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REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read letter Secretary Board of Trade covering letter from Rt. Honorable R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, re fire protection along the waterfront of Halifax.

WATER FRONT FIRE PROTECTION.

Board of Trade, December 2nd, 1912.

His Worship Mayor Bligh, Chairman Commercial Committee:

Sir:—Having followed up the matter of assistance from the Federal Government towards fire fighting appliances on the Harbour front since November, 1911, when an exhaustive report was made to the Right Honorable R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, I beg to enclose copy of a letter I have received from him, which speaks for itself in the matter.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary Commercial Committee.*

Ottawa, Ont., November 28th, 1912.

E. A. Saunders, Esq., Secretary Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 21st inst. is at hand. I am asking five of the Ministers whose departments are principally concerned to consider the question of providing fire protection along the water front at Halifax. These gentlemen acting as a Committee will take up the question as soon as time will permit and I trust that a satisfactory solution may be reached.

R. L. BORDEN.

Ordered to be acknowledged with the thanks of the Council and filed.

Read letter Honorable Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, re proposed railway and steamship terminals at Halifax.

RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP TERMINALS.

Office of the Minister of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, November 25th, 1912.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq., City Clerk, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of November 20th, transmitting resolution of the City Council in reference to harbour improvements and having special reference to the employment of a landscape architect to guide the development along aesthetic lines. If the Aldermen responsible for the resolution will read the statement I made to the business men of Halifax, they will see that I did not overlook that feature.

F. COCHRANE.

Filed.

Read petition of electric wiring firms re proposed amendments to the Electric Wiring Ordinance.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read application High Commissioner for Canada, London, England, for booklets relating to Halifax, and letter Secretary of the Board of Trade on the subject.

BOOKLETS DESCRIPTIVE OF HALIFAX.

*Office of High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria St.
London, S. W., Eng. Nov. 8th, 1912.*

The City Clerk, Halifax, N. S., Canada:

Dear Sir:—Applications are very frequent in this Office for particulars respecting the various cities and towns of Canada, and information of the detailed kind which is sought after is not usually contained in the literature at present available for distribution.

As the High Commissioner is anxious to render every assistance in his power to persons on this side who are interested in the development of Canadian industrial and other centres, he could put to excellent use any small quantity of such up-to-date booklets as you may have to spare descriptive of your City. Such literature, in view of the great expansion taking place in Canada, requires frequent revision, so that small quantities supplied at intervals are preferable to one large supply.

W. L. GRIFFITH.

Board of Trade, November 23rd, 1912.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq., City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:,I have before me your letter of the 22nd, in regard to up-to-date booklets descriptive of the City of Halifax, with copy of letter enclosed from the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, asking for a supply of same.

I am sorry that at the present time that I have only two booklets on hand—one, our regular tourist booklet; the other, descriptive of Halifax as a manufacturing site, but neither of these would, I think, fill the bill for the High Commissioner.

During the year 1911 the Board of Trade expended practically \$600.00 in printing, the larger portion of which was of an advertising nature; this did not include our tourist advertising, and the result of this expenditure has all been distributed by me.

Owing to the work in connection with the proposed developments for this Port the Board of Trade has been put to considerable extra expense during the past year, and at the present time, I am sorry to say that our funds will not allow the issuing of a pamphlet.

I trust, however, that the City Council will assist in the advertising of the City with a grant in keeping with the grants made by other City and town Councils in the Maritime Provinces.

During the past year, I am informed that the City Council of St. John expended \$2500.00 through the Board of Trade, for advertising purposes and also made a grant of \$500.00 for Tourist Association work. Amherst, Sydney and other City and Town Councils voted sums of money for the same purpose, and it would seem only fair that the public of Halifax, at large, should contribute a sum of money towards the advertising of the City, and not allow the total expenses, besides the work, to fall upon the Board of Trade.

E. A. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Windsor Street, east side, between Welsford and Williams Streets.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for a concrete sidewalk Welsford Street, north side.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report City Auditor re accounts Provincial Exhibition Commission showing City's share of deficit 1912 to be \$5,486.02.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION ACCOUNTS.

Office of City Auditor, November 20th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—I have examined the accounts, etc., of the Secretary-Manager of the N. S. Provincial Exhibition for 1912, and find the expenditure in excess of the receipts \$10,972.04, and would recommend that one-half of this amount—\$5,486.02, be included in the estimates for 1913-14.

There has been a further expenditure for the same period of \$1,264.02 on Capital Account for permanent work on buildings, which the Exhibition Commission will carry over against the Dominion Exhibition, 1915.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

EXHIBITION, 1912.

Dr.	Oct. 31.	Cr.	
Horse Department.....\$	87.15	Entry Fees only.....\$	747.40
Agricultural Department.....	47.50	Entry Fees Speed.....	4240.00
Arts Department.....	371.00	Rentals.....	587.89
Poultry Department.....	196.01	Privileges.....	2397.93
Mines Department.....	15.75	Admissions.....	20800.65
Transportation Department...	107.47		
Educational.....	39.70	Balance expenditure over	
Horticultural.....	112.75	receipts.....	10972.04
Ticket.....	593.65		
Cattle.....	66.90		
Fire.....	22.10		
Manufacturers.....	155.20		
Machinery.....	40.60		
Speed.....	706.01		
Domestic.....	59.84		
Fisheries.....	243.49		
Sheep and Swine.....	15.00		
Insurance.....	2065.00		
Bands.....	880.00		
Attractions.....	5899.00		
Judges.....	489.95		
Commissioners Expenses.....	325.05		
Printing and Advertising.....	2977.46		
Police.....	430.25		
Lodging Bureau.....	30.00		
Maintenance.....	1300.44		
Expense.....	1135.41		
Postage.....	290.75		
Watchman.....	488.31		
Caretaker.....	477.50		
Reception and Meals.....	275.95		
Prizes.....	9195.65		
Secretary's Office.....	2055.26		
Speed Prizes.....	7085.55		
Lighting.....	853.33		
Interest.....	610.93		
	\$39745.91		\$39745.91

M. McF. HALL, *Manager and Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Civic Improvement Board re comprehensive plan of the future improvement and development of Halifax.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT BOARD RE CITY PLANNING.

Committee Room, City Hall, Nov. 27, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Improvement met this evening, there being present Aldermen Clarke and Hattie (Chairman) and Messrs. Longard, Davidson, Kelly and Sexton, and the City Engineer.

The Committee recommend as follows:—

First:—That a Comprehensive plan of the future improvement and development of Halifax be prepared.

Second:—That a City Planning Commission be appointed in connection with this work and the general question of improvements, the same to be an advisory Commission and to carry on a study of the City's needs in these matters; that the commission consist of four members of the City Council, four citizens and the City Engineer.

Third:—That a City Planner be retained by the City to prepare the proposed comprehensive plan in conference with the City Planning Commission and the City Council, to present a report and recommendations in connection with the plan, and to advise the City with respect to Civic regulations and policies that would be desirable for the carrying out of the City Planning project; and that in order to defray the expenses involved, the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be borrowed on long term debentures and that legislative authority be secured for this purpose.

The City Engineer concurs fully in the Committee's opinion that a comprehensive plan, and the services of an expert in City planning in connection therewith, are essential.

R. M. HATTIE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Whitman that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same, and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Keltie, Hines, MacKenzie, Upham.—9.

