

City Engineer's Office, Dec. 21st., 1910.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—As instructed, I beg to report on the following items contained in the memorandum from the Civic Improvement League which are already in hand or have been reported on before.

3. Improved scavenging service—This was reported on in detail as far back as 1902-3, and may be found in the annual report of the City Engineer of that date. Additional cleaning of the streets has been discussed from year to year by the Works Department and the City Council for a long time.

7. The passing of a regulation requiring all paper for disposal of the collectors to be wrapped tightly in bundles. This regulation was adopted by the Works Department some time ago.

8. Regulation of bill boards. This matter has already been before the Council and is being considered by the Laws and Privileges Committee.

11. Construction of a public comfort station. This matter has been reported on from time to time and may be found in the Annual Reports of this Department. The City Engineer is at present under instructions to make a report in detail on the matter, a resolution to that effect having been moved by Alderman McManus in the City Council some time ago.

13. Establishment of a garbage incinerator. This matter has been reported on from time to time. The last special report may be found in the City Engineer's report for 1908-9. A short time ago the City Engineer was instructed by the Works Committee to make a special report on this matter.

14. Inspection of Milk and construction of an abattoir. These matters are under consideration by the Health Board and a Committee of the City Council.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 9th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In compliance with the instructions of your Committee, I beg to report on the following items contained in the memorandum from the Civic Improvement League:—

1. *Railway Grade Crossings.*

This matter has been under consideration by the Works Committee for some time. It is a matter that cannot be settled in a few moments, but requires careful consideration before the best policy to be followed can be determined. Your Committee realize the importance of the subject and will take definite action at an early date.

2. *Appointment of a Joint Committee to Prepare a Plan for City Improvement.*

The memorandum is very vague and does not indicate very clearly the lines which the Civic Improvement League propose to follow. Such committees or associations have been organized in other cities for the purpose of laying out a scheme of development to be followed in future. The Committee suggests that an appropriation of \$2,500.00 be provided to cover expenses, including the services of an expert. I assume that they propose to employ an expert in city planning. This matter was referred to the Works Committee, who were addressed by representatives of the Civic Improvement League, and I can give no further information than they received on that occasion.

3.

Improved Scavenging Service.

The League ask for an increase in the estimates for 1911 of \$10,000 for improvement in the scavenging service. It is out of the question for this year. The improvements suggested are:—barrels to be taken from the yards by the collectors and not to be put out on the sidewalk by the citizens; the principal thoroughfares to have at least one additional cleaning during the year. This was reported on in detail as far back as 1902-3, and may be found in the annual report of the City Engineer of that date. Additional cleaning of the streets has been discussed from year to year by the Works Committee and the City Council for a long time. The improvements suggested are very desirable, but it is solely a matter of cost and cannot be undertaken until the appropriation is increased.

4. *Provision of a Sum to Destroy the Tussock Moth and other Tree Pests.*

This matter has also been under consideration by the Works Committee ever since the first warning received respecting this pest. The Committee are in consultation with the Superintendent of the Public Gardens and will report shortly what in their opinion is the most suitable sprayer to obtain, and other recommendations.

5. *The Appointment of a Committee of the Council to confer with the Owner of the Market Wharf Regarding the League's Proposal for the Development of the Ferry Landing.*

The City Works Committee would seem to be the most appropriate Committee to deal with this matter.

6. *Passage of a Regulation Requiring the Citizens to Drain the Moisture from Garbage and to Wrap the Solid Matter in Paper before Putting it in Barrels or Cans.*

While such a regulation is desirable, it would be difficult to enforce it, and it would create antagonism which at present seems to be unnecessary. In my opinion further education is required before the imposing of onerous and annoying regulations, so long as they can be avoided. In making this suggestion I do not fail to appreciate the desirability of establishing such a custom, but in view of the method which the City is following in disposing of the garbage at present I think the time has not come to make any changes.

7. *Requiring Paper to be Wrapped Tightly-in Bundles.*

This regulation was adopted by the Works Committee some time ago.

8. *The Passing of Regulations Dealing With the Bill Board Nuisance.*

This matter has already been before the Council and the Laws and Privileges Committee, and is therefore not within the province of the Works Committee.

9. *The Amending of the Ordinance Governing Street Noises.*

This would be a most desirable improvement and I would suggest that the League be invited to make more definite suggestions for improvement than their memorandum contains.

10. *Securing Legislation Respecting Shade Tree Planting.*

This memorandum is very indefinite and does not convey any idea of the intention of the League. We have tree legislation on the statute book now, and if the League have some better system to suggest, I would recommend that they be invited to submit the details of their proposed improvement.

1. *Construction of a Public Comfort Station.*

This matter has been reported on by the Works Committee and is now before the Council.

12. *The Regulation of Construction Work on the N. W. Arm.*

I understand that this memorandum refers to the character of buildings erected. We have no such legislation at present except to regulate houses constructed on Young Avenue, and this legislation was obtained by consent of the property owners interested. I have heard grave doubts expressed by practical and professional men as to the power of the legislature to place restrictions on the character of buildings to be erected by any property owner on his own premises. I do not feel competent to deal with this question, and if it is considered desirable that it should be taken up it should be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee to look into the legal point and decide that first.

13. *The Establishing of an Incinerator for the Disposal of Garbage.*

This matter has been reported on from time to time. The last special report may be found in the City Engineer's report for 1908-9. Under instructions from the Works Committee I am preparing a special report on this matter now which will deal with the subject in full.

14. *The Appropriation of Money to Carry out the Board of Health's Proposals Respecting Milk Supply, Abattoir and Meat Supply.*

This is a matter with which the Works Committee has no connection. It comes more properly under the jurisdiction of the Health Board.

15. *The Favorable Consideration of the Proposition for the Establishment of a Home for Incurables.*

This is a matter of policy for the Council and the City Health Board respecting which I have no comment to make.

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

Filed.

(See printed Minutes December 15th, 1910, page 219.)

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter west side of Edward Street.

EDWARD STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, December 1st, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in favor of the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on Edward Street, west side, from Coburg Road to Jubilee Road was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

Petition attached.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 21, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on the west side of Edward Street, asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road.

The City has not made any expenditure on this street for street purposes, and as the west side is getting pretty well built up, the construction of a permanent sidewalk is becoming more desirable every day.

About two-thirds of the frontage is represented by the petitioners. The sidewalk would connect with the concrete sidewalk on Coburg Road, making the work continuous.

The estimated cost is \$2,906.00. I would recommend that the sidewalks on Edward Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road be placed in the sidewalk schedule, and that a concrete sidewalk curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Edward Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, Feb. 12, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. Your Committee had before them the resolution of Council exonerating Robert Warner, Engineer of the Fire Engine Alexandra, from blame in connection with the burning out of the tubes of the said engine at fire January 12th, 1912, and returning to him retained pay, and concur in the said resolution.

2. In regard to the suggestion of the Council that fines imposed upon Callmen John O'Brien, James Barnaby and Vincent Brunt for absence from third alarms of fire, your Committee decided to adhere to their former recommendation to inflict these fines, as it is inadvisable to break the rules in this respect and would seriously interfere with the discipline of the Department.

3. The Nova Scotia Hospital has requested your Committee to render them such assistance as may be in the power of the Department should the need arise, and ask upon what terms such assistance would be given. The Secretary was instructed to inform the authorities of the Hospital that the Halifax Fire Department would be quite willing to give any assistance in their power, and would make no further charge than for the loss of time to men and for reimbursement for any damages that might be occasioned and any other actual cost to the Department.

4. It is recommended that the Chief be authorized to send fire apparatus to attend fires outside the City upon obtaining permission from either the Chairman or Acting-Chairman of the Committee.

5. The Committee have under consideration a letter from His Worship the Mayor relating to fire risks, and are dealing with the matter.

