that the Tramway Company could not construct the Gottingen or Cunard Street lines this year, while if the work already decided on is carried out, the work can be started at an early date, as the rails are expected in a few days.

I beg to submit herewith for the approval of the Council, a plan and description showing the land which it is proposed shall be expropriated.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

DESCRIPTION.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the north line of Cunard St. with the west line of Gottingen Street; thence westerly by the said north line of Cunard Street until it meets the proposed north line of Cunard Street, at or near Agricola Street; thence easterly by the proposed north line of Cunard Street until it meets the west line of Gottingen Street; thence southerly by the said west line of Gottingen Street to the place of beginning; the above described land including all the land necessary to be taken on the north side of Cunard Street between the present north line of Cunard Street and the proposed north line of Cunard Street;

Also the northern portion of the lot at the north-west corner of Maynard and Cunard Streets now or formerly belonging to Esther Lindsay, lying between the above mentioned proposed north line of Cunard Street and the north line of the said lot, and being more particularly described as follows:—

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the above mentioned proposed north line of Cunard Street with the west line of Maynard Street; thence in a westerly direction by the said proposed north line of Cunard Street for a distance of sixty-seven (67) feet more or less or until it meets the east line of property now or formerly belonging to John Connolly at No. 23 Cunard Street; thence northerly by the said east line of the said Connolly property for a distance of six feet (6) more or less or until it meets the north line of the property belonging to the said Esther Lindsay; thence easterly by the said north line for a distance of sixty-seven (67) feet more or less or to the west line of Maynard Street; thence southerly by the said west line of Maynard Street for a distance of seven (7) feet more or less to the place of beginning; The above lots being shown on the expropriation plan entitled "Plan of Cunard Street Widening," dated February 14, 1912 and filed in the City Engineer's Office as Plan No. 2240.

Also read letters Board of Trade and Commissioners of Public Schools re widening Cunard Street.

April 4th, 1912.

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

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Council of this Board held on Tuesday afternoon last, the matter of widening Cunard Street was discussed with members of other organizations, and a resolution unanimously passed favoring the widening as suggested by the Civic Improvement League, viz:—at the west section of widening on the north side, and the east section on the south side.

Trusting that this suggestion will meet with your favorable consideration.

E. A. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, April 4th, 1912.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Sir,—At the meeting of the Board of School Commissioners this afternoon the following letter from the President of the Local Council of Women was read:—

Dear Sir,—We understand by the newspapers that it is proposed in the widening of Cunard Street to take away the plot of ground in front of the School of Domestic Science. This we feel would be a great injury to the School. It is computed that in schools where the tram cars run close to the buildings, twenty-five per cent. of the pupils' time is lost on account of the noise. There would also be annoyance of the dust caused by the cars passing so near to the buildings. As the Women's Council started this school and carried it on for a year, we have always taken an especial interest in it, and would regret very much anything which would interfere with its usefulness.

AGNES DENNIS, President Local Council.

In connection with the foregoing the Board passed the following resolution:—

The Board of School Commissioners would strongly protest against any widening of Cunard Street that will deface or destroy the Mannal Training School property.

R. J. WILSON, Secretary B. S. C.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hines, that the report of the City Engineer, together with plan and description of the land required, be approved.

Moved by Aldermen Bligh, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that Mr. W. Michael Brown be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown addresses the Council advocating the widening of Cunard Street on the south side, as proposed by the Civic Improvement League.

Alderman Whitman's motion for approval of the report, plan and description is put and passed.

Read report Police Committee re superannuation of Police Officer Robert Young.

SUPERANNUATION POLICEMAN YOUNG.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 2nd, 1912.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen,—At a meeting of the Police Committee, held on the 1st inst., the Chief of Police reported that Police Officer Robert Young has been absent from duty, on account of illness, for over seventy days during the past year. It was decided to recommend to the Council that Police Officer Young be superannuated under provisions of section 252 (1) (b) of the City Charter, said retirement to take effect at once.

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of obtaining a written report from the City Medical Officer. Motion passed.

By unanimous consent of Council, Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That Ex-Governor Murray be allowed the use of the horse that he claims to be his property until such time as the Council decides as to the ownership of said horse, and that a special Committee be appointed to report on the matter.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Scanlan and passed, nine voting for the same and four against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Whitman, Bligh,
Scanlan, Clarke,
Hoben, Martin,
Corston, MacKenzie,
Rankine—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Harris, Hines,
Hawkins, Upham—4.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, April 26th, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Wosrhip the Mayor and Aldermen Martin, Whitman, Kelly, Gates and Hoben.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman, 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 Harris and Hawkins.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 1st, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Harris, Gates, Douglas, Clarke, Hoben, Hines, Corston, Martin and Upham.

The Council was summoned to receive returns of the civic elections, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Moved by Alderman Douglas that the two notices of reconsideration on the Order of the Day be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Hoben objects, claiming that these matters should be reconsidered by the Council which dealt with them, and not by the incoming Council.

Read No. 1 on the Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Kelly's notice of reconsideration in the matter of providing funds for improving the Common. April 12th, 1912. Page 433.

No motion for reconsideration being moved, the item is dropped from the Order Paper.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz. :—Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of resolution in re ownership of a certain horse at City Prison. April 12th, 1912. Page 439

No motion for reconsideration being moved, the item is dropped from the Order Paper.