Against it:—

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Gough.—6.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report Civic Improvement Board on various matters.

REPORT OF CIVIC IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

Committee Room, City Hall, Nov. 26, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Civic Improvement Committee met this evening, there being present Aldermen Clarke, Keltie, Hattie (Chairman) and Messrs. Longard, Sexton, Kelly and Davidson, and the City Engineer.

First:—The Committee recommend that the Finance Committee ascertain the cost of obtaining a park site at Fort Needham and report on the same to the City Council.

Second:—Under date of October 21st, the City Engineer reported regarding a proposed amendment of the Street Ordinance in favor of such amendment. The Committee ask that this amendment to the Ordinance be now accepted by the City Council.

The proposed amendment was as follows:—

"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, clean and in good order."

Third:—Respecting the extension of Grafton Street through Poplar Grove to Barrington Street, this having been reported on by the City Engineer, the Committee would ask the City Council to direct that this extension be placed on the Official Plan. The City Engineer is of the opinion that this action should be taken. This extension would run from the north end of Poplar Grove to the intersection of Barrington Street and Proctor Street, as shown on the accompanying plan.

Fourth:—The Committee also recommend that the diagonal street known as City Hall Avenue, as at present marked on the Official Plan, be accepted. The City Engineer concurs in this recommendation.

Fifth:—The Committee recommend that the proposed extension of Brunswick Street northward through the Admiralty and Wellington Barracks grounds in order to connect with North Albert Street be placed on the Official Plan; that the military and naval authorities be communicated with by the Works Department in order to secure their observance of the new lines in the placing of any new buildings that may hereafter be erected on their respective properties. The City Engineer approves of the proposed extension.

Sixth:—The Committee recommend that the City Council seek legislative authority which will enable the Works Department to provide for all prospective sewer connections, between the street line and the sewer, on streets where it is proposed to build permanent sidewalks or other permanent street work. This is also approved by the City Engineer.

Seventh:—The Committee draw the attention of the City Council to the fact that the gas works may be removed to the shores of the North West Arm. It is considered that this would greatly disfigure the North West Arm, and it is recommended that the Halifax Electric Tramway Co. be communicated with to see if they cannot be induced to select a site where the presence of the works would not be so objectionable.

R. M. HATTIE, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Park site at Fort Needham.

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

Read clause 2 re proposed Ordinance relating to sodded sidewalks, covering draft Ordinance.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 recommending that the proposed extension of Grafton Street through Poplar Grove to Barrington Street be placed on the Official City Plan.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the said proposed extension be placed on the Official City Plan.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the clause be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Alderman Scanlan here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

His Worship the Mayor rules Alderman Hattie's motion out of order, the requirements of the City Charter preliminary to the adoption of alterations to the City Plan not having been complied with.

The amendment, being now the only question before the Council, is put and passed.

Read clauses, 4 5, 6 and 7 on various matters.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that said clauses be referred back to the Civic Improvement Board for further report.

After discussion it is moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the whole report be referred back to the Civic Improvement Board for further report.

Alderman Whitman's motion is put and passed, 10 voting for the same, and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Gates, Hoben, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough.—10.

Against it—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Keltie, Hines, MacKenzie.—6.

Read estimate of expenditure for Public Schools for the year ending April 30th, 1914, the total amount of civic expenditure asked for being \$168,057, not including interest on debentures issued by the City nor Sinking Funds.

SCHOOL ESTIMATE

for the year ending April 30th, 1914.

Office of School Commissioners, December 5th, 1912.

Teachers.....	\$120,657	
" Technical.....	2,000	
Supervisor.....	2,000	
Secretary and	} \$1,400	1,900
Assistant Secretary.....		
Caretaker.....	1,200	
Truant Officer.....	1,000	
Messenger.....	200	
Janitors.....	12,300	
Rents.....	9,000	
Fire Insurance.....	850	
Interest on Debentures (issued by the Board).....	11,550	
Advertising and Printing.....	700	
Books and Stationery.....	1,400	
School Apparatus.....	700	
Office Expenses.....	150	
Fuel.....	9,400	
Maintenance		
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds.....	6,250	
Furniture and its Repairs.....	2,000	
Painting, Cleaning etc.....	2,000	
	<hr/>	10,250
General Expenses.....	1,800	
Water.....	1,600	
Medical Inspectors.....	600	
Commissioners Allowance.....	1,000	
	<hr/>	190,257
LESS		
Probable Provincial Grant, Common Schools.....	18,650	
Manual Training.....	1,200	
Revenue from and in favor of the Halifax Academy.....	2,000	
Interest on Bank Account.....	350	
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		\$168,057

The foregoing amount does not include the interest on debentures issued by the City for School Buildings and the annual appropriation for the Sinking Fund to retire the School Debentures which are chargeable to the City directly.

The foregoing estimate for the year 1913-14 was unanimously adopted by the School Board at their meeting this afternoon.

S. J. WILSON, *Acting Secy.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said estimates be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the estimates for Public Schools be considered by this Council at the present meeting.

Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same, and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Keltie, Hines, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—12.

Against it—

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Hawkins, Martin.—4.

Alderman Clarke here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

After discussion on the item teachers' salaries \$120,657, the estimates for Schools are filed.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. The following accounts amounting to \$87.67 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., exchange service for November, \$4.50; Halifax Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$2.30; I. Creighton & Co., mittens, \$1.50; I. B. Shaffner & Co., middlings, \$8.00; J. & M. Murphy, dry goods, \$47 and \$15.79

\$16.26; C. H. Jordan, horse shoeing, \$2.36; Henry Lovett, leather, \$1.22; James Dempster Ltd., lumber, \$1.90; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$.95; W. A. Maling & Co., ox-heads, \$11.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$21.58; J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$11.60; James Nolen, carriage hire, \$4.50. Total, \$87.67.

2. In response to a request for tenders for uniforms and overcoats for the Governor and Underkeepers only one tender was received, that of Clayton & Sons, viz:—Overcoats, \$14.00 each; Uniform suits, \$14.00 each.

It is recommended that this tender be accepted.

3. The monthly report of the Governor for November was submitted, read and ordered to be filed.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman*.

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

Motion passed.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, December 2nd, 1912.

To the City Council:

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

Maxwell's Ltd., clothing, \$495.50; G. B. Oland & Co., motor cycle supplies, \$40.95; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., motor cycle number, \$1.25; Alex. Frizzell, police batons, \$3.60; John Starr, Son & Co., battery, lamp, etc., \$1.00; Colwell Bros., police cap, \$2.89; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., service for November, 1912, \$11.67. Total, \$556.86.

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

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

Read report Charities Committee on various matters.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, December 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, Aldermen Morrow, Upham, Martin, Keltie and Scanlan.

The Superintendent's report for November 1912, shows that during the month there were 41 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 12 discharged and 1 died. Of the number admitted, 8 were chargeable to the Province and 33 to the City. The total number of inmates November 30th was 317, made up of 192 men, 117 women and 8 children. On the same date last year there were 191 men, 127 women; a total of 318.

The tender of C. F. Holland for the supplying of milk to the City Home up to and including the 31st day of October, 1913, is recommended for acceptance.

The Insurance on Boilers was transferred from the Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insurance Co. to the Maryland Casualty Co., the premium on the policy of the latter company being \$5.00 per year less.

