

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz.:—Wentzells, Ltd., \$528.82; W. A. Maling & Co., \$375.79; Smith & Proctor, \$121.88; J. M. Currie, \$69.75; A. Wilson & Son, \$29.25; Fleischman & Co., \$3.90; J. S. Cashen & Son, \$70.69; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$47.12; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$160.52; Henry Lovett, \$1.50; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$18.90; Blackadar Bros., \$3.60; The Halifax Herald, \$6.27; T. C. Allen & Co., \$3.00; Nickerson & Hart, \$5.25; The Halifax Seed Store, \$8.72; Robinsons, Ltd., \$3.81; Black & Flinn, \$3.00; W. C. Knight, \$1.50; Brookfield Bros., \$2.25; W. N. Brown, \$4.50; B. J. Mulcahy, \$145.92; Salaries, \$659.49; Interest \$4,000.00. Total, \$6,275.43.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Gates seconded by Alderman Morrow that the report be adopted and the accounts therein referred to paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 5th inst., accounts amounting to the sum of \$8,342.18, were submitted, found correct and are recommended for payment, out of the following services, viz.:—

Streets.....	\$ 1,788. 19
Water Maintenance.....	1,774. 79
Water Maintenance 1911-12.....	36. 32
Water Construction.....	172. 45
City Hall Fuel.....	68. 85
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	150. 00
City Hall Lighting.....	71. 41
City Property.....	161. 84
Telephones, 1911-12.....	56. 37
Street Lighting.....	1,839. 83
Internal Health.....	86. 61
Charles St. Extension.....	15. 00
Sewerage.....	253. 02
Permanent Sidewalks.....	741. 67
Teams and Stables.....	603. 43
Fire Insurance.....	538. 80
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	\$ 8,358. 58

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts, tenders for supplies, etc.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 6th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen R. V. Harris, Chairman, Hattie, J. C. Harris and Gough, tenders were opened for the following supplies, viz.:—

Bread—J. J. Scriven & Sons, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

This being the only tender for bread, it is recommended for acceptance.

Groceries—Wentzells, Ltd., Dixons, Ltd., E. W. Crease & Son, W. E. Crowe & Co., W. I. Hubley and Mrs. J. Emmett.

It is recommended that the tender of E. W. Crease & Son be accepted it being the lowest.

Painting and Whitewashing— David Roche \$217.00
Walsh Bros. 207.00

It was decided to defer action on these tenders until later in the season.

Your Committee further report that eleven applications were received for the positions of Underkeepers to fill vacancies caused by the superannuation of Underkeepers Keating and Higlett. It was decided to have a personal interview with the applicants before a recommendation for appointment is made.

The following accounts, amounting to \$271.85, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:—

Jas. Nolan, Hack Hire, \$8.00; Frank W. Fraser, Straw, \$5.94; Stroud & Eveleigh, Waggon, \$100.00; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Light, \$1.45; T. C. Allen & Co., Foolsap, \$.30; Halifax Seed Co., Ltd., Seeds, etc., \$4.20; Brookfield Bros., Lumber, \$10.52; Geo. E. Smith & Co., Hardware, \$2.92; Irwin & Sons, Drugs, \$1.45; Geo. Pickrem, Labor, \$12.75; C. H. Jordan, Shoeing, \$2.80; J. A. Carr, Rep. Clock, \$1.00; J. A. Dunn, Electric Fittings, \$3.35; Wm. Taylor & Co., Boots, \$18.00; W. I. Hubley & Co., Oats, \$61.20; Dixons, Ltd., Groceries, \$26.04; J. J. Scriven & Sons, Bread, \$11.93; Total, \$271.85

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause and the various clauses thereof severally adopted. Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Hattie that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 6th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards met last evening at eight o'clock. Present, Aldermen Scanlan (Chairman) Hines, R. V. Harris and Gates.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. Andrew Duggan, Driver of No. 1 ladder truck, suspended since May 25th for being under the influence of liquor, has been ordered to be reprimanded by the Chief and reinstated upon his taking the pledge, with the understanding that this is his last chance.
2. Arthur Sheehan, Callman on No. 5 engine, was suspended on June 1st for interfering with the fire alarm system by removing his tapper from one part of his residence to another. Sheehan, not understanding the seriousness of his act, was excused and the members of the force are to be again cautioned in this respect.
3. William Healey, Callman on No. 3 engine, has been granted three months' leave of absence.
4. William Shanks, the Chief's driver, has been granted an extra week's ho'i-days.
5. Frank Schrage, Acting-blacksmith, reported sick May 3rd, has not yet reported for duty. Schrage will receive his pay until the next meeting of the Committee.
6. Thomas Healey, previously reported sick, has not yet reported for duty.
7. James Brady, Callman on No. 4 engine, previously reported sick, has returned to duty.
8. Six hundred (600) feet of condemned hose has been handed over to the Works Department.
9. Thomas Macdonald, Callman on No. 3 engine, is recommended for appointment as Acting-Driver on No. 2 waggon, vice Joseph Whalen, left the Department.
10. James Sullivan is recommended for appointment as Callman on No. 3 engine, vice Thomas Macdonald, appointed Acting-Driver.
11. It is recommended that Leo T. Smith, William Saunders and Daniel MacNeil be appointed supernumeraries.
12. Your Committee have been receiving strong appeals for settlement of accounts for hose purchased last winter for the payment of which legislative authority was recently obtained, and beg to urge that the Council provide the funds at the earliest possible date.
13. Your Committee had under consideration Minute of Council meeting of May 16th relating to fire boat, the suggestion being that an expert report should be prepared on the Government steamers "Alfreda," "Elmira" and "Minoca". Your committee believe that since consideration was given to this matter on a former

occasion the "Alfreda" would not now be suitable as a fire boat with her present boiler capacity. Your Committee consider that the interests of fire protection on the water front would be better served if the Council would appoint a committee of three to act with a small committee of the Board of Trade to take up the whole matter of water front fire protection with the Dominion Government.

14. The Chief was authorized to trade a horse with Adams & McGrath, and to pay them Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to boot.

15. It was decided to advertise for tenders for thirty-one (31) summer uniforms for the permanent men. Tenders to be in on the 13th inst., and the goods to be delivered July 6th.

16. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Globe Manufacturing Company, Pittsfield, N. H., for prices for thirty (30) waterproof coats for the permanent drivers.

17. The Chief was authorized to call for tenders for a new furnace for the West Street engine house, the same to be in by noon on the 13th inst.

18. The following repairs are recommended, the cost of the whole not to exceed Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars, the estimated cost of the various items being as follows:—

Repairs West Street roof.....	\$	160.00
Spring Garden Road House, painting, &c.....		60.00
Grafton Street House, new doors.....		90.00
Grafton Street House, painting front.....		50.00
Quinpool Road House, manure pit.....		60.00
	\$	420.00

19. In July last your Committee requested the Committee on Works to report on the feasibility and cost of laying a pipe at John Tobin & Co's wharf from the harbor to the Water Street street line so that the fire engines could draw salt water whilst standing on the street. This report has not yet come forward, and your Committee request that the Works Department will attend to the same as promptly as possible.

20. Your Committee recommend that a motor steam fire engine be purchased, under the authority obtained at the last session of the Legislature and that the Committee be authorized to advertise for tenders for the same.

21. Also that tenders be advertised for for a ladder truck. Tenders to be received up to July 7th, 1912.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tram Co., Light, \$17.83, Power \$16.45, \$34.28; T. C. Allen & Co., Books, \$1.40; Cragg Bros. & Co., Hardware, \$13.50; Canadian Rubber Co., Ladder Straps, \$2.16; Jas. Dempster, Ltd., Lumber, \$9.22; Patk. Dowd, Carriage work, \$5.00; Day & Kinsman, Plumbing, \$90; James Donohue, Metal work, \$3.75; Davison, Parker Co., Ltd., Lumber, \$1.96; F. P. Farquharson, Pitner Lights, \$5.45; Farquhar Bros., Wire, etc., \$12.69; Frank W. Fraser, Salt, \$2.40; Halifax Seed Co., Seeds, \$2.60; Ungar's Laundry, Work, \$5.95; Halifax Steam Laundry, Work, \$4.09; Kelly's, Ltd., Saddlery, \$30.00; Henry Lovett, Leather, \$5.00; Lawrence Hardware Co., Hardware, \$23.99; Melvin & Co., Hardware, \$5.35; J. C. Merlin & Son, Lumber, \$1.88; Morton & Cragg, Polish, \$8.00; National Drug Co., Gasoline, \$1.30; David Roche, Glazing, \$2.00; James Roue, Distilled Water, \$2.25; F. A. Shaw, Forage, \$345.55; Wentzells', Ltd., Soda, etc., \$16.05; Walsh Bros., Painting, \$100.00. Total, \$646.72.

