

The next step in the expropriation proceedings, is the approval of the plan and description. In accordance with Section 623 of the City Charter I have prepared a plan and description of the land required for a site for the High Service Reservoir. The land shown on the plan and included in the description, is required by the City for the purpose of constructing a reservoir for the high service water supply system. It will be necessary to expropriate the land required from each property. I therefore beg to submit for the approval of the Council, the plan and description of the land which it is now proposed shall be expropriated.

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

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND TO BE EXPROPRIATED FOR HIGH SERVICE RESERVOIR.**

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being on the west side of Robie Street (formerly known as Longard Street) in the City and County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the west line of Robie Street, distant one hundred and fifteen feet (115') northerly from the prolongation westwardly of the south line of Cabot Street; thence westerly by a line at right angles to the said west line of Robie Street for a distance of two hundred and fifty-two feet (252') thence northerly by a line parallel to the said west line of Robie Street for a distance of four hundred and seventy-one feet more or less; thence easterly for a distance of two hundred and fifty-two feet (252') or until it comes to the west line of Robie Street at the south-east corner of property said to belong to David Nicholson; thence southerly by the said west line of Robie Street for a distance of four hundred and seventy-two feet more or less to the place of beginning;

The above described property being shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Land Required for High Service Reservoir," dated November 1st, 1912 and filed in the City Engineer's Office as Plan No. 2241.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved*, That the plan and description submitted by the City Engineer showing the land required for the high service reservoir be approved, and the same hereby is approved.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins and passed.

Read telegram from the Union of Canadian Municipalities re meeting of Executive of the Union on important business at City Hall, Ottawa, Friday morning, 31st January, inst.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that Hon. Senator (Alderman) Dennis be appointed to represent His Worship the Mayor at said meeting. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.25 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

4.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, Jan. 28th, 1913.*

A special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon, at the above named hour. Present, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Hines, Martin, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham and Gough.

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

### NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz:—Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of resolution re annual grant for Tuberculosis Poor. January 23rd, 1913.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that part (a) of the resolution moved by Alderman Hoben at the meeting held January 23rd inst., providing for an annual grant of \$500.00 to the Anti-Tuberculosis League, be now adopted.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Whitman that the matter of a civic grant in aid of the relief of Tubercular Poor be referred for report to the Special Committee appointed January 23rd, and who are now dealing with the matter of a Tuberculosis Hospital.

Alderman R. V. Harris' motion to "refer" is put and passed, 13 voting for the same, and 2 against it, as follows:—

*To Refer—*

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

*Against—*

Aldermen Hoben, Martin.—2.

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. January 23rd, 1913. Page .

In answer to His Worship the Mayor, the City Solicitor gives as his opinion that Alderman Hattie's notice of reconsideration is in order.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for, and 6 against it, as follows:—

*For Reconsideration—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hines, MacKenzie, Upham.—9.

*Against—*

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

Alderman Keltie here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

The vote being taken, there appeared:—

*For the Motion—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Keltie, MacKenzie, Upham.—9.

*Against it—*

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

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

### Alderman Hattie gives notice of reconsideration.

In reply to questions asked by Alderman Connolly at meeting January 9th inst., His Worship the Mayor stated that he had consulted with the President and Manager of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, as to the conditions created at the foot of Spring Garden Road and at Buckingham Street, and that the Company had promised to devote special attention to these particular points at times of snow fall. As to the matter of failure of citizens to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, His Worship had conferred with the Chief of Police and the City Engineer, and also the City Solicitor.

In answer to Alderman Hawkins' request that watchmen be placed at the level crossings of the Intercolonial Railway at Lady Hammond Road and Hanover Street, His Worship submitted a letter from Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, promising to take the matter up at once.

#### LEVEL RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

*Office of the Minister of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, January 14th, 1913.*

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

*Dear Mr. Bligh:—*I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of January 10th, in reference to the crossing at the foot of Hanover Street, about which you wrote me in June. I find that when the report was received regarding this request in July that I was in the west and the matter was not further dealt with.

The railway management claim that this crossing is not generally used by the public but merely by pedestrians going to the Lorne Yacht Club on the water front. In view, however, of your statement that there have been two or three people killed at that point and that you are looking for a repetition of the disaster, I am asking for a further report and will also get some information re the Lady Hammond Road crossing where you wish gates installed and a watchman placed.

F. COCHRANE.

In answer to Alderman Martin's request at meeting December 19th that the Committee on Works confer with the Tram Company re a better service on the Gottingen Street spur, His Worship stated that Mr. Freeman, of the Tramway Company, had informed him that for the present winter the Company could only use one car on this extension, but after June 1st next, would be able to give a fifteen-minute service.



His Worship the Mayor reads and submits a letter from the City Clerk relating to the condition of the vaults in the City Hall, used in his department.

**CITY CLERK'S VAULTS.**

*Office of the City Clerk, Jan. 23rd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—From time to time I have had occasion to call attention to the condition of the vault in the basement of the City Hall used by the City Clerk and others for storing City records.

Upon several occasions it has become flooded with water and is now again in that condition. I am not enabled to use the lower part of it for that reason and the crowded state of the upper part does not permit of access to records when they are required—sometimes in a hurry.

The dampness is ruining the papers and is a cause of great anxiety to me.

On account of this vault and my fear of the strength of the vault in my office, I have for years deemed it my duty to be telephoned for by the Police to attend every fire in the neighborhood of the City Hall.

I have spoken to the City Engineer on these matters and at his suggestion I am asking Your Worship to request Mr. Doane to make a report to the Committee on Works.

At the same time I would like Mr. Doane to report on the necessity of fitting both vaults with steel instead of wooden shelving, and as to whether the strong room in the basement is suitably located and of sufficient size for the storing of my records.

For Your Worship's information I enclose copies of letters written to Mayor Chisholm.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

*Office of the City Clerk, Feb. 19th, 1910.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—I beg to report that I discovered this morning a quantity of water on the floor of the vault in the basement of the City Hall where I have the City Charters and other documents stored. Considerable damage has been done to these books and I reported the matter to the City Engineer who will take immediate steps to remedy the trouble and save the books.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Since writing the above I have found the trouble to be worse than a casual observation led me to anticipate and that the loss is greater than I thought. If this vault is to be continued in use all possibility of dampness will have to be guarded against.

L. F. M., C. C.

*Office of the City Clerk, Jan. 15th, 1912.*

*His Worship the Mayor, Chairman Committee on Works:*

*Sir:*—A couple of years ago the strong room, or vault, in the basement at the north-west corner of the City Hall, used by the City Clerk and others, became flooded with water, which destroyed a lot of property there.

Mr. Morrison, the Superintendent of Water Department, informs me that the cause was a leak in a water pipe near George Street on Argyle, which pipe has since been repaired.

If the vault is not water-tight, a fire in the neighborhood would be likely to cause another flood. For this reason I am cautious as to using the lower part of the vault for storage purposes, and it is still empty.

In consequence, the upper deck of the vault is so encumbered that the things stored there are practically inaccessible.

I have great fear also that the vault in my own office is not constructed according to modern ideas, and that it would not, in event of a serious fire in the City Hall, preserve the valuable records filed there. Even if the walls are considered sound it should be fitted with steel shelving instead of wood as it is now.

It would relieve me of great anxiety if these matters were set at rest by an expert report.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Clerk's letter be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.  
Report Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report City Health Board re-accounts.  
Petition Electrical Workers' Union re proposed amendments to Electric Wiring Ordinance.  
Letter City Clerk, Calgary, Alta., re Calgary Street Railway.  
Monthly report Coal Weighers for December.  
Report Supervisor of Coal Weighers asking for dismissal of George Readhead.  
Reports (2) Committee on Works, viz:  
Ornamental Street lighting.  
Repairs City Prison fence.

#### REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read report Coal Weighers for December. Filed.

Read report Supervisor of Coal Weighers asking for dismissal of George Readhead, one of the Coal Weighers. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read letter City Clerk, Calgary, Alta., re street railway system.