6. A joint meeting was recently held of representatives of the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters and other insurance companies, the Halifax Board of Trade and representatives of this Committee to discuss the matter of water front fire protection, at which it was recommended that a report be obtained from Messrs. N. A. Currie, Boiler Inspector, and W. A. Moir, in co-operation with Engineer Edward Condon, on the three Government boats at present in the harbor, namely: "Alfreda," "Elmira" and "Minoca," shewing: 1. The present capacity of the boilers and pumps of each boat; 2. What equipment or appliances it would be necessary to instal on each boat to properly fit them for fire boat purposes; 3. An estimate of the cost such additional equipment would entail to make the boats effective fire fighting machines.

Your Committee concur in the said suggestions, and recommend that the Council authorize any expenditure that will be necessary in obtaining such report.

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Harris that clause 6 of the report relating to fire boat be referred to the new Committee of Fire Wards, and that the balance of the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, submitted at Council meeting December 29th, 1911.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

Committee Room, City Hall, February 19th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. Letter J. W. Bigelow in reference to assessment on his six houses Nos. 114 to 124 Maynard Street. It is recommended that Mr. Bigelow be informed that the City Council has no power to make a reduction in his assessment.

2. Application of Thomas W. Hardy for a refund of certain liquor license fees. It is recommended that the amount deposited by Mr. Hardy with his application for license for 1912 be refunded, less cost of advertising. As to his application for a refund of the license fee for the unexpired term of his hotel license, which he is precluded from enjoying on account of the fire at his premises on January 12th, last, your Committee are unable to make any recommendation in this matter.

3. Letter Governors Dalhousie College in reference to the assessment of the Studley property, lately acquired by the College as a site for the University. It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act to be submitted to the Legislature exempting this property from taxation so long as it is retained for educational purposes, said exemption to be retroactive, and to apply to present assessment.

City Solicitor's opinion annexed.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

RE DALHOUSIE COLLEGE STUDLEY PROPERTY.

Office of City Solicitor, February 20th, 1912.

Chairman Laws and Privileges Committee:

Sir:—The clause under which Dalhousie College claims an exemption reads as follows:—

"Every building used as a college, incorporated academy, school house or other seminary of learning, and every building used for public worship, and the site, appurtenances and furniture of each."

The College now claims an exemption on the Studley property, which has been assessed at the sum of \$40,000. There is no college on the site, and there may not be for a number of years to come.

I am of opinion, and the authorities I think bear me out, that the site must be the site in connection with the actual building and cannot apply to a site merely purchased for the purpose of erecting a building in the future and which there is nothing to prevent the College in the meantime using for commercial purposes.

If it is the wish of the Council to extend the exemption to the Studley property, the matter should be made clear by legislation at the approaching session.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, submitted at Council meeting February 22nd, 1912.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Dec. 29, 1911.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. Application Willoughby Smith for refund of deposit made with his application for a liquor license.

It is recommended that the amount deposited be refunded, less the cost of advertising.

2. Petition Jas. W. Bigelow re amount of the assessment on his property.

Your Committee are unable to recommend any relief for Mr. Bigelow in this matter.

Under Section 375 City Charter the assessment is conclusive if there is no appeal made.

(b) That the valuation made in respect to such property was the proper valuation;

(c) And the Assessors had jurisdiction to make such assessment.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re water lot at the North West Arm applied for by Charles Brister.

WATER LOT, CHARLES BRISTER, NORTH WEST ARM.

City Works Office, February 13th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council covering letter from the Marine and Fisheries' Department on request of Charles Brister for permission to extend his wharf property on the North West Arm 300 feet into the Arm, was read. It was decided to recommend to the Marine and Fisheries' Department, through Council that the City would not object to the grant of 100 feet from the shore but would strongly protest against any extension beyond that distance.

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

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

(See printed Minutes February 8th, 1912, page 292).

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Robie Street sidewalk.

ROBIE STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, February 22nd, 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 covering petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the West side of Robie Street from Cunard Street to North Street was read and recommended for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, Feb. 14th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Robie Street from Cunard Street northwardly. The petition is signed by nearly all the owners of property on the west side of Robie Street between Cunard and North Streets.

There is a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on Robie Street from Quinpool Road to Cunard Street and the sidewalk asked for would be in continuation of that already laid. Robie Street is an important thoroughfare.

The estimated cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the west side of Robie Street between Cunard and North Streets is \$4,930.00. I would recommend that this sidewalk be placed in the sidewalk schedule and that the work be ordered to be constructed in its turn, as funds are available.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re termination of contract for water supply for the Military authorities.

MILITARY WATER CONTRACT.

City Works Office, February 9th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved on the suggestion of the City Engineer to recommend to Council that the contract now in force for the supply of water to the Military authorities be terminated in accordance with the notice required by said contract.

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

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

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

STREET LIGHTS.

City Works Office, December 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 in re Street Lights was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, December 27, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying resolution asking for additional street lights, and would recommend that a 50 c. p. Bernstein be placed on North Street at the entrance to North Maitland Street, and that a 2000 c. p. arc light be placed on North Street near Leahyville.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Acting City Engineer.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re South Street sidewalk and renumbering.

SOUTH STREET SIDEWALK AND NUMBERING.

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 in re repairing sidewalk on South Street west of Tower Road and the re-numbering of the street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for repairs to sidewalks on South Street west of Tower Road, and the re-numbering of the street.

The Street appropriation is exhausted but these sidewalks can be put in fair condition by using the ashes collected in the wards, and I would recommend that this work be done.

I would also recommend that a recommendation be sent to the Council by the Works Committee for the re-numbering of South Street.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates No. 3 Creighton Street, J. C. Lithgow, Trustee.

METER ACCOUNT NO. 3 CREIGHTON 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 in favor of a reduction in the water meter bill against No. 3 Creighton Street (J. C. Lithgow, Trustee) was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of Mr. J. C. Lithgow (trustee), for a reduction in the meter account charged against No. 3 Creighton Street.

There is a stable with stalls for three horses in the rear of this property and in the spring of 1906 a meter was put on the service pipe supplying the stable. The meter was put on in the street, about forty feet from the stable. The pipe burst in the stable, and the water escaped underground, running down to the back of the property. As soon as Mr. Lithgow became aware of it, the leak was stopped. The bills charged are as follows:—

March 1908 -	March 1909	\$72.42
" 1909 -	" 1910	2.85
" 1910 -	" 1911	2.97
" 1911 -	Sept. 1911	2.95

As the leakage seems to have been caused by a defect which the property owner could not be reasonably expected to discover at once, I would recommend that the charge for the year to March 1909 be reduced to \$5.00, which is in excess of the average amount which has been paid since.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter rates Mrs. Norah Robinson, No. 157 Lower Water Street.

METER BILL NO. 157 LOWER WATER 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 in favor of a reduction on the water meter bill for No. 157 Lower Water Street (Mrs. Norah Robinson) was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the request from Mrs. Nora Robinson for a reduction in her bill for water by meter measurement for the period from March to September 1911.

Mrs. Robinson states that she was away for two months and during that time, the pipe burst in the cellar. The lower flat was used by a Mr. Ryan for storage. An aged sister occupied the upper flat while Mrs. Robinson was away. Immediately on her return she had the leak in the pipe repaired. The readings were kept by her sister until she returned. The plumber reports that Mrs. Robinson has her plumbing repaired promptly.

The meter has been on about three years, and during that time the consumption and consequent charges have been moderate. The bill for the same period last year was \$3.40, while this year it is \$13.60. The consumption in April was 2,000 gallons, May, 2,000 and July 2,000, while the consumption in June was 59,000 gallons.

Under the circumstances I think it is a case which should be decided under the Act. I would recommend that the quantity of water charged for, be reduced by 57,000, making the June reading the same as April, May and July.

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 fire hydrants.

HYDRANT LOCATION.

City Works Office, September 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 Minute of Council in re location of Fire Hydrants was read and referred to Council for its information. With reference to that located on Wm. McFatridge's wharf the owner has been sent a copy of said report with a request that he comply with the suggestion contained therein.

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

City Engineer's Office, September 26th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying extract from Minutes of the City Council and report of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respecting the placing of a hydrant on Windsor Street between Quinpool Road and Allen Street, an additional hydrant is necessary, as there is no hydrant on Parker Street or Welsford Street. As the installation of an additional hydrant in this neighbourhood is important, and the season is getting late, I have instructed the Foreman of the Water Department to place one without delay.

