

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, September 5th, 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 Martin, Hattie, J. C. Harris, Hines, Hoben, Gates, Gough and R. V. Harris.

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

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Scanlan, Clarke, Keltie, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Upham.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

- Report Charities Committee for August, by Alderman Gates, Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Halifax Common, by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.
- Report Civic Improvement Committee by Alderman Hattie, Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery, by Alderman Hattie, for Chairman.
- Report Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Scanlan, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee for August, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Hoben, Acting-Chairman.
- Report of delegates to Convention of Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at Antigonish, by Alderman R. V. Harris, for delegates.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

- Report of delegates to the Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.
- Report City Health Board covering accounts.
- Report Police Committee covering accounts.
- Acknowledgment from Canadian Manufacturers' Association of invitation to hold 1913 Convention in Halifax.
- Petition of fruit dealers against fruit peddlers taking up stands on the streets.
- Letter Canadian Manufacturers' Association re advertising Halifax in special number of "Industrial Canada."
- Petition for an electric light corner of Welsford and Windsor Streets.
- Invitation to City Council to send delegates to Convention of League of American Municipalities at Buffalo, N. Y.

Petition for concrete sidewalk Creighton Street, east side.
 Petition for a street light on Dundonald Street.
 Petition L. Keshen re license fee for shooting gallery.
 Petition Halifax Development Company for permission to use poles in the streets of the City.
 Report Coal Weighers for July.
 Application F. S. Fader for an Auctioneer's license.
 Acknowledgment by Department of Railways and Canals of letter re Young Street Railway crossing.
 Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz:—
 Order of construction of permanent sidewalks.
 Spring Garden Road Sidewalk.
 Accounts.
 Salt Water supply for Fire Department.
 Shade Tree Commission.
 Fines collected from Tram Co. for Street lights out.
 Ordinance against walking on sodded sidewalks.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read petition Halifax Development Company for permission to use the poles in the streets of the City.

USE OF ELECTRIC POLES IN STREETS OF CITY.

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

His Worship the Mayor and Members Halifax City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Halifax Development Company, of which I am President, has acquired properties, leases and options with a view to developing electric power within twenty miles of the City of Halifax and to supply cheap electric energy to this City and vicinity.

Favorable engineering and legal reports have been obtained regarding the Company's Charter and properties and it is now proposed to go ahead at once with the development.

Before interesting additional capital it is necessary to obtain the authority of the City of Halifax to use the poles in the Streets of Halifax for this Company's wires and we would ask that the City of Halifax as provided in its charter will give the necessary permission.

SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read acknowledgment by Department of Railways and Canals of letter relating to dangerous railway crossing foot of Young Street.

YOUNG STREET RAILWAY CROSSING.

June 10th, 1912.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works of the City of Halifax held on the 28th ult., it was decided to request the Intercolonial Railway Authorities to have a gate erected at the crossing at the foot of Hanover Street and to place a watchman there, as it is considered dangerous at present for pedestrians crossing at this place.

Kindly give this matter your attention, and oblige,

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Office of the Minister of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, August 1st, 1912.

F. P. Bligh, Esq., The Mayor:

Dear Sir:—In Mr. Cochrane's absence I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th inst., enclosing a communication in reference to condition of affairs at Young Street railway crossing. I am handing the papers to the Deputy Minister, who is Chairman of the Management Board, for attention.

A. L. MACKENDRICK, *Assistant Secretary.*

Filed.

Read application F. S. Fader for an Auctioneer's license. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for July. Filed.

Read petition L. Keshen re license fee for shooting gallery. Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that the same be filed. Motion passed, 8 voting for the same, and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion:—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Clarke Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie.—8

Against it:—

Aldermen Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Hawkins, Upham, Gough.—6.

Read petition for a street light Dundonald Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk Creighton Street, east side, between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read invitation to the City Council to send delegates to the sixteenth Annual Convention of the League of American Municipalities at Buffalo, N. Y. Filed.

Read petition for an electric light corner of Welsford and Windsor Streets. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Canadian Manufacturers' Association re advertising Halifax in special number of "Industrial Canada." Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read acknowledgment from Canadian Manufacturers' Association of invitation to hold its Convention in 1913 in the City of Halifax. Filed.

Read petition of fruit dealers against fruit peddlers taking up stands on the streets. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report City Prison Committee for August.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, September 5th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the 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), Hines and J. C. Harris, it was decided to recommend that the City Engineer be again requested to prepare specifications for the improvements decided on at the Prison, including Plumbing, Heating, Drainage, Alterations, to Cook House and Cell Doors, as recommended in report City Prison Committee of December 20th, 1911.

The following accounts amounting to \$95.82 are recommended for payment: Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Phones, \$13.50; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., Light, \$1.50; Charles Hanson, Labor, \$3.00; Hillis & Sons, Stove Fittings, \$3.06; C. H. Jordan, Horse Shoeing, \$4.39; Geo. E. Smith & Co., Hardware, \$11.61; W. A. Maling & Co., Ox-heads, \$12.75; E. W. Crease & Son, Groceries, \$30.54; J. J. Scriven & Sons, Bread, \$15.47. Total, \$95.82.

The monthly report of the Governor was submitted and filed.

R. V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hines that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee re accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Sept. 4, 1912.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Hoben, (Acting-Chairman), Scanlan and MacKenzie, the following accounts amounting to \$1152.14 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

R. G. Dunn & Co., Dun's record to June 1st, 1912, \$10.00; Blackadar Bros, Advertising, \$4.35, \$4.35, \$8.70, total, \$17.40; W. D. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of Ella C. Linton, Thomas Hobin, Wm. Duggan, Maurice Roan, Georgina Keefe, John Holland and Hugh Hale, \$4.00 each, total, \$28.00; McAlpine Publishing Co., Directories, City Collector \$10.50, City Clerk, \$3.50, total, \$14.00; London Rubber Stamp Co., \$.25; St. Patrick's Home, Support of Boys, 3 months to Aug. 1st, 1912, Truants, \$302.82, Court Com. \$191.67, total, \$494.49; Holloway Bros., Printing Annual Report, 1910-11, \$588.00; Total, \$1152.14.

In reference to the account of Messrs. Holloway Bros. your Committee report that the appropriation for printing and stationery for 1910-11 is exhausted, and recommend the payment of this account out of any fund available and including the amount with interest in the Civic Estimates for 1914-15.

C. R. HOBEN, *Acting Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the report be adopted and the accounts therein recommended paid. Motion passed.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

Maxwell, Ltd., Uniforms, altering, etc., \$97.50; Telephone Co., Phones for July and extra listing, \$12.67; Colwell Bros., 29 pairs gloves, \$10.99; W. Taylor & Co., 1 pair men's rubber boots, \$4.00; F. M. Switzer & Co., Belt buckle, engraving, etc., \$3.10; W. C. Knight, 2 police belts and frogs, \$2.50; M. S. Brown & Co., Springs to gun metal timers, \$1.00; MacAlpine Publishing Co., 3 Directories, \$10.50; Total, \$142.26.

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

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

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

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, Sept. 5th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards met this day and beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. That Robert MacKenzie, Driver on No. 3 Hose Waggon, died August 24th, 1912.
2. That John Malone, Driver on No. 5 Engine, left the Department September 1st.
3. That John J. Morrow, Callman on No. 5 Engine, be granted two months leave of absence.
4. That No. 1 Chemical Engine collided with No. 4 Hose Waggon while responding to an alarm of fire Box 212, August 17th. The damage to the apparatus was slight, costing about \$5.00, but Thomas Hencher, Callman on No. 4 Waggon, was thrown from the Waggon and had his left arm badly injured. He has not yet reported for duty.

5. That John McAskill be appointed a Supernumerary.
6. That the widow of the late Robert MacKenzie, Driver, be paid out of the Firemen's Superannuation Fund the sum of \$131.96, to which she is entitled under the Act.
7. The following rule is recommended to the Council for adoption:
Members of the Department not taking part in the Annual Competitions Drill, after being notified by the Chief, shall be fined \$5.00 by the Chief, sickness being the only excuse.
8. Thomas Healey, Callman on No. 5 Engine, previously reported ill, has not yet reported for duty. This case is still under consideration by the Committee.
9. The letter of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company and others relating to the derelict condition of building No. 187 Upper Water Street referred by the Council to this Committee was under consideration. It is recommended that said letter be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

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

Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, Light, \$19.52, Power, \$18.88, total, \$38.40; Burns & Kelleher, Washers, \$.50; Brock & Paterson, Flags, \$14.80; E. M. Bowes, Painting, \$10.50; A. M. Bell & Co., Ltd., Decorations, \$15.80; The Chronicle Publishing Co., Limited, Advertising, \$1.88; Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., Gasoline, \$7.21; Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Limited, Tubing, etc., \$5.75; S. Cunard & Co., Coal, \$22.20; James Donohue, Metal Work, \$13.20; Davison Parker Co., Ltd., Lumber, \$5.05; James Dempster, Limited, Lumber, \$17.85; John Foley, Mason Work, \$57.00; F. P. Farquharson, Pitner Lights, \$7.55; Farquhar Bros., Plumbing, \$11.45; Halifax Herald, Ltd., Advertising, \$3.75; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., Castings, \$29.00; The Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., Hardware, \$27.16; McAlpine Publishing Co., Limited, Directory, \$3.50; J. Bert MacDonald, Plumbing, \$18.00; Robert Merlin, Lumber, \$8.43; Wm. Robertson & Son, Hooks, \$.24; David Roche, Painting, \$17.41; James Roue, Distilled Water, \$1.50; Stroud & Eveleigh, Carriage Work, \$58.70; F. A. Shaw, Forage, \$377.03; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited, Hardware, \$.60; Thomas Trenaman, M. D., Medical Examinations, \$3.00; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., Phones, \$55.75; Wentzells, Limited, Brooms, \$3.25; Austen Bros., Hose Holders, \$113.00; Cragg Bros. & Co., Hardware, \$5.92. Total, \$955.38.

