

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer (3) re water extensions Jubilee Road, Merkel Street and Creighton Street.

#### WATER EXTENSIONS.

*City Hall, November 7th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the several reports attached hereto recommending the extension of water service on Jubilee Road, Merkel Street and Creighton Street.

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

#### WATER EXTENSION—JUBILEE ROAD.

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

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the application of William Wise for an extension of the water to the corner of Jubilee Road and Chestnut Street.

The district is high service; size of pipe 6-inch; length 75 feet; estimated cost \$227.25.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$11.36.

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

#### WATER EXTENSION—MERKEL STREET.

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

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Merkel Street west from Gottingen Street.

The district is high service; length of pipe required, 300 feet; size of pipe, 6-inch. If this pipe is laid, it will be necessary to do considerable grading over it to prevent freezing. The estimated cost of making the extension is \$398.00.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$6.63.

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

#### WATER EXTENSION—CREIGHTON STREET.

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

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying request for an extension of the main water pipe on Creighton Street.

The district is high service; size of pipe 6-inch; length 75 feet; estimated cost \$225.00.

I would recommend that this extension be made.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and Clerk of Works re tenders for fodder for the various civic departments.

**TENDERS FOR FODDER.**

*City Hall, November 5th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the Clerk of Works re tenders for the supply of fodder for the various departments for the year ending October 31st, 1914.

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

*City Works Office, City Hall, November 5th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I respectfully submit my report on forage tenders, based upon the tables attached.

On consultation with the City Engineer I find that the Works Department can take immediate delivery of 1800 bushels of oats, 80 tons of hay and 8 tons of straw required. The Governor of the City Prison can take delivery of 200 bushels of oats, and the Fire Department 300 to 400 bushels of oats for one month's supply.

I find that if the tenders be considered as a whole in accordance with the quantity for immediate delivery as above and the balance as required that of F. W. Fraser for \$8704.00 will be the lowest.

If it be considered in the best interest of the City to divide amongst the lowest tenderers on certain goods and save thereby \$237.50, the lowest tenderers are:—

F. A. Shaw, for oats and straw.....	\$3747.00
Gunn & Co., for bran and cracked feed.....	1679.50
S. C. Thomson, for hay.....	3040.00
Total.....	<u>\$8466.50</u>

In this connection I may point out that S. C. Thomson's tender is for hay as required.

I submit a table attached showing that by accepting the lowest tender for immediate delivery—\$8022.00—a saving of \$450.00 could be effected even on above recommendation, but present circumstances do not permit the Fire Department to avail itself of this opportunity.

I desire to call attention to section 3 of the specification, which reads:—

“All goods supplied shall be of the very best quality, sweet, and free from must, weeds, chaff or dirt of any kind.”

I do this because the tenders for oats do not state whether they are No. 1 or No. 2, and I am informed that No. 2 only is imported.

I annex a comparison of last year's prices for same quantities, viz:—\$9368.00 as against \$8466.50—a difference of \$901.50.

I would recommend that the following tenders be accepted for the approximate quantities:—

**F. A. Shaw.**

2300 bus. Oats.....	at	\$ .49	immediate delivery
3700 bus. Oats.....	at	.52	as required
40 tons Oat straw, tight.....	at	11.00	as required
8 tons Oat straw, tight.....	at	10.00	immediate delivery
16 tons Oat straw, loose.....	at	11.00	as required

**S. C. Thomson.**

190 tons Hay.....at \$16.00 as required

**Gunn & Co.**

34 tons Bran.....at \$25.50 as required  
25 tons Cracked Feed.....at 32.50 as required...

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and Clerk of Works re Senator Dennis fund for streets in Ward 3.

**SENATOR DENNIS FUND STREETS WARD 3.**

*City Hall, November 7th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith in compliance with request of Alderman Cox a report from the Clerk of Works re Senator Dennis fund for repairs to streets in Ward three.

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

*City Works Office, City Hall, November 7th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—In answer to minute of council under date Oct. 21, 1913, wherein Alderman Cox asked “if the Senator Dennis fund for the repairs to streets in Ward three had all been expended.” I beg to report:—

1. That the City Treasurer received from all departments where advertising in <i>Herald</i> or <i>Mail</i> had been ordered.....	\$742.90
of which an amount was placed to the credit of Ward Three streets amounting to.....	\$ 371.45
2. Expenditures on that account are:—	
Aug. 18, Pepperell St. per pay list.....	\$45.36
Sept. 1, York and Mott Sts. per pay list.....	141.41
Oct. 27, Pepperell St. per pay list.....	22.95
	209.72
Leaving a balance on hand Oct. 31, 1913 of.....	\$161.73

I am informed by Assistant Foreman Downie that he is now doing more work on Pepperell St., the cost of which will show on the next pay sheet of November 10th, 1913.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Filed.

