

Blank Books.

A. & W. MacKinlay, Limited.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that through the introduction of type-setting machines the foregoing recommendations will effect a saving during the coming year of something over Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars in the cost of printing Minutes of Council and Annual Civic Report.

I. B. SHAFFNER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted, with the exception of the recommendation accepting the tender of the *Morning Herald* for advertising. Motion passed.

Read recommendation that the tender of the *Morning Herald* for advertising be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Whitman that the tender of the Herald Publishing Company be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

The City Solicitor gives his verbal opinion that the City can accept or reject the tender and that the tenderer may do as he desires with the cash when he receives it.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Clarke that the recommendation of the Committee that the *Herald* tender be accepted be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report special committee on tenders for removal of buildings on market site.

PUBLIC MARKET.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 25, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The special committee on Market Site met this afternoon at four o'clock. Present, Aldermen Gates (Chairman), Shaffner, Hoben and Martin.

In response to advertisement in the public press for tenders for removal of the buildings on the site recently expropriated for public market your Committee received tenders from J. O. Dwyer and Daniel Murphy. Mr O'Dwyer offers to remove the buildings at the north-east corner of Brunswick and Duke Streets for the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, and the buildings on the north-west corner of Duke and Albenarle Streets for a similar amount. Mr. Murphy offers to remove all the buildings on the block, according to specification, for the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars.

It is recommended that the tender of Mr. Murphy be accepted.

HERBERT E. GATES, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Gates seconded by Alderman Clarke that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, Halifax, N. S., May 1st, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

Street Lighting.....	\$4,283.72
Teams and Stables.....	124.55
Streets.....	594.56
Sewerage.....	319.77
Internal Health.....	159.12
Electric Wiring Inspection.....	97.81
Telephones.....	84.57
Street Lighting.....	67.33
City Property.....	56.40
Charles Street Extension.....	35.20
City Hall Fuel.....	17.21
New Market Site.....	13.27
New Workshops.....	7.20
Permanent Sidewalks.....	1.50
Water Maintenance.....	649.66
Water Construction.....	4.92
Total.....	<u>\$6,516.79</u>

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

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

Read report Police Committee, covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, April 26th, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

W. F. Pickering & Co., Trousers and altering clothing, \$17.50; N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone March, \$11.67, April \$11.67, \$23.34; J. Wonnacott, Repairing lock, etc., \$.35; John Foley, Repairing Plaster, \$23.00; Howard McFatrige, Veterinary Services, \$1.00; John Starr, Son & Co., Battery, etc., \$.75; Committee of Fire Wards, Feed, etc., patrol horse, \$37.50. Total \$103.44.

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

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

Read reports (2) City Health Board, covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., April 20th, 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 at a meeting of the Board held yesterday:—

Halifax Electric Tram., Light Month March, \$11.20; Nellie Boutillier, Wages, \$10.00; City Home, Wood, \$2.50; Stairs, Son & Morrow, Rubber Hose, \$1.35; H. B. Clarke, Paper fastner, \$3.50; Gordon & Keith, Tables, Chairs, etc., \$97.00; Hillis & Son, back for stoves, \$2.82; M. A. Hunter, Typing, \$2.00; N. S. Telephone Co., Phone, \$.35; G. A. Burbidge, Vaccine, \$1.50; S. Cunard & Co., Coal Month March, \$64.33; C. A. Mumford, Drugs, \$81.93; Dixon, Ltd., Groceries, \$27.32; J. F. Dempster, Board of patients, \$240.78. Total \$553.58.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

Office of the City Health Board, April 29th, 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 at a meeting of the Board held on Friday last, viz:—

Gordon & Keith, Furnishings, \$39.00; C. A. Mumford, Drugs, etc., \$91.06; J. F. Dempster, Board of patients, \$46.39. Total \$176.45.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

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

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for completion or workshops.

TENDERS CITY WORKSHOPS.

City Work Office, April 25th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for the completion of the City Workshops Central Wing were opened.

	Original Specification.	Amended Specification.
John MacInnes & Son	\$ 5,945.00	.....
J. A. Nicholson	5,600.00	.....
Keefe Construction Co.	5,828.00	\$ 5,828.00
Davison, Parker Co., Ltd. ....	.....	4,940.00
Freeman Bros.	5,880.00	4,740.00

Freeman Bros.' tender on the amended specification being the lowest as well as being considered reasonable, is recommended for acceptance.

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

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman Hawkins that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

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

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, May 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day. Present, Aldermen Martin (Chairman), Hines, Gates and R. V. Harris.

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. That 1,000 feet of 2½" Crescent Rubber Hose and 150 feet of 3-4 Chemical Hose have been received from Austen Bros., tested and put in commission.

2. That a horse has been sold at auction for \$212.40.

3. That the fire engine Alexandra has been repaired and put in commission since April 15th, at a cost of \$265.13.

4. That Joseph Whalen, driver of No. 3 hose waggon, has left the Department.

5. That all the members of the Department on the sick list have reported for duty, except James Brady and Thomas Healey, callmen, who have not yet reported for duty.

6. That Gus Hoganson, callman on No. 2 hose, be appointed driver on No. 1 waggon, vice Thomas Power, resigned.

7. That Daniel Ryan be appointed acting-driver on No. 2 truck, vice Frank O'Regan, resigned.

8. That Robert Shipper, Duncan Jones, James O'Brien, Frank Foley, William Hanson, and George Kline be appointed to the call force, vice Ernest Stone, James Myers, John O'Brien, Thomas Hobin and Edward Sharp, resigned, and Gus Hoganson, appointed to the permanent force.

9. That tenders were received and opened as follows:—

Laundry Work.

Globe Laundry Co., Halifax Steam Laundry, Ungar's Laundry.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of the Halifax Steam Laundry, being the lowest, be accepted.

Veterinary Services and Medicines.

Howard McFatrige, \$2.25 per horse. Walter Jakeman, \$3.45 per horse.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Dr. Howard McFatrige, being the lowest, be accepted.

Removal of Mannre from the Bedford Row, Grafton Street, Central and West Street Houses, for one year.

S. Chittick & Sons, Dartmouth, \$25.00.

This being the only tender, your Committee recommend that it be accepted.

Corn Brooms.

Wentzell's, Ltd., Bauld Bros., Ltd., W. A. Thompson.

Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of Wentzell's, Ltd.

Stable Brooms.

Wentzell's, Ltd., Bauld Bros., Ltd., W. A. Thompson.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of W. A. Thompson be accepted.

Soda and Soap.

Wentzell's, Ltd., Bauld Bors., Ltd.

The tender of Wentzell's, Ltd., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Sulphuric Acid.

National Drug Company.

This tender is recommended for acceptance.

Gasolene and Kerosene.

•Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd.

This tender is recommended for acceptance.

10. Your Committee recommend that steps be taken at once to borrow the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), authorized by Act of the last session of the Legislature, for the purchase of hose, and for repairs to the hose drying tower at Central Engine House.

11. Attached hereto is a report made to your Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris relating to motor fire apparatus, which is submitted for the information of the Council, and is to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards.

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

1911-12 Account.

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Light \$17.78, Power \$16.83, \$34.61; Recorder, Advertising, \$11.15; Chronicle, Advertising, \$20.46; Burns & Kelleher, Repairs, \$7.10; Canadian Oil Companies, Gasoline, \$10.30; S. Cunard & Co., Coal, \$461.65; City Home, Wood, \$1.25; Canadian Rubber Co., Lanterns, etc., \$28.62; Jas. Dempster, Ltd., Lumber, \$12.97; Day & Kinsman, Plumbing, \$.80; Neil Fox, Snaps, \$.75; Farquhar Bros., Motor etc., \$94.85; Halifax Seed Co., Seed, \$1.40; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., Strainers, \$3.20; Kline & Mullins, Gold Cord, \$1.25; W. C. Knight, Saddlery, \$35.70; Henry Lovett, Leather, \$5.85; Longard Bros., Tubes, Waterous Engine, \$97.00; Lawrence Hardware Co., Hardware, \$25.99; Dr. Howard McFatridge, Veterinary Services, \$35.50; John MacInnes & Son, Lumber, \$1.66; W. & A. Moir, Machine Work, \$5.34; Macdonald & Co., Machine Work, \$26.37; Melvin & Co., Hardware, \$3.97; W. & C. Silver, Slips, \$1.65; F. A. Shaw, Forage, \$422.00; Stroud & Eveleigh, Carriage Work, \$11.45; Dr. Trenaman, Examining Supernumeraries, \$3.00; Maritime Telephone Co., Phones, \$81.00; John McD. Taylor, First Help Supplies, \$5.60; Ungar's Laundry, Work, \$11.20; Wentzell's, Ltd., Soda, etc., \$3.64. Total, \$1,467.28.

Loan Account.