M. SCANLAN, JR., *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 12 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 13 re special committee to take up with the Dominion Government the matter of water front fire protection.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Gates that the clause be adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Scanlan and Alderman Martin be the special committee of this Council suggested in the recommendation. Motion passed.

Clauses 14 to 19 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 20 re purchase of a 600 gallon motor fire engine. Moved by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Read clause 21 re advertising for tenders for a ladder truck. Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Martin that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 22 re accounts. Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Martin that said clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris seconded by Alderman Gates that the report be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re Ferry Dock and Stayner Wharf property.

FERRY DOCK.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting held to-day the City Works Committee decided to recommend to the Council that the City make an offer to the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, as follows:—

1. That the present Ferry Dock and the Stayner Wharf property be leased to the Dartmouth Ferry Commission for a long term (twenty-five years at least) at a rental of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars per annum, provided the Dartmouth Ferry Commission will agree within a fixed time to provide twin docks for the ferry service.

2. This matter has been under consideration by the City and the Dartmouth Ferry Commission for some time, and your Committee would urge that if possible an early settlement be reached.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that clause 1 of the report be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

“a ferry house and public landing; the details of the agreement to be entered into to be subject to the approval of this Council.”

and that the report as so amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re permission asked for by H. D. MacKenzie Co., Limited, to instal a railway siding Kempt Road partly on City property.

KEMPT ROAD SIDING.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer on request of H. D. MacKenzie Co., for permission to instal a siding in City Yard, Kempt Road. Said report is recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

SIDING CITY YARD, KEMPT ROAD.

City Engineer's Office, May 28, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Messrs. H. D. McKenzie Company, have applied for permission to instal a siding over which they can reach their property recently purchased on Kempt Road north of the City property and opposite the Paint Works.

The accompanying plan shows the approximate location of the proposed siding. The siding would occupy a portion of the frontage of the City property on Kempt Road, but as it is not needed immediately for the purposes of the City, I would recommend that permission be granted and that an agreement embodying the conditions required by the City, be prepared by the City Solicitor, to be signed by Messrs. H. D. McKenzie Company, Limited, before any work is done.

I would recommend that the siding be located and constructed to the approval of the City Engineer, laid and maintained as near as possible to the grade of the street adjoining; paved or covered with such material and in such a manner as the Engineer shall approve in order to provide easy access to the City property from the street; that the approaches to the siding from the street and from the City property be graded by the petitioners and at their expense; that such approaches shall be kept in good repair by the petitioners; that the siding shall be operated

only in connection with the business of the petitioners, and that cars shall not be allowed to stand on that portion of the siding upon City property; also that an annual rental shall be paid and that the lease or agreement may be terminated on due notice; with such other conditions as in the opinion of the City Solicitor may be necessary.

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 tramway extension Hollis Street.

TRAMWAY TRACKS.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer on letter from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company requesting permission to instal a curve at the corner of Hollis and Morris Streets and to extend tracks. The said report is recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

TRAMWAY EXTENSION HOLLIS STREET.

City Engineer's Office, May 28, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, for permission to instal a curve at the corner of Hollis and Morris Streets, and to extend their tracks south along Hollis Street to the yard formerly owned by the Gas Company on the south side of South Street, as shown on their plan No. 611.

The Company propose to build a car barn on the property mentioned, and require the line from Morris Street to South Street into their property in order to transfer their cars from the belt line and main line to the car barn. The old barns are not large enough to accommodate the increased number of cars which the Company proposes to use.

I would recommend that permission be granted.

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 on application of N. S. Fertilizer Co. for permission to lay a railway siding across Campbell Road.

CAMPBELL ROAD SIDING.*City Works Office, June 5th, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer on request of the N. S. Fertilizer Co., re permission for a siding on Campbell Road. Your Committee beg to recommend that the report of the City Engineer be adopted.

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

FERTILIZER WORKS SIDING.*City Engineer's Office, May 22, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Company asking for permission to lay a siding from the main line of the Intercolonial Railway across Campbell Road and along the front of their buildings on the road. This permit has been authorized by an Act of the Legislature passed by the recent session.

The siding will be an interference to wheeled traffic but it is not desirable to hamper an industry unnecessarily where the location is, as in the present case, one which must be given up to industries.

I would recommend that a permit be granted and that an Agreement embodying the conditions required by the City, be prepared by the City Solicitor, to be signed by the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Company before any work is done. I would recommend that the siding shall be located and constructed to the approval of the City Engineer, laid to such grades as he shall approve and paved or covered with such material and in such manner as the Engineer shall approve; that the road approaches shall be constructed with easy grades and that ample provision shall be made for carrying off water so that it shall not lie on the road in consequence of the construction of the siding; that the siding and approaches shall be kept in good repair by the Company; and that the siding shall be operated only in connection with the business of the Company; that cars shall not be allowed to stand on that portion of the siding where they will interfere with traffic along the road; that provisions be inserted for protecting the public against accident and indemnifying the City in case of accident, and any such other conditions as in the opinion of the City Solicitor may be necessary; also that the Company be required to deed to the City a strip of land on the south side of the road to make the street the full legal width clear of cars standing on the siding.

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 boat landing and ferry at the foot of Jubilee Road, on petitions of C. F. Longley and Thomas Ryan.

JUBILEE ROAD BOAT LANDING.

City Works Office, June 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re application of Thomas Ryan to operate a ferry at the foot of Jubilee Road was read; also a letter (attached) from C. F. Longley asking for a renewal of his permit if possible for ten years; his present term was for five years. It was decided to recommend the adoption of the City Engineer's report and that the permit of C. F. Longley be renewed for a further period of five years under the usual terms and conditions.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 29th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying request from Thomas Ryan for a permit to run a ferry from the foot of Jubilee Road to the west side of the North West Arm. I have reported on this matter several times before.

A permit has already been given for the operation of a ferry and for the keeping of boats for hire at the end of Jubilee Road, Coburg Road and South Street, on the Arm, and at Hanover Street and the north ferry on the Harbour. While these ferries and boat landings are a convenience to the general public, especially to those who do not own boats of their own, a private enterprise should not be allowed to interfere with the rights of the public. At these landings there are so many private owners with boats, who at times would require the use of the street ends on the Arm, that there is no room for more than one ferryman or boatkeeper at each street, and even with one occupying part of the street, there is very little space left.

The Jubilee Road water lot is narrow. There is a pier there, which at times is used by schooners loading wood and other supplies for people in this neighbourhood. If we should give permission for a second boatman at this place, we would shut out the public altogether, and while I have grave doubts whether we should give permission for a private boat landing at each street or not, I am very strongly of the opinion that we should not encroach further on the rights of the general public and individual boat owners.

The only excuse I can find for the permit to one boatman is that it is in the interest of a great many people who are unable to own a boat. Under the circumstances I would strongly urge the adoption of my former recommendation in this matter, that the request for a lease for a second boatman be not granted.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re catchpits Duncan and Lawrence Streets.

DUNCAN AND LAWRENCE STREETS CATCHPITS.*City Works Office, June 6, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—The attached report of the City Engineer in re catchpits Duncan and Lawrence Streets is recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

*City Engineer's Office, June 5, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying resolution of Council asking for a report on the advisability of placing catchpits in Duncan and Lawrence Streets between Harvard and Windsor Streets.

The western end of these streets are private streets. They have not been graded and consequently cannot be taken over by the City. On the 5th of January, 1911, the Council passed a resolution deciding that the ashes available in Ward 4 be deposited on Duncan Street to grade it, and when the work is completed, catchpits be built. Considerable grading has been done, but the street is not yet in proper condition for catchpits. The grades must be made so that the water will run to fixed points. It would be a waste of money to put in catchpits before the street is graded so that the water will run into them. It would not take off the pools of water that form on them now, as the catchpits must be put in to the right grade and at the proper location or they will be a dangerous obstruction on the street.