Read report Board of Control re City Charter.

**CITY CHARTER.**

*City Hall, November 5th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend

1. That the City Clerk compile and have printed in pamphlet form and suitably indexed 200 copies of the provisions of the Revised City Charter and Ordinance relating to Rules and Regulations for meetings of the City Council.

2. That 250 copies of the Revised City Charter be bound.

3. That the City Clerk be authorized to furnish a free bound copy each to the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen, the Judges of the Supreme Court and County Court, the heads of the Civic Departments, the Senators and Members of Parliament and Legislature for Halifax County, and the different libraries, cities and towns with which the City of Halifax exchanges, and that a charge of \$2.00 per copy for bound, and \$1.00 per copy for unbound copies be made for all other copies.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re exchange of land adjoining at the north and rear of Tower Road School for a smaller piece of land adjoining the old school house and fronting on Tower Road together with the old school building, covering report Controller Harris and letter Provincial Secretary.

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**LAND TOWER ROAD SCHOOL.**

*City Hall, November 5th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to report as follows:—

The Provincial Secretary has written to know if the City has any objection to approval being given to an application of the Board of School Commissioners for the exchange between the School Board and the other owner of a piece of land adjoining at the north and rear of Tower Road School for a smaller piece adjoining the old school house and fronting on Tower Road, together with the old school building.

It is recommended that the Provincial Secretary be notified that the City has no objection.

A report from Controller Harris is attached hereto.

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

*Office Provincial Secretary, Halifax, N. S., Oct. 31st, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor, Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

*Sir:*—I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax have requested the approval of the Governor in Council for the exchange of a piece of land adjoining at the north and rear of Tower Road School for a smaller piece of land adjoining the old school house and fronting on Tower Road, together with the old school building.

I am to request you to inform me before Wednesday next whether or not the City has any objection to such approval being given.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

*Halifax, N. S., November 4th, 1913.*

*Mayor Bligh, Halifax, N. S.*

*Dear Mr. Mayor:*—Respecting the Tower Road School matter before the Board yesterday morning the facts are as follows:—

The old Tower Road School building is built on a triangular piece of land, the portion of this lying to the north of the old School building measures 109 feet, 10 inches on Tower Road. The south line is 58 feet, 8 inches and the east line 123 feet, 3 inches, or an area of about 3700 square feet. In the rear of the old School building there is a piece of land measuring 152 feet by 78 feet, 3 inches, or an area of about 11,850 feet.

It is proposed to acquire this last mentioned block for the first mentioned block and the old building.

REGINALD V. HARRIS.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the same be approved. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control on various matters.

**REPORT BOARD OF CONTROL ON VARIOUS MATTERS.**

*City Hall, November 6th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the following:

1. Report Coal Weighers for September showing each of the Weighers to have received \$65.52.
2. The City's building lot 35 by 140 feet between South Street and Victoria Road on the east side of Tower Road was sold at public auction on October 14th to William Barry for \$1550.00
3. Report Liquor License Inspector for October.
4. Annual report City Clerk 1912-13.

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

Filed.

Read report Board of Control re repairs to City Prison and recommending that legislation be sought to cover anticipated deficit on Prison maintenance account.

**CITY PRISON.**

*City Hall, October 27th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present beg to report and recommend that the following repairs at the City Prison being an immediate necessity be effected:—

- (a) New concrete smoke stack for furnace. Labor and part material being found by the Prison—to be built under outside skilled supervision. Smoke stack requires to carry a 12 inch flue about 55 feet high. Will cost over \$100.00.
- (b) New hardwood floor in committee room and front porch—\$100.00.
- (c) New range for kitchen—\$40.00
- (d) Glazing corridor windows—\$10.00.
- (e) Construction of a book case for prisoners' library—cost small.

Owing to the largely increased number of prisoners during this year it is anticipated that there will be a deficit on Prison Maintenance account for which provision will have to be made by legislation when the amount of the probable deficit is ascertained.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Salter and Sackville Streets.