Longard Bros., Heating hose tower, \$258.00; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Hose, \$1,100.00; John Foley, Mason Work, \$11.20; John Davison & Son, Lumber, \$5.82; Jas. Dempster, Ltd., Lumber, \$2.63; Melvin & Co., Hardware, \$2.70; Farquhar Bros., Supplies, \$8.84. Total, \$1,389.19.

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

MOTOR FIRE APPARATUS.

Halifax, N. S., May 6th, 1912.

To the Committee of Fire Wards:

Gentlemen:—I find on enquiry that motor driven or motor drawn fire apparatus is used to a very large extent all over the world specially in Great Britain and the United States.

Canadian cities using such apparatus include Montreal (1 piece) Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver (12), Victoria, Prince Rupert, Saskatoon, New Westminster and Amherst, N. S.

The following advantages are claimed for motor driven apparatus:

Lower cost of maintenance. A matter dealt with at the end of this memorandum.

Speed. Automobile fire equipment has the prime of speed over horse drawn apparatus; speed in getting started, in going to a fire and also in avoiding traffic on the way.

A fire cannot be reached too quickly. The presence of apparatus in the first few minutes will frequently avoid ringing in a second or third alarm.

Several pieces of apparatus are generally combined into one piece of motor driven apparatus, e. g. chemical, ladder truck; capacity for seven men and necessary hand tools and implements.

Pumping engine, 1200 feet hose, and capacity for ten or twelve men.

This enables a whole fire department to arrive on the scene all at the same time

The Fire Chief, Lowell, Mass., writes:—"I prefer motor driven (apparatus) if it should cost a little more than the horse driven because of the time saved in getting to and from an alarm, as all firemen know that the first few minutes are worth more than hours after it if a little late."

Fire Chief, Haverhill, Mass., says:—"I consider that (even if) the expense is more than that of the horse drawn apparatus (it) is not to be compared, as the speed with which you can reach the fires, no matter what the distance, increases the efficiency of the department."

Area of Operation. Having greater speed and no muscles to tire, the radius of operation of motor apparatus is considerably larger than horse drawn equipment. As a consequence, a city with several districts covered by motor apparatus, dispenses with one or more fire stations.

In Springfield, Mass., for the year ending Nov. 30, 1909, 20 pieces (including 3 motor driven pieces) answered 2176 alarms, an average of 108.8 alarms apiece.

The three motors averaged 252 alarms each.

The 17 horse pieces averaged 83.5 alarms each.

Chief, Haverhill, Mass., "We have been able to save a number of houses in the outlying districts which we would not have been able to do with the horse drawn apparatus."

Hill Climbing. In a test run at the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs at Guelph, Ontario, in December, 1911, an English machine went up a 16 per cent. grade covered with four inches of snow on a glare of ice, with apparent ease. The machine carried two 35 gallon chemical tanks, 1200 feet of hose and twelve men.

Chief, Haverhill, Mass.:—"Here are some of the grades which we have tried with the combination:

Main Street, 5 3-10% high gear at 15 miles per hour.

Chick Ave., 16% low gear at 6 miles per hour.

School Street, 8% for 540 feet and 10% for the rest of the way, intermediate gear, 10 miles an hour on last 10%."

Space. A considerable portion of the fire department buildings is occupied at the present time with stables for horses, accomodation for hay, feed, &c.

Sanitation. While the purchase of one piece of automobile apparatus will not revolutionize the fire department, the sanitary advantages should be pointed out.

The necessity of maintaining stables is unavoidable where horse drawn apparatus is used. These stables mean the presence and accumulation of manure which is a menace to the health of the firemen living in the fire houses, particularly in summer weather.

Price. Prices vary according to type of apparatus and power of engine, from \$4,500 to \$12,000.

In my enquiries I have endeavored to obtain information on the following points:

1. Snow interference.
2. Mechanical troubles with apparatus.
3. Life of apparatus.
4. Cost of maintenance.

Snow. The Chief of the Fire Department Montreal writes:—

"I may say that since April 1909, the City of Montreal has furnished me with an auto for my use as Chief of the Fire Brigade, and ever since, no weather has prevented me driving out my car."

W. C. Blackstock of the Industrial Motor Trucks, Ltd., Toronto, writes:—

"As to the question of usefulness of the motor driven apparatus under bad weather conditions, the only chance of any trouble would be very deep snow, and if proper chains were used we think the conditions would have to be abnormally bad to cause any trouble. We have had no weather conditions this year in Toronto which would have prevented motor driven apparatus from reaching a fire."

Fire Chief Ten Eyck of Hamilton, writes regarding a combination chemical and hose car:—

"It will plow through the snow two feet deep or any place it can get good traction. We have had trouble where the snow was very deep, that is, in heavy drifts when the snow was packed very hard."

Motor apparatus is in use in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Odessa, where the weather conditions in this respect are exacting.

It should be pointed out that with the usual fall of snow in Halifax our heavier apparatus is never able to leave the streets which have been swept by the street railway.

Mechanical Trouble. In reports made by 17 fire departments to United States manufacturers, covering 3452 alarms, the cars answered all but five alarms, three while car was undergoing repairs, and twice because of inexperienced drivers.

Most of the trouble reported by fire chiefs is due to the use of air-inflated tires. Where solid rubber tires are used the expense and trouble are minimized.

In this connection it should be pointed out that in the Halifax department sick or injured horses may at any time prevent the use of apparatus.

Depreciation. One manufacturer writes:—"The method now recognized (for calculating depreciation) by experts as the best, as well as the most logical, is that known as depreciation by mileage. Taking the case of a three ton commercial truck, the life of which is assumed to be 140,000 miles, some 15% to 17½% is written off each year for depreciation, but it must be remembered that in this case an annual mileage is calculated upon. Considering the comparatively small mileage of a fire truck, depreciation ought to be amply covered by writing off 5% or 7½% each year."

Maintenance. The item of maintenance would seem to be largely in favor of the motor driven apparatus. Speaking generally, the motor driven apparatus costs little except when at work; whereas the up-keep of horses is a continuous expense, whether they are idle or at work.

The cost of maintenance of motor driven apparatus depends largely upon the mileage travelled.

The following is the report at the Syracuse Firemen's Convention, arrived at by an investigation of the experience of various departments throughout the country.

Investment for motor outfit	\$ 5,500.00
" " horse	3,000.00
Increased investment	\$ 2,500.00

<i>Maintenance per year of motor.</i>		<i>Maintenance per year of horse outfit.</i>	
Interest on investment	\$ 275.00	Interest on Investment	\$ 150.00
Tires	220.00	Tires	35.00
Depreciation	225.00	Depreciation	115.00
Overhaul	40.00	Repairs and Supplies	35.00
Current Repairs	10.00	Maintenance Horses	1,000.00
Gasolene, Oil, &c	5.00		
	<u>\$ 775.00</u>		<u>\$ 1,335.00</u>

Saving in maintenance Motor over Horses.

In one year	\$ 560.00
In five years	2,800.00
In ten years	5,600.00

In other words, in five years you write off the increased fire cost over a horse outfit and in ten years the original investment itself.

Chief, New York:—"The comparative cost of maintenance is very much in favor of motor apparatus."

Commissioner Waldo, of the New York Fire Department, reports his three ton Knox high pressure hose waggon costs \$85.00 per year including gasolene, oil and repairs, and answers something like 250 alarms a year in the down-town district, having been in commission since March, 1909.

Trenton, N. J., Fire Department reports as follows:—Auto engines with seven men as compared with steamer company needing nine men, better results with auto and seven men than with engine and nine men. Total cost of engine company \$ 9,015.00
Total cost of auto company 5,921.00
Saving in favor of auto company \$ 3,094.00

Springfield, Mass., 4 Cyclinder, 40 H. P. Car carrying 1,000 feet of 2.5 hose, one 35 gallon chemical tank, hose reel, 200 feet of chemical hose, necessary tools and five men—weight 7,000 lbs.

Two years cost and maintenance.—

Alarms answered	278	
Mileage	409.2	
Fuel - 174 gals. gasolene	\$ 24.89	
Oil - 4.5 gals.	1.70	
Tires	190.00	
Repairs	27.21	
Interest on \$5,000 (2 years)	500.00	
Depreciation, 2 years say		1,250.00
5%		
		\$ 2,993.80
		or \$ 1,496.90 a year.

does the work of a chemical engine, hose waggon, supply waggon and carries five men.

This department now has in service 20 pieces of motor apparatus. All heavy apparatus is equipped with solid tires. The Chief Engineer writes:—"The comparative cost of maintenance is very much in favor of motor over horse drawn apparatus. The cost of maintenance of our combination hose cars averaging annually responses to 150 alarms of fire, is about \$50.00 per year; that of the ladder trucks \$200.00."

Passaic, N. J. The Chief Engineer writes:—"In 1910 I had 27 horses in our department and at the present time I have only 7, and by May 1st I will not have a horse in the department. I figure we will save about \$6,000.00 per year by the use of auto fire apparatus. The cost of maintaining our horses amounted to \$6,500.00, and our autos only \$1,000.00 per year."