M. SCANLAN, Jr., *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery on various matters.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY.

City Hall, August 29th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Camp Hill Cemetery Commission met this afternoon. Present, Aldermen Hattie and Upham, and Commissioners Mitchell and Holloway (Chairman) and Supt. A. McDougall.

1. The following accounts were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—W. N. Brown, \$7.00; Nova Scotia Nursery, \$25.00; John G. Colp, \$15.95; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited, \$1.77; Robert Horton, \$3.20; Total, \$52.92.

2. Tenders for repairs to sheds and fences were opened. That of Edward Gibson, being the lowest, namely \$89.25, was accepted.

3. The Commission beg to advise the City Council that the acquisition of a lot of land adjoining the Cemetery on the West side of Carleton Street entrance, is much to be desired. This land belongs to Freeman Bros. and the Commission would ask the City Council to include in the estimates for the coming civic year a sum, in addition to the usual grant sufficient to pay for the acquisition of this land. As the Commission has no power to expropriate land, we would further ask that the Council secure for it the necessary power in case it may be required.

The Commission would further ask that the City Engineer be asked to prepare plans and estimates for improvements on the land which it is proposed above to acquire, and that the amount required be provided in the new civic budget.

With respect to the need for improvements above mentioned, the Commission submit the following:—

The tool house, repair shop, etc., in connection with the cemetery near the Carleton Street entrance are at present in very bad condition. The repairs to one of the sheds above mentioned are necessary to prevent accident in the use of the building. But in the opinion of the Commission it would be advisable to renew the other buildings rather than repair the same. In the event of purchasing the land above mentioned, the tool house now to be repaired could be removed to the new land, where the necessary new building could also be placed. Provision should be made in these for a suitable lavatory, which would be a public convenience as well as for the use of men working about the cemetery. The Commission draw the attention of the Council to the fact that the new land would provide a place for the disposal or rubbish and lumber, which, if the place is suitably fenced off, would not obtrude themselves upon the notice of the public as at present. It will be admitted that the sheds and rubbish dump are very unsightly and the proposed improvement would add materially to the appearance of the cemetery. The land which would be cleared by the removal of sheds and rubbish could be divided into lots and sold.

4. Another necessary improvement to which the Commission would draw attention is the drainage of the cemetery. On account of the slope of the land, surface water in the winter and spring drains into the cellars of many residences on Carleton Street and Spring Garden Road, so that the Commission is in constant danger of prosecution, complaints having been lodged on frequent occasions in past years. It is highly important that steps be taken to remedy this, and the Commission would ask for a full report on the matter from the City Engineer and an appropriation which would enable the Commission to carry out the necessary work.

5. The Commission recently asked that a sidewalk be laid on the East side of Robie Street abutting on the Cemetery. If the Council can not see its way clear to order the construction of a concrete sidewalk, it may possibly be able to ask to recommend the laying of a concrete curb and gutter. The Commission last spring commenced to beautify this section of Robie by setting out trees the entire length of the cemetery frontage. With a properly protected sidewalk the Commission would be glad to make and maintain a parking in keeping with the parking on the other side of the street, thus greatly beautifying this most important thoroughfare. As the Cemetery is City property and it is highly important that the City should set an example in improving its properties and maintaining them in good order, the Commission would urge this improvement as one that ought to be undertaken as promptly as possible.

HY. D. HOLLOWAY, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re accounts.

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

Read clause 2 re tenders for fence.

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

Read clause 3 re acquisition of a lot of land adjoining the Cemetery on the west side of Carleton Street entrance, and improvements thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Clarke that said clause be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 re drainage of the Cemetery.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read clause 5 re Robie Street sidewalk.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Civic Improvement Committee on various matters.

REPORT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

City Hall, Halifax, August 29th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Improvements met this evening there being present Aldermen Hattie (Chairman) and MacKenzie, and Messrs. Longard, Kelly, Sexton and Davidson.

The Committee send up to the Council the following recommendations:—

First—That the property known as Fort Needham be obtained by the City for park purposes. The need for an adequate park in the North End has been urged for many years, and this site commends itself both because of the possibilities of developing a unique park on such an excellent site and because of the proximity to Mulgrave park making it possible to throw the two practically into one large park.

Second—That the Fort Needham park site might be used for the water storage facilities which it is proposed to create as a part of the improvement in the high service. This would involve the erection of a tower rather than a reservoir in order to attain as high a pressure as would be possible on another site which it is understood is under consideration for the proposed reservoir. But, if the plans of the Water Works Department have not reached a stage where they cannot be changed, the erection of a water tower on Fort Needham would have these advantages.

(a) The site would be made to serve a double purpose. In providing for the necessities of the water department, the recreation and relaxation of the people could be provided for at the same time.

(b) The tower itself, if properly placed, and if constructed on simple, but graceful lines, would be a feature of interest in the Park.

(c) The water in the tower would possibly be less exposed to contaminating influences than water in a reservoir.

The Committee recognizes the possibility of a tower costing more than a reservoir, but such additional cost might be more than offset by gains in other directions. The Committee would ask the Council to get a report from the Works Committee on the feasibility of this scheme.

Third—That Ordinance Number 4 of Streets be amended by adding the following section:—

29. (b)—Where any sidewalk has been in part covered with sod the occupier of the premises adjoining such sidewalk, or if the property is not occupied the owner thereof, shall keep the part of the sidewalk so sodded close clipped, clear and in good order.

Fourth—That the Works Committee be asked for a report on the following:—

(a) The extension of Grafton Street north through Poplar Grove to connect with Barrington Street.

(b) The projection of a street that will provide an easy grade between the central part of the City and the head of Jacob Street, such as was proposed under the plans of (1) the one time suggested City Hall Avenue, (2) the scheme of the late Mr. Munnis, and (3) the scheme of Alderman Hines.

Fifth—That the Works Committee be asked for a report on the projection of a street through "The Governor's Field" to connect Pleasant and Bishop Streets with Rottenburg Street, and the extension of Rottenburg Street to connect with Brenton Place and, across Victoria Park, with College Street. The effect of this improvement would be to give a street of easy grade from Pleasant to Robie and the cost should not be very great. It may be pointed out that the block from Morris Street to Spring Garden Road is a very long one, namely 900 feet and a break in it is a necessity. This proposed street would break it about in the centre.

R. M. HATTIE, *Chairman Committee on Improvements.*

The same is considered clause by clause and referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

REPORT COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.

Office of Commissioners of Public Gardens, August 22nd, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

T. C. Allen & Co., \$9.50; R. B. Adams & Co., \$1.35; Kelly's Ltd., \$1.35; John McInnes & Son, \$16.18; William Robertson & Son, \$13.83. Total, \$42.21.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

REPORT CITY HEALTH BOARD.

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

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

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

Maritime Telephone Co., Phones, Month July, \$12.87; Dixon Ltd., Groceries, \$4.32; David Roche, Lettering Signs, \$5.50; Farquhar Bros., Repairing Lamp, \$1.20; McAlpine Pub. Co., Directory, \$3.50; Cunard & Co., Coal, \$5.00; J. F. Dempster, Board of Patients., \$216.35; Postage, \$5.00. Total, \$253.74.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Charities Committee for August.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, N. S., September 4th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

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

The Superintendent's report for August 1912, shows that during the month there were 21 persons admitted into the City Home, 23 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province and 17 to the City. The total number of inmates August 31st was 286, made up of 163 men, 119 women and 4 children. On the same date last year there 168 men, 127 women and 1 child, a total of 296. During the month there were 3 patients discharged from the Nova Scotia Hospital, chargeable to the City of Halifax and 1 died.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—

Wentzells, Ltd., \$439.61; W.A. Maling & Co., \$360.32; Smith & Proctor, \$120.13; J. M. Currie, \$69.75; Fleischmann & Co., \$4.20; A. Wilson & Son, \$28.75; J. S. Cashen & Son, \$37.75; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$182.19; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$62.27; Halifax Tram Co., Ltd., \$19.00; Victoria General Hospital, \$112.28; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., \$3.75; Blackadder Bros. \$4.35; A. E. Boutillier, \$3.13; Patrick Dowd, \$36.75; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$3.80; John Star Son & Co., \$3.20; W. C. Knight, \$1.55; Robinson, Ltd., \$3.14; Geo. E. Mumford & Son, \$2.00; Douglass & Co., \$7.20; The Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., \$18.00; Dr. Blackadder, \$5.00; B. J. Mulcahy, \$130.16; Salaries, \$659.04. Total, \$2317.32. Also an account chargeable to the year 1911-12 of John Foley, \$50.00.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Upham that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, Halifax, N. S., Sept. 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts amounting to the sum of \$4879.46, chargeable to the following services:—

Water Maintenance.....	\$509.84
Permanent Sidewalks.....	490.44
Streets.....	578.38
Water Construction.....	466.18
Teams and Stables.....	62.04
Sandford Flemming Park.....	12.44
City Hall Lighting.....	68.35
Telephones.....	28.19
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	20.50
Electric Wiring Inspection.....	3.50
Public Baths.....	8.35
New Workshops.....	16.64
City Property.....	68.83
New Market Site.....	350.00
Street Lighting.....	1889.32
Sewerage.....	306.46
Total.....	\$4879.46

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re order of construction of permanent sidewalks.