Lawrence Street is in a more unsatisfactory condition than Duncan Street, and the same remarks will apply.

The material available for grading is so limited, that it takes some time to do the work necessary, but it is being overtaken as rapidly as possible. There is only one other way to hasten this work, and that is for the property owners to petition the Council to have it done at their expense. When the street is graded it can be taken over, and the catchpits will be put in at the earliest possible date after the street is so formed that the water will run to the pits.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben seconded by Alderman Keltie that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report. Amendment put and passed.

Read report Committee on Works re loan for high water service reservoir and connections.

RESERVOIR.*City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th inst., the Minute of Council was read, under date May 31st, 1912, in re borrowing \$100,000 for reservoir and connections. After an explanation by the City Engineer that it

would be almost too late before the reservoir could be commenced this year, and that he did not care to assume any unnecessary risk, it was decided to reduce the sum to \$80,000, an amount which would be sufficient to purchase the necessary pipe and connections and pay for the labor of laying.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter Coburg Road, from Walnut Street to Waegwoltic gates.

COBURG ROAD CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER.

City Works Office, June 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in favor of laying concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on Coburg Road, under certain conditions, from Walnut Street to Waegwoltic Club gates, was read.

On motion of Alderman Dennis, it was resolved that the Engineer's report be sent up to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted, and that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the construction of the work as soon as possible, laying such portions at once to which no legal objection can be made, that the Mayor be authorized to make the best arrangements possible with the parties from whom the land is to be obtained and obtain permission to go on with the work without prejudice to expropriation or otherwise; and that the Engineer lay a concrete gutter below Oxford Street, and if granite is not available for the section of the street above Oxford Street to lay as much of the sidewalk as is possible first.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 4th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Coburg Road from Walnut Street to the Waegwoltic gates.

The distance is nearly half a mile and the cost of the work would consequently be large. The street is so narrow that granite curb and gutter must be used along the car tracks otherwise the curb and gutter would not stand the traffic. There are a number of properties along this sidewalk which project into the street, some of which do not leave room enough for the sidewalk to be laid. If the City were to decide to proceed with the construction of the sidewalk without first dealing with these properties, there is no doubt that the ultimate cost of the sidewalk would be considerably increased.

The estimated cost of the sidewalk is \$9355.00.

I would recommend that the sidewalk be constructed when the owners of property projecting over the official line, give the City the land required, the work to be performed under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Alderman Hawkins here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Whitman that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works to ascertain the cost of the properties that will be required for the widening of Coburg Road and report to Council.

The amendment being put, there appeared:

For the Amendment—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Keltie, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, Upham.—7.

Against it—

Aldermen Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, Gough.—7.

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

The original motion is put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, Gough.—8.

Against it—

Aldermen Morrow, Whitman, Keltie, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, Upham.—6.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

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

BLACK STREET SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter Black Street. Said report is recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 4th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of concrete sidewalks on Black Street.

The petition is signed by twelve owners out of nineteen, and represents the majority of the frontage. The sidewalks will connect with the Gottingen Street sidewalk already laid. The estimated cost is \$3039.00.

It has been customary to recommend that sidewalks be added to the sidewalk schedule only when they can be constructed without making patchwork. Under the circumstances, I would recommend that the sidewalks on Black Street be placed on the sidewalk schedule and that concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters be constructed on both sides of Black Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works, City Engineer and the City Solicitor re lane leading from Quinpool Road to Allen Street west of Monastery of the Good Shepherd fence.

LANE FROM QUINPOOL ROAD TO ALLEN STREET.

City Works Office, June 6th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Works Committee beg to submit for the information of the Council the accompanying reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor in re closing of a lane leading from Quinpool Road to Allen Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions asking that the City open permanently, a lane leading between Yale Street and Allen Street.

The City owns right of drainage along this lane from Quinpool Road to Yale Street, and it will be kept open, but between Yale Street and Allen Street the City has no right whatever. There is no provision, to my knowledge in the City Charter, which enables the City of open this lane. If a street is necessary, the City could acquire the lane and open it, but it must be sixty feet wide.

The opening of such a street would involve the taking of about 43 feet off the Monastery property, and unless it is considered in the public interest to incur this expenditure, I cannot suggest any means of granting the prayer of the petition.

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

YALE STREET RIGHT OF WAY.

Office of City Solicitor, June 6th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works:

Sir:—A lane or passage extends from Quinpool Road to Yale Street. This was reserved on the plan of the Riding Ground and the City also expropriated a sewer right through it. Although not of the statutory width required for a street it serves as such. There is also a similar passage from Yukon Street to Lawrence Street, reserved on the plan of the Riding Ground property dated 14th January 1898, and at present in actual use as a right of way. These lanes or passages are in line and both are bounded on the east by the Good Shepherd property.

Between Yale Street and Yukon Street, however, are properties owned by Mr. J. A. Meagher and Mr. Wm. Branch. That of Mr. Meagher on Yukon Street is bounded on the east for its whole depth of 112 feet by the property of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and a strip off it would be required if the lane is carried scross from Yale Street to Yukon Street. I have been unable to find a complete description of Mr. Branch's property on Yale Street, and am doubtful if his deed was recorded, but it is probable that a part of his land would also be required.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the three Aldermen from Ward 4 be a Committee to interview Judge Meagher with the view to the obtaining of the lane at the west side of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd as a public thoroughfare.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for valves.

VALVES.

City Works Office, May 17, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

It is considered by the Committee on Works that the tender of Dennis Murphy (although \$85.00 higher than that of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co.) is in the best interest of the City, and your Committee therefore recommend the same for acceptance.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 20th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—The following tenders have been received for valves required this year:—

Name.	20"	15"	12"	9"
Dennis Murphy,	\$ 94.60	\$66.80	\$36.45	\$22.75
Canada Foundry Co,	138.00	76.00	42.30	32.66
T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd.,	107.90 (light)	68.25 (light)	35.90	26.40
	126.90 (heavy)	84.30 (heavy)		
Can. Fairbanks Morse Co.,	115.20	63.69	33.84	22.74
G. B. Oland & Co.,	111.00	65.00	41.00	26.25

The lowest tender is that of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company which is about \$85.00 less than that of Dennis Murphy. Mr. Murphy's tender is for heavy valves under our standard specification, while the tender of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co., is for very light valves, for some sizes only about one-half of the weights tendered for on our specification.

The contract will amount to nearly \$3,000.00, so that the difference, \$85.00, would not be sufficient to warrant the consideration of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company's tender. It is doubtful if their weights would stand the pressure in the high service district where the valves are to be used.

I would recommend that the tender of Dennis Murphy, Halifax, at the prices given above, being the lowest tender on the City specification, be accepted.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Martin that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for water pipes and castings.

WATER PIPE AND CASTINGS.

City Works Office, May 17, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer covering tenders for water pipe and castings.

The tender of Dennis Murphy, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptances.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 17th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report that the following tenders were received for water pipe and special castings.

	Pipe.	Castings.	Delivery.
Dennis Murphy,	\$32.50	\$62.00 ton	3 months.
Robert McLaren & Co.,	32.75	62.50	4 months.
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow,	33.90	64.11	July & August shipment.
Watson, Jack & Co.,	34.50		
	35.00		
	35.45		
H. A. Drury.	36.00	3084.50	4 months.
	36.00	65.00	9 months.

The tender of Dennis Murphy, Halifax, is the lowest, and I would recommend that it be accepted.

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

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Prison, May 22nd, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held at the Prison this day, there being present Aldermen R. V. Harris (Chairman) Hattie, Hines, J. C. Harris and Gough, your Committee report and recommend as follows:—

1. A thorough inspection of the Prison and grounds was made. The building was found clean and in good order. Some minor repairs are necessary, and the improvements recommended by the previous Committee will be carried out when funds are provided.

2. The Chairman submitted an inventory of all moveable City property at the Prison. It is recommended that same be filed.

3. That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for two underkeepers to replace William Higlett and Daniel Keating, superannuated. Applicants to be not over forty years of age, and to have a knowledge of farming. Applications to be submitted to, and applicants to appear before, the Committee on June 4th.