Respecting the advisability of changing the location of the fire hydrant on McFatrige's Wharf, there can be no question that the hydrant cannot give good service where it is situated at present, while the owner of the wharf piles junk all around it. The practice of depositing so much rubbish around it, should be stopped, or the hydrant removed to some point where it can be easily reached. It is a matter over which the City has very little control, however, as the hydrant is private property and was installed on the wharf at the expense of the owner. If the owner sees fit to maintain it as it is at present, I do not think that the City has any right to interfere.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Whittman that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Barrington and Prince Streets concrete sidewalks.

BARRINGTON AND PRINCE STREET SIDEWALKS.

City Works Office, July 19th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day is was resolved to recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer in re Barrington and Prince Street sidewalks.

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

City Engineer's Office, July 19th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—The sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street in front of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company's waiting room at the corner of Buckingham Street, is the only piece of tar concrete remaining between Jacob Street and South Street. It is in a bad condition and I would recommend that this sidewalk be relaid with concrete. The estimated cost is 120.00.

The south sidewalk on Prince Street at the Queen Building is also in a bad condition. It would cost the city as much to make a good job using the present material as it would to lay a new concrete sidewalk, and it would be much more difficult to keep the old material in good condition. Water is finding its way into the cellar and the sidewalk itself is dangerous. The janitor of the building says that he has seen people stumble over it. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid. The estimated cost is \$100.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re South Park Street concrete sidewalk.

SOUTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, August 4th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer in re concrete sidewalk on west side of South Park Street between South Street and Victoria Road.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 4th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from owners of property on the west side of South Park Street between South Street and Victoria Road asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk.

There is a curb and gutter on this side of the Street already, and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the west side of South Park Street between South Street and Victoria Road under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906. The estimated cost is \$1,576.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Morrow seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re railway crossing foot of Hanover Street.

RAILWAY CROSSING.

City Works Office, June 28th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held June 28th, inst., Alderman Upham was present to urge that gates be erected and a watchman employed by the I. C. R. authorities at the crossing foot of Hanover Street. It was decided to recommend to Council that suggestions with that end in view be made to the railway authorities as to the dangerous nature of the crossing.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Edward Street concrete sidewalk.

EDWARD STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, June 23rd, 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 asking for the construction of a permanent sidewalk and curb on the east side of Edward Street between Morris Street and South Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 21st, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a permanent sidewalk and curb on the east side of Edward Street between Morris Street and South Street.

This block is not in the sidewalk schedule. As the work petitioned for would be a continuation of the sidewalk recently laid on Edward Street, I would recommend that the sidewalks on Edward Street between Morris Street and South Street be placed in the sidewalk schedule.

I would also recommend that a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter be laid on the east side of Edward Street between Morris Street and South Street under the Halifax Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

The estimated cost is \$1,509.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Church Street concrete sidewalk.

CHURCH STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, June 23rd, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re concrete sidewalk and curb, Church Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 4th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition, asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Church Street between Morris Street and South Street.

Part of this sidewalk runs over the Fort Massey clay and it is in a bad condition in the Spring and Fall. It would connect with the concrete sidewalk on both ends. The estimated cost is \$1,515.00.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Church Street between Morris Street and South Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 21st, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—The resolution passed at the meeting of Council held on May 18th, placed the Church Street sidewalks in the sidewalk schedule. The Act provides that before a sidewalk is constructed, it must be placed in the schedule.

As no resolution has been passed by the Council ordering the construction of this work, I would recommend that my report of April 4th be adopted.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

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

YOUNG STREET SEWER.

City Work's Office, August 4th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to recommend the adoption of the City Engineer's report (attached) on Minute of Board of Health in re Extension of Young Street Sewer.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman*

Office City Health Board, June 20th, 1911.

Chairman and Other Members Committee on Works:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Friday last the following resolution was introduced and passed and I am directed to transmit the same to you for your consideration and action.

Resolved that the Committee on Works be recommended to order the extension of Young Street sewer as soon as possible.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

City Engineer's Office, July 19th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from the City Health Board asking that the Committee on Works recommend the extension of the Young Street sewer as soon as possible.

I have interviewed the property owners along Young Street between Needham Street and Gottingen Street and find that Mr. McGrath and his farthe are the only property owners who are desirous of having the sewer extended immediately. The owners of property immediately west of Needham Street are opposed to the immediate construction of the sewer and the other property owners are either neutral or opposed.

A sewer will be required in this block when the vacant land is being built upon and it would therefore be advisable to provide for the construction in the near future. As some of the property owners will withdraw their opposition if the construction is delayed for a year, I would recommend that the construction of a sewer in Young Street from Needham Street west, be ordered by the Council, the work not to be commenced earlier than 1912. In the meantime, I think a building permit might be given to Mr. McGrath and temporary provision made for the disposal of waste. The sewer at present is 90 feet away from his property and it seems to be a hardship to compel him to connect, when, in the near future he will also have to pay the sewer assessment.

The estimated cost of constructing this sewer is \$1,080.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Brunswick Street.

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, August 4th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to report to Council that this Committee does not feel justified at present, in recommending the adoption of the City Engineer's report (attached) in re petition for a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Brunswick Street between Uniacke and North Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, July 29th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Brunswick Street between Uniacke and North Streets.

This block is a part of an important residential street, and as it is in the sidewalk schedule and there has been a good deal of complaint respecting the condition of it, I would recommend the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter between Uniacke Street and North Street. The estimated cost is \$3,080.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Engineer's report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Inglis Street sidewalk.

INGLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, July 5th, 1911.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to refer to the Council for its information the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of H. A. Macdonald and G. J. Fluck against the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Inglis Street between Young Avenue and Tower Road.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 29th, 1911.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. H. A. Macdonald and Mr. G. J. Fluck, protesting against the construction of a sidewalk in front of their property on the south side of Inglis Street.

The Council has ordered the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Inglis Street from Pleasant Street to Tower Road. Messrs. Macdonald and Fluck are the only property owners who have made any objection that has come to my knowledge.

The work is already under construction.

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

Filed.

By leave of Council Alderman Connolly brought to the attention of the Council the matter of the construction of a hoarding at the corner of George and Barrington Streets, known as Cragg's corner. Moved by Alderman Connolly seconded by Alderman Morrow that the Committee on Works cancel the permit recently granted Cragg Brothers in this connection, and that the fence at the said corner be moved back at least three feet from the curb, and that sufficient protection be provided for the public. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Connolly that all the items on the Order of the Day be filed.

Ruled out of order, as under the order of business "Motions by Members" has not yet been reached.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Clarke that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, seven voting for the same and nine against it, as follows:—

For adjournment—

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Clarke, Hawkins, Martin, Upham, Gough.—7.

Against—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, J. C. Harris.—9.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

Resolved that the Board of Works report on the advisability of placing catchpits on Duncan Street and Lawrence Street between Harvard and Windsor Streets.

Moved by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Keltie and passed.

Alderman Hattie submits the following resolution:

Resolved that the City Council appoint the Commercial Committee a Committee on Industries to formulate an Industrial Policy for the City of Halifax, and to present the same to the City Council for its consideration, with a view to adopting the same (either as presented, or as in the judgment of the Council it should be modified) as a means of encouraging industrial development in Halifax.

That the Committee be urged to pursue its work with all diligence, and report its findings to the City Council as soon as possible.

Moved by Alderman Hattie seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, seven voting for the same and nine against, as follows:—

For adjournment—

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hines, Hawkins, Upham, Gough.—7.

Against—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Martin, J. C. Harris.—9.

