

Halifax, N. S., December, 17th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report that all the awards in connection with the widening of Cunard Street have been filed in this office. At the date of my last report, Nov. 27th, the awards totalled \$24,401.00. Since that date, the arbitrators have awarded Mrs. Esther Lindsay \$4550.00 (amount paid into Court \$31250.00) and the Halifax Rifles Armoury Association \$3000.00 amount paid into Court \$1615.00) making the total awards \$31,951.00.

The land bought and sold cost \$3650.00 additional, making the total cost for land damages \$35,601.00, providing the award for the Hawkins property stands at the figure named by the majority of the arbitrators.

The money should be paid into Court as far as the authorized appropriation will permit, otherwise interest claims will be made.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, The sum of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars will be immediately required to pay the compensations for land and other charges in connection with the widening of Cunard Street;

And Whereas, Of the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars authorized to be borrowed for that purpose by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912, twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars has been borrowed;

Therefore Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to issue stock or debentures or both of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 sufficient at the price offered to produce the said sum of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars, for the best price obtainable therefor, such debentures or stock to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum and the principal to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1945, under authority of the said Chapter 81, Acts of 1912;

Further Resolved, That out of the sum so borrowed, together with the sum of \$5,333.81, remaining on hand of the twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars previously borrowed for the said purpose, the City Clerk be instructed to pay into the Supreme Court the amounts awarded by the arbitrators as additional compensation for the lands taken or effected by such widening, other than those of Dr. A. C. Hawkins—the said lands and owners and the amounts of such additional compensation being set out in the memorandum hereto attached:

MEMORANDUM.

Property of.	Paid into Court.	Additional allowed.	Total
Esther Lindsay	\$3,125.00	\$1,425.00	\$ 4,550.00
John Connolly	2,220.00	5,381.00	7,601.00
Lewis E. Nickerson	1,478.00	372.00	1,850.00
A. P. Flemming	768.00	682.00	1,450.00
Halifax Rifles Armoury Association	1,615.00	1,385.00	3,000.00
	\$9,206.00	\$9,245.00	\$18,451.00

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin and passed unanimously.

Read report Committee on Works re special water rates North Street, east of Windsor Street. (See printed Minutes of Council, December 5th, 1912, page 383).

NORTH STREET WATER RATES.

City Works Office, December 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the accompanying extract from minutes of Council re North Street water rates was read. Your Committee see no reason why they should depart from the action already taken in this matter, and would again recommend that the report of the City Engineer on this subject previously forwarded to the Council be adopted.

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

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

Alderman Hoben, Chairman of Committee on the acquisition of property to open the lane between Quinpool Road and Allen Street west of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd property, submits a letter from Mr. Justice Meagher, representing the owner of the land, offering to sell the same for \$350.00.

The same is now read.

MONASTERY LANE.

Halifax, N. S., December 18th, 1912.

Alderman C. R. Hoben, for the City of Halifax:

Dear Sir:—Referring to the correspondence we have had on the subject of a sale of a strip of land 30 feet wide fronting on south side of Yale Street and bounded on the east by the Monastery land, I beg to make the following offer, viz:—\$350, to be paid as soon as the necessary legislation is procured and the deed delivered, and in addition the City is to take down the fence in front and rear and replace it on the west side line of the 30 feet strip as far as it will extend.

This offer will only remain open during this week.

N. H. MEAGHER, *for J. A. Meagher.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the City purchase from Mr. John A. Meagher a lot of land on Yukon Street adjoining the property of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd and measuring on Yukon Street thirty feet by a depth of one hundred and twenty three feet, for the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars, the City to remove the fences now on the north and south ends of the said property and to place the same on the west side of the said property on the line between the property purchased and the remaining property of Mr. Meagher;

Further Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare any legislation necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

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

Alderman Keltie asks for a report from the Committee on Works on the placing of a catchpit or other means of taking charge of the drainage at the west end of Allen Street.

Alderman Keltie asks for a report on the cost of a concrete sidewalk on Jacob Street, north side, from the Courtney building to the Clayton building.

Alderman R. V. Harris asks if the Council has any information from the Governor in Council relating to the Board of Control.

His Worship the Mayor answers that he had this week been verbally informed that the Act would be brought into force by proclamation in the "Royal Gazette" at an early date.

Alderman Martin submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Works be authorized to confer with the Tram Company re a better service for the Gottingen Street extension line.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris and passed.

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

Resolved, That returns be prepared showing the cost of sidewalks, sewers and pavements constructed during the year 1912, and also the estimated cost of sidewalks, sewers and pavements ordered by the Council and yet to be built, said returns to be by Wards.

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

Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Martin that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.05 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Dec. 30th, 1912.

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

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Morrow that the time for meeting be extended until 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

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

The Council was summoned to consider Estimates 1913-14, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:
Offer Trustees of Sinking Funds to loan certain moneys to the City.
Application Ewan Morrison, Foreman Water Department, for increase of salary.
Civic Estimates for 1913-14.
Report City Clerk re Cunard Street widening.
Message from His Worship the Mayor re salaries of officials.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read offer Trustees of Sinking Funds to loan the City \$5,000.00 for Cunard Street widening, and \$928 for expenses of recent loans.

LOAN FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Office of City Treasurer, Dec. 30th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to offer to lend the City the sum of \$5,000.00 for Cunard Street widening, and \$928.00 for

expenses of recent loans, under authority of Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912, and Chapter 72, Acts of 1908, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, 1905, the loan to bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and the principal to be repaid July, 1945, said loan to be purchased by the Trustees at the price of 93.32 per cent.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas, The City Council did, on the 19th day of December inst., resolve to borrow the sum of \$5000.00 to pay the compensations for land and other charges in connection with the widening of Cunard Street;

And Whereas, The sum of \$928.00 will be required to pay charges on loans, and as the Trustees of the Sinking Fund have offered to loan the City the said sums of money on the terms set forth in their letter of this date;

Therefore Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to issue stock or debentures or both of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, sufficient at the price offered to produce the said sum of \$5,928.00, said debentures or stock to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and the principal to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1945.

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

Read report City Clerk re payment of certain moneys into Court in connection with the widening of Cunard Street.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

Office of the City Clerk, Dec. 26th, 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 December 19th inst., relating to 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 at Halifax the sum of \$9,245.00, that being the total additional amount allowed by the arbitrators for the following named properties:—

Property owner	Additional allowed.
Esther Lindsay.....	\$1,425 00
John Connolly.....	5,381 00
Lewis E. Nickerson.....	372 00
A. P. Flemming.....	682 00
Halifax Rifles Armoury Association.....	1,385 00
	<u>\$9,245 00</u>

(See printed Minutes of Council, October 16th, 1912, page 257, and December 5th, 1912, pp. 294-397).

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Filed.

His Worship the Mayor reads a message to the Council relating to the salaries of officials and other employees of the City.