Lowell, Mass., (2 pieces, buying 3 more.) "Outside of tire trouble the cost of maintenance last year was less than one half the cost of horse driven. I put on hard rubber tires on the big combination car last August and the cost since then for tire trouble has been very slight." Fire Chief, Lowell, Mass.

Haverhill, Mass., (3 pieces,) Fire Chief's car - Jan. 24th, 1910, to February 6th, 1912, has answered 552 alarms; travelled 6,100 miles.

Painting, repairs, &c.	\$ 429.85
Tires and Tubes	305.12
	<u>\$734.97</u>

Combination chemical and hose waggon carrying 1,000 feet hose and six men.
(May 1, 1910 to February 6, 1912)

Answered.....	365 alarms.
Travelled.....	1,547 miles.
Repairs.....	\$103.75
Tires and Tubes.....	362.90
	\$ 466.66

Takes place of two 2 horse waggons.

Gasolene for three cars.....	\$235.15
Oil, grease, &c.....	61.76
	\$296.91

Hamilton, Ontario. One combination chemical engine and hose car 80 H. P. 2 chemical 30 gallon tanks, 200 feet chemical hose, 1,200 feet hydrant hose. Speed 40 miles an hour on level, 10 miles up 10% grade, cost \$7,850.00 Fire Chief writes: "The cost of upkeep has been a third less than the horse drawn apparatus and has travelled ten times as far.

REGINALD V. HARRIS.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Scanlan that clause 10 re borrowing of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for hose and for other purposes be referred to the Committee on Finance, for report. Motion passed.

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

By unanimous consent of Council, Alderman R. V. Harris submits the following resolution:—

Whereas it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year (1912-13) would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow, under Section 310 of the City Charter, from the Royal Bank of Canada, an amount not exceeding thirty per cent. of the taxes for the current year now uncollected;

And whereas the taxes uncollected for the current year now amount to a sum over \$559,700.00;

Be it resolved, that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$166,500.00, to be applied for defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied—to be repaid to the said Bank out of the said taxes when collected; and that the City Treasurer be authorized in behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Gates and passed unanimously.

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

WATER EXTENSION CLIFTON STREET.*City Works Office, October 27th, 1911.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of Geo. Clarke for water extension to his lot, Clifton Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, October 20th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from George Clarke, No. 5 Clifton Street, asking for water extension to his lot.

The district is high service; length of pipe required, 50 feet; excavation, earth; size of pipe, 6-inch; estimated cost \$80.00. I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Martin that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION MAYNARD STREET.*City Works Office, April 3rd, 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 water extension Maynard Street, between Black and North Streets, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 27th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying application from Messrs. Barnes Bros., asking for the extension of the water pipe on Maynard Street between Black Street and North Street.

The water pipe is laid in this block with the exception of about 135 feet, and I would recommend that the missing link be filled in. The estimated cost is \$270.00.

It would not be necessary to fix a special rate, as the whole cost of the extension would not be chargeable to Messrs. Barnes Bros.

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

Moved by Alderman Upham seconded by Alderman Martin that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Resolved, that the Mayor and Corporation of Halifax extend a cordial welcome to the Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, on the occasion of his first official visit to Halifax; and that His Worship the Mayor and the Commercial Committee are hereby instructed to co-operate in every possible way with the Mayor of Dartmouth, the Boards of Trade of Halifax and Dartmouth and the other organizations taking part, in impressing upon the Minister of Railways—and thus strengthening the hands of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister in his efforts to do full justice to the requirements of the East—the great importance to Canada of providing such facilities and conditions as will enable the C. P. R. and other trunk railways to obtain the earliest possible entrance to this port; to take immediate steps to obtain the now obsolete Dockyard for railway purposes; and to provide such terminal facilities as will relieve the present congestion, and be adequate to meet prospective requirements of the rapidly increasing trade of the port.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable the Minister and the Right Honorable the Prime Minister.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Scanlan and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts.

CITY PRISON COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 18th, 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 and Hines, the following accounts amounting to \$315.45, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Melvin & Co., Hardware, \$4.33; Freeman's Dept. Store, Blinds, etc., \$65.30; Wm. Taylor & Co., Boots, \$12.00; Blackadar Bros., Advertising, \$3.63; Chronicle Pub. Co., Advertising, \$4.85; H. F. P. Cross, 1 Cow, \$47.00; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, \$1.10; Hillis & Sons, Stove fittings, \$5.85; W. J. Regan, Harness supplies, \$9.35; Evans & Co., Enamel basins, etc., \$3.73; W. I. Hubley & Co., Bran, \$7.50; I. Creighton & Co., Dry Goods, \$27.13; N. S. Telephone Co., Telephone 3 months to March 31, 1912, \$13.50; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Light, \$5.59; W. A. Maling & Co., Ox heads, \$21.50; Dixon's Ltd., Groceries, \$61.72; J. J. Scriven & Sons, Bread, \$20.77. Total \$315.45.

A. C. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Alderman Martin submits an account (\$345.00) from Frank Reardon against the Police Committee and requests that the same be passed for payment.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Hines that Mr. Reardon's account be paid. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 17th, 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), Douglas and Corston, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. Letter Miss Marshall Saunders re Playgrounds for Children. It is recommended that this letter be referred to the Board of School Commissioners.
2. Annual Financial Statement of Provincial Exhibition Commission, for 1911; also report City Auditor relating to the deficit of the Provincial Exhibition, 1911. It is recommended that the statement be filed, provision having been made in the civic estimates 1912-13 for the deficit.
3. The following accounts, amounting to \$166.85, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz.:

T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery: Mayor's Office, \$26.50; Collector's Office' \$33.70; Assessors, \$13.50; Police, \$9.60; Treasurer, \$5.10; License Inspector, \$4.75; Auditor, \$6.20; Total \$99.35. A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., Books, etc.: City Assessors, \$35.50; Police, \$25.20; Collector, \$0.60; Total \$61.30. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of Lillian P. Curry, \$1.00. London Rubber Stamp Co., Stamp, Pad and Badges, \$2.20; Total \$166.85.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

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

By leave of Council Alderman Gates is permitted to make a motion.

Moved by Alderman Gates seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the Committee on Works be requested to report on the matter of the request of the Telephone Company for the laying of underground conduits on Inglis and Gerrish Streets and report back to this Council at its next meeting. Motion passed.

DEPUTY MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council to nominate a Deputy-Mayor and members of the City Health Board.

The following are nominated for the office of Deputy-Mayor:—

Alderman Dennis, by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Keltie.

Alderman MacKenzie, by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Morrow.

Alderman Martin, by Alderman Hines, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris.

Alderman Dennis declines the nomination.

The vote being taken, the division of Council appeared as follows:—

For Alderman MacKenzie—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie—6.

For Alderman Martin—

Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough—8.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Martin elected Deputy-Mayor.

CITY HEALTH BOARD.

For a medical member of the City Health Board the following are nominated:—

Dr. C. S. Morton, by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Scanlan.

Dr. Hawkins, by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Upham.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For Dr. Morton—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie, J. C. Harris, Gough—8.

For Dr. Hawkins—

Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, Upham—7.

His Worship the Mayor declares Dr. C. S. Morton elected a member of the City Health Board.

For the other three appointments as members of the City Health Board the following are nominated:—

Alderman Hines, by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Morrow.

Alderman Scanlan, by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Dennis.

Alderman Gough, by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Keltie.

Alderman Hawkins, by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For Alderman Hines—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough—14.

For Alderman Scanlan—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, Gough—12.

For Alderman Gough—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham—10.

For Alderman Hawkins—

Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Clarke, Hines, Martin, Upham—7.

His Worship the Mayor declares Aldermen Hines, Scanlan and Gough elected members of the City Health Board.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Read list of Committees, as nominated by His Worship the Mayor, as follows:—

Committee on Cabs:—The Mayor, Aldermen Gough J. C. Harris. Approved.

City Home—Committee on Charities:—Aldermen Morrow, Gates, Scanlan, Keltie, Martin, Upham. Approved.

Finance Committee:—Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan, Hoben, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie. Approved.

Committee of Fire Wards:—Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Scanlan, Hines, Martin, MacKenzie. Approved.

Laws and Privileges Committee:—Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Clarke, Hoben, Hawkins, MacKenzie. Approved.

Police Committee:—The Mayor, Aldermen Hines, Scanlan. Approved.

Committee on City Prison:—Aldermen R. V. Harris, Hattie, Scanlan, Hines, J. C. Harris, Gough. Approved.

Tenders Committee:—Aldermen Morrow, Connolly, Clarke, Keltie, Hawkins, Upham. Approved.

Committee on City Works:—The Mayor, Aldermen Dennis, Martin. Approved.

Board of Arbitration Between City, County, and Dartmouth:—Aldermen Whitman, Scanlan, Keltie, Hawkins, Gough. Approved.

Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery:—Aldermen Morrow, Hattie, Clarke, Upham Messrs. H. D. Holloway, C. H. Mitchell, O. E. Smith. Approved.

Commissioners of the Court House at Halifax:—The Mayor, Aldermen R. V. Harris, Hawkins, Upham. Approved.

Board of Fire Escapes:—Aldermen Connolly, J. C. Harris, Gough. Approved.

Gardens—Commissioners of Halifax Common:—Messrs. D. A. Macdonald, J. F. Kelly, Aldermen Morrow, Hattie, Scanlan, Keltie, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie. Approved.

Harbor Championship Committee:—Aldermen MacKenzie, Gates, Hines, Martin, Upham. Approved.

Library Commission:—Messrs. G. W. T. Irving and Percy L. Clancey (in room Mr. James C. Barnstead, left City) and Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Clarke, Hattie, Keltie, MacKenzie.

Read letter Typographical Union re representation on the Library Commission.

LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Halifax Typographical Union, April 29th, 1912.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—I take the liberty of addressing you in regard to the appointment of a member from our Union on the Library Committee.

I may say the one who was acting for us in that capacity has left the City, and we will appoint a member in his place at our next regular meeting, which will be held on May 4th, next.

Hoping that this will meet with your wishes, I remain,

J. E. MASON, *Sec. No. 130.*

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

Directors of Point Pleasant Park:—The Mayor, Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Scanlan, Hoben, J. C. Harris, Upham.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan seconded by Alderman Clarke that Alderman Dennis' name be substituted for that of Alderman Scanlan as a Director of Point Pleasant Park. Motion passed, and the nominations as amended approved.

Commercial Committee, including Railways and Shipbuilding—The Mayor, Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Dennis, Hoben, MacKenzie. Approved.

Civic Improvement, under resolution 25th March, 1912—Aldermen Hattie, Clarke, Keltie, MacKenzie; Messrs. Principal Sexton, E. J. Kelly, W. S. Davidson, Clarence C. Longard, and City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the name of A. L. Wood be substituted for that of Principal Sexton as a member of said Committee. Motion put and lost, seven voting for the same and eight against it, as follows:—

For A.L. Wood—Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, Upham, Gough—7.

For Principal Sexton—Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, J. C. Harris—8.

Committee as nominated approved.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Hines that His Worship the Mayor nominate a special committee on the providing of a fruit warehouse. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Dennis, Hines, and MacKenzie as such Committee.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said Committee be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Gates seconded by Alderman Harris that His Worship the Mayor nominate a special committee on Public Market Site. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such committee Aldermen Morrow, Gates, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, MacKenzie. Approved.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards, covering report from Aldermen Gates and Harris re insurance of firemen.

INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 26th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards, held on the 23rd instant, Aldermen Gates and Harris submitted the accompanying report re insurance of firemen, when it was decided to forward the same to the Council for its information.

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY PROPOSALS.

Your Committee beg to report that:

1. During the past five years (1905-6 to 1910-11) the City has paid members of the permanent force while absent through illness or injuries \$10.00 to \$12.50 per week.	\$ 2,216.00
Members of call force for sick indemnity while absent through injuries received while on duty, \$8.00 per week.	663.00
Paid heirs callman James Tynan, killed.	1,000.00
Total.	\$ 3,879.00
Or an average per year of.	\$ 774.00

2. The above figures do not include the amount (\$1,000.00) which has been voted to the heirs of Dominick Healy, District-Chief, whose death took place subsequent to May 1st, 1911.

3. During the past nine years two men have died from injuries or been killed, and four during the past eighteen years.

4. Tenders for sickness and accident insurance indemnifying the City in respect of the payments referred to in paragraph One, have been received from—

General Accident Assurance Company of Canada.

London, and Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company of Canada.

Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company.

Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company.

Imperial Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company of Canada.

Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd.,

and may be Classified as follows:—

(a) *Permanent Force.*—

For 24 hour, &c. policy covering accidental death.	\$ 1,000.00
Loss of sight of both eyes, loss of both feet or hands, or one foot and one hand.	500.00
Loss of either foot or hand.	200.00
For total disabling injuries, other than above, \$5.00 a week for 52 weeks.	
For sickness, specified diseases. . . weeks indemnity \$5.00 a week.	
London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company (all sicknesses) 35 men at \$18.00.	630.00

Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. (32 diseases) 35 men at \$15.00..	\$ 525.00
Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company (52 diseases) 35 men at \$12.50.....	437.50
Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company (all diseases except venereal) 35 men at \$12.50.....	437.50
Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company (30 diseases) 35 men at \$12.00.....	420.00
General Accident Assurance Company (all diseases) 35 men at \$12.00.	420.00
For Accident Policy only (that is, with health insurance)—	
Imperial Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, 35 men at \$14.00.....	490.00
London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company, 35 men at \$13.00.....	455.00

(b) *Call and Supernumerary Force.*—

For policy covering members 24 hours (accident and sickness) each day with same benefits and indemnities as permanent force:—

London and Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company, 90 men at \$15.00.....	1,350.00
Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company, (52 diseases) 90 men at \$12.50.....	1,225.00
General Accident Assurance Company, 90 men at \$12.00.....	1,080.00
Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company, (30 diseases) 90 men at \$12.00.....	990.00
Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company (Accident only) 90 men at \$10.00.....	900.00
London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company (Accident only) 90 men at \$9.00.....	810.00

For policy covering members while going to, attending and returning from fires "from time alarm is sounded until fire apparatus is replaced in the fire hall" for accident and disability resulting from accidents within policy benefits and indemnities as in policy on permanent force:—

Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company, 90 men at \$3..	270.00
Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company (with all sicknesses) 90 men at \$8.95.....	805.50

For policy covering same accidents and including practices and drills:—

Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company, 90 men at \$4.00.	360.00
Canadian Railway & Accident Insurance Company, 90 men at \$4.00..	360.00
Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp., Ltd., 90 men at \$3.00.....	270.00
Canadian Railway & Accident Insurance Company (with all sicknesses) 90 men at \$9.95.....	895.50
For policy covering permanent force (full time) and call force (for duty only) at flat rate, 125 men at \$6.00.....	750.00

5. In order to provide for the same benefits as are enjoyed by the firemen, it would be necessary to take out policies as follows:—

On Permanent Force—

General Accident Assurance Company (accidents and all diseases) 35 men at \$12.00.....	420.00
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On Call and Supernumerary Force—

Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp., Ltd., (fire duty, practice and drill) 90 men at \$3.00.....	270.00
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Total cost per year.....\$ 690.00

6. If the men themselves were desirous of obtaining additional benefits these can doubtless be obtained by their paying the additional premiums.

7. It should be pointed out that while the amounts payable for disabilities other than death are in some respects more generous than those now paid by the City, the weekly indemnity payments (\$5.00 a week) under the proposed insurance would be less than the amounts now paid the firemen when off duty (\$8.00 call men to \$10.00 or \$12.50 permanent force.)

8. Several tenders for insurance on the lives of firemen have been received in answer to the advertisement for tenders. The cost of such insurance of course depends upon the age of the insured, and we understand the firemen themselves contemplate taking out such policies for the benefit of dependents, the premiums being paid out of their own Benefit Fund. If such life insurance is effected it would not be necessary that the benefits under the accident policies should cover accidental death, and it is probable that a small reduction could be effected in the amount of the premiums or the weekly indemnities slightly increased.

9. If the firemen themselves decide to effect life insurance on their own lives, and the City decides to arrange for accident insurance, we recommend that a joint committee on insurance be organized.

Since the preparation of the foregoing paragraphs, respecting the subject of life insurance:

10. Your Committee have received tenders from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

11. The tender of the Mutual Life Insurance Company is based on the different ages and occupations of the various men in the force and may be said to be the ordinary straight life insurance of each man. The total amount of yearly premiums for such insurance on the 31 members of the permanent force would be \$1,436.29, and on the 89 members of the call force \$2,576.41—\$4,111.70.

These policies would be on a participating plan.

12. The tender of the Equitable Life Assurance Society deals with the 120 firemen constituting the Department as a group. The Society takes the entire list of firemen without regard to their individual insurability, accepting the present force as a whole without further medical examination. One blanket policy is issued covering all lives, with flexible provision for terminations and additions. The policy is issued on the term plan and renewable from year to year. The cost per man will work out to about \$1.38 per month for an indemnity of \$1,000.00 at death, the total cost being \$1,987.20.

13. The income of the Firemen's Benefit Fund averages \$325.00 a year, varying according to the number of fires in the year and the number of deaths in the force. The average amount paid by the City each year has been \$774.00 Total say \$1,100.00 a year.

14. Your Committee finds:

(1) That the insuring the men for accident and health purposes under the several proposed plans while somewhat less expensive to the City, would result in considerably less benefit to the men than under the present system.

(2) That the cost of insuring the men for life purposes would be considerably more expensive to the men than under the present system.