PERMANENT SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to refer to the Council for its information the accompanying report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re order of permanent sidewalk construction.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 16th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report that the sidewalks ordered by the Council to date, are as follows: being given in the order by date in which they passed the Council, and practically in the order in which they will be constructed:—

Sept. 7, 1911	North Street	north side	Lockman to Agricola.
May 16, 1912	Edward	east side	Morris to South.
	"	west side	Coburg to Jubilee
	South Park	west side	Victoria Road to South Street.
	Victoria Road	south side	Park Street to Tower Road.
	Barrington	between	Buckingham and Bell's Lane.
	Prince	at Queen	Building.
	Robie	west side	Cunard to North.
June 6, 1912	Coburg Road	north side	Walnut St. to Waegwoltic Club.
	Black Street	both sides	
June 20, 1912	Robie	west side	Jubilee to Quinpool
	Cogswell	north side	Brunswick to Gottingen.
	Gottingen	east side	Cogswell to Falkland.
	Sackville	south side	Barrington to Park Street.
	Sackville	north side	Argyle to Brunswick.
July 4th, 1912	South Park	east side	South to Spring Garden Road.
August 7, 1912	College	north side	Summer to Robie.
	Summer	west side	Coburg to Spring Garden
	Argyle	west side	Buckingham to Jacob.
	Upper Water	east side	George to Duke.
	Creighton	west side	Cogswell to Falkland.
	Agricola	east side	Cunard to West.

It is the intention to do Coburg Road as soon as it is ready, and small works like that on Barrington and Prince Streets and Upper Water Street, will be done at the most convenient time.

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

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works recommending the adoption of an accompanying ordinance to prevent persons walking on sodded sidewalks.

ORDINANCE RE WALKING ON SODDED SIDEWALKS.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to refer to the Council the accompanying draft ordinance in re people destroying the sodded part of concrete sidewalks by walking on it and recommend the same for adoption.

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

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

The said Ordinance is now read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hattie that said Ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

The said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re fines imposed upon the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for deficient street lighting.

TRAMWAY COMPANY FINES.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to refer to the Council for its information the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council in re amount of fines collected from Tram. Co. for the last civic year.

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

LIGHTING FINES.

City Engineer's Office, August 16th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying resolution of Council asking for a return of the lighting fines charged the Halifax Electric Tramway Company during the last civic year, and to date under the present contract:—

June 1911.....	\$7.50	January 1912....	\$125.00
July.....	17.00	February.....	6.00
August.....	4.50	March.....	12.00
September.....	10.00	April.....	1.50
October.....	9.00	May.....	49.50
November.....	22.00	June.....	40.50
December.....	17.50	July.....	8.50
	Total.....		\$330.50

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re Shade Tree Commission.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held August 19th, the matter of the Shade Tree Commission was considered. After hearing City Solicitor Bell's verbal report, it was decided to recommend the adoption of the Act—the work to be done by Superintendent Power, under the nominal control of the Committee on Works.

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

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer
(2) re salt water for fire supply.

SALT WATER FOR FIRE SUPPLY.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in re salt water fire supply at the foot of Proctor Street.

The Committee on Works beg to refer the same to the Council for its information with the recommendation that the report be adopted, as the City Engineer further states that a fire hydrant would cost about \$175.00 while the salt water system would be about \$2,000.00.

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

City Engineer's Office, July 11, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to make a preliminary report on the accompanying request from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Last year the Commissioners requested the Committee on Works to report on the feasibility and cost of laying a pipe at John Tobin's & Company's wharf from the harbour to the Water Street line, so that the fire engines could draw salt while standing on the street.

I have intended as soon as I could get the time to study the question, to make a full report. As I have been unable to keep up with routine work, I have not had an opportunity to prepare the report as I intended. As the Fire Commissioners are pressing for a reply, I have looked over the ground casually and decided to make this preliminary report, as possibly it may be unnecessary to go further.

The City Works Department is laying a 12 inch pipe in Hollis Street to replace the old pipe between Morris and Salter Streets. It is the intention to continue this work until the connection is made at Jacob Street. This will make a great improvement in the fire service in this district. Leaving out of the question the feasibility of providing a salt water supply through the private property of Messrs. John Tobin & Company to Water Street, in my opinion it would not be wise to carry out the proposal as laid down by the Fire Board. There is a sewer outlet discharging into the dock at Messrs. Tobin's property and it does not seem to me desirable that a conduit should be laid to deliver this raw sewage to the fire engine at Water Street to be discharged into buildings, in some of which, at least, would be living apartments, or to discharge this raw sewage on the streets.

Under the circumstances I conclude that the Fire Commissioners would not desire me to follow their suggestion further.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—In compliance with the request of the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, I beg to report on their proposal to lay a salt water conduit to supply a tank in Water Street at the foot of Proctor Street.

At present, the conduit would have to be laid across railway property under the old Cunard shed and wharves below low water mark. The construction would be difficult and expensive and it would not be advisable to lay a conduit;

until the railway department decide how they are going to deal with the property. In my opinion it is entirely unnecessary. If the Fire Department require some additional provision to enable them to save hose, the installation of another hydrant at the foot of Proctor Street will accommodate their heavy engine, for a supply can be obtained through a 12-inch pipe from Brunswick Street down Proctor Street, the 12-inch pipe on Brunswick Street being supplied by a 15-inch and 12-inch main on Cogswell Street and the 12-inch main on Cornwallis Street. Further, the 12-inch main on Cornwallis Street supplies the 9-inch main on Water Street, so that there would be an ample supply for an additional hydrant in case of fire in that district.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Spring Garden Road sidewalk.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of concrete sidewalks to replace asphalt sidewalks on Spring Garden Road; also the widening of strip by the Gardens.

Your Committee beg to recommend the adoption of said report.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report in accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council and a request of your Committee on the cost of laying a concrete sidewalk on Spring Garden Road.

The cost of construction on the north side from Pleasant to Park Street is \$3300.00; on the south side, \$2940. The cost of widening the sidewalk opposite the Gardens, two feet, is \$200.00.

The old asphalt sidewalks are going to pieces so rapidly that they are becoming dangerous, and it is impossible to repair them so that they will last. It is becoming absolutely necessary to lay a new sidewalk.

I beg to recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the north side of Spring Garden Road from Pleasant to Park Street and that the sidewalk in front of the Gardens be widened two feet and that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the south side from Pleasant to Queen Street and from Birmingham to Park Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

I would further recommend that where the asphalt is worn out and dangerous, the blocks be relaid at once with concrete, and on the other blocks covered by this report, the work be done in turn or when the asphalt has become sufficiently out of repair to make it necessary. There have been one or two accidents already on the Spring Garden Road sidewalks.

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

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

Read report delegates to the seventh Annual Convention of Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities held at Antigonish, August 21st and 22nd.

CONVENTION UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES.

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

To the Mayor, and Members of the City Council of Halifax:

Gentlemen:—Your delegates, Aldermen Martin and J. C. Harris, with Alderman R. V. Harris and the City Engineer, attended the Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities held at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on August 21st and 22nd. There was present a very large attendance from nearly all of the fifty municipalities now members of the Union.

The papers read at the Convention were:

"The Nova Scotia Public Utilities Commission," by J. H. Winfield, Manager of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, and R. T. MacIlreith, Ex-Mayor of Halifax, and member of the Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board; dealing with the control of public utility corporations.

"The Optional Assessment Act," by Hon. R. M. MacGregor, M. L. A., explaining the bill introduced by him at the last session of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

"The Inspection and Reform of Provincial Public Offices," by Arthur Roberts, Town Solicitor, Bridgewater.

"The Public Health Act," by A. S. MacMillan, Warden of the County of Antigonish, emphasizing the necessity for additional powers for Municipal Health Boards.

"The Tourist Traffic in Nova Scotia," by Thos. F. Anderson, former Secretary of the City of Boston Publicity Bureau; urging upon the municipalities the necessity for co-operation respecting tourist work.

"Municipal Aid in the Prevention of Tuberculosis," by Dr. Smith L. Walker, Truro; an illuminating and exhaustive address on the part that must be played by our municipalities if this disease is to be eradicated.

"The Origin of Municipal Institutions," by Alderman R. V. Harris of Halifax; an historical account of the beginnings and development of town and county government in England and Canada.

"Street Cleaning and Refuse Disposal," by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, Halifax; an exhaustive paper full of information exceedingly useful to every town in Canada.

"Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention." by Franklin H. Wentworth, Secretary National Fire Protection Association, Boston; one of the most practical addresses ever delivered before the Union, full of information and extremely exhaustive.

The resolutions arising out of the discussion of these papers and the others introduced on the floor of the Convention, were all of a practical character and indicated a unity of action among our municipal legislators that means much for municipal life in Nova Scotia in the future.

The delegates were entertained on Tuesday afternoon by a visit to the University of St. Francis Xavier, and on Wednesday evening by an excellent banquet by the Town and County of Antigonish.

City Engineer Doane was elected Vice-President of the Union for 1913 and Alderman R. V. Harris a member of the Executive.

The Convention next year will meet at Bridgewater.

In closing we desire to express our conviction of the value of membership in the Union, and our belief that the benefits to the City of our membership in the Union will increase as time goes on. The importance of co-operating with other towns and municipalities in all matters of common concern cannot be overestimated.

PETER F. MARTIN,
J. C. HARRIS,
REGINALD V. HARRIS,
F. W. W. DOANE.

Filed.

Read report delegates to twelfth Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities held at Windsor, Ontario, August 27th, 28th and 29th.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, September 4th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities at Windsor, Ontario, on August 27th, 28th and 29th, was attended by all three of your delegates, who, with the Mayor of Canso, were the only delegates from this Province.