Alderman Hattie's resolution is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 30th, 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 J. C. Harris, Hoben, Whitman, Hines, Hattie and Martin.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Scanlan, Hattie, 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 Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Acting-Chairman.
Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
Reports (2) Committee on Improvements, by Alderman Hattie, Chairman.
Report Commissioners of Halifax Common, by Alderman Hattie, for Chairman.
Report Library Commission, by Alderman Whitman, for Chairman.
Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Application Lewis Keshen for license to operate a shooting gallery.
Application Alexander Robertson for position of Molasses Gauger.
Letter "*Toronto Globe*" re advertising Halifax.
Notification by John Connolly of his appointment of Walter J. Busch as his Arbitrator in re widening of Cunard Street.
Letters Rainnie & Keator and Curren, Hart & Co., Ltd., re Fire Insurance on City Property.
Letters Provincial Secretary re funds for various purposes for public schools.
Letter City Clerk re printed Minutes of City Council.

Reports (3) City Solicitor, viz.:—
 City vs. N. S. Car Works.
 City advertising in "*Halifax Herald*."
 Legislation 1912.
 Report Clerk of Works re amounts proposed to be borrowed.
 Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz.:—
 Tenders for fire insurance.
 Tenders for garbage incinerator.
 Underground telephone wire conduits.
 Tenders for valves.
 Tenders for water pipe and castings.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read appointment by John Connolly of Walter J. Busch as his arbitrator in connection with the widening of Cunard Street. Filed.

Read letters Provincial Secretary relating to funds for School purposes.

FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BOARD.

Halifax, 17th May, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax have submitted for the approval of the Governor-in-Council under Section 812, of the Halifax City Charter as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, a proposed contract with Samuel A. Marshall & Son for additions and alterations to Richmond School for the sum of twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-three dollars, (\$27,993) according to plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Andrew R. Cobb, Architect.

I am to inform you that if the City desires to make any objection to such approval being given the matter will be heard by the Governor-in-Council on Thursday next at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Executive Council Room.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Halifax, 17th May, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor-in-Council under Section 12 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907 for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its Debentures to an amount sufficient to raise the sum of twenty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$26,250) which the Board requires for the purpose of paying for the additions and alterations to Le-Marchant Street School.

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

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Halifax, 30th May, 1912.

The City Clerk:

Sir:—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of the Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated 28th instant, ordering and directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the sum of \$26,250, that amount being required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to pay the additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council dated the 28th day of May, A. D., 1912.

Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum, of Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$26,250) to pay for the additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School in the City of Halifax, and applied to the Governor in Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum required as aforesaid;

And whereas, due notice of the sum so required and of the purpose for which the same is required and of the time and place appointed, namely, Thursday, the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1912, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, at which the matter of said application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City;

And whereas, the matter of said application coming on for hearing at such time and place was duly adjourned to Saturday, the 25th day of May, A. D., 1912, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Executive Council room aforesaid;

And whereas, the matter of said application was heard at such last mentioned time and place;

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

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

Filed.

Read letter "*Toronto Globe*" re advertising Halifax. Filed.

Read letter City Clerk relating to the printed Minutes of Council.

PRINTED MINUTES OF COUNCIL.*Office of City Clerk, May 30th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to lay upon the table this evening the indexed volume of the printed Minutes of Council for the civic year which ended May 1st, inst. This is the earliest the Council has ever received the printed Minutes, and it affords me pleasure to say that having compared the same with those of the principal cities of the Dominion the other cities might with advantage take a leaf out of our book.

On the basis of the number of pages last year the Minutes of the present year will cost about \$175.00 less and will also make a better appearance from a printing standpoint.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Filed.

Read report Improvements Committee re annual spring cleaning of Water Street.

SPRING CLEANING OF STREETS.

Halifax, N. S., May 20th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—A meeting of the Civic Committee on Improvements was held this evening, there being present Aldermen Hattie (Chairman) and Keltie, Messrs. Longard, Davidson, Kelly and Doane.

In view of the fact that much complaint is made regarding the filthy condition of streets in the spring, and particularly of Water Street, it was thought desirable that some scheme should be evolved whereby street cleaning could be commenced earlier than is the custom under present conditions. Lack of money was shown to be the principal obstacle to an earlier start. In order to be sure that a repetition of the complaint regarding Water Street would not be necessary another year, we have decided to recommend that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be retained out of the Street appropriation to be devoted, as much of it as may be necessary, to the exclusive purpose of cleaning Water Street as early in the season as conditions permit. A later report will have to deal with the early cleaning of the remainder of the street system.

R. M. HATTIE, *Chairman.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Improvements Committee re shade trees.

TREE PLANTING.

Halifax, N. S., May 28th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Improvements beg to report that at a meeting held this evening, there being present Aldermen Hattie (Chairman) and Messrs. Davidson, Doane, Sexton, Longard and Kelly, the following resolution was recommended to the Council for adoption:

“Resolved that the Street Tree Act of 1912 be adopted by the City of Halifax;

“That the Committee on Works be vested with the authority of a Shade Tree Commission under this Act;

“That the progressive planting out of streets with trees be carried on by the Committee on Works in conference with the Committee on Improvements.”

A copy of the Act is attached to this report.

R. M. HATTIE, *Chairman.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application Alexander Robertson for the position of Molasses Gauger, under Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1912.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Keltie that Mr. Robertson be appointed Molasses Gauger for the City.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Morrow that no appointment of a Molasses Gauger be made at present.

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

For the amendment:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Hoben, Hawkins, Upham—6.

Against it:—

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Morrow that the wholesale molasses merchants be heard by the Council before any appointment is made.

Alderman Dennis here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

For the amendment:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Hoben, Hawkins, Upham—6.

Against it:—

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris—8.

The original motion is put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alexander Robertson duly appointed Molasses Gauger.

Alderman Hawkins asks for names on the division. The names are recorded thus:—

For the Motion:—

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris—8.

Against it:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Hattie, Hoben, Hawkins, Upham—6.

Read application Lewis Keshen for a license for a shooting gallery. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common, covering accounts for payment.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Office of Public Gardens, May 22nd, 1912.

To the City Council:

*Gentlemen:—*At a meeting of the Commissioners of Public Gardens held this day, the following bills were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tramway Company, \$30.46; R. & J. Farquhar & Co., \$19.20; Groenwegen & Son, \$145.60; Clement Hand, \$87.00; R. Power, \$133.14; Steele Briggs Seed Co., \$30.15; Bentley & Flemming, \$19.95; F. W. Fraser, \$37.03; D. Roach, \$.80; Robinsons, Limited, \$1.55; John MacInnes & Sons, \$28.87; Department of City Works, \$13.70; W. C. Knight, \$3.00; Glenn & Brown, \$1.26; William Robertson & Son, \$8.12; Baldwin & Co., \$20.60; S. Cunard & Co., \$53.77; M. F. Burns, \$14.20; Longard Bros., \$79.95, Total \$728.35.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Library Commission covering accounts for payment.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 20th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

*Gentlemen:—*At a meeting of the Citizens' Free Library Commission held this day Alderman Clarke was appointed Chairman for the year.

The following named accounts, amounting to \$24.43, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz.:—

Methodist Book Room, Books, \$19.68; A. L. A. Publishing Board, Catalogue, \$2.50; Library Bureau, Subscription, \$2.25; total \$24.43.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *for Chairman.*

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

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

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 20th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen J. C. Harris, Whitman, Connolly, Scanlan and Hoben, Alderman Hoben was on motion appointed Chairman, but stated that he would only act as Acting-Chairman for the purpose of facilitating business of the meeting.

The following matters were dealt with:—

1. (a) Letters "*Canadian Municipal Journal*" re subscriptions to that publication.
- (b) Circular letter R. S. Gourley, Chairman Canadian National Fund China Famine Relief, asking for contributions to that fund.
- (c) Letter "*The Standard of Empire*" re advertising Halifax in that publication.
- (d) Letter N. S. Historical Society for a civic grant to mark with suitable tablets certain spots of historic interest in Halifax.

Your Committee report that there are no funds available for any of these objects.

2. Letter Union Canadian Municipalities covering account for subscription fee, \$120.00, for 1912.

It is recommended that the subscription be paid.

3. Letter Board of School Commissioners re invitation to the Summer School of Science to hold their annual session in Halifax in 1913, asking for an appropriation from the Contingent fund for this purpose.