#### CALGARY STREET RAILWAY.

*Office of the City Clerk, Calgary, Alta., Jan. 16th, 1913.*

*City Clerk:*

*Dear Sir:*—I am requested by Commissioner Graves of this City to write you with the object of obtaining information relative to the operation of the Street Railway System in your City, viz:

"What percentage of the gross revenue do you receive from the Street Railway Company operating in your City? What arrangement have you with the Company with regard to sprinkling of streets on which their tracks are located? And what percentage does the Company pave and maintain?"

In this connection I might add that the Calgary Street Railway System is Municipally owned, and that the City last year received \$100,000.00 from the revenue of same, towards the reduction of taxation, after making allowance for interest sinking fund, depreciation, and operating expenses.

Trusting you will be able to furnish me with the desired information, and thanking you in anticipation.

J. M. MILLER, *City Clerk.*

Filed.

Read petition Electrical Workers' Union re proposed amendments to Electric Wiring Ordinance. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read report Finance Committee re purchase of the Cross property at Willow Park for Exhibition purposes.

#### CROSS PROPERTY FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES.

*Committee Room, City Hall, Jan 16th, 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 and J. C. Harris;

1 The Committee had under consideration the resolution submitted to the City Council on the 9th inst. by Alderman Martin in reference to the purchase of the Cross property, on the north-east corner of Almon and Windsor Streets, jointly by the City and Province for Exhibition purposes.

Messrs. W. J. Clayton and McF. Hall, of the Exhibition Commission waited upon the Committee and urged the necessity of purchasing this property at the present time, also submitted and read the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the Exhibition Commission on the 17th of December, 1912.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Griffin and passed unanimously that it was desirable to purchase the property at the price of \$9,000, and that a Committee consisting of the President, Commissioners Clayton, Gough and the Secretary be empowered to make arrangements for the purchase of the same.

Your Committee recommend that the City Council agree to cooperate with the Local Government to purchase the Cross property on the north-east corner of 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.

Your Committee further recommend that the funds required for the City's portion of the purchase price be borrowed on a debenture for a term not exceeding five years, the amount to be refunded to the City by the Exhibition Commission.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation to carry this recommendation into effect.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same, viz:—Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Hines, Keltie, Martin, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham and Gough—16.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, and covering draft Acts.

#### REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

*Committee Room, City Hall, Jan. 22nd, 1913.*

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, R. V. Harris, Hoben and Hawkins, the Committee had under consideration the 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.

Mrs. William Dennis, President of the Local Council of Women, His Worship the Mayor and Messrs. Walter Black and T. W. Murphy were present and addressed the Committee on the subject.

Owing to a division of opinion as to whether the uses to which the Halifax Local Council of Women propose to put the George Wright residence are within the terms of the City Charter (section 763), the Committee feel that any decision arrived at by the City Council cannot effect the issue between the Halifax Local Council of Women and those who objected to such uses, and would recommend that no objection be made by the City to such occupation and uses.



The Chairman submitted the attached draft act for legislation for various civic services as prepared by the City Solicitor.

It is recommended that the same be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

The draft Acts submitted with the report of the Committee are now considered clause by clause, and the several clauses thereof adopted.

#### AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

*Be it Enacted* by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee of that name of the said council or city; the expression "The City Charter" means the Halifax City Charter, brought into force on the first day of March, 1907, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council, dated the 20th day of February, 1907, and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered, and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof.

(1) The salary of the Chief of Police shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars;

(2) The sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of such salary for the year 1913-1914 may be borrowed by the City from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(1) The salary of the Deputy Chief of Police shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars;

(2) The City shall also pay to the said Deputy Chief of Police the additional sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, the same having been voted to him by the City Council in addition to his salary for the year 1912-1913 but which was not paid to him for want of legislative authority in that behalf;

(3) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of the salary of the Deputy Chief of Police for the year 1913-1914 together with the said sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(1) The salary of the Detective shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of nine hundred and fifty (\$950.00) dollars.

(2) The City shall also pay to the Detective the additional sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, the same having been voted to him by the City Council as an addition to his salary for the year 1912-1913 but which was not paid to him for want of legislative authority in that behalf.

(3) The sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of the salary of the Detective for the year 1913-1914 together with the said sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(1) The salary of the Assistant Detective shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) dollars.

(2) The City shall also pay to the Assistant Detective the additional sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, the same having been voted to him by the City Council as an addition to his salary for the year 1912-1913 but which was not paid to him for want of legislative authority in that behalf.

(3) The sum of one hundred dollars required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of the salary of the Assistant Detective for the year 1913-1914 together with the said sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(1) The salary of the City Marshal shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of eight hundred and fifty (\$850.00) dollars.

(2) The sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of the salary of the City Marshal for the year 1913-1914 may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(3) Upon the resignation, superannuation, dismissal or death of the present holder of the office of City Marshal the office shall be abolished and the duties thereof performed by the ordinary members of the police force under the direction of the Chief of Police.

(1) For the year commencing on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year the remuneration of the Police Force shall be as follows:—

(a) Privates, five hundred and thirty-five (\$535.00) dollars for the first year; six hundred and thirty-five (\$635.00) dollars for the second year; and six hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$685.00) dollars for the third and subsequent years;

(b) Sergeants, seven hundred and eighty-five (\$785.00) dollars per year.

(2) The amount of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars each required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates to pay the remuneration of the police officers and sergeants at the rates provided by this section may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

(1) The salaries of the four sub-collectors in the office of the City Collector shall for the year beginning on the first day of May 1913 and for each succeeding year be the sum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars each;

(2) The sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars required in addition to the amount provided in the estimates for the payment of the salary of the sub-collectors for the year 1913-1914 may be borrowed from any bank or other fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

501. (1) Every person, firm or company not a resident in the Province of Nova Scotia, who enters into any contract for the construction or alteration of any building in the City shall, before beginning any work under such contract pay to the City a license fee equal in amount to one-half of one per cent. of the total sum payable under such contract, provided however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any such person, firm or company which at the time of entering into any such contract is assessed for purposes of taxation by the City in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars or upwards.

(2) Every person, firm or company who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this section, and the agent, foreman or other person in charge of the work on any such contract in behalf of any such person, firm or company, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding double the amount of said license fee so payable, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days, and in addition thereto, the amount of such license fee may be recovered by action in the name of the City and in any such action against any person, firm or company out of the Province service of the writ of summons or other process upon any such agent or foreman shall be good and sufficient.

The City may borrow the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars and apply the same in paying one half the cost of property purchased from Ma y E. Cross and others for the Provincial Exhibition Commission, and may secure the same by the issue of its bond or debenture for that amount under the hands of its Mayor and Treasurer and the seal of the City, such bond or debenture to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum and to be repayable on the 1st day of January 1916.

The City may acquire from John A Meagher and William Branch the land requisite for a right of way from Yale Street to Yukon Street, and may maintain the said right of way, when so acquired out of the appropriation for Streets.

Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 712 and the sub-section substituted for subsection (1) thereof by Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1912 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

712 (1) Except as is otherwise provided no building not of the first or second class shall be erected within the following limits, in the statement of which the expression "east side line of Water Street" shall mean the east side line of Water Street as shown on the official plan of the City and not the line of the existing Street.

Beginning at a point on a line drawn in prolongation of the south side line of Fawson Street, distant eighty feet eastwardly from the east side line of Water Street; thence running westwardly by the said line drawn in prolongation of the south side line of Fawson Street and the south side line of Fawson Street to a point in line with the center line of Water Street; thence northerly by the center line of Water Street to Morris Street; thence westwardly by the center line of Morris Street to South Park Street; thence by South Park Street northerly to Sackville Street; thence by Sackville Street to Brunswick Street; thence by Brunswick Street to Cogswell Street; thence by Cogswell Street to a line distant one hundred and twenty-five feet westerly from the west side line of Gottingen Street; thence by said line northerly to Gerrish Street; thence eastwardly by a line drawn in continuation of the center line of Gerrish Street to a point distant eighty feet eastwardly from the east side line of Water Street; and including also the distance of eighty feet on both side

of each of the said streets or parts of streets forming the boundary line and eighty feet eastwardly from the east side line of Water Street from Fawson Street to Gerrish Street.