The Superintendent was directed to provide the regular Christmas dinner to the inmates and to carry out the usual arrangements with regard to the officials and nurses.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—Wentzells, Ltd., \$331.03; W. A. Maling & Co., \$322.77; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$36.00; Smith & Proctor, \$130.56; C. F. Holland, \$49.92; J. M. Currie, \$33.60; F. W. Fraser, \$95.95; The Fleischmann Co., \$3.90; The Halifax Tram Co., Ltd., \$42.10; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$95.63; Arthur Fordham & Co., \$11.80; Gunn & Co., Ltd., \$251.00; J. & M. Murphy Ltd., \$58.29; A. Wilson & Son, \$22.88; Farquhar Bros., \$144.00; A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd., \$6.05; Blackadar Bros., \$2.90; Halifax Herald, \$4.18; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., \$3.75; W. W. Howell & Co., \$125.00; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$5.25; The Robert Taylor Co., \$9.00; Robinson Ltd., \$4.23; Brookfield Bros., \$25.28; Farquhar Bros., \$1.80; Crowell Bros., \$3.89; Nickerson & Hart, \$24.53; Klenzo Manufacturing Co., \$10.00; Kelly's, Ltd., \$4.90; Wm. McFatrige, \$26.00; H. McFatrige, \$5.00; Clayton & Sons, \$31.50; Baldwin & Co., \$2.20; Dr. Woodbury, \$10.00; B. J. Mulcahy, \$125.33; Salaries, \$661.33. Total, \$2721.25.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

REPORT COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.

Office of Commissioners of Public Gardens, Nov. 20, 1912.

To His Worship Mayor Bligh and City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Gardens Commission held this day, the Secretary was instructed to write your Honourable Body and ask that more lights be placed in Grafton, Victoria and Cogswell Parks.

The following bills were passed and recommended to the Council for payment:—

Simmers & Co., \$28.05; A. L. Melvin, \$4.00; Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$23.94; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd. (light), \$3.09; Baldwin & Co., \$16.58; F. A. Shaw, \$15.58; David Roche, \$3.65; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$2.40; Brookfield Bros., \$3.50; Kelly's Ltd., \$.45; M. F. Burns, \$21.70. Total, \$122.94.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Morrow 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, Dec. 3rd, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Present Aldermen Scanlan, (Chairman), Harris, MacKenzie, Gates and Martin.

1. It is recommended that John Malone, Driver of No. 5. Engine, who left the Department September 1st, be refunded one half of the amount paid by him into the Firemen's Superannuation Fund, viz: \$24.70.

2. It is recommended that permission be given Messrs. William Stairs, Son and Morrow, Limited, to connect their premises electrically with the Bedford Row Fire Station in connection with their sprinkler system at their expense. The City Electrician's estimate of cost is \$27.75.

3. The Committee received tenders for two 10 feet lengths of two and one-half inch suction hose for the new motor fire engine, as follows:—

E. P. Meagher.....	\$100.00
Austen Bros. ("Maltese Cross").....	57.00
Canadian Rubber Co., Ltd. ("Para").....	55.80

It is recommended that the tender of the Canadian Rubber Company, Limited, be accepted.

4. A horse was recently sold for \$180, and the old ladder truck and ladders for \$48.60.

5. Thomas Healey and George McGuire, previously reported sick, have not yet reported for duty; William Broderick, injured at fire, October 11th, reported for duty November 30th.

6. It is recommended that John Green, Supernumerary, be appointed Driver, vice John Malone, who left the Department; that George Saunders, Acting Driver, be appointed Driver, vice Robert McKenzie, deceased; that George Mann and John McAskill, Supernumeraries, be appointed to the Call Force, vice Thomas Helpford and Patrick Hickey, resigned.

7. It is recommended that tenders be advertised for 1000 feet of rubber lined cotton hose. The funds for cost of same have already been provided.

8. At the request of the Sisters in charge of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Spring Garden Road, it is recommended that they be permitted, at their expense, to instal a call bell at the Morris Street Fire Station.

9. Provision having been made in the estimates therefor, it is recommended that a fire alarm box be installed at the corner of Oxford Street and Coburg Road.

10. Some difficulty having been experienced from year to year with a few members of the Call Force in connection with the requirement that all members take their turn at sleeping in the Engine Houses during the winter months, it is found necessary to have a written rule in regard thereto, and the following is recommended for adoption:—

"Any member of the Call Force who fails to sleep in his Fire Station when ordered so to do, shall for each day upon which he fails to 'sleep in' be fined \$1.00 by the Chief."

11. The Chief having reported that without any additional expense to the City or impairing the general efficiency of the Department in any way he is now able to form a ladder division from the present force, it is recommended that the Chief be authorized to form a ladder division of 10 men.

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

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light \$23.88, power, \$15.14, total, \$39.02; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$4.35; Burns & Kelleher, repairing nozzle, \$1.20; Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., gasoline, \$11.33; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$262.94; Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., sou' westers, \$48.08; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., hardware, \$4.00; Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., hose washers, \$21.28; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$2.88; James Donohue, metal work, \$9.60; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$8.31; T. A. S. DeWolf & Son, salt, \$8.85; J. A. Dunn, Ltd., nickel plating, \$.50; Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$6.80; Davison Parker Co., Ltd., lumber, \$9.90; Day & Kinsman, plumbing, \$62.19; Alex. Frizzell, block making, \$.36; Neil Fox, saddlery, \$8.75; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stall pans, \$3.00; Halifax Herald, Ltd., advertising, \$3.75; Halifax Steam Laundry, laundry, \$7.53; Thos. Holloway & Son, block making, \$3.00; T. C. Johnson & Sons, buttons, etc., \$.625; W. C. Knight, brushes, \$25.50; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery, \$3.25; Henry Lovett, leather, \$20.00; Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., hardware, \$22.90; Maritime Paint and Varnish Co., Ltd., sponges, \$8.00; J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$3.40; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$5.49; Morton & Cragg, polish, \$10.00; National Drug & Chemical Co., Ltd., drugs, \$1.95; David Roche, painting, \$61.99; William Roche, coal, \$699.50; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hardware, \$62.26; W. & C. Silver, bed clothing, \$31.70; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., oil coat, \$3.00; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., phones for November, \$26.75; Wentzells, Ltd., soda, \$6.00. Total \$1509.46.

M. SCANLAN, JR., *Chairman Committee of Fire Wards.*

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

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

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Office of City Health Board, December 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, which were passed by the Board:—

Royal Gazette, advertising, \$8.00; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, \$22.50; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$87.39; M. L. Buskins, sweeping chimneys, \$7.50. Total \$125.39.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary C. H. B.*

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

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment.

WORKS COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto amounting to \$12,024.92, chargeable to the following services:—

Water Construction.....	\$7381.50
Water Maintenance.....	476.23
New Market Site.....	4.00
Cunard Street Widening.....	3.00
Street Lighting.....	1846.82
Telephones.....	28.19
Public Baths.....	1.00
New Workshops.....	1.50
City Hall Lighting.....	71.07
City Property.....	80.11
Streets.....	831.80
Teams and Stables.....	367.65
Internal Health.....	94.11
Permanent Sidewalks.....	107.30
Sewerage.....	730.64
Total.....	\$12024.92

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 report Special Committee re acquisition of certain properties on the lane west of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd fence, running from Qunipool Road to Allen Street.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE MONASTERY LANE.