(3) The situation would be considerably modified with a proportionately larger permanent force, and in such a case it might be to the advantage of both the men and the City to consider such insurance.

H. E. GATES,
REGINALD V. HARRIS.

Filed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 26th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—A meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards was held on the 23rd instant. Present Aldermen Martin (Chairman), Harris, Gates and Hines; also Chief Fire Department.

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. The Chief stated that in view of the fact that between December 29th and January 13th last, the Department was at a loss of over \$1,300.00 on account of the large fires, the work already authorized by the Committee, if carried out, would exceed the estimate by \$685.00. It was decided that the borrowing bill now before the Legislature would cover the overdraft, and the Chief was instructed to proceed with the work scheduled, which includes:—

West Street House	Repairs.....	\$	400.00
Quinpool Road House	“		175.00
Painting Islesville House	.....		110.00
Electric Motor Central House	.....		75.00
Equipment	.....		50.00
Waggon repairs	.....		52.00
Tubes Waterous Engine	.....		110.00
Spring Garden Road House, repairs	.....		100.00
		\$	1,072.00

2. District Chief Brunt asked for leave of absence from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m., daily for three or four months. It is recommended that leave of absence be granted District-Chief Brunt, he to receive one-half pay during the period of his absence, and subordinates to be promoted and paid accordingly.

3. The Chief reported that he had not been able to carry out instructions in regard to the sale of a horse, on account of there being so many sick horses in the Department. The Chief was instructed to make such sale as soon as convenient.

4. On the recommendation of the Chief it was decided to make an exchange of horses with Mr. H. F. Adams, he to receive a grey horse belonging to the Department and to furnish a horse of equal value in its place.

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Hines that a special committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Gates, Dennis and MacKenzie, be appointed to co-operate with the Canadian Club in connection with the ceremony of opening the Memorial Tower at Fleming Park. Motion passed, and the Committee approved.

Read report Police Committee re physical condition of Police Officer Robert Young, covering report City Medical Officer.

SUPERANNUATION POLICEMAN ROBERT YOUNG.

Mayor's Office, April 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—In pursuance of resolution of Council of April 12th instant, the Police Committee beg to enclose herewith report of City Medical Officer in re physical condition of Police Officer Robert Young.

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

Halifax, April 16th, 1912.

*His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman Police Committee.*

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of this date re Police Officer Robert Young, and the extent of his several attacks of sickness, which have led up to the recommendation by the Police Committee of his Superannuation. Policeman Young during the last few years has been the subject of comparatively frequent attacks of rheumatism. During the past civic year to date he had five separate spells of sickness, covering a period in all of 69½ days, 68 of which were because of rheumatism. Taking his medical history, say from January 1st, 1908 to date, I find that for 1908 Policeman Young was absent from duty 63 days—56 because of rheumatism; in 1910 and 1911 he was absent 40½ days—39 because of rheumatism, and in 1912 to date 46 days because of rheumatism—in all 203 days.

I have no reason to think that these attacks of rheumatism will not recur in the same ratio of frequency.

THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D., *City Medical Officer.*

Moved by Alderman Keltie seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be referred back to the Police Committee. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on Heber Hartlen's proposal for the construction of an abattoir.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 16th, 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) Hoben, and Hawkins, the following matter was dealt with:—

Report City Health Board relating to Mr. Hartlen's proposal to establish an abattoir in the City, also the proposal submitted to the Council by Mr. Hartlen and referred to this Committee to be considered along therewith.

Mr. Hartlen and Mr. Sinclair (his solicitor) appeared before and addressed the Committee on the subject and submitted the attached draft Act., which is reported up to the City Council for its consideration.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

ABATTOIR.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. Every carcass of any animal slaughtered within the City of Halifax intended for food, or a portion or product thereof, prepared for food within the City of Halifax, shall be inspected during the whole course of such slaughtering and preparation in accordance with the provisions of "The Meat and Canned Foods Act" being Chapter _____, of the Act of the Parliament of Canada of the year _____.

2. No person shall keep or sell or offer for sale within the City of Halifax any carcass of cattle, sheep or swine or any part or portion thereof, either by wholesale or retail, unless the same shall have been first inspected under the said "Meat and Canned Foods Act" and passed or approved by inspectors appointed thereunder.

3. Every person who by himself or his servant or agent slaughters any animal intended for food within the City of Halifax, or prepares any product thereof for food within said City or sells or keeps or offers for sale any such carcass of such animal or portion or product thereof as aforesaid, contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and in default of payment of such penalty to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, with or without hard labor.

4. The City of Halifax is hereby authorized and empowered to exempt from all civic rates and taxes, excepting water rates, for a period not exceeding ten years, the property real and personal of any company formed in the City of Halifax to construct and operate an abattoir in the said City of Halifax, for a period not exceeding ten years, any such abattoir to be subject to such regulations as the City Health Board of the City of Halifax shall enact.

5. This Act shall not come into force until proclaimed by the Governor-in-Council.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Morrow that the session of the Legislature having closed the report be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee to be reported back to the Council at a more opportune time. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourned 10.55 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 16th, 1912.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Morrow, Whitman, J. C. Harris, Hattie, Hines, Martin, Gough, Hoben and Clarke.

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris 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 R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Dennis, Keltie, Hawkins and Upham.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Aldermen Whitman, Chairman.

Report City Health Board, by Alderman Hines, for Chairman.

Report Cemetery Commission, by Alderman Hattie, for Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Report Police Committee, re Police Officer Young.

Report Coal Weighers for April.

Annual Report Coal Weighers for 1911-1912.

Appointment by Dr. A. C. Hawkins of R. T. MacIlreith as Arbitrator on his behalf in the matter of widening Cunard Street.

Petition Thomas Ryan for privilege of operating a ferry across the North West Arm.

Letter School Board re debentures for \$55,495.00 for school purposes.

Letter *Halifax Herald* re City's advertising contract.

Applications G. A. Wootten and Orpheus Theatre for renewal of moving picture licenses.

Reports (II) Committee on Works, namely:—

- Gottingen Street Sewer.
- Preston Street water extention.
- Open meetings.
- Victoria Road sidewalk.
- Street Lights.
- Funds for sewerage purposes.
- Bilby Street sewer.
- Morris Street sewer.
- Water Meter rates W. R. & J. A. Scriven.
- Water Meter rates J. A. R. Wier.
- Water Meter rates J. P. Wambolt.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read applications W. A. Adams (Orpheus Theatre) and G. A. Wootten (Acker's Theatre) for licenses for moving picture shows.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re debentures for \$26,500 for additions to LeMarchant Street School, and \$28,995 for additions and alterations to Richmond School.

SCHOOL DEBENTURES.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Secretary's Office, 16th May, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners has made application to the Governor-in-Council for an order directing the City to issue its debentures for an amount sufficient to produce \$26,250.00 for additions, &c., to LeMarchant Street School, viz:—contract \$25,000; Architect \$1,250—\$26,250.00.

I have also the honor to inform you that the Board is about making application to the Governor-in-Council for its approval of a contract with Messrs. S. A. Marshall & Son for additions and alterations to Richmond School for the sum of \$28,995.00.

R. J. WILSON, *Secretary Board of School Commissioners.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read application Thomas Ryan for the privilege of operating a ferry across the North West Arm from the foot of Jubilee Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read notification by Dr. A. C. Hawkins of his appointment of R. T. MacIlreith to act as arbitrator on his behalf in the matter of the expropriation of property for widening of Cunard Street. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for April. Filed.

Read Annual Report Coal Weighers for 1911-1912. Filed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 13th, 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 Whitman, Clarke, Hoben and Hawkins, the following matters were dealt with:—

Alderman Whitman was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

The following applications for licenses were dealt with:—

(1) Application Charles Russell for renewal of license to operate a shooting gallery at No. 122 Upper Water Street.

It is recommended that this application be granted, the license fee to be \$10.00.

(2) Applications for moving picture show licenses from Jacob Withrow for King Edward Theatre, J. Frank Crowe for Empire Theatre and St. Mary's T. A. & B. Society for the Nickel.

It is recommended that these applications be granted, the license fee to be each \$250.00.

(3) Application J. F. O'Connell for renewal of license for Academy of Music.

It is recommended that this application be granted and the license fee fixed at \$1,000.00.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1, re application of Charles Russell for license for shooting gallery. Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2, re certain applications for moving picture show licenses. Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that said clause be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further report. Motion passed.

Read clause 3, re application Academy of Music for renewal of theatre license. Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Clarke that said clause be referred back to the Committee for further report. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts for payment.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., May 14th, 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:—

Halifax Electric Tram., Light for Hospital, \$13.20; Freeman & Co., Towelling, \$2.55; N. S. Telephone Co., Phones, \$38.61; T. C. Allen, Stationery \$1.10; Cunard & Co., Coal Month April \$89.29; I. Creighton, P. Slips, \$9.00; Geo. Wakefield, Groceries quarantined Houses \$19.79; Dixon, Ltd., Groceries S. P. Hospital \$41.03; J. F. Dempster, Board of patients \$398.09. Total \$612.66.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman Gough that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Cemetery Commission, covering an account for payment.