(2) East of eighty feet east of the east line of Water Street as shown by the official City plan between Fawson Street and Gerrish Street, no structure shall be permitted of wood, unless the same is entirely covered externally with metal or other unflammable material, with flat roofs of unflammable material, and all openings properly protected, and in no case shall any such structure exceed three stories in height.

The Committee on Works may on the recommendation of the City Engineer grant a permit to any person for the placing on any street of a suitable post or other fixture for the purpose of ornamental lighting. Any such permit may be upon such terms and conditions, including payment of a rental, as the Committee on Works deem fit and may be revoked at any time without notice.

The City may borrow from any bank or other fund available the sums mentioned in the schedule hereto and apply the same to the purposes mentioned in respect to each and no other and the sums so borrowed together with interest shall be included in the estimates for 1914-1915 and rated and collected along therewith.

**Schedule of Amounts to be Borrowed.**

(a) To pay additional salary of Chief of Police for 1913-1914 . . . . .	\$100.00
(b) To pay additional salary of Deputy Chief for 1913-14, and amount omitted in 1912-13 . . . . .	150.00
(c) To pay additional salary of Detective for 1913-14, and amount omitted in 1912-13 . . . . .	150.00
(d) To pay additional salary of Asst. Detective for 1913-14, and amount omitted in 1912-13 . . . . .	150.00
(e) To pay additional salary of City Marshal for 1913-14 . . . . .	50.00
(f) To pay additional salaries of Police Constables and Sergeants for 1913-14 . . . . .	1645.00
(g) To pay additional salaries of Sub-Collectors for 1913-14 . . . . .	200.00
(h) To pay deficit in connection with the reception of the Duke of Connaught . . . . .	500.00
(i) To pay for property bought for right of way from J. A. Meagher and Wm. Branch, a sum not exceeding . . . . .	550.00
(j) To pay for property bought from the Dennis Realty Corporation on Argyle Street . . . . .	376.00
(k) To pay for property bought from M. E. Keefe on Inglis Street . . . . .	724.00
(l) To pay Revisors of Juries Lists for 1913-14 . . . . .	200.00

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Martin that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act authorizing the City to borrow on long term debentures the sum of \$1095.00, the City's proportion of providing heating apparatus for the County Jail.



Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the amount required for heating apparatus, County Jail, be borrowed on bonds to run for a term of five years only. Amendment put and passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same:—Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Hines, Keltie, Martin, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham and Gough—16.

The resolution as amended is put and passed unanimously by a similar vote.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts.

#### CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

*Halifax, N. S., January 23rd, 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:—Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$15.20; Royal Gazette, advertising, \$4.00; G. E. Mumford & Son, plumbing, \$7.20; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$5.40; T. C. Allen, stationery, \$5.25; Jas. P. Murray, milk, \$23.64; Jas. D. Walsh, drugs, \$4.40; Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., supplies, \$208.35; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$4.07; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$123.60; L. A. Morash, groceries, \$71.42; J. Howard, conveyance to Hospital, \$50.50. Total, \$523.03.

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

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

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

#### ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS.

*City Works Office, January, 23rd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in re ornamental lights. The Committee on Works beg to forward said report to the Council for its information.

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

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

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying report from the City Electrician respecting the proposal to instal so-called ornamental street lighting in certain business streets in the City.

Mr. Colpitt's report gives about all the information that I have. He states that the cost exceeds a great deal, that of ordinary street lighting, being in one City from which he received information, three times greater.

While Mr. Colpitt's report deals with the matter fully, he suggests that if the scheme meets with the approval of the Council it will be necessary, in addition to other requirements to obtain more definite data respecting installation costs. We should also have to obtain maintenance charges which cannot be given until some definite scheme is decided upon. In my opinion, it would be a big mistake to enter upon any such installation unless the wires are to be placed underground. To instal ornamental lighting with the number of poles suggested, bringing the wires down to the poles from overhead, would make an unsightly network of wires, which, instead of improving the appearance of the streets, would be a step backwards.

I would strongly urge the necessity for placing the wires of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company and any other company selling current over high potential wires, underground. If the proposal to acquire the Halifax Electric Tramway Company property and franchise is not approved by the Legislature, I would recommend that the Company be requested to use their surplus profits in putting their wires underground in the business district, and if they do not comply with the request, that the Public Utilities Commission be asked to make an order compelling them to do so as the amount of their surplus profits over their present dividend will permit.

I feel it is my duty not to ignore the present financial condition of the City in reporting on a matter of this kind, and the appropriation will be exhausted by the lights ordered; under the circumstances I do not feel justified in recommending that the Council incur any additional expense. If, however, some provision were made for putting wires underground and at the same time the City agreed with the Company for the use of any extra duct or ducts for its own wires, it may be possible that when we find out what surplus power we shall have at the incinerator, we shall be in a position to instal the lighting proposed with our own power, without additional expense. It is quite possible that such a scheme could be carried out. In the meantime, I am not in a position to recommend anything definite which would be favourable to the early installation of the ornamental lighting proposed, unless the property owners interested, volunteer to meet the expense.

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

*City Electrician's Office, Nov. 16th, 1912.*

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

*Sirs:*—In compliance with your request, I beg to submit the following report concerning ornamental street lighting. I have written upwards of forty Cities in the United States and Canada now having in operation some form of decorative street lighting for the purpose of getting information regarding costs and other data. Twelve of these have replied in a more or less satisfactory manner, and from which I have selected a number of those giving the most complete information, and averaged them, giving the following figures:—Average population of Cities taken 75,000; average spacing of standards on street 90 feet; average cost for installing \$90; average cost for maintenance \$42 per standard respectively.

Taking the streets suggested in the report of the Civic Improvement Committee and applying the above figures would give an average of ten standards to the block, counting both sides of the street, or a total of 152 standards for the streets named. The cost for installation depends largely on local conditions, and particularly so if underground wiring is employed. The cost for Halifax would probably be greater than the average quoted. The cost for maintenance varied so much in the data gathered as to be of little value for purposes of comparison, the error being in my opinion on the cheap side. In the majority of cases it is admitted that the cost greatly exceeds that of ordinary street lighting (in one case the rate is given as 1 to 3). At the same time it is claimed that the improved appearance and lighting results on the streets so treated amply justifies the extra expenditure. In every case reported, the property owners on the streets lighted participate in the expense, varying in amount from cost of installation to 75 per cent. of the total cost, including maintenance. In most cases the amounts are assessed at so much per foot frontage and collected in the same way as ordinary taxes, under the provisions of a special general improvement act.

As a general rule this type of street decoration is employed in business sections only, and in some cases is supplemental to the ordinary street lighting.

The tungsten incandescent lamp has until recently had a monopoly in this field, but at the present time the luminous arc lamp, because of its relative brilliancy and economy in power, is making a strong bid for the service, the relative cost in power consumed as compared with tungsten lamps being as from 2 to 3 to 1, in favor of the arc, while the color of the light is also superior for street lighting purposes.

The greatest hindrance to this scheme of lighting for Halifax is the existing pole lines on the streets. One of the chief attractions in White Way lighting is the unobstructed view of a long line of lights placed on ornamental standards, and if this view is obstructed by intervening posts of various sizes and shapes, the effect is practically spoiled.

In the Cities heard from, only two, Ottawa and Portland, Me., have overhead construction, and they are now arranging to have all wires in the business districts placed underground. Underground construction, while expensive, is not impracticable for Halifax, if confined within reasonable limits and the cost spread over a term of years. The street railway poles could be replaced by ornamental iron poles to correspond with the lighting standards, and could, where they serve, be used for both purposes. There are good reasons why this underground work should be undertaken, some of which indicate that the present time is most opportune. Large additions are about to be made to the capacity of the Tram Company's plant, and doubtless this will involve considerable alterations in the distributing system, which, if planned for with a view to underground construction in the near future, would save considerable expense. Overhead construction is dangerous because of the liability of wires falling during storm and the almost certainty of this in the case of sleet storms. It interferes with the work of the Firemen, and is a real source of danger to them. I would therefore strongly recommend the removal of the existing poles and overhead construction as a first step toward an improved lighting system of the down town district.