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

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on the acquisition of a lane from Yale Street to Yukon Street report that they have had the titles to the property required searched and find that the property at the north end belongs to Mr. J. A. Meagher, for whom Mr. Justice Meagher is acting; and that to the south is nominally the property of Mr. Wm. Branch, really of the estate of James Shand. Your Committee has an offer from Mr. Meagher which is attached hereto, and they are in negotiations with the representative of Mr. Shand.

Your Committee recommend that the offer of Mr. Meagher of \$300 for his lot be accepted, rent at the figure named by him to be paid from the taking down of the present fence until the purchase money is paid; that negotiations for a sale of the southern part be continued, and that legislation be obtained to carry the above recommendations into effect.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*
R. F. KELTIE,
JOHN HINES.

The following resolution is submitted.—

Resolved, That the City purchase the property of Mr. J. A. Meagher on Yale Street, named in his offer for the sum of \$300, together with rent at the sum of \$10 per month from the time the property is taken possession of by the City until the purchase price is paid;

Further Resolved, That the City purchase the property of William Branch on Yale Street provided suitable terms can be obtained;

Further Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to enable funds to be obtained to carry the resolution into effect

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

Read report Public Market Committee re competitive plans for a Market Building covering plans identified by various nom de plumes or devices, and also covering sealed envelopes bearing said nom de plumes or devices on the outside, and containing in the inside the names of the architects submitting said plans.

REPORT PUBLIC MARKET COMMITTEE.

Halifax, December 5th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Market Committee prepared a specification and advertised for competitive plans for a market building to be erected on the site acquired recently by the City.

Six sets of plans were submitted, identified by the following nom de plumes or devices, "Beaver," "Lux," "Farmer," "T-square and Triangle," "Me" and "Up-lifted Hand."

Your Committee have considered carefully all the plans submitted and have reached the unanimous conclusion that the plans of "Beaver" are most acceptable, and therefore recommend that those plans be given first place. They are also unanimously of the opinion that the plans of "Lux" should be given second place, and recommend their choice for the approval of the Council.

The Committee further recommend that they be authorized to have detailed plans and specifications prepared by the successful architect and tenders invited.

The sealed envelopes containing the identification of the nom de plume or device, are submitted herewith.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman Market Committee.*

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor now opens the envelope marked "Beaver," being that of the successful competitor, and finds it to be that of Sydney P. Dumaresq, and also that of the winner of second place marked "Lux," and announces it to be the plan of Harris and Horton.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension St. Alban's Street.

ST. ALBAN'S STREET WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of water extension St. Alban's Street. The Committee on Works beg to recommend said report for adoption.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Mr. H. McC. Hart has applied for water extension to two houses on St. Alban's Street.

It will be necessary to extend 35 feet north on Clifton Street and 75 feet east on St. Alban's Street in the high service district.

The estimated cost is \$180.00. I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

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

DUFFUS STREET SEWER.

City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of a sewer in Duffus Street, as per Minute of Board of Health, attached.

The Committee on Works beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from the City Health Board recommending the construction of a sewer in Duffus Street.

The ledge rock is exposed in the gutter on the north side of Duffus Street and the houses drain to the gutter as there is no other means of disposing of the waste. The conditions are offensive, to say the least, and there is urgent need of better

provision being made for the disposal of sewage along this street. Further, the quantity of surface water running down the hill during rains, causes a great deal of damage and keeps the street and sidewalks cut up.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer on Duffus Street from Acadia Street to Campbell Road and along Campbell Road to the Roome Street outlet, is \$8530.00; estimated assessment \$2912.00.

I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the Order book to be constructed in its turn.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re meteorological kiosks.

METEOROLOGICAL KIOSKS.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend to the Council for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer against granting permission to Degrys & Co. for the erection of kiosks in the City.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the letter of Messrs. Degrys & Co., asking for permission to establish and exploit in Halifax a number of Meteorological Kiosks.

I have written to the firm asking where they expect that such structures shall be placed. They state that it is their intention to erect the kiosks in public or commercial squares or streets. They desire to use them for advertising purposes and in order to get permission offer to instal barometers, anemometers, thermometers and thermohygrosopes which they will maintain.

The desirability of such structures is questionable. They would be of advantage to Messrs. Degrys & Company, but their advantage to the City may well be questioned, as they probably would come in competition with local advertisers. Further, the City has no power or authority to grant permission to erect such structures on public streets and squares and it would be necessary to obtain legislation to enable the City to give permission if it was considered desirable to do so. I do not feel justified, therefore, in reporting favorably on their request.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re meter bill No. 212 Hollis Street, T. G. Dunlap, Agent.

HOLLIS STREET, No. 212, METER BILL.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held November 27th ult., the accompanying report was read from the City Engineer in favor of a partial reduction of the water meter rates at No. 212 Hollis Street, T. G. Dunlap, Agent.

It is recommended that said report be adopted.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 20th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Mr. T. G. Dunlap, asking for a rebate on the amount charged for water through meter at 212 Hollis Street from March to Sept. 1912. A memorandum of consumption is as follows:—

April 9.....	2869 c. f.	Aug. 5.....	102 c. f.
May 8.....	67 c. f.	Sept. 5.....	288 c. f.
June.....	no reading	Oct. 8.....	321 c. f.
July 5.....	4719 c. f.	Nov. 6.....	163 c. f.

There was a considerable waste in the month of March, for which no reduction can be recommended. In the month of June, however, owing to the illness of one of the Meter Readers, no reading was made as required by Section 467 of the City Charter, and the property owner did not get a reading until July 5th. There had been waste during that period, and under the circumstances, as Section 467 was not complied with by the City, I would recommend that the amount charged for be reduced 4281 c. f., so that the charge for the months of May and June will be at the same average, namely 219 c. f., as the consumption during the four months following.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re special water rates North Street, east of Windsor Street.

NORTH STREET WATER RATES.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—In re water rates North Street east of Windsor Street, the Committee on Works beg to recommend the adoption of the accompanying report of the City Engineer on this matter.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 8th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for a release from the bond for payment of special water rates on North Street.

The petitioners claim that they are not receiving justice, because residents on other streets in the neighbourhood get their water on the regular rate.

Water extensions have been made for a great many years only on a special rate which would produce a revenue equal to five per cent on the cost of installing the pipes. There have been only one or two exceptions to this rule. If there had been no such regulation, it is pretty certain that the water pipes would have been extended whenever they were asked for by any individual in any part of the City, regardless of cost. The extension of the water pipe to this part of North Street was petitioned for by the property owners and was ordered by the Council, the work to be done provided the petitioners would agree to pay a special rate. They signed a bond to pay the rate, and under the circumstances I would not be justified in reporting favourably on their request. They are not singled out for special treatment, but there are 169 houses being supplied on the special rate secured by a bond in the same way that buildings on North Street are supplied.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer and water construction Seaforth Street.

SEAFORTH STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The City Engineer, at a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 27th November, ult., reported in favor of sewer and water extension Seaforth Street, and it was decided to recommend said report to the Council for adoption. The report of the Engineer is attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, November 8th, 1912.

SEAFORTH STREET SEWER.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the petition from property owners on Seaforth Street asking for the construction of a sewer from Windsor Street west.

There are only two houses on the street, but the petition is signed, I understand, by all the property owners. The estimated cost is \$2900.00, estimated assessment \$1100. I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the Order Book to be constructed at the same time that the water pipe is laid.