REPORT CAMP HILL CEMETERY COMMISSION.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 16th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery met this day, there being present Mr. H. D. Holloway (Chairman) Aldermen Morrow, Hattie and Upham, Mr. C. H. Mitchell and Mr. O. E. Smith.

The Commission recommend for payment the account of Stone and Wellington for trees, \$25.00.

HY. D. HOLLOWAY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Clarke seconded by Alderman Hines that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

Read report Police Committee re physical condition of Police Officer Young.

POLICE OFFICER YOUNG.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, May 15th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day the attached reports of the late Police Committee and the City Medical Officer on the physical condition of Police Officer Robert Young were read.

It was decided to retain the services of Police Officer Young for the present and detail him for duty at the Public Gardens.

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

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor reports verbally on the matter on the delegation of British Manufacturers and financial men expected to arrive here on the 10th June, that the members of the Commercial Committee and Board of Trade had held a meeting to consider the matter of the entertainment of such delegation, and decided that the City would be expected to do something in that direction, and stated that it had been suggested that the City tender the party a luncheon.

Moved by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the delegation of financial gentlemen from England be entertained by the City at a luncheon, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to pay the expenses of the same out of Contingent Fund. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Clarke that Alderman Dennis be permitted to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas the City will require the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended on sewers during the current civic year;

Therefore Resolved that the City Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to advertise for tenders for a loan sufficient to produce the said sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) on the security of City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, bearing interest at four per cent. per annum, and repayable on the first day of July, 1945, under authority of Chapter 40 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1911.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Dennis that the said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee for report at the next meeting of the City Council. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re funds for sewerage purposes.

LOAN FOR SEWERS.

City Works Office, May 15th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to recommend to Council that the City Treasurer be instructed to borrow \$50,000 for sewerage purposes and arrange for an overdraft for \$10,000 until that amount is available so that work on the Oxford St. Sewer may be proceeded with at once.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION PRESTON STREET.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of the petition of Margaret Frost for water extension Preston Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 13th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Margaret Frost, asking for the extension of the water service to her house No. 9 Preston Street.

The district is high service; size of pipe, 15-inch; excavation, rock. The estimated cost in such cases is made up on six inch pipe and would be \$335.50; interest on that amount at 5%, \$16.77.

I would recommend that the extension be made if the petitioner will agree to pay the special rate of \$16.77.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Dennis that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re street lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

City Works Office, May 15th, 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 street light corner of Mott and Seldon Streets, was read and recommended for adoption. It was also decided to recommend to Council for adoption upon the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor a street light at the corner of Edward and Morris Streets when funds are available.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 10th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:—

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from residents of the neighbourhood, asking for the installation of an electric street light on the corner of Mott and Seldon Streets.

Very little improvement has been made in this neighbourhood, and these streets are dark at night. I would recommend that a light be placed at the corner of Mott and Seldon Streets when the appropriation is available.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Dennis that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re open meetings of said Board.

OPEN MEETINGS COMMITTEE ON WORKS.

City Works Office, May 15th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee of Works held this day the following resolution was recommended to Council for adoption:—

Responsible for the spending of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year of the money of the people of Halifax, this Board of Works believes that it is its bounden duty to transact all the business of the people in public.

Therefore resolved that all meetings of this Board of Works will be open and all information of the work of this Board will be available to the press, and thus every facility will be offered for immediately making its proceedings fully known to the people who pay the taxes.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that said report be adopted and that No. 7 on Order of the Day, viz.—“Alderman Hoben’s motion that the meetings of the Committee on Works be open to the public. Left undisposed of through motion to adjourn. August 4th, 1909, page 175. (verbal.)” be struck therefrom.

Alderman Whitman submits the following amendment:—

Whereas the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland in the year 1908, by Chapter 43 of that year, legislated upon the subject of the admission of representatives of the press to the meetings of certain local authorities;

And whereas said legislation provided that representatives of the press should be admitted to the meetings of a local authority corresponding with our City Council; but also provided that such a body may exclude such representatives at any meeting when in the opinion of a majority of the members of such a body present at such meeting such exclusion is advisable in the public interests;

And whereas said Chapter 43 of the said Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland further provided that representatives of the press should be excluded from any meeting of a committee of such a body as our City Council, unless such a committee themselves admitted such representatives to the meeting, which legislation was simply declaratory of the common law of England in force prior to such legislation;

Now therefore resolved that this Council hereby indorse the principle of the said Imperial legislation, and hereby declare that the City Council and the committees of the City Council shall, as regards the admission of representatives of the press to their meetings, have the same power and be governed by the same law as now exists in England.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hawkins.

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

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Whitman, Hawkins—2.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough,—14.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter south side Victoria Road.

VICTORIA ROAD SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, May 15th, 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 Minute of Council in re petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb, gutter, Victoria Road, south side between South Park Street and Tower Road, was read and recommended for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 26th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions asking for the construction of a sidewalk on Victoria Road.

The first petition asks for the construction of curb and gutter only on the south side of Victoria Road between South Park Street and Tower Road. I communicated with the petitioners, asking if they desired the curb and gutter only, and on receipt of an affirmative answer, I informed them that the construction of a curb and gutter on Young Avenue had been ordered for this year and it was unlikely that any amount in addition to the cost of this work, would be taken from the street appropriation.

The petitioners then sent a second petition asking for the construction of a sidewalk, curb and gutter.

There is a sidewalk on the north side in this block, and a sidewalk, curb and gutter is badly needed on the south side, as the grade is light and water does not run off readily, especially when there is snow on the ground. The estimated cost is \$1,172.00.

I would recommend the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb, and gutter on the south side of Victoria Road between South Park Street and Tower Road.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

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

GOTTINGEN STREET SEWER.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of sewer extension Gottingen Street, as per Minutes of Council under date June 26th, 1911, was read and recommended for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, July 25th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer in Gottingen Street between Kenny and Duffus Streets.

The sewer now under construction will be laid in Kenny Street to Gottingen Street and southwardly along Gottingen Street to the brook running from Merkelsfield.

The estimated cost of constructing the sewer petitioned for is \$4,780.00; estimated assessment \$1,700.00.

I would recommend that this sewer be ordered by the Council, to be constructed in its turn when funds are available.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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

BILBY STREET SEWER.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of a new sewer in Bilby Street between Agricola Street and Kempt Road was read and recommended for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, July 25th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—The houses on Bilby Street between Kempt Road and Agricola Street, drain into an old stone drain which has become partially filled up, and the sewage has been backing into some of the houses.

A temporary remedy has been applied, but the same trouble is liable to occur unless a new sewer is constructed or the old one thoroughly cleaned out. It would cost more than is justifiable to clear out the old sewer and at the completion of such work conditions would still be unsatisfactory.

I would recommend that a new sewer be constructed in Bilby Street between Agricola Street and Kempt Road. The estimated cost is \$2,350.00; estimated assessment \$925.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Dennis that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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

MORRIS STREET SEWER.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of a sewer on Morris Street from Park Street to Tower Road was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, September 26, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—There is no sewer on Morris Street between Park Street and Robie Street and there is no sewer on Tower Road between South Street and College Street.

The surface water has to run for a long distance, and at the intersection of Morris Street and Tower Road, the water collects during the cold season. Frequently the depth of water is so great that pedestrians cannot cross the street unless they are wearing high boots.

A short sewer on Morris Street from Park Street to Tower Road would carry off the greater part of the surface water and remove the nuisance complained of. This sewer would collect the water from seven catchpits, and is very necessary for City purposes. I would therefore recommend that it be constructed.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

By consent of Council Alderman Whitman is permitted to make a motion.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that the question of sewer assessment be referred to the Committee on Works and that said Committee take into consideration the matter of requiring abutters to pay a larger percentage of the cost of sewers than at present. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates W. R. & J. A. Scriven.

MESSRS. W. R. & J. A. SCRIVEN'S WATER TAX.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of a reduction on the water meter rates of W. R. & J. A. Scriven was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 10th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Messrs. W. R. & J. A. Scriven ask for a rebate in the charge made to them for water from September 1, 1911 to March 7, 1912—\$31.91—on the ground that there has been an extraordinary consumption for a short time during that period.

Section 6 of Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1909, provides that a reduction may be made if the amount of water charged for is in excess of that fairly required by the owner, and that such excess 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 the owner or occupant of such premises.

A similar claim was allowed once before for this property, as a leak had broken out underground, and had been running for a time before it was discovered. In the case under consideration, there was a leak which had not been discovered, but it was not underground as in the former case. It was in a part of the water system difficult of access, and Messrs. Scriven had no knowledge of it until they got their bill. They had no notice in the usual way by the meter reading, as the record left by the Inspector was unintelligible, the original record being hereto attached.