In event of this improvement scheme meeting with your approval, I presume that at least three preliminary steps would be necessary, viz:—(1) Early arrangements for underground construction on the streets named by your Committee; (2) An Act providing for assessment for some ratio of cost as in other Cities; (3) The obtaining of more definite data regarding installation, costs.

P. R. COLPITT, *City Electrician.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re repairs to fence at City Prison.

#### CITY PRISON FENCE.

*City Works Office, January 22nd, 1913.*

*To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the Minute of Council re repairing fence at City Prison was read; and it was decided to report that the Committee will do the work if funds are provided. At present there are no funds available for this work in this department.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same, and 11 against it, as follows:

*For Adjournment—*

Aldermen Hoben, Martin, Upham.—3.

*Against—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Keltie, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Gough.—11.

#### MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution:

*Whereas*, this Council are of the opinion that the legislation of last winter, establishing a Board of Control system of government for the City of Halifax, is against the best interests of this City;

*Therefore Resolved*, that the legislature of the Province be requested to repeal the act of last winter entitled, "An Act to Establish a Board of Control for the City of Halifax," being Chapter 77, Acts of 1912, II. George Fifth, and that the City Solicitor prepare such an Act repealing said chapter 77, and that the same be submitted with the other City bills to the legislature for enactment.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Keltie.



Alderman Hoben asked the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the resolution is in order.

The City Solicitor gives as his opinion that the resolution, being introduced under the order of business "Motions by Members," is now in order.

His Worship the Mayor rules in accordance with the City Solicitor's opinion.

Alderman R. V. Harris submits the following amendment:

That the Provincial Government be asked to repeal sub-section (15) of Section 108, as amended by Section 14, of Chapter 77, of the Acts of 1912, (entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Control for the City of Halifax,") dealing with the indemnity to be paid the members of the Board of Control, the rest of the Act as revised to be proclaimed at an early date.

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

The amendment is put and lost, 6 voting for the same, and 10 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris.—6.

*Against it—*

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—10.

The original resolution is put and passed, 9 voting for the same, and 7 against it, the division of Council being as follows:—

*For the Resolution—*

Aldermen Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, MacKenzie, Upham, Gough.—9.

*Against it—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris.—7.

Alderman R. V. Harris gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 6.15 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, Feb. 6th, 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 Hattie, Morrow, Martin, J. C. Harris, Whitman and Hoben.

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

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Hines, Keltie, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Upham.

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

### NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz:—Alderman Hattie's notice of reconsideration of clause (a) of report of Finance Committee re borrowing \$4000.00 for expenses incidental to retaining a City Planning expert. January 9th, 1913. Page 447. January 23rd, 1913. Page 450. January 28th, 1913. Page .

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said matter be now reconsidered.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the motion, and 4 against it, as follows:—

*For Reconsideration—*

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

*Against—*

Alderman Whitman, Hoben, Martin, J. C. Harris.—4.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that clause (a) of report of Finance Committee re the borrowing of \$4000.00 for incidental expenses of a City Planning expert be now adopted.

The division of Council on the motion was recorded thus:—

*For the Motion—*

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Gates, Hattie, Keltie, MacKenzie, Upham.—7.

*Against it—*

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

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

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz:—Alderman R. V. Harris' notice of reconsideration of Alderman Whitman's resolution to ask the Legislature to repeal Chapter 77, Acts 1912, re Board of Control. January 28th, 1913. Page .

Alderman R. V. Harris declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter, and the item is struck from the Order of the Day.

The following named papers are submitted:—

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Report Special Committee on Tuberculosis Hospital by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.

Report Finance Committee by Alderman Hoben, Chairman.

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

Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman R. V. Harris, for Chairman.

Report Charities Committee by Alderman Gates, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Application Western Union Telegraph Company for purchase of City property on Lower Water Street.

Report City Health Board re accounts.

Report Police Committee re accounts.

Letter Chief Assessor re Poll Tax.

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

Letter Exhibition Commission re Dominion Exhibition, 1915.

Report Cemetery Commission.  
 Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz:—  
 Sewers and sidewalks 1912.  
 Accounts.  
 Lease of island in Ragged Lake.  
 Larch Street, standardization of width of.  
 Water meter rates Wm. McFatrige.

#### REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read offer of Western Union Telegraph Company to purchase certain land on the eastern side of Lower Water Street, foot of George Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Provincial Exhibition Commission covering letter Minister of Agriculture re Dominion Exhibition, 1915.

#### DOMINION EXHIBITION.

*Ottawa, October 28th, 1912.*

*The Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, Ottawa:*

*My dear Mr. Borden:*—In reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo with enclosure from Mr. M. McF. Hall, Manager of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, asking that Halifax be given the Dominion Grant for an Exhibition in 1913, I may say that taking it in order in which it has been given previously, and which I think we shall certainly have to follow, Ontario gets it this year, Manitoba in 1913, British Columbia in 1914, and Nova Scotia in 1915.

I do not think we can vary from this order without creating great friction, as all the provinces are aware of the circumstances of the grant.

M. BURRELL, *Minister of Agriculture.*

*Halifax, N. S., January 28th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

In reply to your enquiry as to the expression of the Exhibition Commission re the purchase and means of payment of the Cross property (if purchased), I wish to say that it was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that it should be paid for out of the Dominion Grant in 1915.

I enclose herewith copy of letter from The Minister of Agriculture to the Hon. Mr. Borden, in reply to mine asking for the Dominion Grant in 1913.

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

Filed.

Read letter National Drug and Chemical Company re taxation. Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.



Read letter P. J. McManus, Chief Assessor, re Poll Tax.

**POLL TAX.**

*Office of City Assessor, February 6th, 1913.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—I desire to draw your attention to the difficulty we have in obtaining information of persons who are liable for Poll Tax. Our custom is to furnish all employers of labor with a blank form to be filled in by them, giving the names and addresses of all who are liable for this Tax. Many firms give this matter their immediate attention, while others take no notice of it. Others, however, furnish us with the names, but no address. We are unable to assess these people, and as a consequence they are contributing nothing to the City's upkeep. I trust that something can be done to amend the law in this respect.

P. J. McMANUS.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

**CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.**

Read report Special Committee re Tuberculosis Hospital.

**TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.**

*Committee Room, City Hall, Feb. 6th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—Your Special Committee have held several meetings in conference with Members of the Council of the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League and have visited the Rockhead City property.

After very considerable discussion your Committee recommend that permissive legislation be secured enabling the City to convey to trustees for the League or to the League itself when incorporated, or to set apart and hold for the purposes of the League a plot of five acres in the north-east corner of the Rockhead farm; the property to be used exclusively for the purposes of a tuberculosis hospital and to revert to the City if not used for that purpose. The site is well located having regard to sewer and water connection and accessibility.

Also that the City secure permissive legislation enabling it to contribute \$1,000 towards the cost of erecting a sanatorium or hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis. The League has about \$5,000.00 in its treasury and proposes raising another \$4,000.00 by asking the Province for \$2,000.00, the County \$500.00, and the public for \$1,500.00.

The Committee also recommend that the City secure permissive legislation enabling it to make a grant of \$500.00 a year towards the maintenance of such institution, the balance of the cost being provided by the Province, County and League.

<i>Committee</i>	{	Reginald V. Harris,	C. R. Hoben,
		Herbert E. Gates,	M. S. Clarke.
		A. C. Hawkins,	

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same, viz:—Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Gates, Hattie, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie, Upham.—13.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

### PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

*Office of Commissioners of Public Gardens, Feb. 6th, 1913.*

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

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

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$14.87; John MacInnes & Son, \$23.21; Brookfield Bros., \$6.00; James Umlah, \$18.00; Longard Bros., \$105.07; F. A. Shaw, \$8.40; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$7.51. Total \$183.06.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Secy.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben 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, February 3rd, 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, J. C. Harris, Scanlan, Hines and Gough.