Alderman Kelly here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The City Clerk submits returns of the Election for Mayor and Aldermen held April 24th, 1912.

CIVIC ELECTION RETURNS,

Read return of City Clerk covering nomination papers of Frederick P. Bligh and Murdoch Chisholm for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in the City at the election held April 24th, 1912, said returns showing Frederick P. Bligh to have received 2799 votes, and Murdoch Chisholm 976 votes, giving Frederick P. Bligh a majority of 1823 votes.

The City Clerk declares Frederick P. Bligh duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1912-13.

The following resolution is submitted :—

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable Provincial Secretary of the election of Frederick P. Bligh, Esquire, to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor may be pleased to name a time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor elect.

Moved by Alderman Harris seconded by Alderman Shaffner and passed.

Read return of City Clerk covering nomination papers of Robert Morrow and James Ross for the office of Alderman for Ward No. One, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 24th, 1912, said returns showing Robert Morrow to have received 307 votes and James Ross 274 votes, giving Robert Morrow a majority of 33 votes.

The City Clerk declares Robert Morrow duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. One.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Robert M. Hattie and Charles E. Smith for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Two, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 24th, 1912, said returns showing Robert M. Hattie to have received 451 votes and Charles E. Smith 354 votes, giving Robert M. Hattie a majority of 103 votes.

The City Clerk declares Robert M. Hattie duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Two.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of William Dennis and James T. Wilson for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Three, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 24th, 1912, said returns showing William

Dennis to have received 307 votes and James T. Wilson 138 votes, giving William Dennis a majority of 169 votes.

The City Clerk declares William Dennis duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Three.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Robert F. Keltie and John Murphy for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Four, together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 24th, 1912., said returns showing Robert F. Keltie to have received 341 votes and John Murphy 215 votes, giving Robert F. Keltie a majority of 126 votes.

The City Clerk declares Robert F. Keltie duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Four.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of J. Clifford Harris for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Five, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 24th, 1912.

The City Clerk declares J. Clifford Harris duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Five.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Philip A. Gough and John S. Parker for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Six together with the poll books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 24th, 1912, said returns showing Philip A. Gough to have received 513 votes and John S. Parker 361 votes, giving Philip A. Gough a majority of 152 votes.

The City Clerk declares Philip A. Gough duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Six.

CIVIC ELECTION RETURNS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, April 25th, 1912.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen:—Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 24th day of April, inst.

I have made separate returns in respect to the election for Mayor and for the election of an Alderman for each Ward, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers for all the candidates.

ELECTION FOR MAYOR.			
Ward.	Polling Place.	For Frederick P. Bligh.	For Murdoch Chisholm.
1	A to K	197	79
	L to Z	220	78
2	A to K	325	96
	L to Z	287	97
3	A to K	174	56
	L to Z	179	67
4	A to K	211	84
	L to Z	176	84
5	A to K	179	73
	L to Z	169	67
6	A to K	350	98
	L to Z	332	97
Totals		2799	976
Total for Frederick P. Bligh.....			2799
Total for Murdoch Chisholm.....			976
Majority for Frederick P. Bligh.....			1823

ELECTION FOR ALDERMEN.				
Ward		Polling Place, A to K	Polling Place, L to Z.	Totals.
1	Robert Morrow.....	148	159	307
	James Ross.....	131	143	274
Majority for Robert Morrow.....				33
2	Robert M. Hattie.....	226	225	451
	Charles E. Smfth.....	196	158	354
Majority for Robert M. Hattie.....				103
3	William Dennis.....	164	143	307
	James T. Wilson.....	65	73	138
Majority for William Dennis.....				169
4	Robert F. Keltie.....	193	148	341
	John Murphy.....	97	118	215
Majority for Robert F. Keltie.....				126
5	J. Clifford Harris—By acclamation.			
6	Philip A. Gough.....	270	243	513
	John S. Parker.....	190	181	361
Majority for Philip A. Gough.....				152

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Gates, that the Council do now adjourn.

His Worship the Mayor reads and submits his retiring address to the Council.

APRIL 26TH, 1912.

MAYOR'S RETIRING ADDRESS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., May 1st, 1912.

TO THE ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX:

Gentlemen:—As I am about to vacate my seat as Mayor of the City, after a service of three years, I desire, before saying farewell to you, who have been my associates in the administration of civic affairs, to thank you for the assistance which you have given me in the discharge of my official duties. A Mayor can accomplish very little unless he has the cordial and disinterested support of the Aldermen who surround him; and it is only by the co-operation of the Aldermen that public business can be properly and satisfactorily transacted. During my administration the Aldermen of the City have applied themselves to their duties with the sole view to serve the interests of the Citizens. They have been generous in giving their time to that work and they have always readily responded to any demands made upon them in that regard. A large portion of the work falls to the various committees, and during the past three years the committees have rendered valuable public service.

It is a pleasure, on this last occasion on which I preside over your deliberations to make acknowledgment of your aid, and I have to thank you for it.

I am sure you will be equally solicitous for the public good in the future and that you will not fail to give my successor the same support that you have generously accorded to me.

Yours very truly,

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor.

The motion for adjournment is put and passed.

Council adjourns 4. 20 o'clock.