It is recommended that this letter be filed, to be taken up when the estimates for 1913 are considered.

4. Several matters which will require loans to be issued for were under consideration and were deferred to be reported on at next meeting of Committee.

5. The following accounts, amounting to \$1,986.61, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:—

Holloway Bros., Printing Minutes and Order of the Day, \$297.25; W. A. Dickson, Certified copies of bills passed last session, \$103.00; Royal Gazette, Adv. Elections Mayor and Aldermen, \$1.00; Royal Gazette, Adv. School Commissioners, \$1.00; King's Printer, Printing bills for Legislature, \$64.50; United Typewriter Co., 1 Underwood Typewriter, City Collector, \$90.00; Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of Ethel Murphy, James Allison, Rhoda Howe, Marguerite M. Major, D. Brennan and Mary Scanlan, at \$4.00 each \$36.00; London Rubber

Stamp Co., Rubber Stamps, \$5.40; Canadian Law Book Co., Vol. 19 Can. Crim. Cases, \$6.50, Can. Annual Digest, 1911, \$5.30, \$11.80; Commercial & Financial Chronicle Sub. to April 1913, \$11.50; Halifax Posting Co., Posting bills, \$22.32. A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., Books: License Inspector, 2.50, City Collector, \$3.75, City Auditor, \$5.75, City Treasurer, \$12.75, City Clerk, \$7.00, City Assessors \$44.75, \$76.50; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery: City Collector, \$23.35, City Auditor, \$2.00, City Treasurer, \$3.88, City Assessors, \$72.48, City Clerk, \$120.35, License Inspector, \$.23, \$222.09; Chronicle Pub. Co., Advertising, \$88.86; Blackadar Bros. Advertising, \$95.83; MacAlpine Pub. Co., Printing added names to Voter's Lists, \$20.90; H. H. Marshall, Subscription to Herald to July 1st, 1912, City Clerk, \$6.00; Halifax Herald, Advertising, \$12.54; F. M. Switzer & Co., License Badges & Dog Tags, \$29.57; Halifax Industrial School, Keep of Boys, three months, to May 1st, 1912, Truants, \$120.00, Criminal Com. \$190.65, \$310.65; St. Patrick's Home, keep of boys, three months to May 1st, 1912, Truants, \$272.22, Criminal Com. \$197.68, \$469.90. Total \$1,986.61.

C. R. HOBEN, *Acting Chairman.*

Clauses 1 and 2 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 3 re annual convention of Summer School of Science.

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

The following amendment is submitted:—

Resolved, that the Mayor be instructed to extend a cordial invitation to the Summer School of Science to hold its 1913 session in this City.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Hoben.

Alderman Gough here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

The amendment is put and passed.

Clauses 4 and 5 are severally read and adopted.

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

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges re theatre licenses.

LICENSES FOR THEATRES.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 29, 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, (Chairman) R. V. Harris, Hoben and Hawkins, it was decided to recommend that licenses be granted for moving picture shows to following named applicants, the Chief of the Fire Department having reported verbally to this Committee that they had all complied with the requirements of the Board of Fire Escapes.

The license fee to be \$250.00 each.

Jacob Withrow
St. Mary's Y. M. T. A. & B. Society
J. Frank Crowe
Wm. A. Adams
Geo. A. Wootten

King Edward Theatre
Nickel Theatre
The Empire Theatre
Orpheus Theatre
Acker's Theatre.

Your Committee further recommend that the application of the Academy of Music (J. F. O'Connell, Manager) for a renewal of theatre license be granted and license fee fixed at \$600.00.

A. WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

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

Moved by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Whitman that the report be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Alderman Gates here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read report Finance Committee re loans.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 29th, 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, Connolly, Scanlan, Hoben and J. C. Harris.

Alderman Whitman was appointed Chairman and consented to act for this meeting only.

1. The Chairman submitted a report from the City Engineer giving amounts required to be borrowed for certain services, viz:—

For Sewer Construction	\$ 50,000.00
For Water Service Improvement	100,000.00
For Inclinerator Plant	46,000.00
For Sidewalk Construction	20,000.00
For Cunard Street Widening	25,000.00
	\$ 241,000.00

It was decided to defer action on this matter until reported on by the Committee on Works.

2. Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders for a loan sufficient to produce \$181,700.00 on the security of City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 bearing interest at _____ per cent., per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July 1945, for the following services, viz.:-

For Market Building.....	\$ 50,000.00
“ Improvement City Prison.....	4,000.00
“ Sewer Construction.....	50,000.00
“ Ladder Truck, &c.....	2,700.00
“ Public Schools.....	75,000.00
Total.....	\$ 181,700.00

3. Your Committee further recommend that the following sums be borrowed from Sinking Fund Account and be applied to following services, viz.:-

For Fire Hose and cost of repairs tower Central Engine House.....	\$5,000.00
For Lavatory in Public Gardens.....	700.00

4. Your Committee further recommend that the following sums be borrowed from the Royal Bank or any available fund and repaid by assessment in the civic estimates 1913-14.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE BORROWED.

To be paid to Mrs. D. Healey as a gratuity for the loss of her husband in the discharge of his duty as a member of the Fire Department..	\$ 1,000.00
To be paid to Estate William Murray, keeper of the City Prison, and Mrs. Murray, being three months' salary, on termination of their services.....	300.00
To defray the expenses of the joint delegation from the Board of Trade and the City to Ottawa re terminal facilities.....	218.00
To defray expenses in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, not exceeding.....	1,000.00
To cover the deficiency in connection with the Fire Department for the civic year 1911-12, not exceeding.....	2,000.00
To defray the cost of heating the West Street Engine House, not exceeding.....	350.00
To cover the deficiency in the appropriation for the Charities Committee for the civic year 1911-12, not exceeding.....	400.00
For the purchase of additional fire apparatus, not covered by estimates....	160.00
To cover the deficiency in the appropriation City Prison Committee for the year 1911-12.....	600.00
To cover the difference between the salary provided for the Underkeepers of the City Prison and the increase made by the Council.....	80.00
To cover increase in salary of City Solicitor, for year 1912-13.....	700.00
To pay Superannuation for 1912-13 to William Higlett and Daniel Keating.....	720.00
	<u>\$ 7,528.00</u>

5. The following resolution, introduced by the Acting-Chairman, was moved by Alderman Scanlan and seconded by Alderman Connolly and is recommended for adoption:-

[For copy of this resolution see text of the Minutes following].

A. WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, May 28th, 1912.

Chairman Finance Committee:

Sir:—In response to your enquiry, I beg to report that the City Works Committee has asked the Council for \$50,000 for sewer construction this year. They have recommended the acceptance of tenders for pipe and valves, contemplating the change in water distribution and construction of a reservoir this year, which will require \$100,000.

They have also recommended the acceptance of a tender for an incinerator plant which will require the borrowing of the \$46,000 provided by law.

For sidewalk construction we shall require \$20,000. It is difficult to estimate the exact amount required for Cunard Street widening, but I am of the opinion that we shall not require the total amount, and that if \$25,000 is borrowed now, it may suffice.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 30th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to submit the following schedule of poles the property of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, erected on the streets of the City, which, in my opinion are suitable for the City lighting given under the contract between the City and the Halifax Electric Tramway Company dated June 6, 1907.

I estimate the value of the poles mentioned in the schedule at \$10,800.00.

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

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N. S.

SCHEDULE.