4. That the holidays provided for by Statute be kept at the Prison.

5. That the waggon ordered by the late Chairman from Stroud & Eveleigh be taken over—cost \$100.00.

6. That the Finance Committee be instructed to advertise for \$4,000.00 loan authorized by the Acts of 1912 for improvements at the Prison.

7. The following accounts, amounting to \$28.34, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:—

N. S. Telephone Co., Exchange service for April, \$4.50; Howard McFatridge' Attending Bay Mare, \$2.00; Fred. Parsons, Cab Hire, \$3.00; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Light, \$2.00; Irwin & Sons, Drugs, \$2.95; W. I. Hubley & Co., Lime, \$2.00; C. H. Jordan, Shoeing, \$4.88; W. A. Maling & Co., Ox Heads, \$1.75; J. J. Scriven & Sons, Bread, \$5.26. Total \$28.34.

R. V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gough that the same be adopted, and the accounts therein referred to paid, Motion passed.

Read opinion City Solicitor re tender of Herald Publishing Company for advertising for the City.

RE TENDER OF HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY FOR ADVERTISING.

Office of City Solicitor, May 17th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In reply to the request for my opinion as to the right of the City to accept the tender of the above Company containing the term that the money payable under it shall be applied one half to the improvement of the streets in Ward III, and the other half to the Association for the Relief of the Poor, I beg to say that there would be no illegality in the City accepting such a tender, if it saw fit, but if it did accept the contract would not in its legal effect differ from what it would be if the tender had not contained any such term. The term is not a "condition" in the legal signification of that word. To constitute a condition a term must affect either the performance or discharge of the contract itself. For instance, if the Company's tender contained a term that it must be accepted within one week or that the Company could cancel the contract at any time on a week's notice, these would be "conditions" in a legal sense. But a request of direction to apply the money payable under the contract in a certain way is not a condition nor does it in any way change the nature of the contract, which is simply one for the performance of certain work for so much money. The direction to apply the money is exactly the same as though the Company handed so much money to the City with a request to apply it in a certain way. If that was done the City would have to consider whether there was anything in its charter preventing it from carrying out the request, or whether it deemed the object one with which it wished to deal, or whether it had the machinery required to give effect to the request or whether the object was worth the trouble involved or other similar considerations. But these would be entirely apart from any contract. If the City sees fit it can in my opinion legally accept the tender and apply the money as requested but the contract itself will be in all respects precisely as though the term under discussion were not contained in it.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read report City Solicitor in re action City of Halifax vs. Nova Scotia Car Company.

HALIFAX VS. NOVA SCOTIA CAR COMPANY.

Office of City Solicitor, May 15th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Dear Sir:—In the above action I beg to report that the Supreme Court has unanimously given judgment in favor of the City, holding that sewerage contributions are not covered by an exemption from taxation in ordinary form. Mr. Allison has given me notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which in the ordinary course of things will be held by that Court next fall.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed, the City Colicator to take such steps as may be necessary in case of an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Read report City Solicitor in re Legislation 1912.

RE LEGISLATION 1912.

*Office of City Solicitor, May 15th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Dear Sir:—I beg to report that of the legislation sent up by the City the general act and the borrowing act passed; the latter without any amendment, and the former without any amendment, except the additions which I am about to mention.

Two clauses were added by the Legislative Council of their own motion, and without my knowledge. I went over the bill with the Committee of the Legislative Council on Wednesday preceding dissolution, the bill having been kept by the Council in abeyance until that time. On the next day when I again examined the bill in the Lower House I found that two clauses had been added: one changing the sum of \$500 authorized to be expended yearly for disseminating information respecting the City by Chapter 69 of 1907 to such sum as the Council thought fit, and the other granting an exemption from taxation to the Young Women's Christian Association. I immediately waited upon the Honourable Mr. Falconer who had the bills in charge and told him that these amendments were unauthorized, and should be protested against, and he accordingly on that day moved the non-concurrence of the amendments. The Council, however, adhered, and as there was no other course open except to accept the amendments or lose the bill altogether, we allowed the bill to pass as amended.

Two other Acts were directed to be sent up by the Council: one in reference to the compensation to be paid License Commissioners. This Act I prepared and gave to Mr. Falconer along with the other bills. He said as it was an amendment to a Government measure he would have to consult the other members of the Cabinet respecting it, and would take his own course after consultation. The other related to the admission of patients to Mount Hope. He advised me to consult with the Commissioner of Works and Mines under whose department the Hospital is placed. The Honourable Mr. Armstrong in discussing the matter with me said he would prefer not to have special legislation respecting the City of the nature asked for, as similar requests were coming up from other municipalities, and if the Halifax Act were granted it would involve him in considerable trouble. He promised that he would endeavor to meet the wishes of the City by having immediate information given the Keeper of the City Home and Secretary of the Charities Committee, of admission of patients chargeable to the City immediately upon their entry, instead of delaying until the first monthly account was sent out. This will it is hoped give the City the opportunity of making proper enquiries as to settlement, means, etc., which were the objects aimed at by the proposed Act.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re telephone conduits.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

*Office of the City Clerk, July 8, 1911.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—As the only item appearing in the Annual Civic Estimates for rental of telephones is \$305.00, it may surprise Your Worship to know that the total cost is about \$1,400.00.

On April 28th, 1904, the City Council authorized a contract with the N. S. Telephone Company for telephone service, the total annual tolls for which then amounted to \$936.00. This contract was entered into to take effect from December 1st, 1904.

According to the accounts I received to-day for the current quarter year, the additional number of phones installed for the various City services since the agreement was entered into amounts to an increase of 45%, the total annual charge being now about \$1,350.75.

Since the contract has been in existence for so long a time and we are paying such a heavy toll, it might be worth while to consider the making of a new proposition—such as a flat rate of \$1,000.00 a year on the schedule of the phones we now have. The dividing up of such a flat rate amongst the various departments is a simple matter of our own bookkeeping and does not concern the Telephone Co.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Total annual cost of telephone service according to accounts rendered July 7th, 1911, for three months ending September 30th, 1911:—

Board of Health.....	\$ 154.50
Police.....	107.00
Water Maintenance.....	218.00
City Home.....	45.00
City Prison.....	54.00
City—General.....	338.25
Fire Department.....	324.00
Exhibition Commission.....	35.00
Schools.....	35.00
Gardens.....	40.00
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	\$ 1,350.75

Halifax, N. S., February 9th, 1912.

F. W. W. Doane, *Esq.,*

City Engineer:

Dear Sir:—In 1910 the Nova Scotia Telephone Co. applied for permission to do underground work on Inglis and Gerrish Streets, in accordance with the plans submitted therewith.

This permission was not granted in 1910, but on May 26, 1911, I received a letter from you to the effect that the Council had agreed to give authority for the work to be done under certain conditions. It was found impossible to carry out this work last year, and as you are doubtless aware, the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., now own all the property previously owned by the Nova Scotia Telephone Co.

I am inclined to think that the Directors would be willing to consider placing the underground work referred to above, during the present year, if permission could be obtained in time to permit of the materials being ordered so that the work could be proceeded with as soon as the frost is out of the ground. I am also satisfied that the Directors will agree to the conditions as set forth by the Council in 1911.

Will you kindly advise me as early as possible if the permit given to the Nova Scotia Telephone Co. in 1911 can be transferred to this Company?

J. H. WINFIELD, *General Manager.*

MARITIME TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY.

City Engineer's Office, April 17th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the application of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, asking for permission to lay underground conduits in Inglis Street and Gerrish Street.

In their letter, they state that permission to do the work was granted under certain conditions, but it was found impossible to carry on the work last year. In the meantime, the property owned by the Nova Scotia Telephone Company has been transferred to the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company.

The Charter of the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company, Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1910, authorizes the Company to open up the streets for the erection of pole lines, or for carrying the wires underground, under the direction and supervision of the City Engineer. It provides that the Company shall not place any such structures without first obtaining the consent of the Council, and the Council may give such consent on such terms, including the rate of taxation to be paid by such Company, or may refuse its consent, as it deems fit, and if the Council refuses to give such consent or agrees to give it only on terms that the Company will not accept, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, and said Board may make an order, directing on what terms any such work shall be undertaken, or may refuse to make any order.