The delegates were welcomed by the Mayors of Windsor and Walkerville, and given the freedom of their cities.

The report of the work done during the past year by the Nova Scotia Union of Municipalities, presented by City Engineer Doane, indicated that Nova Scotia is second to no other province in Canada in the matter of municipal progress.

Among the papers read, those on "The Taxation of Government Properties Now Exempted in Canadian Cities and Towns," by Alderman R. V. Harris and "The Cleaning of Water Mains," by City Engineer Doane, evoked considerable interest and widespread support. A resolution endorsing the stand taken by the City Council, as set forth in the address of Alderman Harris, was passed unanimously.

Another resolution introduced by City Engineer Doane on behalf of the Nova Scotia Union, asking the Dominion Government to relieve municipalities from the expense of maintaining militia regiments called out in aid of the civil power at the time of industrial trouble, was also unanimously endorsed.

Other interesting papers read before the Convention dealt with:

"Municipal Taxation" (outlining the land tax assessment law of Western municipalities) by Alderman Joseph A. Clarke of Edmonton and W. Hopburn of Vancouver.

"The Licensing, Censure and Regulation of Moving Picture Shows," by G. A. Walters, Secretary to the Commissioner of Police Department, Detroit, Mich.

"Electric Franchises," by Alderman L. A. Cannon of Quebec, P. Que.

"The Operation of Public Utilities in Sherbrooke, Que." by Mayor Hebert of Sherbrooke, Que.

"Winnipeg's Municipal Hydro-Electric Power Plant," by Controller J. W. Cockburn of Winnipeg, Man.

"Natural Gas in Moncton and Vicinity and Municipal Control," by Ex-Mayor E. A. Reilly of Moncton, N. B.

"The Board of Control and Commission Systems of Civic Government," by F. S. Spence, Ex-Controller of Toronto, Member Toronto Harbour Commission.

"Uniform Municipal Accounting and Statistics," (urging upon all municipalities the importance of adopting a standardized system similar to that used by the United States municipalities) by H. J. Ross, Chartered Accountant, Montreal.

Among important resolutions passed other than those arising out of the papers submitted, was one requesting each provincial government to establish a department of Municipal affairs, where not already established.

Another resolution takes the initial step in the formation of an International Municipal Union.

Another resolution called upon the Dominion Government to discourage appeals for the influence of the Railway Committee of the Government after an adverse decision from the Railway Board.

Another resolution requested provincial legislatures to grant autonomy to cities.

The delegates were royally entertained by the cities of Windsor, Walkerville and Detroit.

The Mayor and Alderman Harris were elected Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia in the Canadian Union.

The Convention will meet next year at the City of Saskatoon, Sask.

In closing this report we wish to express our strong belief in the usefulness of the Canadian Union and of membership therein, and would urge our continued support of this valuable influence in the Canadian Municipal world.

F. P. BLIGH,
R. V. HARRIS,
F. W. W. DOANE.

Filed.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hoben asked what progress was being made in the matter of taking over the poles of the Tramway Co.

The City Solicitor stated that communications had passed between Mr. Humphrey Mellish, the representative of the Tramway Company, and himself, but that the Tramway Co. had not yet named a time and place at which they would meet the representatives of the City in the matter.

Alderman Keltie asked what progress was being made in the matter of opening the lane west of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd fence, leading from Quinpool Road to Allen Street.

Alderman Hines asked the intention of the Committee on Works as to repairs to and the drainage of water from Quinpool Road west of Oxford Street.

Alderman Hoben asked if the City has yet received a deed of the road leading through Marlborough Wood from the continuation of Inglis Street to the North West Arm.

The Assistant City Engineer and the City Solicitor answered that the deed has been filed.

Alderman Hines asked for a report and recommendation as to the Cogswell Street sidewalk.

Alderman Hattie asked why a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges has not been held for some time.

Alderman MacKenzie asked if the City had any information as to when the Tramway Company would run their cars on the new spur on Gottingen Street to Young Street, and also if the Company is required to put the streets in which their rails are laid in condition.

Alderman Hawkins asked who is responsible for the condition of Windsor Street where the double track has recently been laid.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hattie submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered to convey to Arthur C. Theakston a strip of land on Coburg Road at a point between Oxford Street and the North West Arm in connection with the standardization of the width of the street at the point where this land is situated in exchange for a conveyance by him of land to the City for the same purpose.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris. Motion passed.

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

That the Committee on Works look into the matter of having the Tramway Company water the streets upon which their cars run.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Hattie and passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hines that the City Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of a concrete sidewalk Barrington Street, east side, from Jacob Street to Cornwallis Street. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hattie that the Finance Committee take up with the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government the matter of the exemption of Government property from taxation, and report. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 9.40 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, October 10th, 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 Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris, Morrow Hawkins, Connolly, Scanlan and Gates.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris Hattie, Keltie, MacKenzie, Upham and Gough.

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:—

- Annual Report Library Commission by Alderman MacKenzie, for Chairman.
- Report Library Commission by Alderman MacKenzie, for Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee by Alderman Gates, Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts, by Alderman Mackenzie, for Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Halifax Common re borrowing \$5,000 for improvements to the Common, by Alderman MacKenzie, for Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.
- Report City Health Board by Alderman Scanlan, for Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Scanlan, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

- Report Sub-Committee City Health Board re drainage of western part of the City.
- Letter Halifax Rifles Armoury Association re widening Cunard Street and appointing William Bishop as Arbitrator.

Application M. B. Keith for license for Billiard Room, No. 52 Gottingen Street.
 Annual Report City Auditor 1911-12.
 Report Police Committee re accounts.
 Petition L. Keshen re license fee for shooting gallery.
 Petition in re paving North Street between the Depot and Lockman Street.
 Petition for sewer extension Larch Street.
 Application Degrys and Company for permission to erect and maintain a number of Meteorological Kiosks in prominent public places in the City.
 Letter City Clerk re Harbor Championship Single Scull Race.
 Application Estate late H. W. Brown for rebate of portion of liquor license fee.
 Invitation to send delegates to Convention of Canadian Highway Association at Winnipeg, October 9-12.
 Letter Provincial Secretary re legislation to increase loan for reception to H. R. H. Duke of Connaught.
 Report City Clerk re payment of moneys into court for properties for widening Cunard Street.
 Petition for an electric light on Seymour Street.
 Reports (2) Coal Weighers for August and September.
 Petition for concrete sidewalk Creighton Street, west side.
 Letter John W. Regan asking certain information in connection with the drainage of the western part of the City.
 Report of Civic Improvement Committee on various matters.
 Report Civic Improvement League re Ferry Dock.
 Reports (14) Committee on Works, viz:—
 Tenders for Forage.
 Coburg Road sewer.
 Accounts.
 Vernon Street sidewalk.
 Quinpool Road sidewalk.
 Henry Street grading.
 Creighton Street sidewalk.
 Jubilee Road sidewalk.
 Concrete sidewalks Quinpool Road and Parker Street.
 Barrington Street sidewalk.
 Chebucto Road widening.
 A. D. MacDonald water rates.
 Public Convenience Stations.
 Demolishing of derelict building No. 187 Upper Water Street.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Creighton Street, west side, between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for August and September.

Filed.

Read petition for an electric light on Seymour Street, between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Clerk re payment of moneys into court for properties expropriated for the widening of Cunard Street.

WIDENING CUNARD STREET.

Office of the City Clerk, September 11, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report that agreeably to resolution passed City Council May 10th, 1912, expropriating certain properties for the widening of Cunard Street, I did this day on behalf of the City pay into the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court the sum of \$13,706, the same being the total amount fixed by the said resolution as the values of the properties taken.

List of property owners and amount directed to be paid to each respectively:—	
A. C. Hawkins,	Property north side Cunard Street.....\$ 4,500.00
Esther Lindsay,	“ “ “ 3,125.00
John Connolly,	“ “ “ 2,220.00
Louis E. Nickerson,	“ “ “ 1,478.00
A. P. Flemming,	“ “ “ 768.00
Halifax Rifles Armoury Assn.,	“ “ “ 1,615.00
Total.....	\$13,706.00

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Filed.

Read letter Provincial Secretary in connection with legislation proposed to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature, to increase by \$500 the amount of expenditure on reception to H. R. H. Duke of Connaught.

LOAN FOR RECEPTION GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Halifax, September 7th, 1912.

The City Clerk:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 6th instant I beg to inform you on behalf of the Government that if legislation is introduced at the next session of the Legislature increasing by \$500 the amount authorized by Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1912 to be expended by the City of Halifax in the reception to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Government will use its good offices to procure the passage of such legislation.

G. H. MURRAY, *Provincial Secretary.*

Filed.

Read invitation to send delegates to Annual Convention of Canadian Highway Association at Winnipeg, October 9-12.

Filed.

Read application Estate H. W. Brown for rebate of portion of fees for Liquor License.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report City Clerk re Amateur Single Scull Race for Championship of Halifax Harbor (Cogswell prize).

HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Office of the City Clerk, October 4th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—For the purpose of perpetuating the record of the Dr. Charles Cogswell gift for the Amateur Single Scull Championship of Halifax Harbor, I beg to report that this year the race was rowed on Friday afternoon, September 6th, on the North West Arm. Winner: F. Reginald Hart, second Jeremiah Holland. One and a half miles with turn. Time 10.31. On September 17th the prizes were presented by His Worship the Mayor in front of the Grand Stand at the Provincial Exhibition.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Filed.

Read application M. B. Keith for a license to operate a Billiard Room at No. 52 Gottingen Street.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read Annual Report City Auditor 1911-12.

Filed.