#### SALTER AND SACKVILLE STREETS SIDEWALKS.

*City Hall, October 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to recommend for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of concrete sidewalks on Sackville Street, both sides, between Hollis and Barrington Streets: and on Salter Street, both sides, between Hollis and Barrington Streets.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The condition of the asphalt sidewalks on Sackville Street between Hollis and Barrington Streets and on Salter Street is most unsatisfactory. The asphalt is worn out and any attempt to patch would mean a new sidewalk. The street foreman was instructed early in the season to watch the holes in these sidewalks and keep them filled with clay and ashes to avoid accidents. As these sidewalks are in the most important business district of the City they should be covered with better material.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on both sides of Sackville Street between Hollis and Barrington Streets and on both sides of Salter Street between Hollis and Barrington Streets, under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906. Estimated cost \$1910.00.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street lights South Street and Briar Lane.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

*City Hall, October 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption by the City Council the accompanying report of the City Engineer re street lights.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The light asked for by Alderman Brown, to be installed on South Street between Robie and Wellington Streets, is very much needed, as it is a long block without dwelling houses for the greater part of the distance, and should have been lighted long ago. I would recommend that this light be installed.

There is no light on Sackville Street at Briar Lane; Annandale Street is lighted by an arc lamp on Dresden Row opposite Annandale Street, and I would recommend that a light be installed at Briar Lane when the appropriation is available.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Duke Street.

#### DUKE STREET SIDEWALKS.

*City Hall, October 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Duke Street on the south side, from Argyle Street to Brunswick Street, and on the north side, from Grafton Street to Brunswick Street.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The sidewalks on Duke Street above Argyle Street on the south side and above Grafton Street on the north side are never in good repair for any length of time, the first good rain after repairing washes them out and they are soon in bad condition again. There is a granite curb for the whole district. The west block of the north sidewalk will be opposite the Market Building and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the south side of Duke Street from Argyle Street to Brunswick and on the north side of Duke Street from Grafton Street to Brunswick Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906. Estimated cost, \$2530.00.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.



Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk at the head of the Market Wharf east side of Lower Water Street.

#### LOWER WATER STREET SIDEWALK.

*City Hall, October 17th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Water Street sidewalk.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 15th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying communication respecting sidewalk on the east side of Water Street at the head of the Market Wharf in front of the building in which Morrison and Williams carry on business.

The old sidewalk is of brick and is in bad condition. The estimated cost of laying a concrete sidewalk in place of the old brick one is seventy dollars.

I would recommend that the work be done at once, as it will not take very long.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control covering rules and regulations respecting prisoners and the guards, keepers and other employees of the City Prison.

#### CITY PRISON RULES.

*City Hall, Nov. 6th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying Rules and Regulations in respect to the City Prison.

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

#### CITY PRISON RULES AND REGULATIONS.

##### Prisoners.

1. The first duty of the prisoner is strict obedience, and it will be to his or her interest to obey all rules and regulations.

2. On entering the Prison prisoners are required to conduct themselves properly, avoiding all unnecessary noise

3. A prisoner must not speak to any visitor, nor give to or receive from them anything without the permission of an officer.

4. Prisoners are not permitted to leave their ranks or their place of employment without permission. If sick, or unable to work they will make the fact known to the officer in charge; and act as he may direct.

5. Prisoners are required to wash themselves thoroughly and observe in every respect personal cleanliness. They must keep their clothes neat and clean. On no account must a prisoner go to bed with his clothes on. He must keep his bed, bedding and furniture clean and in good order. No marking or scratching on the walls, nor spitting upon the floor will be allowed.

6. Prisoners will not be allowed to exchange among themselves, or make any alteration in their clothing.

7. At the sounding of the gong for retiring all prisoners must undress and retire.

8. At the sounding of the morning gong, every prisoner must turn out, dress, make up his bed neatly and be ready for marching out. He shall not leave his room without being properly dressed.

9. All prisoners are required to attend religious service on Sunday unless sick or excused by an officer. During service no reading will be allowed and strict attention must be given the service. Spitting upon the floor, shuffling of the feet, or any unnecessary noise is strictly forbidden.

10. No insolent, profane or disrespectful language will be allowed by any prisoner under any circumstances whatever.

11. Prisoners will be required to bathe once a week unless excused by an officer.

12. Every prisoner will have permission to write his friends once in two weeks. In case of necessity for special letters permission must be obtained from the Governor. All letters written or received must be examined at the office under the direction of the Governor before being sent or delivered. The permission to write or to receive letters and friends is dependent upon the general good conduct and obedience to rules.

13. The use of books and all reading matter, permission to write and to receive visits from friends, may be suspended by the Governor for violation of rules.

14. Prisoners shall be required to labour diligently during the hours detailed for work. They shall be required to communicate with their guards in a respectful manner and with brevity; they must conduct themselves with perfect order and in strict obedience to the direction of such officers.

15. Work shall be stopped on Saturday at 12 o'clock noon, in order that the prisoners may have an opportunity of bathing, hair-cutting, shaving, etc. The weekly change of prisoners' clothing shall be issued on Saturdays.