SALARIES OF OFFICIALS AND OTHERS.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—I was surprised on a return to the City from the country where I had been absent since Christmas to read on the train in Saturday morning's papers that an all-round increase of the salaries of City officials had been recommended by a majority of the finance committee. With the gentlemen who made this recommendation I have no quarrel. Each one must judge for himself whether the civic employees dealt with in the report are at present receiving sufficient remuneration and whether the civic exchequer at this time will stand any increase in salaries. From my point of view these increases are unjustifiable, and if they pass this council and become law it will have to be over my veto. The applications of officials receiving less than \$1000.00 a year, say from \$8.00 to \$18.00 a week, or from practically \$1.50 to \$3.00 a day, are in a different position. and I would be the last to oppose slight increases in these cases, such as the firemen's increase of \$20.00 apiece, the policemen \$35.00 each and some of the other officials in the City Hall such as stenographers, librarians, messengers, etc., but those who are in receipt of \$1000.00 or more, and many of whom received increases last year, I cannot favorably consider the giving of increases to this year. The argument is made that living expenses have increased. This is true, but it tells two ways. The burden of the taxpayer is increased in increasing these salaries, and the taxpayers' living expenses have increased. The increased tax upon the citizens this year will be, as I am credibly informed at least \$46,000 or \$1.00 per head of the population of Halifax—an average of \$5.00 a family, averaging rich, poor and all classes of the community. The wealthier classes will not feel this, but those whose incomes are only from \$8.00 to \$18.00 a week are the people whom we should consider when we increase the wages of any receiving more than \$1000.00 a year. There may be some cases where an increase would be justifiable if the City funds permitted. I have personal friends on the City Hall staff whose salary personally I should like to see increased and some of whom may not be too well paid, but I feel in my position as Mayor that it is my duty to the citizens to forego any personal feelings that might ordinarily actuate me. Moreover, I would call attention to the fact that the local and federal government employees of this City with certainly not half a dozen exceptions are no better remunerated than the officials of the City Hall, and this notwithstanding the fact that the federal government has a buoyant and increasing revenue. I believe the increase to the firemen to be justified, but I oppose the increase to the policemen of \$60.00 a year, thinking \$35.00 the equivalent increase of what the firemen are getting. Before the Exhibition Commission, of which I was a member, I opposed increases of salaries and gave as my grounds that I intended to oppose an increase to all the men higher up in the City Hall. Last year I opposed an increase to the City Solicitor, so I cannot be accused of inconsistency. It may be said that I have recommended an increase to the Chief of Police—the only man getting over \$1000.00 whom I have recommended for increase. In answer to this I wish to say in justification of my position that the Chief of Police, of St. John City gets \$200.00 a year more than our Chief, besides having extra fees, as I am informed, making his salary \$300.00 or \$400.00 more than our Chief, and in other cities in Canada of the same size a still greater salary is given. Moreover, I have recommended that legislation be asked abolishing the office of the City Marshal on the death, resignation or superannuation of the present incumbent whose duties are to be performed by the Chief and his Deputy, which will make the pay of the officials of the Police Department less than at present. As to the increases in salaries of the School Board and the Board of Health, this Council has no control over them. With most of them I would have concurred and to a few I should have objected had I the power. As Chairman of the committee on works I made no recommenda-

tions, although requested for increases by officials of that department, and I believe as a class to say the least they are equally entitled to an increase with those who have been granted them by the committee, but I could make no invidious distinction, and will veto all increases to men receiving over \$1000.00 a year. It has been charged by some citizens ignorant of the history of the matter that the mayor's salary is increased from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 and he should veto that if he vetoes anything. In answer to this I would say that this salary is fixed by statute under the new Board of Control Act, an Act which I personally opposed, but when the citizens voted in favor of it I agreed that this system should have a fair trial. The salary was not fixed by me and was intended by the promoters of the bill I imagine for some other person. Let me say in this connection, however, that the new Act makes the Mayor devote more and practically half his time to the duties of the office, that he is elected annually, and that I know from experience of former Mayors and in my own case that no one can be elected Chief Magistrate of Halifax if he has opposition, however weak, without expending for his legitimate expenses the present salary of \$1000.00. I trust that the Council will not compel the exercise of the veto power, as I wish to act in harmony in every way with the members of the City Council if possible. If I am compelled, however, to veto I shall only consider that the members of the Council who differ from me have a perfect right to the exercise of their judgment as I trust they will consider I have to the use of mine.

CIVIC ESTIMATES 1913-14.

The Council now proceeds to the consideration of the Estimates for 1913-14.

The same are considered item by item.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT.

Salaries.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$ 2,000 00	Passed
Four Members of Board of Control at \$1000	4000 00	"
The City Solicitor.....	2,000 00	"
The City Treasurer.....	1,800 00	"

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that legislation be sought to increase the salary of the City Treasurer from \$1800 to \$2000 per annum, such legislation to authorize the borrowing of \$200 to make up the increase, the said amount to be included in the Estimates for 1914-15. Motion put and lost, three voting for the same, and fifteen against it, as follows:—

For the Motion:—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, MacKenzie.—3.

Against it:—

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

The City Clerk.....	\$ 1,650 00	Passed
The City Clerk's Stenographer.....	450 00	"

Passed
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Alderman Hawkins asked to be recorded as voting against this item.

Assistant City Clerk.....\$ 1,500 00

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that this item be placed at \$1300. Amendment put and passed, twelve voting for the same, and six against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Gough.—12.

Against it—

Aldermen Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Clarke, MacKenzie, Upham.—6.

Item.....	\$ 1,300 00	Passed
Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2,500 00	"
City Engineer.....	3,000 00	"
Assistant City Engineer.....	1,800 00	"
City Auditor.....	1,800 00	"

Passed
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Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that legislation be sought to increase the salary of the the City Auditor from \$1800.00 to \$2000 per annum, such legislation to authorize the borrowing of \$200 to make up the in-

crease, the said amount to be included in the Estimates for 1914-15. Motion put and lost, three voting for same, and fifteen against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, MacKenzie.—3.

Against it—

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

Collector of Rates and Taxes.....	\$ 2,000 00	
Four Sub-Collectors at \$650.....	2,600 00	Passed

Passed

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan, that legislation be sought to increase the salaries of each of the Sub-Collectors from \$650 to \$700 per annum, such legislation to authorize the borrowing of \$200 to make up the increases, the said amount to be included in the Estimates for 1914-15. Motion passed.

Water Clerk in Collector's Office. . \$ 1,000 00

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass. Motion put and passed, fourteen voting for the same, and three against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, Hines, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—14.

Against it—

Aldermen Gates, Hoben, Martin.—3.

Item.....	\$ 1,000 00	
Clerk Collector's Office.....	\$ 950 00	Passed

Passed

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass.

Motion put and passed, eleven voting for the same, and six against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

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

Against it—

Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Hoben, Hines, Martin, Gough.—6.

Item.....	\$ 950 00	Passed
City Assessor.....	1,500 00	

After discussion it was agreed to place this item at \$1400.00.

Item.....	\$ 1,400 00	"
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1200 each.....	\$ 2,400 00	

After discussion it was agreed to place this item at \$2200.

Item.....	\$ 2,200 00	Passed
Janitor City Hall.....	850 00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that this item be placed at \$800.

Amendment put and passed, twelve voting for the same, and six against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment:—

Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough.—12

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, MacKenzie.—6.

Item.....	\$ 800 00	Passed
City Medical Officer.....	1,200 00	"
Clerk of Works Department.	1,500 00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that this item pass. Motion put and lost, three voting for the same, and fifteen against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen Connolly, Hattie, MacKenzie.—3.

Against it—

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

Item.....	\$ 1,400 00	Passed
Assistant Clerk of Works.....	700 00	"
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers.....	1,000 00	"
Superintendent of Water Department.....	1,200 00	"
Water Inspector.....	900 00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that this item pass. Motion put and lost, eight voting for the same, and ten against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen Morrow, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Keltie, Hines, MacKenzie, Upham.—8.

Against it—

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

Item.....	\$ 850 00	Passed
License Inspector.....	1,300 00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Connolly that this item pass. Motion put and lost.

Item.....	\$ 1,200 00	Passed
License Board (Section 64, 65, Chapter 2, '10)	400 00	"
Librarian Citizens' Free Library.....	500 00	"
Assistant Librarian.....	425 00	"
Second Assistant Librarian.....	375 00	"
Plumbing Inspector..... \$1100		"
Item.....	1,000 00	
Electrician..... \$1300		
Item.....	1,200 00	"
City Hall Messenger.....	450 00	"
Total Salaries.....	<u>\$ 45,150 00</u>	"

Less:

Charged to Water Department.

Assistant City Engineer.....	\$ 1,800 00	"
Water Clerk, Collector's Office.....	1,000 00	"
Superintendent Water Department.....	1,200 00	"
Water Inspector.....	850 00	"
Clerk of Works Department.....	1,400 00	"
2nd Clerk, Collector's Office.....	950 00	"
Assistant Clerk of Works.....	700 00	"
	<u>\$ 7,900 00</u>	

Charged to Sewerage.

Superintendent of Streets and Sewers.....	1,000 00	"
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Charged to Various Appropriations.

License Board Sec. 64,65, Chap. 2, 1910 (License Fund).....	\$ 400 00	"
Inspector (License Fund).....	1,200 00	"
Librarian and Asst. Librarians (Library)....	1,300 00	"
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health).....	1,000 00	"
	<u>\$3,900 00</u>	\$12,800 00
		<u>\$32,350 00</u>

Police Department.

Salaries and Maintenance.....	\$40,230 00
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(Police Department.)