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

WATER EXTENSION ON SEAFORTH STREET.

City Engineer's Office, November 8th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water system to the house of Walter McKay on Seaforth Street.

The district is high service; diameter of pipe required, 6 inches; distance 496 feet.

As I am recommending the construction of a sewer in this street, I would recommend that the pipe be laid in the sewer trench, when it will be unnecessary to make a special rate. If it is laid before the sewer is constructed, the estimated cost is \$820.00, in which case I would recommend the special rate be not more than \$41.00.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Edward Street, east side, between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road.

EDWARD STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held November 27th ult., the accompanying report of the City Engineer was read in favor of a concrete sidewalk on Edward Street, east side, from Jubilee Road to Coburg Road. At said meeting it was decided to recommend to Council that the report of the Engineer be adopted.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a cement concrete sidewalk on the east side of Edward Street between Jubilee Road and Coburg Road.

There is a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Edward Street from Coburg Road to Morris Street and one ordered for construction between Morris Street and South Street. There is also a similar sidewalk on the west side of Edward Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road.

The petition is numerously signed, and the construction of the sidewalk asked for will provide an improvement for the east side like that just finished on the west side.

The estimated cost is \$2906.00. I would recommend that a cement concrete sidewalk curb and gutter be constructed on the east side of Edward Street between Coburg and Jubilee Road.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Solicitor re claim of Mrs. Tobin for damages for alleged obstruction on sidewalk Salter Street.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES, MRS. TOBIN, SALTER STREET.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held November 27th ult., the City Solicitor verbally reported that notice of action had been served upon him by Solicitor Mellish, Attorney for Mrs. Tobin, for damages on account of injuries received through a defective sidewalk on Salter St., the date being October 21st, 1912. Said matter is referred to Council for its action.

F. P. BLYGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**Office of City Solicitor, December 4th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works:*

Sir:—The cause of the accident for which this action is brought is fully set out in Mr. Doane's report. In substance it was that an earth sidewalk adjoining a concrete sidewalk had become worn away, leaving the concrete projecting, over which Mrs. Tobin stumbled and fell, injuring herself.

This case is identical in point of law with the claim of Mr. Lindsay on which I reported on the 3rd of June last.

It is not a case of anything done by the City, but arose entirely out of the inability of the City with the funds at its disposal to maintain the streets in such a condition that no accident can possibly happen upon them.

I believe the law to be clear that for such accidents the City is not liable, for the reasons set out by me in my report on the Lindsay matter, and I would therefore recommend that the action be defended.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter bill No. 32 Kent Street, Mrs. C. M. Lessel.

KENT STREET, No. 32, WATER METER BILL.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of a reduction in the water meter bill of property No. 32 Kent Street, owned by Mrs. Caroline M. Lessel.

The Committee on Works beg to recommend said report for adoption.

F. P. BLYGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**City Engineer's Office, November 13th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mrs. C. M. Lessel, asking for a rebate on the amount charged for water from March to September 1912.

Mrs. Lessel states that she had a new tank put in the house some months ago, and that the plumber must have left some solder behind which got in the valve and caused a leak. She states that her tenant notified her at once, but that it was some days before the trouble was discovered, as the man who investigated it had to visit it a second time. She states that the plumber assured her that the leak was very small.

Under the circumstances as stated by Mrs. Lessel, in my opinion she has used proper care and precaution to prevent waste. It was the intention in preparing the Act, to provide for all such cases. I would therefore recommend that the amount charged for from March 15 to April 20, namely 19,200 gallons, be reduced to 6500 gallons, which is about the average monthly consumption since that date.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re location of Connaught and Waegwoltic Avenues.

CONNAUGHT AND WAEGWOLTIC AVENUES.

City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of certain locations for Connaught and Waegwoltic Avenues, as per street plan.

The Committee on Works beg to recommend said report for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, November 8th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—At the request of Alderman Clarke at the meeting held on Oct. 16th, I beg to report on the proposed location of Connaught Avenue and Waegwoltic Avenue.

Last year the Council approved of the proposed location of Connaught Avenue and Waegwoltic Avenue in the property represented by Mr. A. C. Theakston at the north-west corner of Coburg Road and Oxford Street. At the request of Alderman Clarke, the resolution was reconsidered and referred back to the Works Committee. At that time, Mr. Clarke objected on behalf of Mr. C. W. Anderson, that the location of Connaught Avenue would not be satisfactory to him. Since that time, Mr. Anderson's property has been purchased by the Dominion Government, and it is important that the street should be laid down in continuation of Connaught Avenue already approved, north of Jubilee Road and south of Coburg Road.

Mr. Theakston has sold a number of lots in his property, and I beg to report that the location of Connaught Avenue and Waegwoltic Avenue, as shown on the plan submitted by Mr. Theakston, is satisfactory to the City, and I hereby certify that the proposed streets conform to the requirements of the law.

I further recommend that the Council approve of the location of Connaught Avenue between Jubilee Road and Quiupool Road, and Waegwoltic Avenue between Oxford Street and Connaught Avenue, as shown on the plan submitted herewith, and that the City Engineer be authorized to lay those streets out on the official plan.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works covering letter from the Honorable Minister of Militia in re extension of Brunswick Street through the Royal Engineers' Barrack property.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to submit herewith for the information of the Council the accompanying letter from the Hon. Samuel Hughes, Minister of Militia, in re extension of Brunseick Street through R. E. Park.

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

Minister's Office, Ottawa, Nov. 16th, 1912.

F. P. Bligh, Esq., Mayor, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, relative to the extension of South Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road, through the R. E. Park, and have handed the same to our engineers for immediate report.

SAMUEL HUGHES.

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re renewal of lease of landing at foot of Hanover Street to Charles Duggan for ferry purposes.

HANOVER STREET FERRY.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a letter from Charles Duggan asking that his lease of land for ferry purposes at foot of Hanover Street be continued for a term of five years from the termination of the present lease, December 31st, 1912.

The Committee on Works beg to recommend that said request be granted and the term of lease continued for said period.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re expropriation of property M. E. Keefe, Inglis Street.

INGLIS STREET—EXPROPRIATION PROPERTY OF M. E. KEEFE.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto are two reports from the arbitrators in re property of M. E. Keefe, Inglis Street. The majority report, signed by H. G. Bauld and Wm. McFatrige, allows the sum of \$724.00, and the minority report of W. S. Rogers recommends that the sum of \$524.00 be paid Mr. Keefe.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held November 27th ult., it was decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the majority report (\$724.00)—the money to be paid from the street account, pending the authority to borrow being passed at the next session of the legislature.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re use of electric poles by Halifax Development Company.

HALIFAX DEVELOPMENT COMPANY USE OF POLES.*City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—In re resolution of this Committee under date November 6th 1912, when permission was granted the Halifax Development Company to string wires on such poles as may be reasonably necessary for their work, it was decided, at a meeting of the Committee on works held this date, to recommend to the Council that the terms be that (in addition to the rental of poles as fixed by Ordinance) the Company shall pay the same rate on its gross earnings as is paid by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**City Engineer's Office, September 18th, 1912.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Mr. S. M. Brookfield, President of the Halifax Development Company. Mr. Brookfield asks that the City give the Company permission to use the poles in the streets of the City for the company's wires.