Read Annual Report Library Commission 1911-12. Filed.

Read letter Halifax Rifles Armoury Association re widening Cunard Street and appointing William Bishop as Arbitrator on their behalf.

Filed.

Read petition Degrys & Company for permission to establish and exploit in Halifax a number of meteorological kiosks.

METEROLOGICAL KIOSKS.

Montreal, Canada, Sept. 12th, 1912.

Honorable Sir, The Mayor of the City of Halifax, N. S.:

Honorable Sir:—We intend to establish and exploit in your Town a number of meteorological kiosks, and we take the liberty to address you and give you by the presents the exact features of our enterprise.

These kiosks will be of great interest to the public and will be constructed with stone and iron in such a way as to be of great duration and the architecture of same will be greatly attractive, and most modern.

The interior of these kiosks will partly be reserved for advertisements and the other part shall be used for receiving the different meteorological apparatus as follows:—1. One Lambrecht apparatus or temperature telegraph; 2. One animometer to indicate the speed of the wind; 3. Few precision thermometer of Fahrenheit, Reamur and Celcius; 4. One registering Barometer; 5. One electric clock, stating local standard time; 6. One thermohygroscope; and, 7. One perpetual calendar in English language.

All these instruments and apparatus shall be placed in the interior of these kiosks and it is impossible to cause any damages by the special construction of same.

What we specially desire and ask you to kindly grant to us is what follows:—
1—To build these kiosks in the most prominent and public places of your Town;
2—The exclusive right to build and exploit these kiosks in your town, during a period of 10 years; 3—The common guarding of same with municipal police.

If you kindly receive our request and agreeably grant us the permission to do what we demand hereabove, our intention is to grant the property of these kiosks and exclusive rights to the same to your town, after the said period of 10 years.

We hereby oblige and bind ourselves to entertain and keep these kiosks in good state and condition and to support all expenses thereof, without any cost to your Town.

We shall be glad to receive your favorable reply in the course of a few days, in order to be able to make up the total number of kiosks that shall be required for distributing over different places of the country.

DEGRYS & COMPANY.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition for sewer extension Larch Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition in re the paving of North Street between the Railway Depot and Lockman Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition L. Keshen re license fee for shooting gallery.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common asking for a special appropriation of \$5,000 for improvements to the Common.

IMPROVEMENT OF HALIFAX COMMON.

Public Gardens, October 9th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held this afternoon, the Commissioners had before them the matter of proposed improvements to the Common, which were fully considered in March last, but through inadvertence not forwarded to the City Council in time to obtain legislation authorizing the borrowing of the necessary money. The matter was fully reported to the City Council at a meeting held April 12th, 1912, and concurred in by a majority of the Council, as will be seen by reference to the printed Minutes for 1911-12, pages 432, 433.

Your Commission respectfully beg to again bring this matter forward and recommend that the report of Superintendent Power, dated March 1st, 1912, and the recommendations of this Commission, dated March 28th, 1912, be approved of and that the City obtain legislation for the borrowing of \$5,000 for the following purposes:—

North Common, labor and horse hire.....	\$1,000.00
Egg Pond, draining and grading.....	500.00
Egg Pond, rebuilding wall, concrete.....	1,000.00
Draining and grading Circus grounds.....	500.00
Underground lavatory.....	1,000.00
Camp Hill, draining, grading and planting trees.....	1,000.00
Total.....	\$5,000.00

If the Council approves of this recommendation, the Commission will provide out of its ordinary appropriation for the payment of all interest and Sinking Funds charges on the loan.

Copies of the original reports are attached hereto.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Public Gardens, October 9th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

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

Longard Bros., \$656.35; James E. Haverstock, \$18.00; William Robertson & Son, \$22.27; Kelly's Limited, \$17.20; Stroud & Eveleigh, \$35.00; Charles Ludlam, \$16.00; James Umlah, \$14.00; Notman's Studio, \$30.00; Steel Briggs Seed Co., \$6.64; R. B. Adams, \$1.90; William Roche, \$188.16; Frank W. Fraser, \$24.00; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$5.99. Total, \$1035.51.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Honorary Secretary.*

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, Halifax, N. S., October 9th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts amounting to \$13,737.11, chargeable to the following services, viz:—

Water Maintenance.....	\$ 709.21
Permanent Sidewalks.....	1,173.82
Sewerage.....	653.84
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	26.00
Cunard Street Widening.....	21.95
Streets.....	626.96
Street Lighting.....	1,858.83
Teams and Stables.....	168.95
Internal Health.....	72.88
City Property.....	8.20
Telephones.....	28.19
Fuel (City Hall).....	405.94
City Hall Lighting.....	68.35
New Workshops.....	35.85
Public Baths.....	18.64
Water Construction.....	7,821.32
Insurance.....	38.18
Total.....	\$13,737.11

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

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

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, October 9th, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., telephones for August, 1912, \$11.67; J. Wonnacott, repairing locks, \$.65; F. M. Switzer, repairing badges, \$.50; Halifax Herald, Ltd., advertising (policemen)trousers, \$13.58; Wm. Taylor & Co., men's rubber boots, \$4.00; G. B. Oland & Co., motor cycle, \$297.50, gasoline \$.25, \$297.75; Colwell Bros, police helmets, \$167.50; Total, \$495.65.

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

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

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

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

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

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

N. S. Telephone Co. phones, \$12.87; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$21.10; National Drug Co., drugs, \$1.55; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$5.00; Jas. P. Murray, milk, \$6.93; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$15.95; Farquhar Bros., copper carrier, \$34.00; Jas. D. Walsh, drugs, \$30.65; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$15 06; L. A. Morash, groceries, \$50.91; Kelly Ltd., leather case, \$8.00; J. Howard, conveyance \$69.25; J. J. Scriven & Son, bread, \$.56; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$8.01; J. F. Dempster board of patients, \$179.41; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$50.40. Total, \$509.65.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for various services and covering accounts.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, N. S., October 2nd, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

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

The Superintendent's report for September 1912, shows that during the month there were 28 persons admitted into the City Home, 4 born, 16 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 5 were chargeable to the Province and 23 to the City. The total number of inmates Sept. 30th was 297, made up of 171 men, 117 women and 9 children. On the same date last year there were 176 men, 131 women and 4 children; a total of 311.

During the month there were 2 patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital chargeable to the City and 2 discharged.

The tender of Farquhar Bros. for new tar and gravel roof on coal shed to cost \$144.00 is recommended for acceptance.

The offer of Longuard Bros. for the installing of a heating boiler at a cost of \$397.00 is recommended for acceptance.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—Wentzell, Ltd., \$496.41; W. A. Maling & Co., \$380.16; J. & M. Murphy Ltd., \$58.33; Fleischmann & Co., \$3.90; J. M. Currie, \$67.50; Smith & Proctor, \$107.01; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$315.56; A. Wilson & Son, \$28.75; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., \$3.75; The Halifax Herald, \$8.36; Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$22.80; S. Cunard & Co., \$147.00; T. C. Allen & Co., \$2.50; The Lawrence Hardware Co., \$9.86; Black & Flinn, \$21.00; Banks & Williams, \$35.10; Brookfield Bros., \$2.40; Snow & Co., Ltd., \$8.20; William McFatridge, \$36.50; Robinson Ltd \$1.25; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$6.28; B. J. Mulcahy, \$185.73; Salaries, \$661.33; Dr. E. Blackaddar, \$5.00; Total \$2587.68. Also Burgoyne & Boutill'er \$159.00 and Walsh Bros. Ltd., \$77.00 chargeable to 1911 and 12 accounts.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Library Commission re site for a library building and covering accounts.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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

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

Gentlemen:—The Library Commission beg to report that at meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Clarke, (Chairman), Hattie, Connolly and MacKenzie, His Honor Judge Wallace, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Clancy, the following accounts amounting to \$55.86, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

The American City, subscription for year ending June, 1912, \$2.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$.75, \$1.80, \$2.55; Blackadar Bros., advertising Recorder, \$2.90; Halifax Herald, advertising Herald, \$4.18; A. L. A. Publishing Board, Catalogue 1904-1911, \$1.20; Annual Review Publishing Co., Review Public Affairs 1911, \$3.80; C. D. Cazenove & Son, Atlas, \$3.40; J. R. Findley, bookmarks, \$9.00; H. H. Marshall subscription to Herald to July 1, 1913, \$6.00; McAlpine Publishing Co., directory, \$3.50; Methodist Book Room, books, \$12.58; Louis F. Post, subscription to "The public" to Dec. 1912, \$1.50; Library Bureau, subscription to Public Libraries to April 1913, \$2.25; D. A. Shiers, cotton, \$1.00. Total, \$55.86.

A Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Aldermen Hattie and MacKenzie was appointed to look into the matter of an available site for a Library.

GEO. A. MACKENZIE, *pro Chairman.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, Oct. 7th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen R. V. Harris, (Chairman), J. C. Harris and Gough, the following accounts amounting to \$296.40, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Canadian Con. Rubber Co., fire axe and bar, \$5.00; Halifax Herald Ltd., advertising, \$6.27; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$1.20; A. L. Melvin, hardware, \$.50; Fred Parsons, hack hire, \$6.00; Halifax Tram Co., light, \$2.00; C. H. Jordan, horse shoeing, \$2.00; S. Cunard & Co., hard coal, \$38.75; J. S. Cashen & Sons, oats and bran, \$24.05; Misses Healy, dry goods, \$10.55; Clayton & Sons, clothing, \$82.00; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$9.83; W. A. Maling & Co., ox-heads, \$12.25; E. W. Crease & Sons, groceries, \$80.83; J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$15.17. Total, \$296.40.