Chief of Police.....	\$ 1,400 00
Deputy-Chief.....	900 00
Detective.....	850 00
Assistant-Detective.....	750 00
City Marshal.....	800 00
6 Sergeants at \$750 each.....	4,500 00
32 Policemen at \$650 each.....	20,800 00
7 Policemen at \$600 each including clothing.....	4,200 00

2 Policemen at \$600 each, including clothing.....	1,200 00
Superannuation R. Shaw.....	250 00
Telephones.....	145 00
Patrol driver, waggon, etc.....	780 00
Police Matron.....	100 00
Unifrom Clothing.....	1,275 00
Prisoners' meals.....	250 00
Miscellaneous.....	230 00
	\$40,530 00)

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that this item which includes provision for the addition of 5 men to the Police Force be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that this item be placed at \$38,430, allowing only for the appointment of 2 additional men to the Force. Amendment put and passed, ten voting for the same, and eight against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Whitman, Gates, Dennis, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris.—10.

Against it—

Aldermen Morrow, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—8.

Item.....

\$38,430 00 Passed

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Morrow that legislation be sought to increase the salaries of of the Police Sergeants and men \$60 per year each, such legislation to authorize the borrowing of an amount sufficient to make up the increases, the said amount to be included in the Estimates for 1914-15.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that legislation be sought to increase the salaries of the Police Sergeants and Men \$35 per year each, such legislation to authorize the borrowing of an amount sufficient to make up the said increases, the said amount to be included in the Estimates for 1914-15.

The amendment being put there appeared:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Whitman, Gates, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris.—9.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—9.

Alderman Whitman asked which way His Worship was giving his casting vote on the amendment. His Worship stated that he would vote for the amendment, but, as that would not make the amendment effective, not giving a two-thirds majority of the Council, he would, having consulted with the City Solicitor, declare the division a nullity, and would put the question to the Council again. This being agreed to, and the amendment again submitted to vote, the division of Council on Alderman Hoben's amendment appeared as follows:

For the Amendment—

Alderman R. V. Harris, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham, Gough.—16.

Against it—

Aldermen Morrow, MacKenzie.—2.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that legislation be sought to provide for increases of pay to the following: The Chief of Police \$100; the Deputy Chief, the Detective, the Assistant Detective and the City Marshal \$50 each; that said legislation provide for the borrowing of the proposed increases to the Chief and the City Marshal for the year 1913-14, and for the Deputy Chief and the two Detectives for for the years 1912-13 and 1913-14, and for the repayment of the amounts so borrowed in the assessment for 1914-15. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins desired to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that legislation be procured abolishing the office of City Marshal at the resignation, superannuation or death of the present incumbent, his duties then to be taken over by the Chief and Deputy Chief. Motion passed.

Rockhead Prison.

Governor \$800 and Matron \$400.....	\$ 1,200 00	Passed
Underkeepers, 3 at \$600.....	1,800 00	"
Maintenance \$2000 Less Probable Income from Broken Stone \$300.....	1,700 00	"
Repairs to Buildings.....	100 00	"
	\$ 4,800 00	"

Department of City Works.

Cleaning Paved Streets.....	\$ 5,800 00	"
Streets.....	25,000 00	"
Internal Health.....	17,000 00	"
Maintenance of Sewers.....	1,000 00	"
Teams and Stables.....	6,175 00	"
Fuel.....	1,100 00	"
Telephones.....	335 00	"
Lighting City Hall.....	875 00	"
Lighting Streets.....	24,985 00	"
Insurance.....	750 00	"
City Property.....	2,500 00	"
Maintenance of Baths.....	300 00	"
Inspecting Electric Wiring.....	590 00	"
	\$ 86,410 00	"

Fire Department.

Salaries and Maintenance.....\$48,219 50

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that this item pass less \$100 for salary of the Secretary.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keltie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the appropriation for the Fire Department be considered item by item.

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

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Keltie, Hawkins, Upham, Gough.—6.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie.—11.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keltie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the appropriation for Fire Department be reduced by the further sum of \$100 which is included in the recommendation of the Committee as an increase to the salary of the Chief.

Amendment put and lost, four voting for the same, and thirteen against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Hoben, Keltie, Hawkins, Gough.—4.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham.—13.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the appropriation for Fire Department be reduced by the further sum of \$50, so as to provide that the increase of salary to the Chief shall be \$50 only, instead of \$100 as recommended.

Amendment put and lost, five voting for the same, and twelve against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Hoben, Keltie, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham.—5.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Gough.—12.

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

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke,

Against it—

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Keltie, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, Gough.—7

Item.....

\$48,119 50 Passed

(Fire Department Estimates
As finally passed by City Council.

Repairs Harness.....	\$	200	00
Repairs Buildings.....		987	00
Stores and Supplies.....		825	00
Fuel.....		1,600	00
Lighting.....		500	00
Machine Repairs.....		500	00
Carriage Repairs.....		200	00
Purchase of horses.....		450	00
Union Protection Co., grant.....		2,000	00
Fire Alarm System:			
Labor—Line and Battery			
3-5 linemen's time.....	\$	795	00
Battery maintenance.....		200	00
Line materials.....		150	00
New Signal box installed....		200	00
Renewing battery elements..		300	00
Jar covers.....		60	00
2nd lineman's pay increased			
50c.....		15650	
		<u>1,861</u>	50
Telephones.....		350	00
Salaries as at present.....		29,500	00
Veterinary services and medicines.....		100	00
Fodder.....		4,500	00
Uniforms, buttons and badges.....		600	00
Waterproof clothing, etc.....		300	00
Miscellaneous and Contingent.....		880	00
		<u>\$45,353</u>	50

*Increases in Pay.
Call Force.*

	Present Pay	Proposed Pay	Increase
64 Men.....	\$100 00	\$120 00	\$1,280 00
8 Lieutenants.....	105 00	125 00	160 00
8 Captains.....	125 00	150 00	200 00
2 District Chiefs.....	150 00	175 00	50 00
5 Engineers.....	250 00	275 00	125 00
		<u>1,815</u>	00

Permanent Force.

21 Drivers, each 50c. per week.....	\$	546	00
2 Blacksmiths, each 50c. per week.....		52	00
3 Chemical Engine Men, each 50c. per wk..		78	00
W. B. Fidler, Carpenter and Engineer.....		25	00
M. Murphy and Joseph Fultz, Chemical Operators, each \$50.00.....		100	00
Chief Engineer Condon.....		50	00
Chief P. J. Broderick.....		100	00
		<u>951</u>	00
		<u>\$48,119</u>	50

Miscellaneous.

Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 3,000 00	Passed
Printing and Stationery, Holloway Bros., Report short '10-11.....	483 00	"
Contingent.....	2,000 00	"
Indexing printed Minutes of Council.....	33 00	"
	<u>\$ 5,516 00</u>	"
	\$215,625 50	"

*Less:
Probable Income.*

Liquor Licenses.....	\$33,000 00	"
Hack, Truck and Other Licenses.....	3,500 00	"
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts.....	4,000 00	"
Rents City Property.....	2,000 00	"
Dog Tax.....	1,800 00	"
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	15,000 00	"
	<u>\$61,300 00</u>	"
Total General Assessment.....	\$154,325 50	"

Extra Assessments.

County of Halifax.....	\$13,788 69	"
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Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben that legislation be obtained to authorize the borrowing of \$1095, being the City's proportion of cost of installing new heating appliances in the County Jail. Motion passed.

*(Municipality of Halifax.**Joint Estimates for City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and Municipality of Halifax for year 1913.*

Commissioners of Court House Halifax.....	\$ 2,500 00
Court House Interest on Loan of 1899.....	280 00
Court House Interest on Loan of 1903.....	800 00
Court House Interest on Loan of 1908.....	750 00
Court House Sinking Fund Loan 1899.....	160 00
Court House Sinking Fund Loan 1903.....	750 00
Court House Sinking Fund Loan 1908.....	435 00
County Jail, Current expenses.....	4,100 00
Grand, Petit and Special Juries.....	1,100 00
Sheriff's Accounts.....	700 00
Criminal Prosecutions, less fines.....	3,300 00
Clerk of Crown.....	550 00
Printing and Stationery.....	850 00
Criers Supreme and County Courts.....	1,642 00
	<u>\$17,926 00</u>
City of Halifax 420-520 of \$17,926.00.....	14,478 69
City of Halifax, Prop. Municipal Treasurer's Salary.....	400 00
	<u>\$14,878 69)</u>

Public Schools including interest, sinking fund and Bank interest on Advances to Public Schools.....
 City Home.....