Street.	Between.	No. of Poles.
Sackville.....	Water and Summer.....	29
Salter.....	" " Barrington.....	2
Morris.....	Lower Water and Seymour.....	47
Fawson.....	Water and Hollis.....	3
South.....	Hollis and North West Arm.....	57
Coburg Road.....	Robie and North West Arm.....	25
Spring Garden Road.....	Pleasant and Robie.....	36
Blowers.....	Granville and Albemarle.....	2
Doyle.....	Hastings and Queen.....	3
College.....	Tower Road and Robie.....	8
Rottenburg.....	Dresden Row and Queen.....	4
Harvey.....	Pleasant and Church.....	3
Tobin.....	" " Queen.....	7
Kent.....	" " ".....	7
Fenwick.....	South Park and Queen.....	5
Victoria Road.....	Inglis and Tower Road.....	23
Inglis.....	Pleasant and North West Arm.....	20
Atlantic.....	Young Ave. and Bland.....	4
Smith.....	Pleasant and Queen.....	2
Green.....	" " ".....	1

Prince	Water and Brunswick	11
George	" " "	6
Duke	" " "	11
Buckingham	" " "	8
Jacob	" " "	8
Cogswell	Robie " "	11
Bell Road	South Park and Robie	1
Jubilee Road	Summer and North West Arm	8
Pepperell	Oxford and Robie	4
Quinpool Road	Robie and North West Arm Bridge	26
Chebucto Road	Windsor " " "	52
Cornwallis	North Park and Upper Water	9
Falkland	Bauer and Maitland	7
Cunard	Gottingen and Windsor	28
Welsford	Robie " "	1
Williams	" " "	3
Compton Avenue	" " "	1
Duncan	Harvard " "	6
Lawrence	" " "	5
Allen	" " "	3
Yukon	" " end of street	2
Yale	Harvard and end of street	4
Prince William	Gottingen and Maitland	1
Gerrish	Maynard and Lockman	12
Harris	Agricola and Maynard	3
Sarah	" " Love Lane	2
North	Chebucto Road and Upper Water	12
Charles	Maynard and Windsor	4
West	" " Robie	6
McCully	Agricola " "	2
Bloomfield	Robie and Gottingen	7
Ontario	Maynard and Agricola	2
Black	" " Gottingen	4
Almon	Windsor " "	24
Sullivan	Gottingen and Kempt Road	7
Young Street (E)	" " Oxford	11
Russell	" " Campbell Road	12
Kaye	" " " "	9
Young	" " " "	13
Hanover	Campbell Road and Albert	4
Richmond	" " " "	6
Duffus	" " " Longard Road	13
Roome	" " " Gottingen	1
Merkel	" " " Longard Road	4
Livingstone	Gottingen and Kempt Road	3
Woods	Young Avenue and Tower Road	9
Lower Water	George and Fawson	26
Hollis	South and Upper Water	30
Bedford Row	Sackville and Upper Water	6
Granville	Salter " "	18
Pleasant	Spring Garden Road and Freshwater	62
Plover	Owen and Atlantic	2
Lockman	Fenwick and Inglis	3
South Bland	Atlantic and Inglis	6
Queen	Sackville and Victoria Road	6
Brunswick	Sackville and North	7
Birmingham	Morris and Queen	6
Wright Ave	" " " "	1
South Park	Inglis and Sackville	30
North Park	Bell Road and Agricola	7
Summer	" " " Morris	15

Tower Road	Spring Garden Road and Point Pleasant	34
Francklyn	Bower Road and Park St	2
John	Charles and West	3
Belle Aire Terrace	North and Ontario	2
Maynard	Bloomfield and Cogswell	8
Maitland	Gerrish and Maitland Terrace	6
Barrington	Cornwallis and Salter	41
Louisburg	Quinpool Road and Jubilee	10
Kempt Road	North Street to City Limit	32
Gottingen	Campbell Road to Cogswell	63
Agricola	Cunard to Lady Hammond Road	32
Common	Cunard and Cogswell	8
Dutch Village	Arm Bridge and Three Mile House	9
Mumford Road	Chebucto Road and Dutch Village	13
Oxford	South Street and Bayers Road	38
Edward	" " " Jubilee	4
Henry	" " " Cedar	12
Seymour	" " " Coburg	2
Walnut	Coburg and Shirley	5
Chestnut	Jubilee "	2
Preston	Quinpool and Coburg	10
Harvard	" " Chebucto	9
Chebucto Lane	Allen and Chebucto Road	6
Windsor	Kempt Road and Quinpool Road	42
Robie	North and Francklyn	61
Wellington	South and Inglis	7
Total		1360

Read report Clerk of Works re amounts required to be borrowed.

LOANS.

City Works Office, May 30th, 1912.

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

Gentlemen:—I am directed by His Worship the Mayor as Chairman of the Committee on Works to request that the following items be provided for in your tenders for civic loans.

\$50,000 for sewerage purposes as passed the Committee on Works February 22nd, 1911, the Council March 9th, 1911, and authorized by Acts of 1911 in the sum of \$125,000.

\$100,000 for reservoir and connections as passed by Committee on Works February 22, 1912, the Council March 12, 1912 and authorized by Acts of 1912.

\$46,000 for Incinerator as passed by Board of Health March 20th, 1912, the Council March 25th, 1912 and authorized by Acts of 1912.

\$20,000 for Permanent Sidewalk construction as authorized by Acts of 1906 in the loan of \$150,000.

\$25,000 for Cunard Street Widening as referred to Council by Committee on Works March 29th, 1910, passed the Council December 7th, 1911 and authorized by Acts of 1912.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

The report of the Finance Committee is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 recommending that action be deferred in the matter of borrowing \$241,000.00 for various purposes therein named.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Hoben that said clause be expunged from the report. Amendment put and passed.

Read clause 2 recommending that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders for loans amounting to \$181,700.00.

The said items are considered clause by clause.

Read clause (a) For Market Building, \$50,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Morrow seconded by Alderman Gates that the said item pass. Motion put and passed, ten voting for the same and six against it, as follows:—

For the Motion:—

Aldermen Morrow, Gates, Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, Gough—10.

Against it:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Whitman, Connolly, Hattie, Hawkins, Upham—6.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause (b) For Improvement City Prison, \$4,000.00.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that said clause be adopted. Motion put and passed.

Alderman Whitman asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Read clause (c) for Sewer Construction \$50,000.00.

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

Read clause (d) For Ladder Truck, etc., \$2,700.00.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (e) For Public Schools \$75,000.00.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Connolly that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Treasurer be instructed to include in the amount to be borrowed the sum of \$100,000 for reservoir and connections, as passed by Committee on Works, February 22nd, 1912, and the City Council, March 12th, 1912, and authorized by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Connolly that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for further report.

Amendment put and passed, nine voting for the same and seven against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins—9.

Against it:—

Aldermen Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough—7.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Treasurer include in the amounts to be borrowed the sum of \$46,000 for an incinerator plant, as passed by the Board of Health, March 20th, 1912, and the City Council, March 25th, 1912, and authorized by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the City Treasurer include in the amounts to be borrowed the sum of \$20,000 for permanent sidewalk construction, as authorized by the Acts of 1906 in the loan of \$150,000. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Treasurer be instructed to include in the amounts to be borrowed the sum of \$25,000 for widening Cunard Street, as referred to Council by Committee on Works March 29th, 1910, and passed Council December 7th, 1911, and authorized by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912.

Motion put and passed.

Alderman Hawkins declined to vote on the question.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that clause 2 of the Finance Committee's report, as amended, be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re loans from sinking fund. The same is considered item by item.

For Fire Hose, etc., \$5,000.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Martin that said item pass. Motion passed.

For Lavatory in Public Gardens, \$700.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said item pass. Motion passed.

Alderman R. V. Harris submits the following:—

That the Council borrow from the Sinking Fund out of funds when available so much as may be necessary not exceeding \$11,500 for a steam fire or motor fire engine apparatus.

Moved by Alderman Harris seconded by Alderman Martin.

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

For the Motion:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Hines, Martin—6.

Against it:—

Aldermen Morrow, Whitman, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough—9.

Read clause 4 re various amounts to be borrowed and repaid by assessment.

The same is considered item by item.

(a) To Mrs. Dominick Healey, \$1,000.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Martin that this item pass. Motion passed.

(b) To Estate William Murray, \$300.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Upham that this item pass. Motion passed.

(c) Expenses of delegation to Ottawa, \$218.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Morrow that this item pass. Motion passed.

(d) To pay expenses visit H. R. H. Duke of Connaught, \$1,000.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Gates that this item pass. Motion passed.

(e) Fire Department deficit 1911-12, \$2,000.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass. Motion passed.