Section 467 of the City Charter requires that the owner or agent shall receive a record showing the amount of water consumed since the last reading. As the Meter Inspector has not complied with the law, I feel that it is my duty to recommend that a reduction should be allowed and I would therefore recommend that the bill, \$31.91 be reduced to \$14.26, the amount paid during the same period of the year previous.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates J. P. Wambolt.

WATER TAX NO. 353 BARRINGTON STREET.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of a reduction on the water meter rates of J. P. Wambolt, No. 353 Barrington Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 10th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Mr. J. P. Wambolt has applied for a reduction in the amount charged him for water by meter measurement for the period from September 1908 to March 1909.

I find on enquiry that there was, during the period mentioned, smallpox in the property, and it was impossible to correct the defects in the plumbing as the house was quarantined. Since the meter was installed, up to that period and during the period since that in question, the consumption has been very moderate.

Under the circumstances, in my opinion, as required by section 6 of Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1909, I have to report that the quantity charged for was in excess of that which was fairly required by the owner or occupant of the premises, and that such excess passed through the meter in consequence of a defect in the plumbing, which was not due to the failure of the owner to use proper care and precaution, in consequence of smallpox in the premises. I would recommend that the bill—\$15.78—for the period from September 1908 to March 1909 be reduced to \$2.74, the amount charged for the next half year.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates J. A. R. Wier.

WATER TAX, 166 LOCKMAN STREET.

City Works Office, May 14th, 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 favor of a reduction in the water meter rates of J. A. R. Wier, No. 166 Lockman Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 10th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Mr. J. A. R. Wier is asking for a reduction in the amount charged for water by meter measurement at No. 166 Lockman Street during the period from March 1907 to March 1908.

I find on enquiry, that there was smallpox in the house and consequently the defects in the plumbing could not be attended to.

Under the circumstances, I must report, as required by section 6 of Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1909, that the quantity charged for was in excess of that which was fairly required by the owner or occupant of the premises, and that such excess passed through the meter in consequence of a defect in the plumbing, which was not due to the failure of the owner to use proper care and precaution, in consequence of smallpox in the premises.

The consumption since the period in question has been moderate. I would recommend, therefore, that the bill, \$37.16, for the year from March 1907 to March 1908, be reduced to \$8.20, which is the average charge for the four years since that.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter Halifax *Herald* re contract for City advertising.

CITY ADVERTISING.

The Halifax Herald, May 16th, 1912.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq., City Clerk:

Sir:—We are in receipt of yours of May 13th, which reads as follows:—

"I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the City Council held on the 10th inst., the report of the Tenders Committee recommending the acceptance of your tender for advertising in the *Herald* was adopted."

This is in reply to our proposition for advertising, which was as follows:—

"The rate for display advertisements in either the *Herald* or the *Mail* for the ensuing year is \$1.25 per inch for the first insertion and 42c. for each subsequent insertion.

We shall be glad to publish whatever advertising is desired by the City at this rate, on the condition that of the total amount payable therefor during the year one-half shall be expended by the City in improving the sidewalks and streets of ward three and the other half is paid in equal parts to the Society for the Relief of the Poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

The City advertising aggregates about \$1,200.00 per year. We are willing to do all the City advertising this year without we ourselves receiving one cent of remuneration therefor, providing that the City will devote the money that would under ordinary circumstances be paid for this service—one-half to the much needed repairs of streets in Ward Three, which would be \$600.00 in round figures, and the other half in equal proportion for the Society for the Relief of the Poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, about \$300.00 each.

We are aware that objection was made to this by Alderman Hawkins at the last meeting of the Council as not being in accordance with the strict letter of the law; but possibly this Council may feel that it is able to act according to the dictates of common sense in a case of this kind instead of indulging in splitting hairs over petty technicalities.

If the Council cannot see its way clear to accept our offer of doing city advertising free for the year 1912 and devoting the money that would otherwise be paid for it for the public purposes indicated— then we withdraw our proposition.

THE HALIFAX HERALD, LIMITED,

WM. DENNIS, *President.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Martin that said letter be filed. Motion passed.

Read report special committee re ownership of a certain horse at the City Prison. Filed.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE OWNERSHIP HORSE CITY PRISON.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 3rd, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your special committee appointed on the 12th April last, consisting of Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Hoben and Martin, to decide upon the ownership of a horse claimed by the late ex-Governor Murray, beg to report as follows:—

Mr. F. J. Tremaine, Solicitor for the Murray family, appeared before the Committee and submitted a draft of a letter prepared by him and which was to be signed by Mr. Murray the day he met with the fatal accident outside of his office door. In this letter Mr. Murray claimed the ownership of a mare now at the Prison as his property, claiming that it was purchased by the late Alderman Lane to replace a horse belonging to the Governor which he claimed was kicked by one of the other city horses and received injuries which necessitated its destruction.

Mr. Macdonald, underkeeper, was called by your Committee, and stated that he was first employed at the Prison in 1892, that Mr. Murray had a black mare which was traded in 1894 for a bay horse and he gave \$25.00 to boot. He then sold this bay horse to Mr. Flemming for \$85.00 after using her about two years. This was a heavy horse and not suitable for light work and he used one of the City horses after in his waggon. In August 1900 a horse was reported dead to the Committee and the mare in question purchased from Estate of J. M. Geldert for \$150.00.

Mr. Keating, underkeeper, gave evidence that Mr. Murray brought a horse with him to the Prison and that he had shot him when he was twenty-seven years old because he had a bad spavin on the hind leg; that the Governor then purchased another horse; this was traded for another horse and the traded horse then sold.

Ex-Alderman Hubley was called by the Committee and stated that he and subsequent Chairmen of the Prison Committee thought that the horse bought from the Geldert Estate was the property of the Governor, he having always stated it was purchased to replace his own horse that had to be destroyed.

The Chairman procured the Minutes of City Prison Committee of August 1st, 1900, when the death of a horse was reported. The Governor was then instructed to purchase a suitable one to replace it. This was paid for out of City funds as per entry in City Auditor's report September 27th, 1900—Est. J. M. Geldert, \$150.00 for one horse.

After hearing the evidence Mr. Tremaine stated that owing to the death of Mr. Murray he was afraid he would not be able to prove ownership, and asked permission to withdraw the claim, which was granted.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

Read report City Prison Committee re ownership of a horse at City Prison claimed by the late Governor Murray.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 18, 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 and Hines, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. The Chairman reported verbally on the matter of the ownership of the horse that had been used by the late Governor and claimed by him as his property; and laid before the Committee the Minutes of a meeting of the Prison Committee held on the first day of August, 1900, when the death of a horse was reported. The Governor was then instructed to purchase a suitable one to replace it. In the published report of the expenditure of the City Prison an item appears, on Sept. 27th, 1900, of \$150.00, paid Estate J. M. Geldert for a horse. This is the horse referred to and was paid for out of City funds and is certainly the property of the City.

The Chairman reported further that he had given instructions to Governor Grant to allow ex-Governor Murray the use of this horse whenever he wanted it, and that on all occasions, whether night or day, he was to accompany him and drive the horse, as he did not consider it safe for Mr. Murray to take the horse out alone.

Your Committee, after hearing the report of the Chairman and examining the evidence submitted, is of the opinion that the said horse is the property of the City, and endorse the action of the Chairman in reference to the orders given to Governor Grant to allow Mr. Murray the use of the horse whenever he so desired it while under Mr. Grant's charge.

A. C. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said report be adopted. Motion put and passed, ten voting for the same and five against it, as follows:—

For the motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Hattie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham,—10.

Against it—

Aldermen Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Gough—5.

Read letter "*Canadian Municipal Journal*" re subscriptions to that publication. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read an Act submitted at Council meeting March 7th, 1912, relating to Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited. Filed.

(A copy of the bill substantially the same as the one filed here will be found on page 311 of the printed minutes for 1911-1912).

Read petition in re widening Cunard Street according to plan of Civic Improvement League, submitted at meeting of Council March 7th, 1912. Filed.

Read report special committee in re assistance to the Dry Dock, submitted at meeting of Council April 28th, 1911.

DRY DOCK.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 29th, 1911.

To the City Council:—

*Gentlemen:—*The matter of assistance to the Dry Dock was reopened at the request of the Council of the Board of Trade, and Messrs. J. E. DeWolf, W. A. Black, Hector MacInnes, K. C., W. S. Davidson, J. W. Brookfield, A. M. Bell and A. Hobrecker, were heard in support of the application of the Dock Company.

At a meeting on November 10th, 1910, a report on this subject was submitted to the Council, and the conclusions arrived at by the Committee (Alderman Martin dissenting) are to be found in that report.

The undersigned have carefully considered the request to grant a subsidy of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for twenty-five years and total exemption of the Dock during the same period, and have come to the conclusion that they cannot recommend the Council to grant the said privileges.