It has been suggested that the City should consider carefully the conditions under which permission to construct new work should be granted, before deciding to issue a permit. Section 22 of the Charter of the Company gives them permission to cut trees on the streets and on private property, the branches of which shall come in contact with, or obstruct the Company's wires or cables. This is a dangerous provision and was fought by the City representatives at the time the Charter was going through. An effort should be made to arrive at some reasonable agreement in connection with this matter, before new work is permitted.

It has been suggested that the question of taxes should also be considered now. The Company is paying \$1,960 a year on \$100,000 of real estate, \$1,862 on \$95,000 worth of personal property, which includes tools, lines, instruments and all other effects of the Company, and \$600.00, license fee, a total of \$4,420 a year. In Ottawa, the Company pays \$5,000.00 a year and allows the City to use twenty telephones free. The agreement is expiring, and the City are making a new agreement. I have been asked to send them the particulars of our agreement.

When the permit was applied for last year, a recommendation was made to the City Council that a permit be granted, provided the Company would lay a duct for the use of the City. Later, the Company offered to lay a duct for the City, provided the City would pay for the duct itself and the laying, the Company to do the excavating and provide the manholes, etc.

I would suggest that the agreement be made for a fixed period, and that the Company agree to give the City the use of its poles for any and all City lines now existing or hereafter to be erected. The City is paying \$1,350.75 a year for telephones, getting only one telephone free, that in the Council Committee room, and two desk extensions. It has been suggested that all these matters should be definitely settled by an agreement, before any further permit is granted.

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

TELEPHONE CONDUITS.

City Works Office, May 17th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day Manager Winfield of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., was present, in re underground conduits.

After a full discussion of the matter it was decided to recommend to Council that the permission requested be granted, providing the Company, by letter, agree to the license fee being raised by legislation from \$600 to \$1,000 per year, that the cutting of branches of trees by them be under the supervision of Superintendent Power, and that a duct be laid for City wires, according to the plan submitted for City Engineer's approval.

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

Halifax, N. S., May 29th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Dear Sir:—With respect to our recent conference regarding permits for this Company to erect poles and place underground conduits, etc., the matter has been before the Directors and they instruct me to state that they consider the present license fee of \$600.00 sufficiently high in proportion to the license paid by other corporations.

We are anxious, however, to carry on our business in harmony with the interests of the City; and if we can obtain some assurance that our reasonable requests for permits of this character will be granted in the future, we are willing:—

- (a) To accede to Legislation increasing the license fee from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00.
- (b) To do any necessary trimming of trees under the supervision of Supt. Power.
- (c) To lay an extra duct for the City's use at any time any of our trenches are open, the City to pay the cost of the duct and laying.

J. H. WINFIELD, *General Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report as to whether the City can obtain more favorable terms for the use of telephones and secure the use of ducts for the fire alarm service. The amendment is put and passed.

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

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be directed to sell forthwith, under the authority of Section 55 Chapter 27, Acts of 1896, stock or debentures of the City sufficient to produce at the best price obtainable therefor the sum of \$10,800, such sum as so obtained to be applied for tendering to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, the amount directed by resolution of the Council to be tendered to that Company for the poles taken and appropriated by the City under such resolution, and if such tender is accepted for paying that sum to the Company therefor.

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

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the Committee on Works be, and is hereby instructed to proceed forthwith to obtain ownership for the City of poles included in the expropriation resolution of last meeting of the Council.

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

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

Whereas, the City Council did at a meeting held on the 30th day of May last and at this present meeting resolve to borrow certain sums of money for the purposes below mentioned;

Therefore Resolved, that the City Treasurer is hereby instructed to advertise for tenders from persons willing to loan the City the said sums of money, and to issue to the said lenders the stock or debentures or both of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, sufficient to realize the sum of \$352,700.00, the same to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945.

List of amounts to be borrowed.

For Constructing a Market Building.....	\$50,000	Under authority of Chap. 81, Acts of 1912.			
Repairing and Improving City Prison.....	4,000	"	"	"	"
Sewer Construction.....	50,000	"	"	"	"
Purchase of a Ladder Truck.....	2,700	"	"	"	"
Constructing a Garbage Incinerator.....	46,000	"	"	"	"
Widening Cunard Street.....	25,000	"	"	"	"
Constructing a Reservoir for the high Service of the Water Department and other extensions and improvements.....	80,000	"	"	"	"
Public School Buildings.....	75,000	"	"	67,	1907.
Constructing Permanent Sidewalks.....	20,000	"	"	65,	1906.
	<u>\$352,700</u>				

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins.

Alderman Whitman asks to have his name recorded on the minutes as having voted at the last meeting of the Council against the borrowing of the following amounts:—Incinerator, \$46,000; Ladder Truck, \$2,700; Heating West Street Engine House, \$350.00.

Alderman Hoben's resolution is put and passed.

By leave of the Council Alderman Martin submits a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hattie that His Worship the Mayor proclaim a public holiday for June 21st, the Natal Day of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same, and 6 against it as follows:—

For Adjournment—

Aldermen Morrow, Whitman, Gates, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Gough.—7.

Against—

Aldermen Hattie, Clarke, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham.—6.

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, June 14th, 1912.

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

Present:—His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Martin, Hawkins, J. C. Harris and Gough.

The Council was called "To consider the advisability of proclaiming a public holiday on June 21st, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business."

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, namely, Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration in the matter of Coburg Road sidewalk. June 6, 1912.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Keltie that said matter be now reconsidered.

Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:—

For Reconsideration—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Keltie, Hawkins, J. C. Harris.—5.

Against—

Aldermen Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, Gough.—8.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman R. V. Harris to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the resignation therefrom of Alderman Whitman.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the nomination be approved.

Alderman Upham here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris, that Alderman Morrow be a member of the Finance Committee in place of Alderman Whitman.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For Alderman Morrow—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Hawkins, Martin,—4.

For Alderman R. V. Harris—

Aldermen Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough.—10.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman R. V. Harris appointed a member of the Finance Committee.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been specially called in connection with the advisability of observing June 21st as a public holiday, and asked the wish of the Council in respect thereto.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that His Worship the Mayor declare the 21st of June to be a public holiday.

Alderman Dennis submits the following amendment:—

Whereas, the original settlers of Halifax arrived off this harbor on the 8th of June, 1749, and the 8th of June was celebrated as the anniversary of Natal Day for over one hundred years, when a controversy arose as to the actual day of landing, and the date of the anniversary was changed to June 21st. But the centenary of the founding of the City was celebrated on June 8th, 1849.

And Whereas, by Imperial, Dominion, or Provincial Statute, a series of legal holidays have been created and must be observed within a few days or weeks of each other, viz.:

Victoria Day,
The King's Birthday,
Dominion Day,
Labor Day,
Thanksgiving Day,

May 24th.
June 3rd.
July 1st.
First Monday in September.
Early in October.

In addition to which we have an early closing system on Wednesdays and Saturdays;

And Whereas, there is a general feeling that August 14th, the day of the formal opening of the Memorial Tower by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and the Grand Regatta on the Arm should be proclaimed a civic holiday;

And Whereas, none of the banks and public offices can be closed many business firms have announced their determination not to observe the day, and most if not all industrial and labor operations will be carried on as usual; and that the proclamation of a civic holiday on June 21st only means the closing of the offices in the City Hall and a few retail stores and offices in which a comparatively small number of the whole population are interested;

And Whereas, it is not only demoralizing to all lines of business and a serious loss of prestige to this City, but an absurdity to attempt to continue this string of holidays so close together;

Resolved: That instead of June 8th (the original anniversary, celebrated for one hundred years, or June 21st the date more recently observed) it is the opinion of this Council that the anniversary of the founding of Halifax should be loyally celebrated nine days later on July 1st, the day on which the birth of the Nation is so enthusiastically celebrated in every city, town, hamlet and nook and corner of the Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and the citizens of Halifax are urged to generally and thoroughly observe this united anniversary two weeks hence, and on each succeeding July 1st.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hoben.

The amendment is put and lost, 3 voting for the same, and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben.—3.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Clarke, Keltie, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough.—11.