1. The following accounts amounting to \$110.45 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$17.65; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$33.08; W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$15.50; Morton & Cragg, hardware, \$6.47; Geo. S. Yates & Son, boots, \$13.50; F. A. Shaw, oats, \$1.80; R. R. Kennedy, carriage rug, \$3.75; Imperial Oil Co., axle grease, \$1.50; Longard Bros., plumbing, \$9.00; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$3.70; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., exchange for January, 1913, \$4.50. Total, \$110.45.

2. The Governor reported that in installing the plumbing system at the Prison no provision was made in the specification for wash basins in the corridors for the use of prisoners.

It is recommended that the Committee on Works be instructed to obtain tenders for installing wash basins and fittings, if funds are available.

R. V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Police Committee re accounts.

#### POLICE ACCOUNTS.

*Mayor's Office, February 6th, 1913.*

*To the City Council:*

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

Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., service for January, 1913, \$11.67; H. R. Bergmann & Co., police badges and repairs, \$4.80; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$4.35; Harry K. Martin, handcuffs, \$57.00; Fire Department, three months' feed, shoeing and cleaning material police patrol horse, \$37.50; Total, \$115.32.

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 Committee of Fire Wards on various matters and accounts.

#### REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

*Committee Room, City Hall, February 5th, 1913.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee of Fire Wards met this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Present Aldermen Scanlan, Chairman, Hines, and R. V. Harris

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows:

1. That James Vass, Callman on No. 3 Engine; L. T. Smith Supernumerary; Daniel Ryan, Acting-Driver and William Connors, Callman on No. 2 Hose have resigned. Resignations recommended for acceptance.
2. Thomas Healey, Callman, previously reported ill, has not yet reported for duty
3. George McGuire, previously reported sick, reported for duty January 20th.
4. It is recommended that Joseph Power, Callman, be permitted three months' further leave of absence

5. William Lownds, Driver of No. 1 Chemical, was suspended for three days for being under the influence of liquor while on duty.

6. Andrew Duggan, Driver of No. 1 Truck, was suspended on February 2nd for being under the influence of liquor while on duty.

It is recommended that Duggan be placed on probation for three months; that he have no "off" days during that period, and if he is again found drunk, that he be immediately dismissed from the Department by the Chief.

The following appointments and promotions are recommended:—

7. Daniel McNeil, Supernumerary, to be Driver, vice Daniel Ryan, who left the Department.

8. Edward Graves, Callman on No. 2 Engine, to be Asst. Chemical Operator on No. 1 Chemical, vice Thomas Waterfield, resigned.

9. Theodore Moller and John A. McDonald, Supernumeraries, to be Callmen, vice James Vass, resigned, and Edward Graves, appointed to the Permanent Force.

10. Michael Leahy, Charles H. MacPhee and Lewis Johnson to be Supernumeraries.

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

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light \$21.97, power, \$14.53, total, \$36.50; Austen Bros., 3-horse-pole-hitch, \$34.60; T. C. Allen & Co., diaries, \$5.40; Army Pay Office, rent of stay wire, \$.25; Charles E. Berry, harness springs, \$19.00; Geo. W. Brush, door spring, \$7.75; Burns & Kelleher, brass, \$1.50; Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., gasoline, \$17.51; Canadian Rubber Co., hose, etc., \$68.80; Cragg Bros., Co., Ltd., hardware, \$4.64; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$10.53; Patrick Dowd, sleigh bobs, \$141.60; J. A. Dunn, Ltd., plating, \$.75; John Foley, mason work, \$8.75; Farquhar Bros., supplies, etc., \$17.72; Alex. Frizzell, blocks, \$3.50; Freeman & Co., linoleum, \$4.00; Halifax Steam Laundry, work, \$5.64; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery, \$21.28; Kline & Mullins, cap, \$2.25; J. Bert Macdonald, piping, \$30.00; Longard Bros., repairs heating, \$5.00; Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., hardware, \$41.31; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$48.90; J. C. Merlin & Son, lumber, \$3.70; C. L. Newman, Ltd., brake lining, \$15.04; National Drug & Chemical Co., Ltd., oil, \$1.95; David Roche, glazing, \$2.99; Wm. Roche, coal, \$64.80; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$4.05; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$351.36; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$6.90; Wentzells, Ltd., soap, etc., \$11.76; Geo. A. Perrier, plumbing, \$52.89. Total, \$1052.62.

M. SCANLAN, Jr., *Chairman.*

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

Read report City Health Board re accounts.



### CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

*Halifax, N. S., February 5th, 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:—

J. J. Scriven & Son, bread, \$3.01; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$1.25; Hillis & Sons, back for stove, \$1.00; John F. Dempster, board of patients, \$99.94. Total \$105.20.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Charities Committee for January.

### REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

*Halifax, February 5th, 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 Morrow and Alderman Scanlan.

The Superintendent's report for January 1913 shows that during the month there were 29 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 19 discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province and 21 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st was 334, made up of 216 men, 111 women and 7 children. On the same date last year there were 215 men and 133 women, a total of 348. During the month there were 2 persons admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital chargeable to the City of Halifax, 1 discharged and 1 died.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—Wentzell Ltd., \$348.58; W. A. Maling, \$353.18; Smith & Proctor, \$137.05; C. F. Holland, \$96.72; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$36.78; Gunn & Co., Ltd., \$223.00; A. Wilson & Son, \$34.00; Frank W. Fraser, \$51.44; Fleischmann Co., \$3.90; Arthur Fordham & Co., \$14.71; J. & M. Murphy Ltd., \$70.78; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$45.30; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., \$3.75; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$413.22; T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.55; John Starr Son & Co., \$2.25; Robinsons Ltd., \$5.03; Baldwin & Co., \$4.20; W. McFatridge, \$36.50; Lawrence Hardware Co., \$1.50; W. W. Howell & Co., \$18.00; B. J. Mulcahy, \$186.49; Salaries, \$837.83; Nova Scotia Hospital, \$1865.28. Total, \$4791.04.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery covering accounts and recommending that the Annual appropriation for the Cemetery be increased to \$1,200.00.

**REPORT CEMETERY COMMISSION.**

*City Hall, December 27th, 1912.*

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—The Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery met this afternoon. Present, Commissioners Holloway, Chairman, Smith, Morrow, Hattie and Supt. McDougall.

The account of Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited, \$3.90, is recommended for payment.

The Commission finding the sum of One Thousand Dollars per annum inadequate for the purposes of the cemetery, respectfully ask that the City Council increase the appropriation by the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, bringing it up to Twelve Hundred Dollars a year.

H. D. HOLLOWAY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman Morrow that the account recommended in the report be paid, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation permitting the City to expend a sum not exceeding \$1200.00 per year towards the maintenance and keeping in order of Camp Hill Cemetery. Motion passed unanimously.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

**CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.**

*City Works Office, February 6th, 1913.*

*To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts amounting to \$10,466.72, chargeable to the following services:—

City Prison Improvement	\$	25.00
Cunard Street Widening		30.00
Streets		664.53
Teams and Stables		969.29
Sewerage		267.35
Internal Health		24.60
Telephones		28.19
Permanent Sidewalks		366.43
Street Lighting		1749.58
City Hall Lighting		78.89
Street Lighting		146.98
Sewer Maintenance		4.86

City Property.....	95.18
Water Construction.....	5606.50
Water Maintenance.....	409.34
Total.....	\$10466.72

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

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

Read report Finance Committee on various matters.

#### REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*Committee Room, City Hall, February 6th, 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, J. C. Harris and MacKenzie, the following matters were dealt with:—

1. Letter "Montreal Standard" in re advertising Halifax.

It is recommended that the same be referred to the Commercial Committee.

2. Message His Worship the Mayor (verbal) re convention in this City this summer of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and suggesting that it would be necessary to provide funds for entertaining delegates.

Your Committee report that provision was made in the Civic Estimates 1913-14 for this purpose.