\$198,428 11 Passed
 \$34,142 00 "

(City Home Estimates 1913-14.

Interest.....	\$ 4,000 00
Salaries.....	\$ 8,917 00
Less charged to woodyard.....	102 00
	8,815 00
Groceries.....	3,912 83
Flour.....	3,013 50
Butter.....	1,732 42
Milk.....	1,144 00
Meats.....	4,851 00
Mess Pork.....	768 00
Fresh Fish.....	425 00
Potatoes and vegetables.....	900 00
Yeast.....	48 00
Dry Goods.....	1,531 00
Hay, straw, oats and bran.....	700 00
Leather.....	175 00
Seed Potatoes.....	20 00
Medicine and dispensing.....	525 00
Removal of patients and maintenance of patients in other poor districts.....	100 00
Coal, hard and soft.....	2,175 00
Light.....	375 00
Hardware, paint and oil.....	70 00
Crockeryware.....	20 00
Telephones.....	45 00
Advertising.....	25 00
Lumber.....	40 00
Books, stationery and printing.....	30 00
Shoes and slippers.....	30 00
Men's clothing.....	75 00
Lime.....	6 00
Coffin Fixtures.....	30 00
Hats and caps.....	6 50
Horseshoeing.....	55 00
Harness and repairs.....	25 00
Repairs to waggons.....	50 00
Sundry furnishings.....	15 00
Interior renewals and repairs.....	50 00
Lunacy certificates.....	50 00
Outside repairs.....	25 00
Ice.....	25 00
Veterinary services.....	10 00
Insurance on boilers.....	30 00
Insurance on Buildings.....	470 75
Water rates.....	500 00
Woodyard expenses.....	2,900 00
	40,334 00
Maintenance insane N. S. Hospital.....	7,200
	\$47,534 00

Revenue.

Maintenance of transient poor.....	\$ 5,017 00
Maintenance of patients City Home and N. S Hospital	3,000 00
Sales of wood.....	4,950 00
Sales of offal.....	140 00
V. G. Hospital.....	125 00
Sales of empty barrels etc.....	130 00
Students' fees.....	30 00
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	\$13,392 00
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	\$34,142 00)

Public Gardens and Common including in- terest on Common lots.....	6,235 00	Passed
Point Pleasant Park.....	2,500 00	"
Citizens' Free Library.....	2,500 00	"
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue.....	750 00	"
School for Blind, 13 pupils at \$100 each....	1,300 00	"
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 6 pupils at \$100 each.....	600 00	"
Industrial School for boys at \$60 each not to exceed.....	800 00	"
St, Patrick's Reformatory for boys at \$60 each, not to exceed.....	800 00	"
Truants under Compulsory Education Act..	2,000 00	"
Children's Aid Society.....	500 00	"
Infants' Home, Tower Road.....	300 00	"
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street.....	300 00	"
Protestant Home for Females.....	400 00	"
Roman Catholic Home for Females.....	400 00	"
Camp Hill Cemetery.....	1,000 00	"
Victoria School of Art and Design.....	500 00	"
Dalhousie University.....	500 00	"
Board of Health Annual Appropriation \$5000		
Board of Health on account of Epidemic diseases, 1910-11, 1911-12, \$10,000....	15,000 00	"
Court of Appeal from Assessments.....	300 00	"
Superannuation		
Sergt. Jos. McNally, 1 year.....	167 13	"
Chief John O'Sullivan.....	297 14	"
Sergt. John Baker, 1 year.....	148 57	"
Sergt. Leahan, 1 year.....	148 57	"
W. F. McCoy, 1 year.....	600 00	"
Chief N. Power, 1 year.....	331 36	"
Paul Kingston, 1 year.....	37 14	"
Robt. T. Pace, 1 year.....	55 70	"
Stephen J. Nickerson, 1 year.....	37 14	"
Miss J. Warren, 1 year.....	250 00	"
S. R. Phelan, 1 year.....	800 00	"
George Kuhn, 1 year.....	42 96	"
John Baker, Jr., 1 year.....	37 14	"
John P. Cairns, 1 year.....	666 66	"
One-half Exhibition Deficit, 1912, \$10,972.04	5,486 02	"
Registrar of Births and Deaths.....	500 00	"
Registrar of Voters.....	200 00	"
Medical Examiner.....	200 00	"

Children's Hospital.....	200 00	Passed
Victorian Order of Nurses, providing they have three (3) Nurses.....	600 00	"
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.....	200 00	"
Sir Sandford Fleming Park.....	750 00	"
To be paid to Mrs. D. Healy as a gratuity for the loss of her husband in the discharge his duties as a member of the Fire Dept.	1,000 00	"
To be paid to William Murray, formerly Keeper of the City Prison and Mrs. Murray, being three months' salary on termination of their services.....	300 00	"
To defray the expenses of the joint delegation from the Board of Trade and the City, to Ottawa, re terminal facilities.....	218 00	"
To defray expenses in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.....	1,000 00	"
To cover the deficiency in connection with the Fire Department for the civic year 1911-12 not exceeding.....	2,000 00	"
To defray the cost of heating the West St. Engine House.....	345 00	"
To cover the deficiency in the appropriation for the Charities Committee for the civic year 1911-12.....	315 15	
To cover the deficiency in the appropriation for the City Prison Committee for the civic year 1911-12, not exceeding.....	600 00	"
To cover the difference between the salary provided for the underkeepers of the City Prison and the increase made by the Council.....	60 00	"
To cover increase in salary of City Solicitor for year 1912-13.....	700 00	"
To pay superannuation for 1912-13 to Wm. Higllett and Daniel Keating.....	720 00	"
Band on Parade, 3 years' Transportation...	230 00	"
Advertising Halifax.....	500 00	"

Temporary Loans and Interest.

3rd instalment on loan Fire Hose, etc.....	\$ 1,398 33	"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4 1-2 per cent.....	127 34	"
1st instalment on loan repairs Central Engine House, etc., \$5,700.....	1,140 00	"
Interest on same unpaid at 4 1-2 per cent.....	359 10	"
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	3,024 77	"
Halifax & South-Western Railway Land Damage Bonds, \$46,000, 6 months at 4 per cent.....	920 00	"

Consolidated Fund, 1880

\$ 663000 at 5 per cent.....	33,150 00	"
1148700 at 4½ per cent.....	51,691 50	"
1047890 at 4 per cent.....	41,915 60	"
67000 at 3½ per cent.....	2,345 00	"
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	129,102 10	"

Less Charged to Water Department.

\$138000 at 5 per cent.	6,900 00	Passed
679600 at 4½ per cent.	30582 00	"
214000 at 4 per cent.	8,560 00	"
10000 at 3½ per cent.	2350 00	"
	<u>46,392.00</u>	"
	\$82,710 10	"

Consolidated Fund, 1905

\$1789100 at 4 per cent.	\$71,564 00	"
Interest broken periods.	5,241 44	"
	<u>\$76,805 44</u>	"

Less Charged

Silliker Co., \$135,476 at 4 per cent.	5,419 04	"
Water Ac. \$227,567 at 4 per cent. \$9102 68		"
Water Ac. 117 dys on \$85726 at 4% .1099.16		"
	<u>10,201 84</u>	"
Public Schools \$416,797 at 4 per cent.	16671 88	"
Public Schools, 264 days, \$4,300 at 4 per cent.	124 17	"
Public Schools, 117 days, \$77,904 at 4 per cent.	998 88	"
	<u>\$17,794 93</u>	"
	<u>\$33,415 81</u>	"
	\$43,389 63	"

Sinking Funds.