The original motion is put and passed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
Report Committee of Firewards by Alderman Scanlan, Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 14th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, present, Aldermen R. V. Harris, Hawkins, and Hoben, the following matters were considered:

1. Application of M. McF. Hall for license for Col. Ferari's Animal Show.

The Committee were unable to agree on any fee to be charged such entertainment and the application is sent to the Council without recommendation.

2. Application of Lewis Keshen for license to operate a shooting gallery at 37 Duke Street.

The Committee were unable to agree on any fee to be charged such applicant and the matter is reported to Council without recommendation.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

CIRCUS AND HUXTERS' LICENSES.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 8th, 1912.

At a special meeting of the Gardens Commission held this day at twelve o'clock noon, the following Commissioners present, MacCoy, Hattie, Harris, Scanlan' Kelly, Vice-Chairman Powell in the Chair, the following resolution was moved and passed:

That the Commission lease part of the south common to Col. Francis Ferari's Trained Wild Animal Arena for six days, beginning July 1st, for the sum total of Two-Hundred Dollars, paid in advance, lessee not to have the right to sub-let any portion of the grounds leased by them.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Secretary.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re application of M. McF. Hall for a license for Col. Francis Ferari's Trained Wild Animal Arena.

Also read resolution of Commissioners of Halifax Common relating to ground rent for the said show.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the said license be granted, the license fee to be \$2.00 per day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Gough, that the license fee be \$100 for the week.

The amendment is put and lost, 3 voting for the same, and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Dennis, Hoben, Gough.—3.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham.—10.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read clause 2 re application of Lewis Keshen for a license to operate a shooting gallery No. 37 Duke Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin that a license be granted to Mr. Keshen, the fee to be at the rate of \$10.00 per month. Motion passed.

Read report Committee of Firewards.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIREWARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 14th, 1912.

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

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Firewards met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Present, Aldermen Scanlan, Chairman, Harris, and Gates.

Your Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. That the tender of the Globe Manufacturing Company, Pittsfield, N. H., for 30 firemen's waterproof coats at \$6.00 and \$6.50 each according to length, be accepted.

2. In response to advertisement in the newspapers upon specification prepared by W. B. Fidler, tenders for heating apparatus for West Street Engine House, were received as follows:—

J. Bert. Macdonald, Gurney Boiler.....	\$ 406.00
Longard Boiler.....	483.00
Longard Bros., "New Model" Boiler.....	345.00
Farquhar Bros.....	453.00

It is recommended that the tender of Longard Bros., being the lowest and according to specification, be accepted.

3. Your Committee also advertised for tenders for 31 suits of uniform clothing for the members of the Department, and received tenders as follows:

Clayton & Sons, per suit.....	\$ 19.00
A. E. McManus & Son, per suit.....	17.50
Maxwells, Limited, per suit, serge No. 1.....	22.00
serge No. 2	19.00

It is recommended that the tender of A. E. McManus & Son, being the lowest, be accepted.

M. SCANLAN, JR., *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re tender of Globe Manufacturing Company for firemen's water-proof coats.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re heating apparatus West Street Engine House.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re tenders for uniforms.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

The report is adopted as a whole.

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

Council adjourns 5.10 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

· EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, June 20th, 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 Hattie, J. C. Harris, Martin, R. V. Harris, Hoben, Dennis, Clarke and Gough.

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

8.30 o'clock roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Connolly, Gates and MacKenzie.

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 City Prison Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report joint special Committee in re fire fighting boat on harbor front.
Annual report Chief of Police.
Report Coal Weighers for May.
Report City Health Board re accounts.
Report Commercial Committee re exemption Carritte Paterson Co., from taxation.
Petition in re improvements South Street.
Letter J. A. Lindsay re his claim against the City.
Application Wm. E. G. Hillis for position of sub-collector in City Collector's office.
Report Committee on Cabs covering ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 14 relating to cabs.
Letters from the Department of Railways and Canals re placing of a watchman at the Intercolonial Railway crossing foot of Hanover Street.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, namely:—

Franklyn Street Electric Light.
 Shade Trees Commission.
 Concrete Sidewalks.
 Cogswell Street paving, and Cogswell and Gottingen Streets sidewalks.
 Brunswick Street sidewalk.
 Electric Lighting Contract.
 Robie Street sidewalk.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read application Wm. E. G. Hills for position of sub-collector in City Collector's office. Filed.

Read annual report Chief of Police 1911-1912. Filed.

Read petition in re improvements South Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read acknowledgement by Department of Railways and Canals, of request for the placing of a watchman at the Hanover Street crossing of the Intercolonial Railway. Filed.

Read letter Solicitor of J. A. Lindsay re his claim against the City. Filed, Mr. Lindsay's Solicitor to be informed that the correspondence in the case will be read at the next meeting of the Committee on Works.

Read report Coal Weighers for May. Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Committee on Cabs recommending the adoption of an ordinance accompanied therewith to amend ordinance No. 14 relating to cabs. Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read an ordinance to amend the schedule to ordinance No. 14 "The regulation of Hacks."

THE REGULATION OF HACKS.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, June 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Cabs held this day there being present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. C. Harris and Alderman Gough, it was decided to recommend to the Council the adoption of the accompanying amendment to Ordinance No. 14, of the City of Halifax, The Regulation of Hacks.

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

Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gough that said ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed. The said ordinance is now read a second time.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts for payment.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., June 19th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

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

Halifax Electric Tram., Light for Hospital, \$11.27; Melvin & Co., Goods, \$17.08; L. C. Smith Bros., Type ribbons, \$2.00; Chronicle Pub. Co., Advertising, \$9.20; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery and Printing, \$12.25; W. F. Page, Hand Bag, \$5.00; Wm. Stokés, Hack Hire, \$4.00; A. & W. MacKinlay, Printing, \$7.50; J. Howard, Conveyance of Patients, Nov. 11 to May 12, \$157.00; Dixon, Ltd., Groceries, month May, 1912, \$32.56; Hillis & Son, Range etc., for Hospital, \$152.20; J. F. Dempster, Board of Patients, \$141.99; Total, \$552.05.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Commercial Committee re exemption to Carritte Paterson Co., from taxation on proposed new paper and felt mill at Fairview.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES TAX EXEMPTIONS,

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

His Worship the Mayor and 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.*

Office Board of Trade, June 14th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Commercial Committee, held this morning, the petition of the Carritte Paterson Manufacturing Company for exemption from taxation on proposed paper and pulp mill at Fairview, as read at a meeting of your Council on the 6th of the present month, and on motion referred to this Committee £ deal with, was considered.

The petition asked for total exemption on the existing plant now assessed for taxation, and also on the proposed paper and felt mill, for a term of fifteen years.

After discussing the matter it was moved by the Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie:—

"That this Committee would recommend the exemption from taxation for a term of ten years on the proposed new paper and felt mill, extension or improvements only, of the Carritte Paterson Manufacturing Company, with same conditions as contained in petition addressed to the City Council on June 6th, provided that the conditions in said petition are carried out."

Motion put and carried.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Special Joint Committee of the City Council, Board of Trade, Nova Scotia Fire Underwriters and the Town of Dartmouth re fire fighting boat on harbor front.

FIRE FIGHTING BOAT ON HARBOR FRONT.

Office Board of Trade, June 18th, 1912.

Your Special Committee, consisting of His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Scanlan and Alderman Martin, named in resolution moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gates, at meeting of this Council on the 6th of the present month, augmented by President Dwyer, Mr. W. S. Davidson and Mr. O. E. Smith, representing the Board of Trade; McC. Grant, C. A. Evans and Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, representing the Nova Scotia Fire Underwriters; and His Worship Mayor Notting, representing Dartmouth, waited on the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, on Monday afternoon, June 17th.

The Committee urged the Premier to use his influence in having the Government provide suitable fire fighting appliances by fitting the Government owned tug boats with appliances for the purpose. It was pointed out to him that the Government owned property in Halifax amounting to about \$8,000,000 in value, on which no taxation was levied, and the City was put to the expense of upkeep of streets, lights, etc., surrounding this property.

Premier Borden asked that a report be prepared for him and evinced great interest in the subject—in fact, gave the Committee the impression that he was thoroughly in sympathy with the reasonable request made.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary*.

THE NECESSITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ON HALIFAX WATERFRONT.