(f) Heating West Street Engine House, \$350.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Scanlan that this item pass. Motion passed.

(g) Deficit Charities Committee, 1911-12, \$400.

Moved by Alderman Hines seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass. Motion passed.

(h) Additional fire apparatus, \$160.

Said item is expunged from the clause, unanimously.

(i) Deficit City Prison Appropriation 1911-12, \$600.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass. Motion passed.

(j) Increase of salary Underkeepers City Prison, \$80.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Hawkins that this item pass. Motion passed.

(k) Increase salary of City Solicitor, \$700.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that this item pass. Motion passed.

(1) Superannuation William Higlett and Daniel Keating, \$720.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Hawkins that this item pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 re poles of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, in and by the contract, in writing, between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, dated the 6th day of June, A. D., 1907, it is provided that the City may take and appropriate to its own use any poles erected in the City by the Company that in the opinion of the City Engineer are suitable or necessary for the City lighting, under the said contract, upon paying a valuation or price therefor to be settled by arbitration, if the City and Company are unable to agree upon the same, as upon reference to the said contract will more fully appear;

And whereas, of the poles so erected by the Company for the purposes of the said contract and now in position and in use therefor those specified and set forth in the schedule hereto are in the opinion of the City Engineer suitable for the work of such lighting;

And whereas, this Council is of opinion that it is desirable that the said power to take and appropriate such poles shall be exercised;

Therefore Resolved, that this Council do hereby resolve to take and appropriate for the City of the poles of the Company so erected for the purposes aforesaid and now in position and use those so specified and set forth in the said schedule, and the said poles are hereby taken and appropriated by the City under the power contained in the said contract, as aforesaid;

Therefore Resolved, that the City do tender the Company for the said poles so appropriated the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, and that if the Company fails within one month to accept the amount so tendered His Worship the Mayor be authorized and instructed to appoint some person to act as Arbitrator on behalf of the City in proceedings to determine the amount of such price or valuation to be paid as aforesaid.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben and passed, fifteen voting for the same and one against it, as follows:—

For the Resolution:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough—15.

Against it:—

Alderman Gates—1.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoben that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Whitman that the City Treasurer be instructed to include in the amount to be borrowed the sum of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000) Dollars for the taking over of the poles referred to in the last resolution. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for fire insurance on City property.

FIRE INSURANCE.

City Works Office, Halifax, N. S., May 29th, 1912.

To the City Council:

*Gentlemen:—*At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached tenders for the fire insurance on buildings, etc., under the direction of the Committee were opened as follows, for the year 1912-13.

F. W. Bissett & Co., agent for 3 companies as per letter . . .	\$ 15,000	at 75c.	per \$100
Nova Scotia Board Fire Underwriters	82,900	at 74c.	" "
Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co.	82,900	at 74c.	" "
Acadia, Halifax, and London Mutual Cos. per letter	82,900	at 73c.	" "
E. G. Stayner	82,900	at 65c.	" "
Rainnie & Keator	82,900	at 65c.	" "
Curren, Hart & Co.	82,900	at 65c.	" "

His Worship the Mayor being a director of the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company refrained from taking any part in the discussion not wishing his action to be misconstrued. It was the opinion of the other members that the home companies should be encouraged but as the difference is so great it was decided to refer the matter to the Council without recommendation.

The present policies expire at 12 noon, May 31, 1912.

WM. DENNIS, }
P. F. MARTIN, } *Members Committee on Works.*

Halifax, N. S., May 30th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor of the City of Halifax:

Dear Sir:—In the event of the acceptance of our tender for fire insurance on City properties, as detailed in the Schedule, we propose, subject to your approval, to cover the \$82,900 as follows:

Three-eighths in the	British Crown Assurance Corp'n.
Two-eighths	“ Factories Underwriters.
One-eighth	“ Factories.
One-eighth	“ Lumber Insurance Co.
One-eighth	“ Hudson Bay & Rimouski Fire Insurance Companies, half in each.

Or we would be pleased to meet the desires of your Council in any other distribution of the insurance which might to them be more satisfactory.

CURREN, HART & CO., LTD.,
A. E. CURREN, *Pres.*

Mayor's approval:—

I approve of this apportionment between the Companies represented by Messrs. Curren, Hart & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Rainnie & Keator and Mr. Stayner.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted and the insurance placed in equal proportion between Messrs. E. G. Stayner, Curren, Hart & Co., Ltd., and Rainnie & Keator, the three lowest tenderers—the policies to be to the satisfaction of His Worship the Mayor.

The following amendment is submitted:—

That tenders of Rainnie & Keator, Curren, Hart & Co., and E. G. Stayner be accepted in equal proportions, subject to the approval of the Committee on Works after investigation as to the financial responsibility and standing of the various companies in which the insurance is proposed to be placed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Hawkins. The amendment is put and lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re garbage incinerator.

GARBAGE INCINERATOR.

City Works Office, May 17th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer covering tenders for Garbage Incinerator.

Your Committee on Works beg to recommend for acceptance the tender of Messrs. Longard Bros.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 19th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the tenders received for the erection of a garbage incinerator.

Tenders were received from three companies:—The Toronto Furnace & Crematory Company, Messrs. Laurie & Lamb and Messrs. Longard Bros. The tender of the Toronto Furnace and Crematory Company is the lowest.

The City Engineer's specification requires a capacity of fifty tons per 24 hours. The Toronto Company makes several different offers, only one of which in any way approaches the conditions of the specification, namely their tender, \$30,175.00 for a furnace of forty to fifty ton capacity. The building contemplated by the Toronto Company is to have a roof and walls of galvanized iron, a material which does not stand in our climate. It is not in accordance with the City specification. The crematory will not destroy garbage at as high a temperature as it would with forced draft. No steam will be generated and many other requirements of the specification will not be complied with. The amount named in the tender, therefore, is not a fair basis for comparing this tender with the others. If all the requirements omitted were to be supplied, and the cost added, doubtless the amount of the tender would be as large, if not larger than the others. There is one feature of the furnace which in my opinion, must prevent the City of Halifax from adopting it:—the night soil to be mixed with the garbage in order to prepare it for destroying.

The amount of the tender of Messrs. Laurie & Lamb is \$39,850.00. In this case, also, the amount of the tender is not a fair basis for comparison with that of Longard Bros.

Messrs. Laurie & Lamb tender on their own specification and do not provide all the requirements specified in the City specification. Comparing the destructor offered with that offered by Longard Bros., the buildings would be about the same, Messrs. Longard Bros. offering to reduce their tender \$3,000 provided a reinforced concrete building and reinforced concrete chimney is accepted. This makes the tender of Longard Bros. \$44,775.00. Messrs. Laurie & Lamb offer a chimney 5 feet in diameter by 110 feet high, lined with fire brick only 30 feet; Longard Bros. chimney is 6 feet in diameter by 125 feet high, lined with fire brick to the top. There is a difference in value here of probably \$900.00 and in my opinion it is necessary to line the chimney to the top, as the temperature inside the chimney will be high. Laurie & Lamb do not include dynamo, engine and lights in their quotation, while Longard Bros. include them as specified by the City Engineer, and provide for 12 arc lamps to light the plant and the premises around it, and all lamps required and connections for all lamps required in illuminating the building, at a difference of probably \$2,000. Laurie & Lamb do not include a clinker railway track, which is included in Longard Bros. tender as required, making a difference of probably \$50.00. Laurie and Lamb do not provide for a feed water heater for the boiler; this is included in Longard Bros. tender as required. Longard Bros. agree to bring the foundation up to the street level, which makes a difference in their favour, of perhaps \$1,000. Laurie & Lamb also require the City to remove the surplus material excavated. Longard Bros. provide the instruments specified, while Laurie & Lamb offer to provide them for the test only, which may make a difference of \$500 or \$600.

As the omissions mentioned are contrary to the specification, an addition of about \$5,000 would be required to Messrs. Laurie & Lamb's tender, making it \$44,850.00, or about the same as Longard Bros. tender.