Under Chapter 65, Acts 1898.	200 00	"
Under Chapter 51, Acts 1902.	3,000 00	"
Under Chapter 49, Acts 1905.	1,300 00	"
Under various Acts for amounts borrowed since 1905. .	8,934 74	"
	<u>\$13,434 74</u>	"
	\$600,892 22	"
Add for short collection.	6,008 93	"
	<u>\$606,901 15</u>	"
Less from unexpended balances.	5,000 00	"
	<u>\$601,901 15</u>	"

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the General and Ordinary Assessment, amounting to \$154,325.50, and the Extra Assessments amounting to \$416,566.72, as per the yearly Estimates for 1913-14, making a total of \$600,892.22, plus 1 per cent. for short collection \$6 008.93, making \$606,901.15, less \$5,000.00 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$601,901.15.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimates, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st December, inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1914, on the basis of the said amount of \$601,901.15.

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

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

Council adjourns 6.45 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH. *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Jan. 9th, 1913.

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, Gough, J. C. Harris, Keltie, R. V. Harris, Connolly, Hines, Hoben.

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 Gates, Scanlan, Dennis, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Reports (2) Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Acting-Chairman.
Report City Prison Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.
Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Scanlan, Chairman.
Report Charities Committee by Alderman Martin, for Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Report City Health Board.
Report Police Committee.
Correspondence in re occupancy of residence of the late George Wright, Young Avenue.
Letter D. Macgillivray covering letter from Royal Colonial Institute re reproductions of Landseer's bronze lions for Memorial Tower at Fleming Park.
Report Chief of Police re suppression of vice.
Letter "Montreal Standard" re advertising Halifax.
Reports (6) Committee on Works, viz:—
Meteorological kiosks.
Accounts.
Widening Argyle and Sackville Streets.
Reports Committee on Works re sidewalks on Windsor Street and Welsford Street.
Brunswick Street, south, extension.
Street lights.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin that the rules of Council be suspended to permit a delegation from the Anti-Tuberculosis League to address the Council. Motion passed.

The Council is now addressed respectively by Rev. R. William Ross, Mrs. A. I. Mader and Dr. E. D. Farrell, who strongly urged that the City temporarily permit the League the use of a building on the City Home property, at present unoccupied, for the segregation of tuberculosis poor.

The delegation stated that this would involve no expense on the part of the City.

Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the request of the Anti-Tuberculosis League for the use of the unoccupied building on the City Home property be granted for one year. Motion passed.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read letter "Montreal Standard" re advertising Halifax. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read letter D. Macgillivray covering letter from the Royal Colonial Institute, London, England, re proposed gift by that organization of two reproductions in bronze of Landseer's lions for the Memorial Tower in the Fleming Park.

LIONS FOR MEMORIAL TOWER.

Halifax, N. S., January 6th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor:

Dear Mr. Mayor:—I beg to enclose copy of a letter just received from the Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute respecting their gift of two bronze lions for the Tower.

You will notice that he gives certain dimensions which your Engineer will require for the foundations and bases.

May I suggest that the Tower should be inspected and if there is an accumulation of moisture on the floors that it should be dried off before the hard frost sets in.

D. MACGILLIVRAY.

Royal Colonial Institute, London, W. C., Dec. 24th, 1912.

D. Macgillivray, Esq., The Canadian Bank of Commerce:

Dear Mr. Macgillivray:—I have just heard from Mr. A. Bruce Joy, the Sculptor, that the casting of the Lions will not be complete until July next. You may probably be aware that Mr. Bruce-Joy is one of the leading Sculptors in England of the present day, and he is most desirous that the Lions themselves should be true works of art. He writes expressing regret that so long a time must elapse before

their delivery, but feels sure that when they arrive and are erected at the base of the Tower, they will give great pleasure not only to Sir Sandford Fleming but to the residents of Halifax also. Perhaps it would be possible to make some arrangement for their unveiling at that period. It may possibly be better to have such a function in July than earlier in the season, as a large number of people from other parts of the Dominion will no doubt be in Halifax and its neighborhood.

As regards the size of the pedestals, the height of the Lions will be between 4' and 5'; the length (from paws to back of the Lion) 10', and the width about 3' 6". The length measurement is from the end of the extended paws to the back of the body, namely—the total length. The lions will to a very great extent resemble those at the foot of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. I am sorry that there will be delay in their delivery, but this has been unavoidable.

I shall forward you an Album containing the names of those who have subscribed to the cost, which it is suggested might be preserved in the Tower itself.

We can later on discuss the question of the function when the unveiling will take place. It might be possible to get His Royal Highness the Governor General to perform the ceremony in his capacity as Vice-Patron of the Royal Colonial Institute, as the presentation from him would be most appropriate.

I will write a line to Sir Sandford Fleming, letting him know the arrangements now suggested.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for the New Year,

JAMES R. BOSSE, *Secretary.*

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read correspondence between the Local Council of Women and His Worship the Mayor relating to the occupancy of the residence of the late George Wright, Young Avenue.

THE GEORGE WRIGHT RESIDENCE, YOUNG AVENUE.

45 Coburg Road, Halifax, Jan. 4th, 1913.

His Worship Mayor Bligh:

Dear Mr. Mayor:—You are no doubt aware of the provision made in the will of the late Mr. George Wright as to his residence on Young Avenue. That provision is as follows:—"And I also give my freehold residence at Halifax to my Executors in trust for the Council of Women, as an institution for carrying out their work, and assist in suppressing other evils such as I have been writing about and trying to put down." The executors of the estate have obtained the opinion of the Supreme Court (Mr. Justice Drysdale) that the Halifax Local Council of Women is entitled to the possession of the property for the purposes indicated in the will that is "to be used as an institution for carrying out their work." He gave no opinion as to the effect of Section 763 of the City Charter on the carrying out of the will, apparently assuming that there was nothing in the will which necessarily implied such a use of the house as would constitute a violation of this provision.

The Local Council is now in possession of the property, and are preparing to carry out the provisions of the will and use the house in accordance with the wishes of the testator. The Council intends to use the building as a meeting place and headquarters for itself and such of its affiliated societies as care to use it. The

Council wishes to use a part of the house as a residence for the Nurses of the Victorian Order (one of its affiliated societies). The Board and lodging of the Nurses would be met partly by the Council and partly by the Victorian Order. Some of the residents of Young Avenue have objected to such a use of the house, basing their objections on Section 763 of the City Charter.

I am instructed by our Committee, who have charge of the matter of the occupation of the house, to communicate with you as Mayor of the City with a view to ascertaining what the rights of the Local Council are and the attitude of the City with respect to the section mentioned above. In particular the Council wishes to know whether, if complaints are made by residents of Young Avenue on account of the buildings being used as indicated, the City would take action on their behalf; and also is such a use of the property a violation of the Young Avenue section of the Charter.

I omitted to state that the Society are not intending to make any use of the Wright house of a commercial nature nor to use it in any way which they think could depreciate the value of the surrounding property, but rather are anxious that its work should be the pride of the women of Halifax and its outward appearance a credit to the Avenue.

AGNES DENNIS.

Mayor's Office, January 6th, 1913.

Mrs. Agnes Dennis, President Local Council of Women:

Dear Madam:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. dealing with the occupation of the house corner of Inglis Street and Young Avenue devised to the Local Council of Women of Halifax by the late George Wright and asking what attitude the City would take in reference to the same in view of Section 763 of the City Charter.

Your letter will be read to the City Council on Thursday, the 9th inst., and doubtless will be referred by the Council to the Laws and Privileges Committee, and I will endeavor to have a prompt report from that Committee to the Council so that an early official answer can be given.

In the meantime I may express my personal views and say that for reasons I need not here give in detail I believe that the use to which you intend to put the property will not be a violation of the City Charter. I cannot conceive of any resident of Young Avenue objecting to such use by the Local Council of Women; but if it should be found that the proposed use of the property should be a technical violation of the Charter I am convinced that the City Council would memorialize the Legislature asking for such amended legislation as would permit the property to be used as your Council intends rather than have the will of the late Mr. Wright prove abortive in respect to this property.

FREDERICK P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Charities Committee for December.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, January 8th, 1913.

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 Scanlan and Alderman Martin.