The joint committee which appeared before The Right Honourable R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, on Monday, June 17th, 1912, composed of His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council, President of the Board of Trade, the Chairman of the Fire Wards and Mayor Notting of Dartmouth, and representatives of Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters and members of the Board of Trade, beg to submit the following information.

Numerous committee meetings have been held regarding fire protection for the Government property, especially that facing on the waterfront, the whole representing a valuation of from Six to Eight Million Dollars.

In the past the Government property has suffered severely from conflagrations, all of which have originated on said property, and among which have been the following with the approximate amount of loss.

Year.	Location.	Approximate Amount of Loss.
1893.....	Lumber Pier, Richmond.....	\$200,000
1894.....	Deep Water Elevator.....	500,000-600,000
1905.....	Immigrant Shed, Deep Water.....	1,000
1905.....	Car Repair Shop, Richmond.....	500- 1,000
1908.....	Dwelling in Dockyard.....	500
1908.....	Dwelling in Dockyard.....	500
1909.....	Round House and Coal Shed, Richmond.....	5,000
1909.....	Power House, North Street and Mail Car.....	3,000*
1910.....	Power House, North Street.....	3,000
1910.....	Store Rooms, North Street.....	500
1911.....	Box Cars, Deep Water.....	1,000
1911.....	Shanty, Deep Water.....	200

A large amount of the above property is so situated that it is absolutely impossible for the City's Fire Department to successfully cope with it from the land end, and can only be handled from the Harbor.

In giving this list we would like to call your attention to the fact that had an adequate fire boat been available, the Government would not have suffered the loss of the wharf and elevator at Deep Water in 1894, which resulted in a loss as stated of between Five and Six Hundred Thousand Dollars, nor the loss of the Richmond pier, the year previous, which resulted in a loss of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

While the other losses have been small in comparison, most of them might have been handled successfully by a properly equipped fire boat.

The construction of the buildings and the highly inflammable nature of their contents as a rule, coupled with the facts of their difficult position to get at and their inaccessibility to the Fire Department, makes it imperative that the Government should provide its own appliances for successfully handling a fire in any of these localities, and also for the protection of the surrounding property, and in fact the whole waterfront of the City of Halifax which these properties seriously endanger.

In this connection Halifax holds an unique position—in no other City in Canada has the Government as much property, in such scattered localities, on which no taxation is levied by the City, nor is any revenue of any kind derived from it, while on the other hand, the City has the expense of the upkeep of the streets, lighting, fire protection by the City's Fire Department involving a great expense to the City yearly.

There is another phase of the question and that is the annual extra cost to the citizens for insurance on account of the increased danger to the City, and particularly the waterfront, on account of the unprotected Government property.

It is the opinion of the Committee, that the Government should provide immediately a properly equipped fire boat of from six to seven thousand gallons capacity per minute. This boat to be not only available for fires occurring on Government property, but which would also be available for extinguishing fires in any locality along the City's waterfront. In this connection it is felt, that a satisfactory working arrangement can be made between your Government and the City of Halifax.

We might say that General Parsons, when in charge of the Imperial Troops on this Station, recommended to the War Department the providing of such waterfront protection and received the sanction of his Government for the providing of same, about the time the Imperial property was handed over to the Dominion Government.

The matter was also placed before the Laurier Government and have every reason to believe that it received their support.

In December last, the matter was also brought to the attention of the present Minister of Railways, the Honourable Frank Cochrane, by a letter to him from Ex-Mayor Chisholm dated December 8th, 1911, and a favourable reply was received from him dated December 15th, 1911. Copies of all correspondence regarding this matter, are undoubtedly on file at Ottawa.

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

Read report City Prison Committee re appointment of underkeepers.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 12th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day there being present, Aldermen R. V. Harris, Chairman, Hattie, Scanlan, J. C. Harris, and Gough, the following applications for the positions of underkeepers at the Prison were read:

E. C. Chapman, Harry Cross, Paul Barrett, Allan McDonald, Stephen Stone, George Pickrem, George Ferguson, George Brewer, George Yeadon, Edward Oakley, and Edward Bayers.

The following named appeared before the Committee and submitted certificates from City Medical Officer as to their physical condition.

George H. Ferguson,	age	24	years.
George Brewer	"	35	"
George Yeadon	"	28	"
Edward Oakley	"	32	"
Edward Bayers	"	41½	"

Your Committee recommend that George Yeadon and George Brewer be appointed to the positions of underkeepers at the Prison.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report be adopted.

Alderman Scanlan here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hattie that the recommendation for the appointment of George Brewer as an underkeeper be referred back to the Committee for further report.

By consent of Council the recommendation for the appointment of underkeepers is divided so that each appointment may be dealt with separately.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Scanlan, that George Yeadon be appointed an underkeeper of the City Prison, his employment to begin July 1st, 1912. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares George Yeadon duly appointed an underkeeper of the City Prison.

The amendment to refer the matter of the appointment of George Brewer back to the Committee is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie.—5.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Scanlan, Dennis, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Gough.—8.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that George Brewer be appointed an underkeeper at the City Prison, the appointment to take effect from July 1st, next.

Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Scanlan, Dennis, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Gough.—8.

Against it—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie.—5.

His Worship the Mayor declares George Brewer duly appointed an underkeeper of the City Prison.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report Finance Committee re loan of \$10,800, for purchase of poles of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, and re application of Alice Bedford for a refund from the Officials' Superannuation Fund.

LOAN FOR ELECTRIC WIRE POLES.

Committee Room, City Hall, June 20th, 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 R. V. Harris, Hoben and J. C. Harris, Alderman Hoben was appointed Acting Chairman, and the following matters dealt with, viz.:

1. Letter City Treasurer covering tenders for loan to the City of \$10,800.00 to purchase the poles of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

F. B. McCurdy & Co.	93% of par.
J. C. Mackintosh & Co.,	92 7-8 of par.

It is recommended that the tender of F. B. McCurdy & Co. be accepted, it being the most favorable, and that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

2. Report City Treasurer covering application Alice Bedford recently a nurse at the City Home for a refund of \$35.29 out of the City Officials' Superannuation Fund,

It is recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized and instructed to refund to Miss Alice Bedford the said sum of \$35.29 out of said fund.

C. R. HOBEN, *Acting Chairman.*

Office of City Treasurer, June 19th, 1912.

To the Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Sir:—I have the honor to report that in accordance with a resolution of the City Council passed on the 6th of June, inst., I have visited several financial institutions of this City and enquired at what rate they would lend the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800) to be applied for payment for poles to be taken and expropriated by the City under a resolution of the City Council passed May 30th last. I have called upon the Manager of the Royal Bank; the Manager of the Eastern Trust Co.; the Manager of the Royal Securities Corporation; Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co., and Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Co. At the time of writing I have received only two tenders—one from Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Co., at 93% of par, and one from Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co., at 92 7-8% of par, with accrued interest, subject to examination by their Solicitors.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

June 20th, 1912.

Since writing the foregoing I have been informed that the opinion of the Tenderer's Solicitor is favorable.

W. L. B.

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, at a meeting of the City Council held June 6th, instant, the City Treasurer was directed to sell stock or debentures of the City sufficient to produce, at the best price obtainable, the sum of \$10,800,

And Whereas the City Treasurer has reported that the best offer obtainable for such stock or debentures was received from Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Co., of Halifax, at the rate of 93% of par,

Therefore Resolved, that the offer of Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Co., be accepted and that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to Messrs. F. B. McCurdy & Co., debentures or stock of the City of Halifax, Consolidated Fund 1905 to the amount of \$11,600, the interest to be at the rate of 4% per annum and the principal to be repayable on the 1st day of July 1945.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris, and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Brunswick Street east side from Jacob to North Street.

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in favor of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Brunswick Street, between Cornwallis and North Streets and from Jacob Street to Cornwallis Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 17th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

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

The tar concrete sidewalk is so old that it has been crumbling for some time, and is in a great many places beyond repair. The street is an important thoroughfare and it is desirable that the sidewalk should present a good appearance.

The estimated cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk is \$5,278.00. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the east side of Brunswick Street between Cornwallis Street and North Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906. The estimated cost of constructing the sidewalk between Cornwallis Street and Jacob Street is \$2,520.00.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re Electric Lighting contract.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works herewith report the result of the two meetings with the Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., in re renewal of the electric lighting contract which terminates July 1st, 1912. At the first meeting held on the 10th instant, Senator McKeen, President, Manager Crosby, and Accountant Blackie were present.