3. Report Commissioners Halifax Common asking for a special appropriation of \$5,000.00 for improvements to Common.

Your Committee report this matter up to the Council for its consideration without recommendation.

4. Annual Report of City Assessors for 1912-13.

In this connection the Chairman submitted and read a letter from Walter W. Pollock, General Manager Manufacturers' Appraisal Company of Cleveland, Ohio, giving the probable cost of the installation of the Somers Unit System of Realty Valuation for the assessment of land and buildings in this City.

Your Committee recommend that the Council instal the Somers Unit System of Realty Valuation for the assessment of land and buildings in this City, and for this purpose the sum of \$8,000.00 be borrowed on long term debentures; legislation authorizing this expenditure to be obtained at the incoming session of Legislature.

5. Your Committee further recommend that owing to the inadequate equipment of the Assessor's Office to facilitate the business of the Department, that a telephone and additional electric lights be installed.

6. The following accounts amounting to \$1192.94 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of Charles A. Waldron, \$4.00; M. Lynch, \$4.00; L. Bacchus, \$4.00; J. A. Johnson, \$4.00; A. W. Gates, \$4.00; male child of E. Davis, \$12.00; Sarah West, \$4.00; Unknown infant, \$12.00; Cecil Chesley, \$4.00; C. Campbell, \$4.00; C. Ackerson, \$4.00; total, \$60.00; Chronicle Publishing Co., subscription to Chronicle 1912 and 1913, \$12.00; T. C. Allen & Co., printing and stationery, City Clerk's Office, \$89.55; City Assessor's Office, \$25.00; City Auditor's Office, \$25.00; City Collector's Office, \$15.90; City Treasurer's Office, \$1.00; total, \$156.45; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., blank books, City Collector, \$12.60; City Assessors, \$22.00; City Police Department, \$5.00; total, \$39.60; London Rubber Stamp Co., date stamp C. C., \$.85; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., paper weights, \$3.00; Halifax Posting Co., posting voters' lists, \$18.00; Blackadar Bros., subscription to Recorder 1912, \$5.00; Blackadar Bros., advertising Recorder \$3.50, \$4.35; total, \$7.65; McAlpine Publishing Co., one city map, \$.25; Office Specialty Co., "Guides" one set, \$.25; Halifax Industrial School, keep boys 3 months to February 1st, 1913, Truants, \$251.86; Criminal Com. \$178.53; total, \$430.39; St. Patrick's Home, keep boys 3 months to February 1st, 1913, Truants, \$282.83; Criminal Com. \$176.67; total, \$459.50. Total, \$1192.94.

7. The Committee had before them accounts sent out by the City Collector for permanent sidewalks, viz:—

Islesville Engine House.....	\$94.67
Boulevard Tower Road.....	47.75

It is recommended that the Collector be informed that there are no funds available to pay these accounts.

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 3 re special appropriation of \$5000.00 for improvements to Common.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hoben that said clause be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 recommending the borrowing of \$8000.00 for the installation of the so called Somers Unit System of realty valuation.

**REALTY VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES.**

*Manufacturers' Appraisal Company,  
Philadelphia, December 2nd, 1912.*

*Hon. C. R. Hoben, Chairman Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada:*

Dear Sir:—At the suggestion of Mr. E. W. Doty, Manager of the tax valuation department of this Company, and in conference with him to-day, I am pleased



to submit the following information concerning the probable cost of the installation of the Somers Unit System of Realty Valuation for the assessment of the land and buildings of your City. I understand that there will be a meeting of your Board of Aldermen on December 5th, and I hope this letter will reach you in time for consideration on that date. The estimate of cost is as follows:—

First.—We shall be pleased to furnish the services of two experts to assist your Assessors. One of these men will be a building expert who will direct the measurement and description of all buildings in your City, such measurements and descriptions to be entered upon cards so as to form a permanent record. The actual work of measurement and description will be performed by employees of your assessors. We believe that to do this work properly, and to compute the values of buildings will require the work of ten men for from forty to fifty days, or a total of between four hundred and five hundred days' work for one man, and that this work will cost you an average of \$3.00 per day. During the work of your employees and after the work has been completed our expert will personally visit all structures and will determine the factors of valuation and depreciation to be placed upon each building by a personal inspection. We shall also furnish a Somers System accountant, who will assist the Board of Directors by showing them how to obtain the judgment of the community as to valuation for land, and who shall direct the work of from five to ten clerks in the computation of the relative values of lots, based upon the values of units determined by the Board of Assessors. This expert shall also himself work on computations. We estimate that it will require approximately four hundred days' time on lot computations, and that these clerks can be secured for an average of \$3.00 per day. For the services of the two experts we shall charge a fee of \$750.00 per month each, such fees to be paid preferably twice a month, but if more convenient to be paid not less often than once a month. All building measurers and clerk hire shall be paid by the City.

To recapitulate, we will say that we believe that our services will on the basis stated cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500.00, and that the additional clerk hire and building measurers will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.00. In addition, the cost of printing of maps, circulars and other matters necessary to the installation of the Somers System will not exceed \$500.00. I believe that the outside total cost of the installation of the Somers System will not exceed from \$6,000.00 to \$6,500.00.

Second.—In order to facilitate the work of the installation of the Somers System it is highly important that before this work shall be started your City should make complete surveys showing on a reasonably large scale the dimensions and ownerships of all lots, with the widths of all alleys. The best way to do this is to make each block upon a separate sheet, and the scale preferred, although not absolutely necessary, is that of forty feet to one inch. The cost of making these maps is not included in the estimate for the installation of the Somers System and it is highly desirable in order to minimize the time of the assessors and experts in installing the Somers System, that the maps shall be completed before our experts reach Halifax. A good way to do this is to have the maps made upon tracing paper, and have the actual computations made from blueprints made therefrom. Then the changes in lot boundaries can be kept up to date each year by additions to the tracings or redrawing of block maps where the changes of boundaries have been so numerous as to make redrawing necessary.

Third.—We do not require the making of a written contract, but suggest that your Board of Aldermen if you decide to employ our services should pass an appropriate resolution covering the conditions herein outlined for the employment of our services. We are entirely willing to have the resolution contain the provision that our services can be discontinued upon ten days' notice if they prove unsatisfactory, and that we have the right to discontinue our services if payment of our fees shall not be made promptly.

We shall be glad to hear from you at any time that you may wish further information in regard to the services to be performed, and we suggest that any communication should be addressed to our Cleveland Office.

WALTER W. POLLOCK, *President and General Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 re additional electric lights, etc., in the Assessor's Office.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the same be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 re accounts.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be adopted and the accounts therein recommended paid. Motion passed.

Read clause 7 re accounts from the City Collector against various departments of the City service for proportion of cost of permanent paving.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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

Read report Committee on Works re cost of sidewalks, sewers and pavements constructed during the year 1912, and the estimated cost of sidewalks and sewers ordered but not yet constructed.

**SEWERS and PAVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED DURING 1912, and SIDEWALKS, SEWERS and PAVEMENTS ORDERED YET TO BE BUILT.**

*City Works Office, February 6th, 1913.*

*To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—Attached hereto is a report from the Clerk of Works showing the cost of sewers and sidewalks constructed during 1912, also statement of sewers and sidewalks ordered, yet to be built.

The Committee on Works beg to forward same to the Council for its information, in compliance with resolution moved by Alderman R. V. Harris and seconded by Alderman Morrow, December 19th, 1912.