If these omissions were made good, I conclude that the two incinerators would be equal as far as first cost goes. There is, in my opinion, a grave disadvantage in the Laurie & Lamb destructor. They contemplate a mixing of the night soil with the garbage before it is placed in the furnace. They propose that the garbage

shall be dumped into a storage hopper, that the night soil shall be dumped in with it and mixed in the hopper, being raked from the hopper into a skip which travels up an inclined track, at the upper end of which it empties into a container and from time to time the container is discharged into the furnace. As we have at times, as high as 15 tons of night soil in one night, I cannot believe that such a system can be operated without being offensive. The hopper, skip and container must surely give off offensive odors, and I do not feel justified in taking the risk of recommending the adopting of any such system.

In the furnace offered by Longard Bros., special provision is made for the destruction of night soil. It will be discharged directly from the night soil collecting carts into the combustion chambers. All the heat and gases from the burning of the night soil will pass through the combustion chamber and the liquid will be evaporated with the least possibility of offensive odors or other objectionable features.

The conditions in Halifax, I am informed, are unusual, the quantity of night soil to be disposed of, being very large in comparison with other cities of the same size.

Under the circumstances, Longard Bros. tender is the only one which complies with the specification, and I would recommend that their offer be accepted, provided they sign a contract to be prepared by the City Solicitor, as there are certain details which should be settled beyond dispute, so that there will be no extra work if it can be avoided.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that Mr. Laurie, representing Messrs. Laurie & Lamb, be permitted to address the Council on this matter. Motion passed.

The Council is addressed by Mr. Laurie who asked that the question be deferred to enable him to confer with the Committee on Works.

Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the tender of Messrs. Longard Brothers be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Whitman that this matter be referred back to the City Engineer for further report.

The amendment is put and lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Hoben that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.55 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, June 6th, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitmen, Hattie, Morrow, Martin, R. V. Harris, Gough, Connolly, Gates and Hoben.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Clarke, Dennis, Keltie, J. C. Harris and Upham.

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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz:—Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration in re borrowing Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for Public Market. May 30th, 1912.

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

Motion put and lost, four voting for reconsideration and nine against, as follows:—

For reconsideration—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Whitman, Connolly, Hattie.—4.

Against—

Aldermen Morrow, Gates, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Martin, Upham, Gough.—9.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

- Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
- Annual Report Governor City Prison, 1911-1912, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee for May, by Alderman Gates, Chairman.
- Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Vice-Chairman.
- Petition for permanent sidewalk Brunswick Street, by Alderman Hawkins.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

- Appointment by Esther F. Lindsay of George T. Yates as Arbitrator re widening Cunard Street.
- Report City Treasurer re application Alice Bedford for refund out of superannuation fund.
- Letter Carritte-Paterson Manufacturing Company re exemption from taxation on proposed felt mill at Fairview.
- Resignation of Alderman Whitman as a member of the Finance Committee.
- Report City Health Board re accounts.
- Letter Board of School Commissioners re funds for Richmond School.
- Report Police Committee, covering accounts.
- Report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re bonds of officials.
- Reports (11) Committee on Works, viz.:—
 - Tramway Extension Hollis Street.
 - Accounts.
 - Application H. D. MacKenzie Co., for permission to instal railway siding on property Kempt Road.
 - Catchpits Duncan and Lawrence Streets.
 - Boat landing and ferry foot of Jubilee Road, North West Arm.
 - Dartmouth Ferry Dock.
 - N. S. Fertilizer Co. railway siding across Kempt Road.
 - Loan for high service reservoir.
 - Coburg Road permanent sidewalk.
 - Black Street permanent sidewalk.
 - Lane west of Monastery of Good Shepherd, between Quinpool Road and Allen Street.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read appointment by Esther F. Lindsay of George T. Yates as her arbitrator in re Cunard Street widening. Filed.

Read report City Treasurer on application of Alice Bedford, recently a nurse in the City Home, for a refund out of Officials' Superannuation Fund.

OFFICIALS' SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Office of City Treasurer, June 6th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:—

*Gentlemen:—*Herewith I beg to enclose application from Alice Bedford, recently a nurse in the City Home, asking for a return of the amount paid by her into the Officials' Superannuation Fund. The amount paid into the Fund by Mrs. Bedford is \$35.29.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition the Carritte-Paterson Manufacturing Company for exemption from taxation on proposed paper and felt mill at Fairview.

TAXATION CARRITTE-PATERSON CO.

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

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

Gentlemen:—We are considering building a paper and felt mill alongside our present plant at Fairview, which would entail an expenditure in the vicinity of \$100,000 and give employment to about fifty men.

In case we should decide to locate at Fairview would the City consider exempting our plant and property from taxes for a period extending over fifteen years.

Having several sites in view and wishing to decide at once as to location, your Board's kind and prompt consideration will greatly oblige.

THE CARRITTE-PATERSON MFG. CO.,

DeB. CARRITTE, *President.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the petition be referred to the Commercial Committee for report at the next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Read petition for permanent sidewalk east side of Brunswick Street from Cornwallis Street to North Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read resignation of Alderman Whitman as a member of the Finance Committee.

ALDERMAN WHITMAN'S RESIGNATION FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Sirs:—I beg to and do hereby resign from the Finance Committee of this Council.

The following reasons have induced me to this course:—

It is not advisable that I should take the chairmanship of this very important committee, owing to my expected absence from the City during some considerable portions of the summer and autumn.

Moreover, I do not wish to act as chairman, as the Committee and Council are not in accord with me in my contention that the borrowings of the City proposed for this year should be very much cut down, so that the general debt of the City and the rate of taxation should not be materially increased.

The Committee as it now stands cannot be organized, and my resignation will give His Worship the Mayor a free hand and enable him to make another appointment in my place.

ALFRED WHITMAN.

Filed.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re funds (\$29,393) for Richmond School.

RICHMOND SCHOOL.

Board of School Commissioners, 4th June, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners has this day made application to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City to issue its debentures for an amounting sufficient to produce \$29,393.00, required for additions and alterations to Richmond School, viz.:—

Contract approved by Governor in Council 28th May.....	\$ 27,993.00
Architect.....	1,400.00
	\$ 29,393.00

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

Filed.

Read report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re bonds of various City Officials.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Halifax, N. S., June 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—We beg to hand you herewith Guarantee Renewal Bonds of City Officials for the year 1912-13, as follows:—

American Surety Co.—	
W. E. Messervey, Liquor License Inspector.....	\$ 1,000.00
London Guarantee & Accident Co.—	
W. L. Brown, City Treasurer.....	8,000.00
London Guarantee & Accident Co.—	
Robert Theakston, City Collector.....	10,000.00
United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co.—	
James J. Hopewell, Clerk of Works.....	2,000.00
Patrick J. Broderick, Chief Fire Department.....	1,500.00
L. Fred. Monaghan, City Clerk.....	1,000.00
Chas. Wm. Nickerson, City Marshal.....	1,000.00
Henry S. Rhind, Asst. City Clerk.....	1,000.00
John A. Rudland, Chief of Police.....	2,000.00
B. Mulcahy, Supt. City Home.....	1,000.00

Also letter from the City Collector enclosing interim receipt from the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company for the sub-collectors, as required by Acts of 1911.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read Annual Report Governor City Prison, 1911-12.

Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

M. S. Brown & Co., Repairs watches, \$4.25; T. C. Allen & Co., Stamps, \$3.00; Colwell Bros., Ltd., Coats, etc., \$23.00; Frank Reardon, Numbering lockers, \$3.50; Total, \$33.75.

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

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

Read report City Health Board covering an account for payment.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., June 6th, 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 account:—John F. Dempster, Board of patients, \$360.67.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Gough seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for month of May.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, June 6th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present, the Chairman, Aldermen Morrow, Keltie, Scanlan and Martin.

The Superintendent's report for May 1912, shows that during the month there were 24 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 44 discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province and 18 to the City. The total number of inmates May 31st was 290, made up of 161 men, 124 women and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 174 men, 125 women and 2 children. A total of 301. There were 3 patients chargeable to the City admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital and 1 patient died.