The Superintendent's report for December, 1912, shows that during the month there were 39 persons admitted into the City Home, 18 discharged and 10 died. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province and 31 to the City. The total number of inmates December 31st, 1912, was 328, made up of 209 men, 112 women and 7 children. On the same date last year there were 202 men and 122 women; a total of 324.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz: Wentzells, Ltd., \$368.22; W. A. Maling & Co., \$459.77; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$12.00; Smith & Proctor, \$159.27; Gunn & Co., Ltd., \$223.00; A. Wilson & Son, \$33.13; Frank W. Fraser, \$50.50; Fleischmann Co., \$4.35; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$514.33; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$62.99; Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$96.72; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$52.40; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., \$3.75; T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.00; Victoria General Hospital, \$109.07; C. E. Puttner, \$50.00; W. N. Brown, \$4.05; Black & Flinn, \$22.22; Robinson, Ltd., \$3.03; Kellys, Ltd., \$3.00; Snow & Co., Ltd., \$4.50; Baldwin & Co., \$3.20; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$2.40; The Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., \$20.80; A. J. McNutt, \$2.70; R. R. Kennedy, \$32.50; B. J. Mulcahy, \$90.15; Salaries, \$662.88. Total, \$3051.93.

P. F. MARTIN, *for Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee of Fire Wards.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, Jan. 7th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon, present Aldermen Scanlan, (Chairman), R. V. Harris and Martin, and beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. That John Brommitt, Hoseman on No. 4 Hose, injured at fire Box 52, December 7th, was off duty for 14 days; Patrick Monaghan, injured by one of the horses December 31st, has not yet reported for duty.

2. George McGuire, Driver, and Thomas Healey, Callman, previously reported sick, have not yet reported for duty.

The following appointments are recommended:—

3. Lieutenant James Lynch to be Captain;
4. Edward Lannigan and James Myers, Laddermen and William Broderick, Callman, to be Lieutenants;
5. Herbert Hemming, Patrick J. Moriarty and John Andrews to be Super-numeraries.

6. In order to secure for the use of the City the publications issued by the National Fire Protection Association, it is recommended that the Chief apply for membership in that organization, the annual subscription fee is \$5.00.

7. The Committee unanimously decided to recommend that legislation be procured authorizing the City to pay \$1,000 to Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, widow of the late Driver Robert MacKenzie, whose death on August 24th, 1912, was hastened through accidents met with the in the discharge of his duties.

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

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light \$25.22, power \$16.74, total \$41.96; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$.75; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$2.50; Burns & Kelleher, supplies, \$8.40; J. C. Calder, polish, \$9.00; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., hardware, \$16.82; Henry Cook, lard, \$.85; Callmen working at Still Alarm, \$3.75; Canadian General Electric Co., lamp, \$.55; Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., gasoline, \$17.51; City Home, wood, \$6.25; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$24.23; Davison Parker Co., Ltd., lumber, \$2.39; Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$105.45; F. P. Farquharson, Pitner lights, \$9.90; T. H. & W. T. Francis, mattresses, \$11.25; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$8.12; T. Hogan & Co., boiler work, \$32.50; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., engine track, \$36.30; Hillside Stables, truckage, \$9.00; Kelly's, Ltd., supplies, \$5.55; Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., hardware, \$34.48; John MacInnes & Son, Ltd., lumber, \$15.38; Maxwell's Ltd., coat, \$30.00; National Drug & Chemical Co., Ltd., acid, \$6.75; David Roche, painting, \$10.71; James Roue, distilled water, \$1.50; William Roche, coal, \$10.80; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$10.95; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$7.05; F. A. Shaw, fodder, November, \$379.17, December, \$434.65, total, \$813.82; Thomas Trenaman, M. D., medical examinations, \$4.00; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., phones for December, \$26.75; Western Union Telegraph Co., telegram, \$.59; Wentzells, Ltd., brooms, etc., \$6.45. Total, \$1332.26.

M. SCANLAN, Jr., *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 6 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 7 re grant of \$1,000.00 to widow of the late Driver Robert MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Martin that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Keltie that said clause be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Amendment put and passed.

Read clause 8 re accounts. . Passed.

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

Read report Police Committee re accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, January 8th, 1913.

To the City Council:—

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

Neil Fox, repairs collar, \$.50; Maritime Telephone Co., service for December, 1912, \$11.67; Maxwell's, Limited, trousers and altering clothing, \$12.50; G. B. Oland & Co., adjusting fittings motor cycle, \$3.35. Total, \$28.02.

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

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

Read report City Health Board re accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., January 9th, 1913.

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; G. A. Wootten, & Co., plumbing, \$6.85; G. E. Mumford & Son, plumbing, \$15.20; J. F. Dempster, board of patients \$134.57. Total, \$169.49.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Jan. 8th, 1913.

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 and J. C. Harris.

1. The following accounts amounting to \$513.58 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$2.80; Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$1.85; T. C. Allen & Co., folscap, \$3.30; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$3.10; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., telephone Exchange, December, \$4.50; S. Cunard & Co., Acadia coal, \$.70; Wm. Taylor & Co., boots, \$18.60; Clayton & Sons, unform suits, \$56.00; Clayton & Sons, overcoats, \$42.00; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$257.35; I. Creighton & Co., mitts, \$1.50; Wm. Robertson & Son, vise, \$6.50; W. Y. Kennedy dry goods, \$6.42; Black & Flinn, oats, \$26.77; A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$18.49; W. A. Maling & Co., oxheads, etc., \$19.85; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$28.13; J. J. Scriven & Son, bread, \$18.72. Total, \$513.58.

2. Your Committee wish to again call the attention of the Council to the dilapidated condition of the fence around the Prison yard. This matter was reported on by the Committee investigating the internal affairs of the Prison, on December 20th, 1911. During the recent high wind storms several sections of the fence were blown down; these have been temporarily repaired by the Governor.

It is recommended that the Committee on Works be instructed to have the fence put in proper shape at once.

R. 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 Finance Committee on various matters and accounts.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, Jan. 8th, 1913.

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-Chariman), R. V. Harris, Scanlan and J. C. Harris, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee that through an oversight no provision was made in the Estimates passed by the City Council on the 30th ult., to pay the Revisors of the Juries Lists 1913.

The following resolution was adopted and recommended to the Council for concurrence:—

Whereas, The usual appropriation for the revision of the Lists of Jurors was under a misapprehension omitted from the Estimates for 1913-14;

And Whereas, The work of revision as by law directed must be completed by a Committee of the present City Council before the first day of April;

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$200.00 from any bank or from any fund available for the purpose of remunerating the Revisors of Juries Lists 1913, the said sum to be included in and repaid out of the assessment for 1914-15.

2. Letter "Financial Post" of Canada in re advertising for City loans in that publication.

It is recommended that the City Treasurer be instructed to file this letter and submit it to the Committee when the next loan is to be advertised for.

3. Letter His Worship the Mayor in re Convention of British Institute of Journalists next summer at Montreal.

It is recommended that if any members of the Institute visit this City, they be entertained in the usual way, any expenses incurred to be taken out of the Contingent Fund.

4. Application High Commissioner for Canada, London, England, for booklets relating to Halifax, also letter Secretary of the Board of Trade on same subject.

It is recommended that the application of the High Commissioner be referred to the Commercial Committee; that the Secretary of the Board of Trade be informed that the sum of \$500 will be available for advertising purposes after 1st of May next.

5. Letter "Financial News," London, England, in re souvenir booklets.

It is recommended that this letter be referred to the Library Commission.

6. Report Police Commission in re pay of Police Force.

It is recommended that this report be filed, the subject matter having been dealt with by the City Council at its last meeting.

7. The following accounts amounting to \$461.93 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death of George Cripps, \$4; female child of Annie Robicheard, \$4; George Kirk, \$4; Jane Neate, \$4; female child of Henry Smith, \$4; John Ferris, \$4; Marjorie Bowen \$4; Harry Rhuda, \$12; Sabina Norman, \$4; George P. Monaghan, \$4; Charles Stewart, \$4; Lewis Smith, \$4; W. C. Bryand, \$4; total, \$60.00: L. M. Green, list of names from death register 1912, 247 names, \$2.47; Royal Canadian Regiment, transportation to Grand Parade, 1912, \$75.50; Canada Law Book Co., Vol. 20, Canadian Criminal Cases, \$6.50; Halifax Herald, Ltd., advertising public meeting, \$8.36; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, City Solicitor, \$15.25; Mayor's Office, \$8.50; Police Department, \$5.40; City Collector, \$6.80, \$16.75; City Clerk, \$125.05, \$91.35, total, \$269.10: A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., blank books, etc., City Treasurer, \$5.00; City Collector, \$21.75, \$7.50, \$12.50, total, \$40.00. Total, \$461.93.