16. Time-expired-prisoners shall be released at any hour of the day after 10 o'clock a. m. they may wish to leave.

17. These rules shall be plainly printed on cards and posted in the corridor.

### Underkeepers and Officers.

Rules for the government of guards, keepers and other employees of the City Prison, to be printed plainly on cards and posted up in the Guard Room, Gate House and other convenient places.

1. Keepers and employees are required to yield the most strict, prompt and faithful obedience to the orders of the Governor of the Prison in the discharge of whatever duties may be assigned to them, and shall be liable to instant dismissal for any disobedience of same.

2. Underkeepers and employees are prohibited from selling or buying anything from a prisoner; or giving to or receiving from them anything in the nature of a present or conveying to or from them any message, either written or verbal. Any ministers or other religious instructors permitted to attend the Prison shall not receive from or confer any present upon the prisoners, or become the medium of communication between them and their friends or others, and they shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted for the government of the Prison; any infringement or departure from such rules shall debar them from future intercourse with the prisoners.

3. Underkeepers and employees are prohibited from using profane, indecent, abusive or insulting language toward prisoners, and must refrain at all times from the use of such language in or about the Prison.

4. No underkeeper, official or other employee shall at any time make the affairs of the Prison or any occurrence therein or any matter relating to a prisoner or the conduct of any underkeeper, official or employee the subject of conversation or gossip; and no underkeeper, official or other employee shall impart to any person any information as to the matters above mentioned, except when required to do so in the discharge of his duty by the Inspector of Penal Institutions, the Governor, or the Board of Control. A violation of this rule will subject the offender to instant dismissal.

5. Underkeepers and other employees shall be liable to be disciplined for drunkenness, falsehood, dishonesty, insubordination or disrespectful conduct toward their superior officers, breach of regulations, absence without or beyond leave, neglect of duty, loss of stock or general inefficiency, either by fines, stoppage of promotion or leave of absence, or dismissal from the service, which may be summary or on notice at the discretion of the Board of Control.

6. Any underkeeper, official or employee bringing any intoxicating liquor into the Prison premises, or allowing the same to be brought in will be subject to instant dismissal.

7. Underkeepers are prohibited from replying in like terms to what they conceive to be impudent or insulting language on the part of a prisoner. Their duty is to report such infraction of discipline.

8. All wrangling and disputes upon points of duty between officers of the Prison are strictly prohibited; questions of this kind must be referred to the Governor and all complaints rendered in writing to him; such complaints must be rendered within 12 hours of the occurrence complained of or it will not be received, and if it should be found that the complaints are frivolous or vexatious, or arise from a spirit of malice or revenge, the complainant will render himself liable to dismissal. Officers and employees having any grievance in connection with their duties must state the same in writing for the Governor's consideration.

9. Officers and employees are strictly prohibited at all times from smoking in or about the Prison buildings or premises or in the presence of a prisoner. Officers and employees are permitted to smoke in their rooms if the doors are closed but nowhere else on the Prison premises.

10. Any officer or employee who shall knowingly bring in or carry out or endeavor to bring in or carry out, or knowingly allow to be brought in or carried out, to or from any prisoner, any money, clothing, provisions, tobacco, letters, papers, or other articles whatsoever, shall be subject to instant dismissal.

11. When a prisoner escapes, any subordinate officer who is immediately responsible for the security of that part of the Prison from which an escape is made may be forthwith suspended from duty, pending an examination into the circumstances of such escape. If it appears that an escape was due to the neglect of an officer to enforce the rules of the institution, such officer may be punished by suspension or removal, or he may be required to pay any reward or other expenses that are incurred on account of the escape.

12. All complaints by prisoners to officers respecting food shall be promptly communicated to the Governor or headkeeper. Food shall be prepared in a cleanly manner, and no prisoner afflicted with any disease shall be employed in any capacity in the kitchen or in any other place where food is prepared.

13. Every officer shall give his orders with distinctness and if a prisoner refuses or hesitates to obey, the officer shall warn him of the consequences of disobedience. If the prisoner shall continue obdurate, he shall be at once reported for misconduct.

14. An officer shall not be permitted to strike a prisoner except in self defence; but should personal violence be offered or the security of the prison be endangered, each officer shall be required to use all lawful means to defend himself and the other officers, to maintain order and discipline and to secure the prisoners offering resistance.

15. Every officer is required to report to the Governor any officer, teamster, or other employee, visitor or other person who violates any rule of the prison.

16. All persons employed in the prison, whether designated as officer or otherwise are subject to the provisions of these rules.