Section 44 of the Pole and Wire Ordinance Number 8 provides for the granting of a permit to the Company by the City Engineer. I should not grant a permit, however, until the question of terms is settled so far as the City is concerned. This Company would be doing business in competition with existing companies which pay taxes to the City, including a percentage of their earnings.

While it is desirable to encourage competition, it must not be forgotten that competition will reduce the earnings of existing companies and consequently the amount received from such companies in taxes will be less than at present. Some scheme of assessment or taxation should therefore be determined, under which the Halifax Development Company will pay to the City a percentage of their revenue

or a tax, equivalent to the amount which the City will lose by the change. The terms of the permit, and the conditions and details under which the Company are to be allowed to use the poles, will have to be worked out by the City Engineer, but the financial arrangement will be determined by the Works Committee or Council.

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

Halifax, November, 4th 1912.

His Worship Mayor Bligh, City:

Dear Mr. Mayor:—On behalf of the Halifax Development Company of which corporation Mr. S. M. Brookfield is President I beg to formally apply for a permit for the stringing of wires on the poles in the City at present used by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for the purpose of supplying electric power and energy.

It is very vital for my clients that they should receive a definite reply on this point immediately as several options which they hold are expiring on the 15th inst all of which require payment of large sums for renewal and as it is essential to the existence of this Company that the permit asked for be granted it is hardly worth while to renew the options unless the usual permit will be given.

It is immaterial to the Company whether the poles are to remain the property of the Tram Company or are expropriated. The power to grant the permit asked for exists in either case.

If it is necessary to get the sanction of the City Council I would respectfully ask that a special meeting of the Board of Works be called so that the matter may be taken up at the next meeting of the Council which I am instructed will be held on Thursday or Friday of this week.

I would respectfully ask you to accede to my request which, for the reason stated, is urgent.

T. F. TOBIN.

By unanimous consent of Council No. 3. on Order of the Day is now taken up, viz:—Reports Committee on Works and City Solicitor re expropriation of poles of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited. November 7th, 1912; and the same are now read.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer dated respectively December 5th, 1912, and September 18th, 1912, be referred back to the Committee on Works and that said Committee report to this Council proposed details and conditions for the information of the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the reports of the Committee on Works and of the City Solicitor dated November 7th, 1912, re the taking over of the poles of the Tram Company be filed. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re contract for street lighting.

STREET LIGHTING.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:—

*Gentlemen:—*At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the accompanying letter from the City Engineer in re contract for street lighting was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

It was also decided to report that the Committee had an informal conference with the Manager and Accountant of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, and recommend that the Mayor be authorized to make a contract for three years at sixty dollars per light for the same service as at present, and subject to the same conditions.

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

City Engineer's Office, December 3rd, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

*Sir:—*I beg to remind the Works Committee that the existing contract for street lighting, will expire at the end of the calendar year. The contract originally was for a period of five years and expired on the first of July 1912. It was extended by mutual agreement to the end of the year 1912. The original contract was for a moonlight schedule service at \$65.00 per light per annum. The Company in extending the contract for a period of six months, agreed to give an all night and every night service for the same price, namely \$65.00 per annum.

An all night and every night service is a big improvement on the old service, and of course means an additional expense to the Company, but does not cost the City any more than the service under the contract as originally drawn.

The time is very short for making a new contract, as there is less than a month to agree on terms, prepare the contract and have it executed.

In preparing the new contract, the conditions should be the same as the old one, except that an additional section should be inserted, providing that the City shall have the right to use the surplus power, if any, from the incinerator for the purpose of lighting the streets or City buildings. This need not interfere with the contract in any way, and would mean only that a certain number of lights would be taken care of by the City independently of the Company, and probably would not reduce the total number of lights that the Company would be called upon to maintain, but would rather increase the total number of lights which the City would have to pay for.

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

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

Read report Special Committee on Sale of Old Exhibition Lots.

OLD EXHIBITION LOTS.*Office of City Solicitor, December 5th, 1912.**To the Members of the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—The Exhibition Ground Committee beg to report that pursuant to the resolution of the Council, they have advertised for one week for tenders for the lots of the Old Exhibition Ground remaining unsold, and that no tenders for the same have been received.

The matter now stands for the determination of the Council whether the lots shall be sold by private tender at the price named in the former report of the Committee upon Mr. Tobin's offer, namely \$16,000, or at the best price which the Committee is able to obtain.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor,*
F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer,*
F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re purchase by John Connolly of a portion of land taken from him for the widening of Cunard Street.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.*City Works Office, December 3rd, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 27th November ult., the City Engineer verbally reported on a piece of land required by John Connolly belonging to the Cunard Street widening. Estimating its value at the same rate per foot as the award, it should be worth \$200.00, but the Engineer stated that Mr. Connolly had offered \$100.00.

It was decided to report said matter to Council for its decision in re price to be charged.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said piece of land be sold to Mr. Connolly for \$150.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hines that Mr. Connolly's offer of \$100 be accepted.

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

Read report Committee on Works covering petition of arbitrators in connection with the expropriation of property of Dr. A. C. Hawkins for the widening of Cunard Street.

ARBITRATOR'S FEES, HAWKINS PROPERTY.*City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a letter from the arbitrators in re Hawkins' property, Cunard Street. The City Charter, section 633 names six dollars as the fee to be paid for arbitration. The Committee on Works, at a meeting held this day, decided to refer said letter to the Council for its information.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**Halifax, December 3rd, 1912.**To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—The undersigned being the Arbitrators selected to appraise the compensation to be awarded Dr. A. C. Hawkins as the result of the expropriation of a portion of his property situate on the corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets, City of Halifax, beg leave to submit the following:—

1. Provision has been made by the City of Halifax for the payment of a fee of six dollars to each Arbitrator for assessing the compensation to be allowed each owner whose land is expropriated in the widening of Cunard Street.

2. This fee was probably fixed under the impression that while the appointees were styled Arbitrators their work would be simply that of Valuers who would meet together, look at the property and decide what the compensation should be. For such work the fee of Six Dollars is not unreasonably low.

3. When the Board met to take up the Hawkins matter it found both the City and the owner represented by counsel with a large array of witnesses to be examined under oath. Many lengthy sessions were held, the enquiry being carried on as a regular court under the Arbitration Act. Points of law were freely taken and argued at length by counsel and one hundred and twenty nine pages of type-written evidence taken.

4. After finishing the taking of evidence the Arbitrators were compelled to hold many sessions to go over the evidence, to agree upon facts proven and to endeavour to reach an agreement on points of law raised and prepare their award.

5. The Arbitrators were not able to reach a unanimous agreement and two separate awards were filed, the preparation of each entailing a large amount of work.

In consideration of the above the Arbitrators feel that a fee of six dollars is most unreasonable and submit that they should at least receive one hundred and twenty-five dollars each or that their costs should be regularly taxed under the Arbitration Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. THOMPSON, *Chairman,*
JOHN T. ROSS, *Arbitrator for City,*
R. T. MacILREITH, *Arbitrator for Hawkins.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works, City Engineer and City Solicitor re properties expropriated for the widening of Cunard Street.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING, COST OF.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on the cost of the Cunard Street widening, in so far as the arbitrators' awards had been filed with him, was read.

The City Solicitor verbally reported on same. He was requested to put his opinion in writing and give Dr. Hawkins' Solicitor a copy. His report is attached. It was decided to refer the matter to Council for its information and decision.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report that the following awards have been filed in this office in connection with the expropriation of land for the widening of Cunard Street.