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

#### Sewers Built During 1912.

Street	Total Cost	Ward
Morris Street.....	\$1458.28	1 & 2
Oxford Street.....	15332.48	2 Commenced 1911
Coburg Road.....	14036.23	2 Commenced 1911
Coburg Road Tank.....	958.34	2
Larch Street.....	1997.06	2
Richmond Sewer Outlet.....	9520.87	6 Commenced 1911
Acadia Street.....	5952.75	6 Commenced 1911
Kenny Street.....	2686.52	6
Gottingen Street.....	6604.63	6

#### Sewers Ordered.

Longard Road.....	\$ 5160.00
Duffus Street.....	8530.00
Seaforth Street.....	2900.00
Bilby Street (Kempt Road to Agricola Street).....	2350.00
Young Street.....	1080.00
	<b>\$20020.00</b>

#### Cost of Permanent Sidewalks Laid 1912.

Street	Side	From	To	Ward	Cost
Granville Street, E. side, Salter to Sackville.....				2	\$ 1728.15
Granville Street, W. side, Salter to Blowers.....				2	646.63
Coburg Road, N. side, Edward to Walnut.....				2	4043.82
Inglis Street, S. side, Pleasant to Young Avenue.....				1	2114.55
Queen Street, Morris to Spring Garden Road.....				2	2148.94
Creighton Street, E. side, Cogswell to Falkland.....				4	1040.54
Church Street, W. side, Morris to South.....				1	1174.45
Brunswick Street, E. side, Jacob to North.....				4-5	6596.65
Brunswick Street, W. side, Uniacke to North.....				5	2511.61
Victoria Road, South to Tower Road.....				1	918.13
Edward Street, W. side, Coburg Road to Jubilee Road.....				2	2928.89
South Park Street, W. side, Victoria Road to South Street.....				1	1290.03
North Street, N. side, Lockman to Brunswick.....				6	536.26
North Street, N. side, Brunswick to Gottingen.....				6	2086.34
Spring Garden Road, N. side, Hastings to South Park.....				2	1746.48
Jubilee Road, W. Moir's.....				2	78.43
					<b>\$31589.90</b>

Ward 1	2	4	5	6
\$2114.55	\$1728.15	\$1040.54	\$3296.65	\$ 536.26
1174.45	646.63	3300.00	2511.61	2086.34
918.13	4043.82			
1290.03	2148.94	\$4340.54	\$5808.26	\$2622.60
\$5497.16	2928.89			
	1746.48			
	78.43			
	\$13321.34			

**Sidewalks on Order Book.**

Sept. 7, '11	North Street, N. side, Gottingen to Agricola	6	\$ 2250.00
May 16, '12	Edward Street, E. side, Morris to South	1	1509.00
	Barrington Street, E. side, cor of Buckingham	3	120.00
	Prince Street, S. side, at Queen Building	2	100.00
	Robie Street, W. side, Cunard to North Street	5	4930.00
June 6, '12	Black Street, both sides	6	3039.00
	Coburg Road, N. side, Walnut to Waegwoltic	2	9355.00
June 20, '12	Robie Street, W. side, Jubilee to Quinpool	3	4382.00
July 4, '12	South Park Street, E. side, Spring Garden to South	1-2	3550.00
June 20, '12	(Cogswell Street, N. side, Brunswick to Gottingen	4)	2530.00
	(Gottingen Street, E. side, Cogswell to Falkland	4)	
	(Sackville Street, S. side, Barrington to Park	2)	8386.00
	(Sackville Street, N. side, Argyle to Brunswick	2)	
Aug. 7, '12	Creighton Street, W. side, Cogswell to Falkland	4	1396.00
	Up. Water Street, E. side, George to Duke	3	430.00
	Agricola Street, E. side, Cunard to West	5	1350.00
	(Summer Street, W. side, College to S. Garden Rd.	2)	3350.00
	(College Street, N. side, Summer to Robie	2)	
	Argyle Street, W. side, Buckingham to Jacob	3	1008.00
Sept. 5, '12	S. Garden Road, S. side, Pleasant to Park	2	2940.00
	Spring Garden Road, N. side, Pleasant to Hastings	2	3300.00
Oct. 17, '12	Vernon Street, W. side, Coburg Road to Watt	2	1346.00
	Quinpool Road, S. side, Louisburg to Keefe's	3	1003.00
	Creighton Street, E. side, Falkland to Cornwallis	4	1590.00
	(Quinpool Road, N. side, Robie to Parker	4)	1810.00
	(Parker Street, E. side, Quinpool to F. J. Kelly	4)	
	Barrington Street, E. side, Jacob to Cornwallis	4	3432.00
Nov. 11, '12	George Street, S. side, Barrington to Dennis Bldg.	3	140.00
Dec. 5, '12	Edward Street, E. side, Coburg to Jubilee Road	2	2906.00
Jan. 9, '13	Windsor Street, E. side, Welsford to Williams	4	902.00
	Welsford Street, N. side, Robie to Windsor	4	1276.00
			\$68320.00

Ward 1	\$ 3284.00	Ward 2	\$33458.00	Ward 3	\$ 7083.00
Ward 4	12926.00	Ward 5	6280.00	Ward 6	5289.00
Total					\$68320.00

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Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of an island in Ragged Lake to Walter J. O'Hearn, for the erection of a portable fishing camp.



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**LEASE RAGGED LAKE ISLAND.**

*City Works Office, February 6th, 1913.*

*To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—Attached hereto is a letter from W. J. O'Hearn asking permission to erect a small portable shed on the island in Ragged Lake.

The accompanying report of the City Engineer recommends that such permission be granted.

The Committee on Works are of opinion that the request should be granted, but on condition that the shed shall be removed on three months' notice at any time, the owner to have possession of the building and be at liberty to remove the same himself on receiving such notice.

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

*Halifax, N. S., January 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Board of Works:*

*Gentlemen:*—I and some of my friends ratepayers of this City are interested in an island in "Ragged Lake" which, I understand is the property of the City. We would like to erect on this island a small portable fishing camp. I understand from the City Engineer that this lake is not used for Civic water purposes, and that his department would have no objection to our being there. Would your Committee have any objection to giving us a lease of the island for five years at a nominal rental? An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

W. J. O'HEARN.

*City Engineer's Office, February 6th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying application from W. J. O'Hearn for permission to erect a small portable camp on the island in Ragged Lake.

The island is on City property, but the water from Ragged Lake does not flow into the water works system at present. There would therefore be no objection to the granting of a lease or permit to Mr. O'Hearn as requested, and I would recommend that it be granted at a nominal rental of one dollar a year for five years.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re exchange, between the City and W. L. Payzant, of land in connection with the standardization of the width of Larch Street.

**LARCH STREET.***(City Works Office, February 6th, 1913.)**To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer in re deeding to Mr. W. L. Payzant a lot of land on Larch Street, east side, in exchange for a lot owned by him on the west side of said street, for the purpose of widening the street.

F. P. BLIGE, *Mayor and Chairman.**(City Engineer's Office, February 6th, 1913.)**His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—The City still owns a piece of land on the west side of Larch Street in front of Mr. W. L. Payzant's property. It also requires a piece of land on the opposite side of the street to make Larch Street the full width from Coburg Road to Mr. Payzant's property.

Mr. Payzant has offered the City a deed of the land on the east side of the street which he has obtained possession of, provided the City will give him a deed of the land on the west side in front of his property. The two strips of land are shown on the plan filed in this office, No.

I would recommend that Mr. Payzant's deed be accepted and that the City give him a deed of the land on the west side of Larch Street between the Official Street line and Mr. Payzant's property.

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water meter bill Wm. McFatrige.

**WM. McFATRIDGE'S METER BILL.***(City Works Office, February 6th, 1913.)**To the City Council:*

*Gentlemen:*—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer recommending that the meter bill of Mr. Wm. McFatrige be made up for the period ending September, 1912, on the basis of the average consumption for the three months ending November, 1912, viz., 4100 gallons per month.

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

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

*City Engineer's Office, February 3rd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Wm. McFatridge, asking for a reduction in the amount charged him for water for the period ending Sept. 1912.

Mr. McFatridge's house is some distance from the road and a meter is placed on the pipe about fifty yards from the house. There was a break in the service pipe between the meter and the house, which did not show on the surface at first. Mr. McFatridge states that he had the plumbing overhauled as soon as he found that the reading was large, and finding nothing wrong, called upon Mr. Morrison, Foreman of the Water Department, who discovered the break in the pipe. Mr. McFatridge had it repaired and the consumption has been reduced to much lower figures.