J. A. CHISHOLM,
J. B. DOUGLAS,
ALFRED WHITMAN,
F. P. BLIGH,
JAS. S. EDWARDS.

Also read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz:—"Report special committee in re Dry Dock. Deferred for consideration at next monthly meeting of City Council, November 10th, 1910. Page 187."

(For copy of same see printed Minutes November 10th, 1910, page 187.)

The same are filed.

Read report City Prison Committee, submitted at Council meeting July 11th, 1911, in re improvements at the Prison.

CITY PRISON IMPROVEMENT.

Committee Room, City Hall, July 4th, 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hawkins (Chairman) Harris, Connolly, McManus and Hines, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. Your Committee having under consideration the report of the Prison Committee November 19th, 1909, in re the matter of reorganization of the internal affairs of the Prison report and recommend as follows:—

(1) As directed by the provisions of the City Prison Ordinance, your Committee visited the Prison, and in company with the Governor has carefully inspected the buildings and the farm and rough land adjacent.

(2) The staff consists of the following persons:—

Wm. Murray, Governor,	|	.....	\$ 1,200
Mrs. Murray, Matron,	|	.....
George Grant,	|	.....	540
William Higlett,	| Underkeepers,	.....	510
D. E. Keating,	|	.....	510
Daniel MacDonald, Messenger.....		.....	540

2. With the exception of Keeper Grant and Messenger MacDonald, the staff, owing to increasing age, cannot much longer perform their duties as efficiently as might be desired—Governor Murray, age 83; Keeper Higlett, age 76; and Keeper Keating, age 64.

3. The Prison building built in 1854 is well fitted for its purpose, is well built and in good preservation. The walls are kept whitewashed, the floors clean and the general interior appearance of the building is good.

4. The farm operated in connection with the Prison is in our opinion capable of producing under efficient management vegetables and hay sufficient for all the needs of the Prison.

5. The sanitary arrangements of the Prison are in need of improvement:—

(a) Although water closets were provided in all wards of the Prison in 1854, no water connections seem to have been made, and prisoners, male and female, are now forced to make use of most unsanitary outhouses and earth closets in the Prison yard.

(b) The prison has no proper drainage or sewerage system. The sewerage from the buildings and the earth closets have not been removed for a great many years, but is allowed to find its way down the hill in the direction of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

(c) Although Rule 15 of the City Prison Ordinance No. 9 provides that "Every person shall be allowed the means of bathing the whole person once a week, either in cold or tepid water" no facilities whatever are provided for their doing so, and prisoners are consequently never allowed to take a bath during the whole term of their sentence.

(d) The ventilation of the cells and ward corridors is inadequate, particularly when the weather requires the windows to be closed.

6. Although Rule 19 of the City Prison Ordinance No. 9, directs that half a pound of bread be served to every male prisoner and four ounces to every female prisoner every day, this rule has not been observed for nearly thirty years, except on Christmas Day each year.

7. Although Rule 20 of the City Prison Ordinance requires that the prisoners shall eat their meals in their cells, no forks or knives are provided for this purpose and prisoners are obliged to make use of rudely made wooden forks.

8. Considerable use is made at the present time of some waggons, sleighs, blacksmithing tools and other property which the Governor alleges he owns. He also states that he owns three cows which supply the Prison with milk and which are pastured, with a horse, which he also claims he owns, on the Prison farm.

9. Although Rule 18 of the City Prison Ordinance directs that "The prisoners shall wear a uniform prescribed by the Committee, so distinguished by color or other peculiar marks as to make their escape more difficult," use is made of cast-off military uniforms.

Your Committee recommend:—

1. That in view of the long and faithful service for the City of William Murray during the past forty-nine years, both as a member (without pay) of the Fire Department and since 1882 as Governor of the Prison, he and Mrs. Murray be retired on 1st next month with or without a pension as the City Council may see fit. Governor Murray has in the opinion of your Committee administered the affairs of the Prison economically and to the best of his ability, and owing to advancing years he deserves the very best treatment possible at the hands of the Council.

2. That George Grant, now underkeeper, be appointed Governor, and his wife Matron, at a salary of \$700.00 for both. Keeper Grant is an active man of middle age, well qualified by his experience as Keeper during the past nine years to be promoted in responsibility.

3. That Messenger MacDonald be promoted to the position of Underkeeper.

4. That legislation amending the City Charter at the next session be obtained providing for the consolidation of the Police and City Prison Committees, the Police Committee being appointed with jurisdiction over all matters now administered by the Police and Prison Committees. The proposed amalgamation would probably result in doing away with the necessity for a Messenger at the Prison, and the maintenance of a horse and special patrol wagon for the conveyance of prisoners from the Police Court to the Prison.

5. That the farm continue to be operated in connection with the Prison and brought up to the fullest possible production. At present the average value of the produce is about \$600.00, while the highest rent offered for the same is \$200.00 per annum.

6. That the existing outhouses now used as closets be done away with and that the water service of the city be extended to the four ward corridors now used for the custody of prisoners and that the water closets be renovated and made use of as originally intended, and that a closet be provided in the house for the use of the Governor and his family.

7. That the proper and necessary drainage and sewerage facilities be provided for the disposal of the sewage from the Prison premises, and that the City Engineer be asked to report on the best means for accomplishing this object.

8. That a shower bath and other facilities be provided for the use of the prisoners so that the provisions of the City Prison Ordinance may be carried out in this respect.

9. That the City Health Board be asked to report on the best means of improving the ventilation of the cells and ward corridors.

10. That arrangements be made so that meals will be supplied to keepers while on duty.

11. That the cook house be enlarged in the direction of the stores room so that meals may be eaten by the prisoners in the cook house instead of in their cells.

12. That forks and knives be provided for the use of prisoners.

13. That the personal property belonging to the Governor be separated from the Prison property and that the property belonging to the Governor be replaced where necessary with the City's property.

14. That the female prisoners be employed in future in the making of uniforms so that they may be more in accordance with the requirements of the City Prison Ordinance.

15. That if legislation be required to carry any of the above recommendations into effect, the City Solicitor prepare such legislation for approval.

16. Your Committee further recommend that Rule 31 of Ordinance No. 9, relating to the City Prison be complied with.

A. C. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be referred to the new City Prison Committee for report on such of the recommendations as have not been already dealt with by the Council. Motion passed:

Read report Commercial Committee re procuring sites for factory purposes.

SITES FOR FACTORY PURPOSES.

Office Board of Trade, December 6th, 1911.

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

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Commercial Committee of the City Council and Board of Trade, held November 24th, I was instructed to forward you the following resolution, which passed at said meeting—

Resolved that the City Council be requested to consider at its next meeting the desirability of acquiring, either within or near to the City limits, a tract of land for factory site purposes; also to outline a policy in connection with the acquiring of this property, as an inducement for new industries to locate in Halifax.

The Board of Trade has within the past month received no less than six inquiries asking what policy the City of Halifax followed regarding inducements, etc.

Trusting that the above resolution will receive favorable consideration at an early meeting.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary*.

Referred to the new Commercial Committee for report.

Read report City Health Board re public abattoir, submitted at meeting of Council August 4th, 1911.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR.

Office of City Health Board, July 17th, 1911.

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

Gentlemen:—At the last meeting of the City Health Board there was under discussion the insanitary and generally unsatisfactory condition of the slaughter houses in which so much of the meat supply of the City is killed and prepared for food.

The need of a public abattoir is very strongly felt by the Board and I was directed to again communicate with your Council and ask you to give the matter your attentive consideration and make provisions for a public abattoir for this City.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

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Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter readings Herald Building, submitted at meeting of Council November 9th, 1911.

HERALD BUILDING METER READINGS.

City Works Office, November 8th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re monthly water meter readings at the Herald Building from March 1908 to September 1st, 1911, was read and referred to Council for its information.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 3rd, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In compliance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council. I beg to submit attached, a statement of the meter readings showing the consumption at the Herald Building from March 1908 to September 1911.

A copy of this statement has been forwarded to Mr. Dennis.

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

Meter Readings, Herald Building.

January 1908	656,481	cubic feet
February "	706,450	" "
March "	764,768	" "
No reading for April, May and June.		
July "	1,052,822	" "
No reading for August		
Sept. "	1,115,297	" "
Oct. "	1,186,928	" "
Nov. "	1,238,559	" "
Dec. "	1,271,887	" "
Jan. 1909	1,295,385	" "
Feb. "	1,320,937	" "
Meter removed March, 1909.		
Meter replaced Nov. 1, 1910.		
Dec. 1910	32,176	" "
Jan. 1911	65,22	" "
No reading for February and March.		
April 1911	122,829	" "
May "	138,995	" "
June "	169,537	" "
July "	187,530	" "
August "	209,203	" "
Sept. "	233,961	" "

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Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on various matters submitted by the Civic Improvement League.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

City Works Office, March 25th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer on the fifteen questions submitted by the Civic Improvement League. Your Committee beg to submit the same to the Council for its information.

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