The account of the Chairman, twenty-five dollars, for part of his expenses while abroad visiting prisons in Canadian and American Cities is recommended for payment.

The Chairman submitted a report of his visit to the following prisons:

Bordeaux Jail at Montreal, P. Q.
 Central Prison at Toronto, Ont.
 Ontario Prison Farm at Quelfh, Ont.
 The Cooley Correction Farm at Cleveland, Ohio.
 The Suffolk County Jail at Boston, Mass.

It was decided to submit the same to the Council for its information.

It is recommended that the Citizens' Free Library Commission be requested to donate to the Prison suitable books not in use to form a nucleus of a Library for the use of prisoners.

The report of the Governor was submitted and ordered to be filed.

R. V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

PRISON SYSTEMS.

To the Mayor and City Council of Halifax:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the request of the Council, I beg to report that I have visited the following prisons;

Bordeaux Jail at Montreal, P. Q., Central Prison at Toronto, Ont.; Ontario Prison Farm at Guelph, Ont., the Cooley Correction Farm at Cleveland, Ohio; and the Suffolk County Jail at Boston, Mass.

1. Montreal City Jail at Bordeaux.

This jail now under construction is situated at Bordeaux, 10 miles from the City Hall.

It is designed to accommodate about 1000 prisoners of all classes. The main building consists of five wings radiating from a central hub. Four wings each three stories high are given up entirely to cells arranged in galleries, on the inside of the walls. Each cell measures six by nine feet. There is one window three feet square, with bars overlooking the yard. Each cell is heated by hot water and is lighted by an electric light. Running water from tap to basin and covered water closet are provided for each cell. The bedstead is of iron and folds up against the wall. There is also a small shelf, a table and a seat attached to the wall. The cell is closed by a sliding iron door, opened or closed either by key or electricity from the central rotunda; apart from the window the cell is well ventilated by a grating in the wall.

In the basement of the main wing the prisoners are received. There are special rooms for undressing, measuring and bathing. There is also a room for keeping the clothes of prisoners while under sentence. There is also a room where prisoners are put to meet visitors.

On the first floor are the administration offices and record rooms. On the second floor is a chapel for the use of prisoners, and also a hospital ward. The rest of the second and third stories is given up to rooms on the dormitory plan for juveniles, females, and first offenders, male.

To the south of the main building are the workshops, which include heating plant for main building, steam power plant, for driving machinery, machine shop, laundry, woodworking factory, (woodenware, furniture etc.), tailor shop, and shoe-making shop. All to be operated by prison labour. The cooking and baking for the prison are to be done under the rotunda and meals are to be sent to the first floor and served to prisoners who retire to their cells.

These buildings are surrounded by a high cement wall about 18 feet high. At the gate are the quarters of the guards who may be unmarried. The quarters consist of two large dormitories, game rooms, etc.

There is no farm in connection with the prison.

The entire cost of the prison when completed will be about three million dollars. I found it difficult to get information on some other points about the prison, my visit being on Saturday afternoon.

2. Toronto Central Prison.

This prison is under provincial jurisdiction and is situated on Strachan Avenue, in the heart of Toronto City. When built about 50 years ago it was a mile or so from the edge of the City. It is used for prisoners sentenced for less than two years and contains accommodation for about 400 prisoners. The building stands in very large grounds some distance back from the street. The central part of the main buildings contain the warden's office, waiting rooms, prisoners' library, chapel and hospital ward. The library is well stocked with carefully selected reference books, religious works, popular magazines and fiction, and is managed by the prisoners themselves.

The hospital is on the dormitory plan with some 15 beds. The prisoners are given whatever food is directed by the physician. Meals are served in their cells. I obtained a copy of the diet list which provides for food substantial enough for heavy work.

The prisoners are confined in cells arranged in galleries along the middle of the two wings. There are no windows in the cells, but the doors open towards the windows of the wing. The door consists of seven bars about three inches apart. The cells are small, four by seven and one-half feet. The bedstead is made of iron and can fold up against the wall. There is very little room for anything else. The prisoners use night buckets with tight fitting covers. Each cell is lighted by one electric light.

Outside the main building are several buildings for the employment of the prisoners. These are all operated by prison labour and consist of the steam heating plant, kitchen, and bakery, woolen mill, (where prison uniforms and blankets are made), shoemaking factory, tailor shop, laundry, binder twine, and rope work, iron ware shop (buckets, bedsteads, enamelware, hospital beds and operating tables), woodworking factory, (tables, bureaus, chairs of all kinds, pails etc.), and broom factory.

The products of all these factories and plants are used in this and other provincial institutions, (Guelph Prison farm, insane asylum, sanatoria etc), and are not sold in competition with outside labour.

There are also extensive greenhouses and nursery and kitchen garden, the former producing all the flowers, shrubs, etc., required for embellishing Queens Park, and other provincial properties. The produce of the garden is more than sufficient for the needs of the prison itself.

Through these industries the prison may be said to be self-supporting.

Prisoners are selected from here and sent to the Guelph farm from time to time. On the completion of the Guelph farm, the prison will be entirely done away with.

3. The Central Prison Farm Guelph.

This consists of about 830 acres and is situated about two miles east of the City of Guelph. The property, which is capable of magnificent development, is traversed from south to north by the river Speed. The railway facilities are excellent, the C. P. Railway passing right through the farm and paralleling the River, while the Grand Trunk Railway passes immediately to the north. The property was purchased in 1909 by the Ontario Government after an exhaustive examination of a number of properties in different parts of the Province.

In selecting the site for the Prison Farm the Government had in view good agricultural land; and inexhaustible supply of stone suitable for road and building construction; sand and gravel for building purposes; proximity to centres of population so as to minimize as far as possible the cost of transporting prisoners; convenient railway facilities; and a building site which would have good drainage and a plentiful supply of pure water, all of which are to be found on this site.

Possession was taken in April, 1910, when 14 prisoners and two officers were quartered in one of the farm houses. As the former owners of the farms moved out and more farm houses were available, the number of prisoners was increased to fifty. General farm work and land improvement were vigorously carried on, roads were made, swamp-land was drained, and tangled morasses were cleared and converted into garden spots. In the latter part of the following June, the erection of a temporary structure, having accommodation for one hundred and fifty prisoners and a sufficient number of officers, was completed. This structure is still used pending the completion of the permanent building.

Much has already been done in the way of economic improvement and development of the property. To connect the Farm on either side of the River Speed, and as part of the scheme of permanent roadways, a splendid reinforced concrete bridge, designed by the Provincial Engineers of Highways, has been erected by Prison labour. This bridge is 160 feet in length and has three arches, a centre one of fifty feet and one of twenty feet on each end. The approaches of the bridge, measuring approximately 1200 feet, have been filled in with refuse from the quarries, which was transported by the Farm railway in dump cars and dumped from a temporary wooden trestle, all by prison labour.

About two and one-half miles of telephone line have been built by prison labour for the purpose of connecting the different parts of the Farm with the Central office. In addition to this, water-works have been installed by prison labour for construc-

tion and domestic uses, supplying the purest of spring water from a 13,000 gallon concrete reservoir to a 10,000 gallon tank, from which it is distributed by gravity to the different points of consumption.

A narrow-gauge railway about two and one-half miles in length, built by prison labour, is in operation, over which dimension and crushed stone and other building materials are hauled to the different building sites.

An orchard of 1800 apple, cherry, pear and plum trees and 1500 small fruits was planted in the spring of 1911, and is cared for by the prisoners themselves.

As the Prison Farm has superior agricultural land, good pasture on the low lands, the best of water, plenty of shade, and excellent possibilities for producing hay, fodder and root crops, dairy farming is a feature carried on with profit to the Prison Farm and with advantage to the other Provincial Institutions. The dairy herd now consists of over one hundred and eighty Holsteins and a thoroughly modern dairy barn, built by prison labour, provides accommodation for eighty milch cows. In designing this stable, special care has been taken to secure one that will be absolutely dry and will have an abundance of fresh air and sunlight.

Having in view the utilization to the best advantage of the natural resources of the Farm, and in order to construct the permanent buildings, in the most economic and efficient manner, a number of industries have been established, a brief description of each given below:—

There is an abundance of dolomitic limestone rock in high cliffs on both sides of the River Speed, which is of superior quality and suitable for building purposes, lime manufacture and roadmaking. Two quarries have been opened up, from which all stone used in construction, lime manufacture and stone-crushing is quarried.

A stone crusher having a daily capacity of 400 tons, has been installed, the product is screened to two and a half inches, one and a half inches, three-quarters of an inch, one quarter of an inch and dust, and is used for concrete, roadmaking and the other industries on the Farm.

Shipping facilities are available to permit of crushed stone being supplied in large quantities to the Municipalities of the Province for road-making and building purposes.

An enormous quantity of lime is used in the construction of the permanent buildings on the Farm, as well as in the construction and rep air of all other Provincial buildings, and a lime kiln is a feature of the prison work. In conjunction with this, a thoroughly modern Hydrated Lime Plant is being operated. The lime manufactured is of the best quality, and, being high in magnesia, is unexcelled for building purposes. In all concrete construction on the Farm, ten per cent. of cement is displaced by ten per cent. of hydrated lime.

Structural tiles of concrete are now being manufactured and with the exception of cement, all materials entering into their manufacture are available on the premises. The buildings being erected are of the skeleton type of reinforced concrete with curtain walls, of tile, the cost of construction, with hollow tile manufactured on the premises by prison labour, is reduced to the minimum. The walls and buttresses in the first story of the dairy stable are constructed entirely of these structural tiles.