A. C. Hawkins	Amount paid into Court.....	\$ 4,500
	Award.....	\$13,500
(The award is signed by two arbitrators only—Mr. John T. Ross, the other arbitrator, having filed a minority award of \$11,000.)		
John Connolly	Amount paid into Court.....	\$ 2,220
	Award.....	\$ 7,601
Lewis E. Nickerson	Amount paid into Court.....	\$ 1,478
	Award.....	\$ 1,850
(This award is signed by two arbitrators only.)		
A. P. Flemming	Amount paid into Court.....	768
	Award.....	\$1,450

In the Connolly award, the arbitrators have given No. 25 to the City, allowing Mr. Connolly the full value of it.

No award has been filed for Mrs. Esther Lindsay's property or for the Halifax Rifles Armoury Association property.

The awards to date, total \$24,401.00.

In addition, there has been paid into Court for the Lindsay property, \$3125.00 and for the Halifax Rifles Armoury Association property, \$1615.00.

There has been paid for the Marshall property, a net total of \$3800, making the total cost for land to date \$32,941.00.

This total will be increased by any additional award made for the Lindsay property and the Rifles Association property.

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

Office of City Solicitor, November 28th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works:

Sir:—In reply to your request for a report on the awards which have been made for compensation for land and damages in connection with the widening of Cunard Street, I beg to say as follows:—

At the present time all the contested claims have been disposed of except that of the Halifax Rifles.

As to the law governing arbitration and awards, I think there is no doubt. When parties to a dispute have submitted the matters involved to arbitration the award of the arbitrators on any question of fact properly coming before them is conclusive, and no tribunal has any power to review their findings. The Court, however, can deal with an award if either the arbitrators have misconducted themselves, or have omitted to deal with matters with which they should have dealt, or have dealt with matters with which they should not have dealt. In such cases the Court acts, not by way of appeal, but by directing that the award be either set aside, or referred back to the arbitrators with instructions either to deal with matters which should have been dealt with, or to omit any item which they have improperly dealt with.

Dealing with the awards which have been made on these principles, there does not appear to me to be any legal ground for objection to any of them, with one exception. In all of them the amounts tendered have been increased, some of them very considerably; but the increases have been made on a consideration of the value of the land taken or the damage to buildings, matters properly within the jurisdiction of the arbitrators. In one case, that of Mr. Connolly, the amount has been very largely increased, owing to the fact that it appeared from the evidence that the buildings injured could not be moved back without the destruction of other buildings belonging to Mr. Connolly immediately in the rear, and that consequently either the buildings on Cunard Street or those in the rear must be allowed for. This, however, as I have said, is a matter with which the arbitrators could properly deal. The awards have been generous, but that is a thing which apparently the City must expect, and of which perhaps it ought not to complain. At any rate it is certain that there is no legal objection on that score.

The one exception is the case of Dr. Hawkins, in which a sharp diversity of opinion on a question of law regarding the mode of determining the compensation arose, and which is made plain both in the award of the majority and in a full statement by the minority arbitrator, Mr. Ross. The majority have awarded \$13,500.00, Mr. Ross \$11,000.00. The point of law involved is this:—When Dr. Hawkins acquired his property a number of years ago it had solely a residential value, and it has been assessed on that basis up to the present time. If compensation were to be awarded for the property on this residential basis, its market value (which is what the arbitrators would have to determine) would be ascertained by calculating the value of the land for residential purposes, and also the value of the buildings on it taken or injured by the expropriation. It appeared, however, from the evidence that in the interval which has elapsed since the property was purchased the land has acquired a commercial value quite apart from its residential value, and considerably greater.

It was established by a number of witnesses, whose evidence was accepted by all the arbitrators, that the property had a commercial value in the vicinity of \$15,000. That price would cover the whole property, both land and buildings, although the witnesses added that for the purpose for which it would then be required the present building would be of no value. What the majority of the arbitrators have done is to value the land taken on this commercial basis and then add to the value so ascertained an additional sum for the loss of the house, thus giving the owner compensation in both ways, or, putting the same point another way,

allowing him the value of the house twice, once as part of the lump sum commercial value, and a second time as an item making up a residential value. The effect of doing so is apparent. The award is \$13,500.00. Dr. Hawkins' own witnesses value the remaining part of his property, a corner lot 34 by 150, at \$6,000, making a total valuation of \$19,500.00. Even deducting the amount presumably allowed for compulsory removal, which would not exceed \$1,000, it is evident that the valuation thus worked out is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 higher than the highest sum named by the owner's own witnesses.

I am of opinion that on this question of principle Mr. Ross is correct and that an application could be made to the Court with a good prospect of success to have the award remitted to the arbitrators for correction. As the point is clearly stated in the award, both majority and minority, I do not see that any papers would be required except the awards themselves, and the matter could be disposed of quickly.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the City Solicitor be instructed to make application to the courts to have the matters referred to in his report reopened by the arbitrators.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same, and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Hattie, Scanlan, Hoben, Keltie, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie.—10.

Against it—

Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Clarke, Hines, Upham.—5.

Alderman Hawkins excused from voting.

CUNARD STREET ARBITRATION.

Halifax, N. S., December 16th, 1912.

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

Sir:—In answer to your inquiry of Saturday last, I beg to submit for your information the list of arbitrators in connection with the expropriation of properties for the widening of Cunard Street, as follows:—

Property Owner.	Representing City.	Representing Owner.	Third Arbitrator.	Paid into Court.	Gross Amount Allowed.
A. C. Hawkins.....	John T. Ross	R. T. MacIlreith	W. E. Thompson	\$4,500	\$13,500
Esther Lindsay.....	"	George S. Yates	W. B. Freeman	3,125	4,550
John Connolly.....	"	W. J. Busch	W. S. Rogers	2,220	7,601
Lewis E. Nickerson.....	"	J. H. Dow	W. H. Studd	1,478	1,850
A. P. Flemming.....	"	John Mullane	W. S. Rogers	768	1,450
Halfax Rifles Armoury Association	"	William Bishop	"	1,615	3,000

The Hawkins award is not signed by the City arbitrator. The Nickerson award is not signed by his arbitrator.

JOHN T. ROSS,

Arbitrator on behalf of the City.

Read report Committee on Works covering tenders for cell doors, plumbing and heating at the City Prison.

CITY PRISON IMPROVEMENT.

City Works Office, December 5th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day tenders were received for improvements to City Prison as follows:—

Plumbing.

Farquhar Bros.....	\$1884.00
M. F. Burns.....	1588.00
Muldowney & Godwin.....	1559.00
J. White & Co.....	1518.49
G. A. Perrier.....	1397.00
Jas. G. Crump.....	1150.00

The tender of Jas. G. Crump, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Heating.

Jas. G. Crump.....	\$2500.00
D. E. McNeil.....	2491.00
Farquhar Bros.....	2379.00
G. A. Perrier.....	2152.00
J. White & Co.....	1775.00

The tender of J. White & Co., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Cell Doors.

Burns & Kelleher, 22 doors at \$22.00.....	\$ 484.00
W. Collins & Son.....	875.00

The tender of Burns & Kelleher, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

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

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

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

Council adjourns 11.10 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, December 19th, 1912.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hattie 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 Clarke and Scanlan.