A proposition was made by them for a 5 or a 3 year contract at the present rate of \$65.00 per light, with an additional charge of \$5.00 per light for an all-night service.

A counter proposition was suggested by Alderman Dennis of \$60.00 per light, all night service, with a 3 year contract.

Senator McKeen then submitted a proposition for a renewal of the old contract (5 years) with an all-night service added for the sum of \$65.00 per light.

Alderman Dennis then submitted a counter proposition for \$62.50 per light, an all-night service with a 3 year contract.

The delegation promised consideration of the last proposition, and an answer by Tuesday, 18th inst.

At the meeting held 18th inst., Senator McKeen, President, was present, and intimated that the Company could not consider the proposition of an all-night service and a 3 year contract for \$62.50 per light; nor the one now made of \$65.00 per light, an all-night service with a contract for one year.

It was decided to refer the matter to Council for its information.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report be filed.

After discussion the motion is not put, and Alderman Dennis submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Halifax Electric Tram. Co., for lighting the streets of the City for a period of five years from July first next, for an every night and all night service at a price not exceeding \$62.50 per lamp, and upon the conditions (other than price and number of nights on which lights are to burn) of the existing contract.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Scanlan.

The following amendment is submitted:—

That the City offer to enter into a contract for street lighting, every night and all night, for a period of three years from the 1st of July 1912, at \$62.50 a light.

The amendment is put and passed, 7 voting for the same, and 6 against it as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Hattie, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, J. C. Harris.—7.

Against it—

Aldermen Gates, Scanlan, Dennis, Martin, MacKenzie, Gough.—6.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Cogswell Street paving and Cogswell and Gottingen Street sidewalks.

COGSWELL STREET PAVING AND COGSWELL AND GOTTINGEN STREET SIDEWALKS.

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re paving Cogswell Street between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets, including the laying of a granite curb and gutter on the south side, also in re laying a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cogswell Street from Brunswick Street to Gottingen Street, and on the east side of Gottingen Street between Cogswell and Falkland Streets, was read.

It was decided to recommend the paving etc., of Cogswell Street to the favorable consideration of Council and also the concrete sidewalk suggested, provided the Military authorities will pay one half the cost of same in front of their property.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 18th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In compliance with the request of the Works Committee, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving Cogswell Street between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets, is \$4,033.00, including the laying of a granite curb and gutter on the south side.

The estimated cost of laying a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cogswell Street from Brunswick to Gottingen Street and on the east side of Gottingen Street between Cogswell and Falkland, is \$2,420.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Dennis that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

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

SACKVILLE STREET SIDEWALK.

To the City Council:

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re constructing a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Sackville Street from Barrington Street to Park Street, and on the north side from Argyle Street to Brunswick Street, was read.

In view of the importance of this work the Committee recommend it to the favorable consideration of Council provided the Military authorities will agree to pay the one half cost of that in front of their property.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 18th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In compliance with the instructions of the Works Committee, I beg to report that the estimated cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Sackville Street from Barrington to Park Street, and on the north side from Argyle to Brunswick Street, is \$8,386.00.

In case the Council may decide to construct this work, I beg to recommend that the sidewalk on the south side of Sackville Street from Albemarle Street to Park Street, be included in the Sidewalk Schedule.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Dennis that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re Shade Trees Commission.

SHADE TREES.

To the City Council:

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council covering a recommendation of the Committee on Improvements "that the Committee on Works be vested with the authority of a Shade Tree Commission under the Act, etc.,"

It was decided to report to Council that in the opinion of this Committee the matter of shade trees comes more properly under the duties of the Gardens Commission.

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

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

Alderman Hattie gives notice of reconsideration.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re
Electric Light Francklyn Street.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCKLYN STREET.

City Works Office, June 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of the Local Board of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, for an additional street light between the College and the south end of the college property on Francklyn Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 15th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from the Board of the Presbyterian College, Francklyn Street, asking for the installation of an additional street light.

There is a light at the corner of Francklyn Street and Bower Road, and one at the end of Miller Street. The distance between these two is too great to permit of lighting the street, and another light is necessary. I would recommend that a light be installed on Francklyn Street half way between the two lights mentioned, when funds are available.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Keltie that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works to be taken up with other applications for lights when the estimates for street lighting are being considered.

Amendment put and lost, 1 voting for the same, and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Alderman Hoben.—1.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Gough.—11.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Robie Street, from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road.

ROBIE STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, June 18th, 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 petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the west side of Robie Street from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 6th, 1912.

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 Robie Street between Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road.

There is a concrete sidewalk laid on Robie Street on the west side from Morris Street to Jubilee Road, and from Quinpool Road to Cunard Street, and the construction of a sidewalk has been ordered for that portion of the west sidewalk between Cunard and North Streets. The estimated cost of constructing the sidewalk is \$4,382.00.

I would recommend that the sidewalks on Robie Street between Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and a concrete sidewalk curb and gutter be constructed under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Alderman Upham here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities requesting the City to appoint delegates to attend the annual convention of the Union at Windsor, Ontario, August 27, 28, and 29.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Gates that His Worship the Mayor, Alderman R. V. Harris, and the City Engineer be appointed to represent the City at the said convention, and that if His Worship the Mayor is unable to attend himself, he be authorized to appoint a substitute. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Connolly asked if the Committee on Works could make better arrangements for the cleaning of refuse from Barrington Street on Sunday mornings or late on Saturday nights.

Alderman Dennis asked what was to be done with the holes in the permanent pavement on Lockman Street and on Spring Garden Road.

Alderman Hoben asked the intention of the Committee on Works in relation to the condition of Cornwallis Street.

Alderman R. V. Harris asked when the Annual Report for 1910-11 will be ready for distribution.

Alderman R. V. Harris asked how much the City owes to the sinking funds.

Alderman R. V. Harris asked how much the City owes to the various superannuation funds.

Alderman R. V. Harris asked if the Committee on Works is insisting on the regulation that all material liable to be blown about the streets be secured to prevent that condition.

Alderman Gates asked if the Committee on Works intended to repair the asphalt sidewalks in the south end and other parts of the City.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman R. V. Harris submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the Council request the Union of Canadian Municipalities to secure through its convention in August next, the united co-operation of the Municipalities of Canada in approaching the Governments of the Dominion and of the various Provinces asking for grants by such Governments to the capital Cities of the Provinces of annual amounts in lieu of the taxation of Government properties now exempted under the general assessment law.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris and passed.

Alderman Scanlan submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, that an adequate force of men be engaged Saturday evenings between the hours of nine and midnight to clean up Barrington Street, between Buckingham Street and Spring Garden Road, and Gottingen Street between Cogswell and Cornwallis, also Granville Street between Buckingham Street and George Street.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the City Engineer be instructed to report on the cost of a sidewalk on the east side of South Park Street from South Street to Spring Garden Road. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1 on order of the Day, viz.: Report Board of Fire Escapes on various matters. Read August 4th, 1911, page 107, and deferred until next meeting.

Moved by Alderman Harris seconded by Alderman Clarke, that the same be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz.: Ordinance re duties and office hours of City Officials. June 8th, 1905, page 59. June 9th, 1908, page 92. (Third reading).

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that this matter be struck from the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read No. 3 on Order of the Day, viz.: An ordinance in re Commutation of Common Lots. January 7th, 1909, page 298. (Second reading).

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Clarke, that the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. Motion passed.

Read No. 4 on Order of the Day, viz.: An Ordinance to amend "The Rules of Order of Council" in re notices of re-consideration. August 6th, 1908, page 156. July 8th, 1909, page 131. (Third reading).

On motion the same is referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

Read No. 5 on Order of the Day, viz.: Petition Typographical Union for the adoption of the "union label" on all City printing. October 8th, 1908, page 204. Letters Typographical Union on same subject. April 22nd, 1909, page 424, and March 10th, 1910, page 425.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hattie that the same be taken up.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Keltie that the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. Motion passed.

Read No. 6 on Order of the Day, viz.: Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Phillips Street. September 23rd, 1909, page 237.

On motion the same is struck from the Order Paper.