C. R. HOBEN, *Acting-Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that said report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same, viz:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Hoben, Hines, Keltie, Martin, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Gough.—14.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as members of the Juries Lists Committee Aldermen Hines, Scanlan and J. C. Harris.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said nominations be approved. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts amounting to \$9,599.83, chargeable to the following services:—

Teams and Stables.....	\$ 407.69
Electric Wiring Inspection.....	14.00
Telephones.....	28.19
Street Lighting.....	1837.82
City Hall Lighting.....	74.64
New City Workshops.....	276.52
Permanent Sidewalks.....	229.70
City Prison Improvement.....	12.50
Internal Health.....	1.80
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	15.00
Fuel City Hall.....	273.55
Streets.....	675.79
Sewerage.....	543.61
City Property.....	127.86
Cunard Street Widening.....	417.80
Water Maintenance.....	514.24
Water Construction.....	4149.12
	\$9599.83

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

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

Read report Committee on Works against the application of Degrys & Company to erect meteorological kiosks in Halifax.

METEOROLOGICAL KIOSKS.

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Minute of Council in re meteorological kiosks was read at a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 8th inst., and it was decided to recommend that permission to erect same be refused.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening Argyle Street and Sackville Street to the official line at property of the Dennis Realty Corporation, Limited; cost \$376.00.

WIDENING ARGYLE AND SACKVILLE STREETS.

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

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Dennis Realty Corporation, Ltd., respecting the value of the land required from the property at the north-west corner of Argyle and Sackville Streets to widen the street to the official line.

The City paid the Association for the Relief of the Poor \$100 for 76 square feet, which is \$1.32 per square foot, the property being at the north-west corner of Argyle and Prince Streets, one block north of the property of the Dennis Realty Corporation. The City paid Mr. J. W. Allison for land taken from his property at the corner of Duke and Water Streets, \$2.70 per square foot. The Merchants Bank paid the City \$150.00 for 34 feet at the south-east corner of Duke and Granville Streets, which is \$4.41 per square foot.

The property at the corner of Argyle and Sackville Streets is, I think, more valuable at present than the property at the corner of Argyle and Prince Streets; in fact, I think I am justified in the opinion that it is worth as much as the rate paid Mr. Allison.

Ninety-four square feet at \$2.70 per foot, would be \$253.80. I would recommend that that amount be offered the Dennis Realty Corporation.

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

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a letter from the Dennis Realty Corporation, Limited, asking what price the City will give for strip of land at the north-west corner of Argyle and Sackville Streets required from them to widen Argyle and Sackville Streets to the official line.

On November 30th the City Engineer reported recommending that the sum of \$253.80 be named as the price.

The Dennis Realty Corporation, Ltd., were not satisfied with the amount offered and asked for arbitration. The Committee on Works appointed Mr. W. S. Rogers arbitrator on behalf of the City, and his award amounts to the sum of \$376.00.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held January 5th inst. it was decided to recommend that the said sum of \$376.00 be paid for the land required, and that this amount be included in the accounts chargeable to "Streets" and paid with the monthly bills passed at this meeting of Council.

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

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

Read reports (2) Committee on Works and report City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Windsor Street and Welsford Street.

WINDSOR STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in re concrete sidewalk east side Windsor Street from Welsford to Williams Streets. The Committee on Works beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

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

WELSFORD STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend the adoption of the accompanying report of the City Engineer in re concrete sidewalk west side of Welsford Street.

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

WINDSOR STREET AND WELSFORD STREET SIDEWALKS.*City Engineer's Office, January 6th, 1913.**His Worship the Mayor:*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Windsor Street between Williams Street and Welsford Street, and on the north side of Welsford Street from Windsor Street to Robie Street.

There has been considerable concrete sidewalk work done in this district and both sidewalks would connect directly with work already laid.

The estimated cost of constructing a sidewalk on Windsor Street is \$902.00 and on Welsford Street, \$1276.00. I would recommend that the construction of a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be ordered for Welsford Street north side between Windsor and Robie Streets, and concrete sidewalk with granite curb and gutter on Windsor Street, east side, between Williams and Welsford Streets under the Halifax permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works re proposed extension of South Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.*City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.**To the City Council:*

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 8th inst. the following letter was read from the Department of Militia and Defence in re extension of Brunswick Street through the property of the Government:—

Proposed Extension of South Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road.*Ottawa, December 28th, 1912.**To the City Engineer, Halifax, N. S.*

Sir:—With reference to your letter to the Honourable the Minister regarding the proposed extension of South Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform me if it would not be possible to consider some alternative route to the one proposed by you.

It is suggested for your consideration that a way might be found from Spring Garden Road via Hastings Street into Albemarle then via Sackville Street into Brunswick Street.

Your proposals, it is reported, will necessitate the removal of the entire block containing the Wet Canteen, Cook-House, Mess-Room, Coffee Bar, Billiard Room, Library and N. C. O's. Mess. It will also absorb a large portion of the parade ground which is reported already too small for present requirements.

E. F. JARVIS, *Assistant Deputy Minister.*

This matter has been referred to Alderman Dennis, who will interview the Department of Militia and Defence on his return to Ottawa.

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

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

Alderman Upham here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

STREET LIGHTS.

City Works Office, January 9th, 1913.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer recommending that the following street lights be installed:—

Creighton Street	corner	Charles Street
Fenwick	" "	Queen "
Davison	" "	" "
Welsford	" "	Windsor "
Dundonald	" and	Church "
Cogswell	" at	Creighton "
Charles	" opposite	John "
Albemarle	" corner	Duke "

and a 50 candle power lamp on Seymour Street between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

The Committee on Works beg to recommend that said lights recommended be installed, and that consideration of Maitland Street petition be deferred for further report.

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

City Engineer's Office, January 8th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—I beg to report on petitions and resolutions of Council asking for additional street lights, as follows:—

I would recommend that a new light be installed on:—

Creighton Street	corner	Charles Street
Fenwick	" "	Queen "
Davison	" "	" "
Welsford	" "	Windsor "
Dundonald	" and	Church "
Cogswell	" at	Creighton "
Charles	" opposite	John "
Albemarle	" corner	Duke "

and a fifty candle power lamp on Seymour Street between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

I regret that I am unable to report favourably on the request for a light at the corner of Maitland Street and Maitland Terrace, as there is an arc light within 120 feet of this corner now. I have had the light at the head of Proctor Street on Brunswick Street moved north, recently, so that the light will reach the corner of Maitland Street and Maitland Terrace, provided the board fence on the north side of the Military property is replaced by an open fence of pickets or similar construction. There will then be a light on each side of the corner which should throw the light to the corner from both directions and should remove the cause of complaint.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that lights be installed in the order named, when funds will permit, as follows:—

Edward Street, between Morris and South Streets.
Foot of Vernon Street.
Jubilee Road and Preston Street.
Grafton Park.
Victoria Park, opposite All Saints Cathedral.
On the Common between Cogswell Street and the Willow Tree.
LeMarchant Street between Coburg Road and South Street.
Edward and Bliss Streets.
Brunswick Street between Uniacke and North Streets.
North Park Street, head of Cornwallis Street.
Foot of Kaye Street.

Motion passed.

Read report Chief of Police re suppression of vice.

RE HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION.

Office of Chief of Police, January 9th, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of Police Commission:

Sir:—For your information I beg to report that in accordance with resolution of Council passed 7th November, 1912, notices were served upon keepers and inmates of all well-known houses of prostitution. The detectives were directed to visit these houses as frequently as possible, and in addition to the uniformed men on duty, plain clothes men were detailed to keep strict watch upon them at night.

One house was entered with warrant and keeper and inmates arrested. The keeper was convicted and sentenced to be imprisoned for three months without the option of a fine. The case was appealed, and the appeal will be heard by His Honor the County Court Judge in month of February, I understand. In the meantime, the defendant is at liberty, having given bail.