The Council was summoned to consider the matter of street lighting contract, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz:—Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of amendment to refer to the Finance Committee the report of the Civic Improvement Board re comprehensive plan of the future improvement and development of Halifax. December 5th, 1912.

Alderman Hoben declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted by His Worship the Mayor:—

Report City Health Board re accounts.
Report Charities Committee re accounts.
Report Coal Weighers for November.
Report Police Committee re Pay of Police, &c.
Letter Degrys & Company re meteorological kiosks.
Letter Trades and Labor Council re Electric Wiring Ordinance.
Letter Sydney P. Dumaresq re plans for Public Market Building.

Letter "Financial News" re souvenir book on trip to Canada of British mercantile delegation.

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz:—
 Street lighting.
 Account for granite.
 Plumbing contract City Prison.
 Water rates North Street.
 Cunard Street widening.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read letter Sydney P. Dumaresq re plans for Public Market Building.

PUBLIC MARKET.

Halifax, N. S., December 12th, 1912.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan, City Clerk:—

*Dear Sir:—*I have your favor of the 12th inst. regarding Market Building, and note contents of same.

Pursuant to the information contained therein and at the request of Mr. Gates, Chairman of the Market Committee, I am preparing drawings for the above building.

SYDNEY P. DUMARESQ.

Filed.

Read letter "Financial News" re souvenir book on trip to Canada of British mercantile delegation. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read report Coal Weighers for November. Filed.

Read letter Trades and Labor Council re Electric Wiring Ordinance. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Degrys and Company re meteorological kiosks.

METEOROLOGICAL KIOSKS.

Montreal, Can., December 16th, 1912.

To the City Council of the City of Halifax, Halifax:—

*Gentlemen:—*Your esteemed letter of December 12th inst. duly to hand, and are very sorry to read that your City Council cannot grant our demand.

With regard to your information that it would not be of any profit to the City, we beg to offer a certain amount, for rent of the grounds where the Kiosks are to be placed, and beg to state that we will pay \$100 for annual rent for each Kiosk.

The places to erect will be carefully chosen in accordance to the advice of your City Engineer and the shall be placed in such a way to not be of any trouble to the general traffic.

Hoping you will still go into our proposal and consider favorably, we remain,
Gentlemen,

DEGRYS & COMPANY.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Charities Committee re accounts.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, December 16th, 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, Alderman Morrow and Alderman Upham.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—Joseph Wood & Co., \$429.50; Willis & Pryor, \$30.00. Total, \$459 50.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman*

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Hines 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., December 19th, 1912.

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

*Gentlemen:—*The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts, which were passed by the Board at a meeting held on Thursday last:—

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$12.87; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for hospital, \$14.75; A. & W. MacKinlay L.d., printing, \$6.00; London Rubber Stamp Co., stamp, \$3.00; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$7.42; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$4.96; L. A. Morash, groceries, \$22.27. Total, \$71.27.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Police Committee re pay of Police, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, December 16th, 1912.

To the City Council:—

*Gentlemen:—*At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day there being present Aldermen Hines and Scanlan and myself, petitions were read from the Deputy-Chief, Detective, Assistant-Detective, City Marshal, Sergeants and Police Officers asking for an increase in pay.

After duly considering the matter, a majority of the Committee, consisting of Alderman Hines and myself, decided to recommend to the Council for their consideration an increase of pay to the six sergeants and thirty-nine men of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars a year each. Alderman Scanlan desired that the increase should be one hundred (\$100.00) dollars each.

The Committee unanimously decided to recommend an increase to the Chief of Police of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, making his salary fifteen hundred (\$1500.) dollars instead of fourteen hundred (\$1400.00) dollars.

It was also decided to recommend that the Deputy-Chief and the two Detectives be given the increase that was voted them by last year's Council, viz:—fifty (\$50.00) dollars each, and a further sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars each this year, making the salary of the Deputy-Chief one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars; Detective Hanrahan nine hundred and fifty (\$950.00) dollars; Assistant Detective Kennedy eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) dollars. Also the Committee were unanimously of opinion, in order not to make any invidious distinction, that the City Marshal should receive an increase of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, or from eight hundred (800.00) dollars to eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) dollars; but would recommend that legislation be procured abolishing this office at the resignation, superannuation or death of the present incumbent, his duties then to be taken over by the Chief and Deputy-Chief.

For all of these increases legislation will be required, and your Committee recommend that the Council instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary legislation to carry these recommendations into effect and to enable the City to assess upon the citizens for the year 1913-14 the amount necessary to meet this increase.

The Committee also had before them for consideration the question of increasing the number of the force, for which the Chief has applied or several years. Some years ago the Chief asked for an increase of ten men, since then only two have been granted him, last year. Alderman Hines and Scanlan, being a majority of the Committee, were favorable to the increase requested by the Chief, viz:—that the force be increased by eight men. I, however, objected to this, and am only in favor of an increase of the force by two additional men. It will be for the Council to determine what (if any) increase shall be made to the force. If these additional men are appointed, of course the increase of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars a year will apply to them as to the present members of the force.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor, Chairman Police Committee.*

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Martin that said report be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re electric lighting contract.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Halifax, N. S., December 11th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor, City of Halifax:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 6th inst., regarding City Lighting, I am instructed by our Board of Directors to inform you that this Company is prepared to enter into a contract to do the whole lighting of the City streets and buildings for a term of three years from January 1st, 1913, for \$62.50 per annum for each arc light, for all night and every night service, the minimum number of arc lights in use to be three hundred and fifty, and the maximum number four hundred and ten, during the term of contract, rates for incandescent lighting of buildings to be the same as under the existing contract.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.
per W. J. DeBlois, Secretary.

City Works Office, December 17th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a letter from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, stating that the Company are prepared to enter into a contract to do the whole lighting of the City Streets and buildings for a term of three years from January 1st, 1913, for \$62.50 per annum for each arc light for all night and every night service, the minimum number of arc lights in use to be three hundred and fifty, and the maximum four hundred and ten during the term of contract, rates for incandescent lighting of buildings to be the same as under the existing contract.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to recommend that the Council accept this offer.

F. P. BLIGH, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee on Works covering account for granite.

GRANITE.

City Works Office, December 17th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is an account of Andrew Yeadon (\$360.68) for granite supplied, as per Engineer's certificate. This account is recommended for payment.

F. P. BLIGH, Mayor and Chairman.

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

Read report Committee on Works re City Prison plumbing contract.

CITY PRISON PLUMBING CONTRACT.

City Works Office, December 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—In re plumbing contract for City Prison, awarded to James G. Crump at last meeting of Council, upon the recommendation of this Committee as being the lowest tender, Mr. Crump declined to sign contract, alleging a mistake of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars in his figures and requesting permission to increase his tender by that amount. The other competitors declined to allow this addition, and this Committee recommend the acceptance of the next lowest tender—that of G. A. Perrier, for the sum of one thousand three hundred and ninety seven (\$1,397.00) dollars.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hines that the report be adopted and contracts signed for heating and plumbing at the City Prison. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hines that action be deferred in the matter of signing contract for steel doors at the City Prison until sufficient funds are provided for the purpose. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Cunard Street widening.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

City Works Office, December 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a further report from the City Engineer in re awards on property Cunard Street widening, and recommending the money to be paid into court as far as the authorized appropriation will permit, in order to save the interest thereon.

It is recommended that said report be adopted.

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