On the day of my visit there were 287 men at the farm, all of whom had been selected from among the prisoners at the Toronto central prison. The men live in large dormitories. There are no prison walls, no barred windows, and no cells. The 287 men were handled by 16 guards by day, and 7 by night. Several of the guards were formerly prisoners on the farm. The escapes since April 1910, have been some 15 or 16 out of 1200 prisoners handled.

On arrival at the farm each prisoner is furnished with a booklet containing the prison rules. I obtained copies of this booklet and also of the one containing the rules for the government of guards and other employees.

At the midday meal served while I was there, the men were given vegetable soup, meat, vegetables (potatoes and beets), bread, tapioca pudding and milk.

The buildings now nearing completion consist of an administration building, dormitory buildings, a guard's quarters, dining room, chapel, hospital, library, school and gymnasium building, bath house and laundry, isolation hospital, and

four workshops, in addition to the equipment and plant already described. When completed the institution will be the most modern establishment on the continent.

The buildings for prisoners will contain 300 modern cells for prisoners who cannot be trusted at large. Each of the four wings to this building will contain accommodation for 700 men, all living on the dormitory plan. Only one of these wings is to be completed for the present.

On leaving the men are given a ticket home and a gratuity of \$2.00 for each month of incarceration, less any fines.

4 Cooley Correction Farm.

At Cleveland I obtained considerable information relating to the Cooley farms, at Warrensville, about 10 miles from the City Hall.

The farms consist of four estates of 500 acres each; (1) the Colony farm for the aged, infirm and poor of the city; (2) the Overlook farm on which the municipal tuberculosis sanitarium is being erected; (3) Highland Park farm containing the municipal cemetery, and (4) the Correction farm containing the prison or workhouse. I spent some time with Mr. Cooley the Director of the farms, and he expressed his admiration for the Guelph project which he said was his model in the development of the prison farm.

The House of Correction group has one of its buildings completed, known as the Correction Square. It is 260 feet square, built about a great court. The court forms an inside recreation ground for the men. For nearly three years about 150 prisoners have been kept there. With the early completion of twenty cells all of the House of Correction prisoners will be moved to the Correction Farm.

The final group as planned consists of ten buildings. The others will be added as soon as funds are available.

This new House of Correction will be in three divisions: the regular prisoners, semi-trusties and the trustees. The semi-trusties work in large groups with their foremen or guards always present. The trustees work in different places on the farm by themselves. Fully one-half the man can be used in outside work in the fields.

In the last seven years over 8,000 prisoners have served time on the Farm. These men have worked excavating for buildings, grading, making roads, digging ditches, clearing the dead timber from the forests and doing general farm work. The officers in charge of the groups of men are really foremen rather than typical prison guards. When not engaged in work on the land or buildings, the men have been assigned to the quarry where a flinty blue stone is quarried and crushed for concrete and road purposes. Tests have been made of the clay above this stratum of rock and also of the shale below. This demonstrated the possibility of making brick and tile, a large quantity of which will be needed in the development of the Farms.

Mr. Cooley stated that the grouping of the institutions had proved most advantageous for administration efficiency and comfort. Already a thousand people are living on the estates, which are gradually being laid out with pastures, meadows, orchards and gardens. All inmates do work of some kind, the heavy work being done by the prisoners.

Special attention is being given to the care of paroled and discharged prisoners. Efforts are being made to find a home and work for them, and while they are undergoing their sentences their wives and children are assisted in the same way. I obtained some information respecting this social service work and also about the parole system.

5 Toronto Industrial Farm.

While in Toronto I learned of a civic project somewhat similar to the Guelph farm, although I was unable to visit the farm which is about 16 miles north of the City, near Richmond Hill. Here the City purchased about 375 acres for \$60,000, early in 1912.

The methods followed are to be much the same as the Guelph and Cleveland farms. In the vicinity of the prison farm, other properties have been secured upon which the aged inmates now housed in the House of Refuge will be transferred, also a home for feeble minded children.

At present there are 45 men on the farm engaged chiefly in ordinary farming work. Cattle raising is carried on, the herd being about 100, of which 65 are beef cattle for sale and 35 milch cows. The milk is sold to a Toronto butter manufacturer.

The property Commissioner informs me that at an early date the erection of the first permanent building will be commenced also a dormitory building accommodating 130 men. Additional buildings will be erected in course of time, so that they will be able to grade all classes of prisoners, keeping first offenders from habituais.

It is the City's intention eventually to abolish the County Jail, except for temporary detentions pending trial.

Detroit.

In Detroit, I learned of the House of Correction there which was built about 50 years ago at a cost of about \$200,000. The institution has always paid its way, the City deriving from \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year revenue; total surplus being over \$1,250,000.

In addition to this profit the prisoners received gratuities on leaving the prison out of the profits and while undergoing sentence they are obliged to partially support their families. The revenue is derived entirely from industries, farming operations, etc.

I obtained copies of the last two annual reports which contain much valuable information relating to the management of this prison.

Suffolk County Jail.

The Suffolk County Jail (Charles St.) Boston, was built in 1849, and contains 224 cells. The prison is used for the confinement of both men and women while awaiting trial, and for committals for less than two years. It is operated in connection with the prison farm at Deer Island, Boston Harbor.

On the day I visited the prison, the 224 cells contained 274 men and 50 women, a number being confined two in a cell. The cells are arranged on the American plan in galleries along the middle of three wings meeting at a central rotunda. The male prisoners are classed according to their offences, each class in its own gallery. The cell doors face towards the windows in the walls of the wings.

Each cell has a barred window as well as a door facing the corridor. In the night no light is allowed except a candle. Prisoners use a very sanitary night bucket with a close fitting cover. The cells are large and contain one or two beds, a table, chair, bench, soap-dish, towel and soap, a book shelf and Bible.

The heating is done by steam radiators placed in the middle of the ground floor of the wing between the cells and the walls of the wing. The corridors are lighted by both gas and electric light.

The heating and electric light plant is operated by prison labour.

All the cooking is done in the prison by prisoners, the food being distributed by them to the others in the cells. At the evening meal served on the occasion of my visit, the prisoners were given fish chowder, bread, ("the very best in Boston") cocoa or tea. Every prisoner gets practically as much as he can eat.

The prisoners are obliged to take a bath every week, and very complete facilities for shower baths have been recently installed for this purpose.

The washing for all prisoners is done by women prisoners in a well equipped laundry.

Apart from the operation of the steam heating plant, electric light plant, kitchen and laundry, (providing work for about 80) the only employment of the prisoners is the cleaning of the prison every day.

The prison contained a splendid library managed by a prisoner. I was given a copy of the library rules and regulations.

The hospital ward on the dormitory plan is now being refitted and seemed well located and adapted for its purpose.

Several conversation and consultation rooms are provided for visitors desirous of seeing prisoners.

The prison contains two chapels for Protestant and Roman Catholic services and the city appoints two regular chaplains for the prison.

From six to eight guards are required for day duty and every man must be a competent mechanic.

I obtained a complete set of rules, forms and other information relating to this prison.

Conclusions.

From information acquired on my visit and from other sources I am convinced that the present day tendency in prison organization is in the direction of such central institutions as the Guelph, Toronto and Cleveland farms, the complete classification of prisoners, a reasonable use of the dormitory system and the profitable employment of all prisoners while under sentence; in short to make the punishment fit the criminal instead of the crime.

I am also convinced that prison reform in Nova Scotia should be in the direction of the establishment of a central prison farm. This proposal is not a new one as it has several times been made by Dr. G. L. Sinclair, the Provincial Inspector of Penal Institutions. The series of small jails maintained at present by the numerous municipalities cannot be satisfactory, according to the last provincial report. In only one or two of them is it possible to provide work for prisoners by which the cost of their "keep" could be lessened and the tedium of their imprisonment reduced. In about half of them proper sanitation is wanting. Some of them are not used more than half a dozen times a year. In one County, although the demand for a jail is imperative the municipal authorities decline or are unable to build one.

A provincial prison farm maintained jointly by the municipalities in proportion to their use of it would take care of all prisoners serving terms of from say a week to two years, the present County buildings serving as places of temporary detention, and the confinement of prisoners awaiting trial.

A provincial prison on modern lines would permit of classification of prisoners, and the institution of modern reformatory method.

It seems to me that Rockhead prison is well situated for provincial purposes and has many qualifications requisite for a prison farm.

The main building I believe is quite adequate at the present time for the accommodation of the total jail population for the province, and the land and buildings in connection with it suitable to a much larger number than at present.

With the available accommodation fully occupied and the prison developed on modern lines, it could undoubtedly be made entirely self supporting as in the case of such institutions elsewhere, without competing in any way with organized labour, thereby relieving the municipalities of a considerable burden.

My recommendation is that the prison committee be authorized to open negotiations with the provincial government with a view to their taking over the institution as a provincial institution.

Whether their attitude is favorable or not, we should lose no time in installing drainage, heating etc. and thoroughly fitting and renovating the prison for the purpose for which it is maintained in accordance with the recommendations of this committee made December 24th, 1911.

Very little substantial progress has been made towards remedying the deplorable state of affairs uncovered by the Committee's previous report.

REGINALD V. HARRIS.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Halifax, October 7th, 1912.

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

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

1. Circular letter select special Committee of the House of Commons re Old Age Pensions.

It is recommended that same be filed.

2. Application D. J. Flemming for a Bill Poster's License, covering amount license fee \$25.00.

It is recommended that a Bill Poster's License be granted to Mr. Flemming.

3. Letter Rev. Edward J. C. McPherson asking for remission of certain taxes Zion Church.

Your Committee have to report that the Council has not the power to remit these taxes.