Since this conviction and sentence I have not learned of an open violation of the law with regard to this class of offence. The red-light district, so called, has been practically wiped out, as with two or three exceptions the inmates who were served with the notices have left the City and the only persons in the houses are

persons living in them as caretakers of the properties. One house has been converted into a lodging house for men and is kept by a man and wife, owners of the property. This district must be carefully watched in order to prevent a return to former conditions.

Numerous rumors of other houses of the same class having been opened in various parts of the City, have been investigated, but up to the present no evidence has been obtained which would warrant the police in commencing a prosecution.

JOHN A. RUDLAND, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report Finance Committee re (a) the borrowing of \$4,000.00 to defray incidental expenses for the retaining of a City planning expert, and (b) the establishing of a City Planning Commission.

CITY PLANNING.

Committee Room, City Hall, Jan. 8th, 1913.

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, Scanlan and J. C. Harris, the following matter was dealt with:—

Report Civic Improvement Committee re comprehensive City plan and the appointment of a Civic Planning Commission.

(a) It is recommended that legislation be secured to enable the City to borrow the sum of \$4,000 to retain a City Planning expert, and defray incidental expenses; the Chairman dissenting from and Alderman J. C. Harris refusing to vote on this recommendation.

(b) It is recommended that legislation be secured providing for the establishment of a City Planning Commission.

C. R. HOBEN, *Acting-Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause (a) re the borrowing of \$4,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that said clause be adopted.

The vote being taken, there appeared:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Dennis, Keltie, MacKenzie, Upham.—8.

Against it—

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

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of Council.

Alderman Hattie gives notice of reconsideration.

Clause (b) is deferred until clause (a) is finally disposed of.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Upham that the City Clerk communicate with the Minister of Railways asking that a watchman be placed at the level crossings Lady Hammond Road and Hanover Street. Motion passed.

Alderman Connolly called the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of the streets through the neglect of property holders to remove the snow from the sidewalks, and also to the condition of the streets at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street, and at Buckingham Street, due to the sand and salt placed there by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Keltie that No. 1 on Order of the Day be struck therefrom, viz:—Alderman-Whitman's notice of motion to rescind Alderman Dennis' amendment in re Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, passed November 11th, 1912. (Verbal). November 18th, 1912. Pages 348, 356. Motion passed.

Alderman Martin submits the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the City Council agrees to cooperate with the Local Government to purchase the Cross property, corner Almon and Windsor Streets, for Exhibition purposes, for the sum of \$9,000.00, and to borrow \$4,500.00, being its proportion of the purchase price.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Gough and referred to the Finance Committee for report.

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

Council adjourns 9.55 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Jan. 23rd, 1913.

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, Whitman, Hattie, Hoben, Scanlan, Gough, Clarke and Connolly.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Hawkins, J. C. Harris and Upham.

The Council was summoned to hear objections of property holders Robie Street to the using of a building on the City Home property for segregation of Tuberculosis Poor; 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 Hattie's notice of reconsideration of clause (a) of report of Finance Committee re borrowing \$4,000.00 for expenses incidental to retaining a City Planning expert. January 9th, 1913. Page 447.

Alderman Hattie asked that the Council consent to the deferring of this matter until the next meeting of the City Council. Objected to.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the Council do now reconsider the vote of last meeting on clause (a) of report of Finance Committee re the borrowing of \$4,000.00 for incidental expenses, in connection with the retaining of a City Planning expert. Motion put and passed, 6 voting for the same, and 5 against it, as follows:—

For Reconsideration—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke.—6.

Against—

Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, Hawkins, Martin, Gough.—5.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that clause (a) of the report of the Finance Committee re the borrowing of \$4,000.00 for City Planning be now adopted.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Upham.—7.

Against it—

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

His Worship the Mayor declares the motion lost, not having received a two-thirds majority of Council.

Alderman Hattie gives notice of reconsideration.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Petition from ten Aldermen for the holding of a special meeting of Council to hear objections to the use of a building on the City Home property as a Tuberculosis Hospital.

Report City Health Board re Tuberculosis Hospital upon City Home property.

Petition of rate-payers and others against the use of a building on City Home property as a Tuberculosis Hospital.

Report City Engineer re expropriation of properties for a site for proposed high service reservoir, covering plan and description of properties required.

Telegram Union of Canadian Municipalities re meeting of Executive at Ottawa, 31st inst.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Martin that the Council do now proceed to the consideration of the business for which the meeting was specially called, and

that the delegations now present and desirous of expressing their views respecting the segregation of Tuberculosis Poor be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Read requisition from ten members of the Council for the calling of a special meeting to deal with this matter; also read report City Health Board on the subject; and petition of property holders in the neighborhood of the City Home against the proposition to establish a Tuberculosis Hospital on City Home property.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Office of City Health Board, January 23rd, 1913.

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

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

Resolved, That this Board concur in the action of the City Council, in granting the request of the Anti-Tuberculosis League for the use of the unoccupied building on the City Home property.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

The Council is now addressed against the proposition to use the building on the City Home property as a Tuberculosis Hospital by William F. O'Connor, Joseph C. Holloway, Thomas L. Spelman, John P. Quinn and Dr. Trenaman the City Medical Officer, and in favor of the proposition by Dr. M. A. Lindsay, Dr. Eliza Ritchie, Mrs. A. I. Mader and Dr. E. D. Farrell.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that the rules of Council be suspended to permit Alderman Hoben to introduce a resolution to rescind the resolution passed at last meeting, authorizing the use of a building on the City Home property as a Tuberculosis Hospital. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that the resolution passed at meeting of City Council January 9th inst., granting the use of a building on the City Home property to the Anti-Tuberculosis League for a Tuberculosis Hospital, be and is hereby now rescinded. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same, and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Whitman, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham.—9.

Against it—

Aldermen Gates, Hawkins, Gough.—3.

Alderman Hoben submits the following resolution:—

(a) *Resolved*, That Legislation be obtained authorizing the City to make an annual grant of \$500.00 to the Anti-Tuberculosis League, towards the relief of the tubercular poor of the City, and providing that this amount may be borrowed from any fund available for the year 1913-14 and included in the following year's estimates.

(b) *Further Resolved*, That a Committee of the Council be appointed to confer with the Anti-Tuberculosis League with the view to deciding upon a suitable site, if possible, for a pavilion upon City property.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Scanlan.

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

That the City place at the disposal of the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League a suitable portion of City property in the vicinity of the Infectious Diseases Hospital for the immediate erection of a pavilion hospital for the care of tuberculosis cases, and that a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be borrowed towards the cost of construction, the hospital to be under the joint control of Charities Committee and the Executive Committee of the League.

Also, that the Finance Committee confer with the Anti-Tuberculosis League respecting the establishment of a permanent hospital and report its recommendations to this Council.

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

Amendment put and lost.

Alderman Hoben's original resolution is now put to the Council in two parts, i. e., section (a) and (b).

Part (a) being put to the Council there appeared:—

For Part (a) of the Resolution—

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

Against—

Alderman Whitman.—1.

His Worship the Mayor declares part (a) of the resolution lost, not having received a two-thirds affirmative vote of Council.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Part (b) of Alderman Hoben's resolution is now put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as the Special Committee called for by part (b) of Alderman Hoben's resolution, Alderman R. V. Herris, Gates, Clarke, Hoben, Hawkins and Gough. Approved.

Alderman Hawkins brought to the notice of the Council that Ex-Alderman Creighton and Mrs. Creighton were to-day celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, and asked permission of the Council to submit a resolution. Permission granted.

Alderman Hawkins submits the following resolution:—

That this Council extends its hearty congratulations to Ex-Alderman Creighton and Mrs. Creighton on their completion of fifty years of married life, and expresses the hope that they may be spared yet many years of usefulness and happiness.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Upham and passed unanimously.

Read report City Engineer re expropriation of properties required for high service reservoir, covering plan and description.

HIGH SERVICE RESERVOIR.

City Engineer's Office, Jan. 21st, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—On November 28th, in accordance with the instructions of the City Council, I made an offer in writing to the property owners whose lands are required by the City for the site of the proposed High Service Reservoir. None of the offers made have been accepted. I have received replies from most of the property owners, and their estimate of the value of their property is very much higher than that of the Assessors. The offers made were 25 per cent. increase on the assessed value of the property. In some cases the property owner asks five times the amount of the assessment.