As the Act was intended to cover cases like this, and in my opinion Mr. McFatridge has used proper care and precaution, I beg to recommend that his bill for the period ending September 1912 be made up on the basis of the average consumption for the three months ending November 1912, namely 4100 gallons per month.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor names as a special Committee to watch the progress through the legislature of bills affecting the City of Halifax the Laws and Privileges Committee, i. e., Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Clarke, Hoben, Hawkins and MacKenzie; together with Alderman Dennis and the Mayor. Approved.

It was unanimously agreed that the meeting required by Statute to be held on the second Tuesday in February in connection with the applications for liquor licenses be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Alderman Gates asked that the report of the Committee on Works dated October 8th, 1912, and submitted at Council meeting October 17th, 1912, covering recommendation of the City Health Board and report of the City Engineer re Public Convenience Stations be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges with the request that said Committee report on the same at the next meeting of the City Council.

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

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

## **EVENING SESSION.**

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, Feb. 11th, 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 J. C. Harris, Martin, Morrow, Hines, Hattie, Hoben, Clarke, Whitman, Keltie.

Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Martin 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, Scanlan, Dennis, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Upham.

The meeting was summoned to receive applications for Liquor Licenses, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.**

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

Letter Sir Sandford Fleming re gift by the Royal Colonial Institute of lions for the Memorial Tower at the North West Arm.

Letter Granville Street Merchants' Association re installation of ornamental street lighting.

Application W. E. Messervey for reappointment as Chief License Inspector.

Report Chief License Inspector covering applications for Liquor Licenses 1913-14.

Draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to acquire the property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

Letter E. A. Robert, President Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, relating to the acquiring by the City of the property and franchises of the said Company.



**REFERENCE OF PAPERS.**

Read letter Granville Street Merchants' Association re installation of ornamental street lighting on Granville Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter Sir Sandford Fleming re proposed gift by the Royal Colonial Institute of lions for the Memorial Tower at the North West Arm.

**LIONS FOR MEMORIAL TOWER.**

*Ottawa, January 27th, 1913.*

*To His Worship the Mayor:*

*Sir:*—I have the honor to submit for the information of the City Council the following reference to the Memorial Tower erected on the North West Arm and dedicated by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on August 14th last year,

It is now some five years since it was first proposed to erect a suitable Tower to commemorate the first meeting of an elective Assembly in Nova Scotia in 1758. That event is regarded of much historical interest as it has proved to be the planting of the germs of parliamentary rule in Canada and in all the overseas Dominions of the Empire.

In the presence of His Royal Highness last August I had genuine satisfaction in transferring to the City of Halifax the title deeds of the land on which the Tower is built, together with a hundred acres of land as a Park for the use of the people of Halifax forever.

The Canadian Club of Halifax at considerable cost and with much public spirit erected the Memorial Tower on its ideal site in the most beautiful portion of the suburbs of the City, where it will attract attention in all future years.

It is due to the fine spirit and personal energy of the President of the Canadian Club of Halifax and those associated with him, that the funds required to erect the Tower were raised. It is equally due to them that the erection of the Tower is enriched by valuable contributions from distant portions of the overseas Empire and from the several provinces of Canada; with these enrichments, this Memorial Tower stands unique among National Monuments and situated as it is in one of the most beautiful suburbs of Halifax it will continue to command admiration in future years.

At the time of dedication by His Royal Highness last August, the Royal Colonial Institute of London, was well represented. The gentlemen present have not forgotten the occasion and as a result we have the prospect of having presented a group of bronze lions as figurative guardians of the Tower. By recent letters it

is learned that Mr. Bruce-Joy, one of the leading Sculptors in England of the present day, is now engaged on these lions, and that we are justified in looking for real works of art on the completion of the group. It will probably be July before the lions arrive on this side.

SANDFORD FLEMING.

Filed.

Read application Walter E. Messervey for reappointment as Chief License Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that Walter E. Messervey be reappointed Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City Solicitor desired to call the attention of the Council to several matters. Leave is granted.

The City Solicitor asked that the following matters be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report:

1. Requiring a confidential statement of the true consideration of each sale of real estate to be furnished the Assessors.
2. Amendments to the Arbitration clauses of the Expropriation Act.
3. An amended Ordinance for Rules of Order of Council.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman that these several matters be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the matter of subpoenaing witnesses and the taking of evidence under oath before Committees of the Council and also the matter of the remuneration of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks at Civic elections and plebiscites be also referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Chief License Inspector covering applications for Liquor Licenses for the license year 1913-14.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax for the ensuing civic year, which are set out in the report of the Inspector of Licenses for the City of Halifax, with all reports to the Council with respect to such applications, and all objections thereto, and all other papers deposited or filed with the Council or the said Inspector, in reference thereto, be, and the same are hereby referred to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax, to be dealt with under the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to acquire the property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

### **Preliminary Draft Act.**

**An Act to enable The City of Halifax to acquire the property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company Limited.**

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Halifax Tramway Act.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires the expression "City" means The City of Halifax; the expression "Company" means The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

#### **PART I.**

A poll of the Electors of the City of Halifax shall be taken in manner as herein-after provided to ascertain whether they are in favor of the City acquiring the property and franchises of the Company in the manner and upon the terms set forth in this Act and operating the same by means of a Commission.

The voting on such question shall be by ballot at an election to be held at a date to be determined by the City Council, not later than the last Wednesday in April 1913.

(1) At least thirty days' notice of such voting shall be given in the same manner as is required by the provisions of the City Charter relative to the holding of elections for Mayor and Aldermen, and all persons entitled to vote at such an election shall be entitled to vote on such question.

(2) The City of Halifax shall provide a suitable place in each ward in which the vote on such question shall be taken, and appoint necessary officials to conduct the voting, and any official so appointed shall be entitled to the same remuneration as that paid to a similar official in case of an election for Mayor or Alderman, and shall have like powers and privileges.

No person shall vote more than once on the said question.

The ballot paper for the voting upon such question shall be in the form "A" in the Schedule to this Act, and shall be furnished by the City of Halifax to the Presiding Officer appointed for the said election or under this Act.

If the voting on such question is held at any election for a Mayor or Alderman, it shall be the duty of every Presiding Officer to ask every Elector voting at his polling station, if he wishes to vote upon such question, and to tender him a ballot paper for that purpose.

Every polling station at such election shall be provided with a place screened from observation in which the voter may mark his ballot paper, and with pencils for that purpose.

The Presiding Officer shall, upon the request of any voter, explain to such voter the mode of marking his ballot paper.

Any voter who is unable through blindness or illiteracy or other cause, may, upon making oath to such inability, which oath may be in the form "B" in the schedule, have his ballot paper marked for him by the Presiding Officer.

If any voter places on the ballot paper more than one mark, or any mark by which he may be identified, his ballot paper shall be void and shall not be counted.

The City of Halifax shall furnish each Presiding Officer with a separate ballot box in which the ballots cast upon the question hereby submitted to a voter shall be deposited.

At the close of the Poll the Presiding Officer shall count the ballots cast, and the number marked in the affirmative, and the number marked in the negative of such question, and the ballots when counted shall be placed in the ballot box and returned to the City Clerk of the City of Halifax.

Immediately upon such vote having been taken, the City Clerk shall make a return to the Provincial Secretary showing—

- (a) The total number of ballots cast;
- (b) The number who have voted in the affirmative;
- (c) The number who have voted in the negative.

If it appears from such return that a majority of the voters who have voted have answered the question in the affirmative, the Provincial Secretary shall forthwith make and publish in the Royal Gazette a proclamation declaring the second and third parts of this Act to be in force.

## PART II.

Upon the coming into force of this part of this Act as provided in the first part hereof the City may proceed to acquire the property and franchises of the Company in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The City may offer the Company for its property and franchises the sum of two million nine hundred and eighty thousand dollars, the same being the amount of its bonded indebtedness (\$600,000) and the value of its capital stock (\$1,400,000 par value) at the price of \$170 per share.

Upon such offer being made the directors of the Company shall at once call a meeting of the shareholders at which the offer of the City shall be submitted for consideration.