4. Report Finance Committee July 18th, 1912, Clause 3, re encouragement for new industries and advertising Halifax.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary legislation bringing into effect the intention of this report.

5. Circular letter The Toronto Housing Company, Ltd., re organizing of an Association to promote "Housing Reform" throughout the Dominion and asking for the names of two or three residents of Halifax who would be interested in such an undertaking.

It is recommended that the names of Alderman Hattie, Ven. Archdeacon Armitage, Dr. Eliza Ritchie and Mr. Andrew R. Cobb be submitted to the Company.

6. Letter Acting-Mayor of Toronto re invasion into Provincial and Municipal rights by the Federal Government.

It is recommended that this letter be referred to the Union of Canadian Municipalities to take such action to protect this City's interests as they see fit.

7. Petition fruit dealers against peddlers taking up stands on the street.

It is recommended that this petition be referred to the Police Committee to deal with.

8. Your Committee further recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature, preventing the removal to Montreal of the Head Office of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company "Limited."

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause, and clauses 1 to 7 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 8 re proposed removal to Montreal of the Head Office of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd.

The said clause 8 is withdrawn.

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, October 1st, 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 Hoben, (Acting-Chairman), R. V. Harris, Connolly and MacKenzie:—

1. The following accounts amounting to \$815.92 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., listing, \$1.00; A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books etc. City Assessor, \$98.23; City Auditor, \$1.20; City Collector \$9.50; Total \$108.93; Dr. Finn, Certificates of death of D. Bagnall, \$4.00; E. L. Griffith, \$4.00; Total \$8.00; Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, maintenance of five pupils for year ending July 1912, \$500.00; McAlpine Publishing Co., directories, assessors, \$7.00 License Inspector, \$3.50; Total, \$10.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery etc., City Collector, \$.50; City Assessors, \$4.75; City Police Department, \$3.00; City Treasurer, \$8.00; City Clerk, \$59.22; Halifax Herald, Limited, Advertising, \$14.66, \$12.54, \$22.99, \$11.31, \$44.02; Total, \$105.52. Total, \$815.92.

2. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the accounts of Halifax Industrial School, \$38.00, and St. Patrick's Home, \$134.00, for maintenance of children under the Children's Protection Act, with the opinion of the City Solicitor on same.

It is recommended that these two accounts be settled on the basis of \$60.00 per year per child.

3. It is recommended that the City Collector be requested to submit to the City Council a return showing amounts ordered by the Courts to be paid to the City for maintenance of children sentenced for truancy under the Compulsory School Act, and the amounts collected by him for same, also that he submit a return of the total amounts due for past five years and uncollected at this date, for City Taxes, Water Rates, Permanent Pavements, Sidewalks and Poll Tax.

4. Letter Canadian Manufacturers' Association re advertising Halifax in a special number of "Industrial Canada."

Your Committee report that there are no funds available and that the time has now expired to take advantage of the offer.

5. Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the subject of a scientific system of ascertaining real estate values in the City. The unit system of land values at present in use in many of the most progressive American cities, was favorably commented upon. Alderman Hattie, who was present, submitted correspondence from E. W. Doty, Manager Tax Valuation Department of the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, who offered to come to Halifax and address the Council on the merits of this system.

It is recommended that the City Council extend an invitation to Mr. Doty to come to Halifax at an expense to the City not exceeding \$100.00, to address the Council on the scientific appraisal of lands and buildings for assessment purposes. Your Committee feel that our present guess work methods of ascertaining property values is in need of radical adjustment.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

RE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY ACCOUNTS.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S., Oct. 1st, 1912.

To the Chairman Committee on Finance:

Sir:—In response to your inquiry as to whether the two accounts now before the Committee for the maintenance of children sent by the Children's Aid Society to St. Patrick's Home and the Halifax Industrial School, can be legally paid out of the appropriation for those two institutions, I beg to say as follows:—

The appropriation for the two institutions is made under the authority of Section 301, clause L, of the Charter, which authorizes the appropriation of a sum sufficient to provide at the rate of \$60 per head for boys sentenced or committed to detention at the charge of the City in the Halifax Industrial School and the St. Patrick's Home at Halifax. When that Act was passed, the only provision for committals or detention to those institutions was under the authority of the Statute, which is now Section 229 of the Charter, and which authorized the Magistrate to commit boys to those institutions, either under Provincial legislation or the Dominion Statute of 1902, Chapter 13.

The Children's Protection Act was passed 1906, Chapter 54, and was amended by Chapter 44, of 1909. It makes provision for the apprehension of children for a number of causes specified in the Act, and bringing them before the Judge of the Supreme or the County Court, (I understand the County Court Judge exercises all the functions of a Judge under the Act), who may deliver the child to the Children's Aid Society and the Society may cause such child to be detained in any temporary home or shelter. It also provides that the municipality, city, or town may assess for and pay such sums of money as are from time to time determined by the Council for the support and maintenance of children in such institution, and the amending Act, 1909, makes the City liable for all expenses of such child placed in a temporary home or shelter at the rate of \$2.00 weekly so long as such child is in such place.

Although it is by no means clear, it appears to me that the language of the Charter is large enough to cover the case of the children committed to the St. Patrick's Home and the Industrial School, provided that the charges of those institutions do not exceed \$60 in the case of each child. I am informed, however, by the City Clerk that another bill has been presented from an Orphanage not covered by the Charter and for which no appropriation has been made, and I do not, therefore, see how that account can be properly paid out of any appropriation by the City.

The whole matter is involved in great obscurity, due entirely to the fact that the Children's Protection Acts were passed without consultation with the City, and apparently without any adequate apprehension of our financial situation and methods, and I would suggest that before the accounts are paid that a conference should be held with the executive officers of that body, not only with a view to the existing accounts, and the possibility of the City recouping itself from the persons primarily responsible for the maintenance of the children under the provisions of the statute, but also in respect to what arrangement can be made to prevent friction in the future working of the Act.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

The same is considered clause by clause. Clauses 1 and 2 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 3 requesting the City Collector to make a return of various uncollected amounts due the City.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be amended to include that a conference be held by the Finance Committee with the City Solicitor, Mr. Ernest H. Blois, Probation Officer and Mr. R. H. Murray, Secretary Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, respecting the cost to the City of the maintenance of juveniles sentenced under the provisions of the Children's Protection Act, 1912, and that the clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Clauses 4 and 5 are read and adopted.

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.—

*Gentlemen:—*The Committee of Fire Wards met this evening, present Aldermen Scanlan, (Chairman), Harris, MacKenzie, Gates and Martin, and beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. Alderman Harris and Chief Engineer Condon, who were delegated by the Board to visit various cities in Canada and the United States for the purpose of obtaining information relating to Motor Fire Engines, submitted to the Board a comprehensive report on the matter, (a copy of which is hereto attached), which was approved of by a Sub-Committee of the Board, consisting of Alderman MacKenzie, Hines and Harris, assisted by Chief Engineer Condon and C. W. Wickwire as experts.

The said report concludes as follows:—

In Conclusion.

"The LaFrance pumping engine seems a most strongly built machine and specially built for fire fighting purposes. In the absence of more information respecting the English pumps, it is the only machine of the rotary gear type we can recommend.

If a piston pump is to be purchased our recommendation is that none of the present tenders be accepted but that new tenders be called for and the advertisement be inserted in fire department papers. Our reason for making this recommendation is that several of the most reliable manufacturers of motor piston pumps have not tendered, presumably through not knowing.

We would also recommend that the machine be given a series of hill climbing tests with heavy snow conditions, besides the usual long distance runs, pumping tests, etc. Before accepting any tender the proposed tests should be specified and submitted to the tenderers."

Your Committee unanimously recommend for adoption the report of the Subcommittee and the acceptance of the tender of E. P. Meagher, representing the American-LaFrance Fire Engine Company, for a combined motor driven fire engine with chemical tank and hose carrying facilities, capacity: pumps 700 gallons per minute; 2½-inch hose 1200 feet; 95 h. p.; chemical tank 35 gallons; chemical hose 200 feet; price \$10,800.00.

2. George McGuire, Relief Driver, reported sick September 3rd, has not yet reported for duty.

3. Thomas Hencher, Callman on No. 4 Engine, injured on August 17th, has not yet reported for duty.

4. Thomas Healey, Callman on No. 5 Engine, previously reported sick, has not yet reported for duty.

5. John Connors, Callman on No. 1 Engine, injured at Fire, Box 4, September 27th, has not yet reported for duty.

6. Edward Neary, Callman on No. 1 Engine, was injured at Fire, Box 43, October 3rd, and has not yet reported for duty.

7. Thomas Waterfield, Assistant Operator on No 1 Chemical, resigned on September 16th. Resignation accepted.

8. Wm. Saunders, Supernumerary, resigned on September 9th. Resignation accepted.

9. William Keating, absent from third alarm of Fire, Box 4, September 27th, has been suspended until the next regular meeting of the Board.

10. The Seagrave Ladder Truck, recently purchased, was tested and put into commission at the West Street Station on September 16th.

11. It is recommended that George Saunders, Callman on No. 3 Engine, be appointed Acting-Driver, vice Robert MacKenzie, deceased.

12. It is recommended that John MacDonald be appointed a Supernumerary.

13. In response to advertisement in the newspapers, the Committee received tenders for fodder for the Fire Department horses, for the period ending October 31st, 1913, as follows:—

	F. W. Fraser.	S. C. Thompson	F. A. Shaw.
No. 1 Timothy Hay	\$18.75	\$19.00	\$20.00
No. 1 Ontario White Oats	.58	.60	.55
Ontario Wheat Bran	28.00	28.00	28.00
Oat Straw, for bedding	11.00	11.00	8.00