17. The Underkeeper going off duty shall leave work at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman Riordon that the report be adopted and the said rules confirmed. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street sprinkling by Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

**SPRINKLING STREETS BY TRAMWAY COMPANY.**

*The City Council.*

*City Hall, October 24th, 1913.*

*Gentlemen:*—For the information of the City Council the Board of Control submit herewith report from the City Engineer covering letter from the Halifax Electric Tramway Co. re street sprinkling by the Tramway Company on the streets through which their railway operates. The matter is still under consideration by the Board.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The Halifax Electric Tramway Company have sent a communication, copy of which is enclosed, in which they offer to provide two sprinkling cars and sprinkle the streets on which their tracks are laid, four times a day, for the sum of six thousand dollars per season, for the six months from the first of May to the 31st of October. This is at the rate of five hundred dollars a mile.

We are paying for sprinkling with horses sprinklers twice a day, about sixty dollars a mile. This work would not release any of the contract sprinklers, nor would it release the fire department teams. The whole cost would be additional to that paid now, but would relieve the fire department teams of a portion of the work that they do.

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

*Halifax, N. S., October 9th, 1913.*

*F. W. W. Doane, Esq., City Engineer.*

*Dear Sir:*—With further reference to the subject of Street Sprinkling—This Company is prepared to enter into a contract with the City of Halifax for a period of five years, for the sprinkling of the streets on which its tracks are laid, on the following conditions:—

The Tramway Company will provide two sprinkler cars, furnishing all power and labour for operating of the same and will agree to sprinkle the aforesaid streets four times a day, at such hours as may be agreed upon with the officials of the City, for the season beginning May 1st and ending Oct. 31st of each year, for the sum of six thousand dollars per season. Payments to be made monthly.

This offer is based upon the mileage of the streets on which tracks are laid at this date. For the sprinkling of any streets on which additional track may be laid after this contract is entered into, the Tramway Company will be paid at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars per mile per season, for such additional track; water to be supplied by the City from its street hydrants, free of charge to the Company.

J. W. CROSBY, *Manager.*

Filed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer covering plan, recommending that the location shown on the plan for Connaught Avenue, Glendale Road, Beresford Road, Connolly Street, Oxford Street, Westlea Road, Dublin Street, Claremont Avenue, Windsor Street, Regent Road, Chester Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, Roslyn Road, and Bayers Road be approved by the City Council and the City Engineer authorized and instructed to place the streets shown on the said plan No. 2251 (Edgewood property) on the Official Plan of the City.

### STREETS EDGEWOOD PROPERTY.

*City Hall, October 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend for the approval of the City Council the accompanying plan and report of the City Engineer re the placing on the Official Plan of the City as laid down on the plan herewith the following streets:—Connaught Avenue, Glendale Road, Beresford Road, Connolly Street, Oxford Street, Westlea Road, Dublin Street, Claremont Avenue, Windsor Street, Regent Road, Chester Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, Roslyn Road and Bayers Road.

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

*City Engineer's Office, October 24th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to submit herewith a plan which is filed in the City Engineer's Office as Plan No. 2251.

Carrick Limited ask for approval of the location of the streets shown on the plan. The proposed streets as shown conform to the requirements of the law, and I would recommend that the location shown on the plan for Connaught Avenue, Glendale Road, Beresford Road, Connolly Street, Oxford Street, Westlea Road, Dublin Street, Claremont Avenue, Windsor Street, Regent Road, Chester Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, Roslyn Road and Bayers Road, be approved by the City Council and the City Engineer authorized and instructed to place the streets shown on the said plan, on the Official Plan of the City.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that said reports be adopted and the Plan approved. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control recommending the appointment of Miss Margaret Hopewell as an Assistant in the City Collector's Office in connection with the Water Department, salary at the rate of \$450.00 a year.

**WATER METER BILLS.**

*City Hall, November 7th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend the appointment of Miss Margaret Hopewell as an assistant in the City Collector's Office in connection with the Water Department from November 1st, 1913, salary at the rate of \$450.00 per year. A report from the City Collector is attached hereto.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending the purchase of properties of John Munro and Catherine Harris and her son Howard Wright at Beechville on the watershed of the City's water supply.

**BEECHVILLE WATERSHED.**

*City Hall, November 5th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend for adoption and for immediate action the accompanying report of the City Engineer re purchase of properties on the watershed of the City water supply at Beechville owned by John Munro, Mrs. Catherine Harris and her son Howard Wright.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 5th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The two properties at Beechville which are in a most insanitary condition on or near the brook which flows into Long Lake, are owned by Mr. John Munro and Mrs. Catherine Harris and her son Howard Wright.

Controller Hoben and myself have negotiated with these people and they have agreed, in writing, to sell to the City. Mr. John Munro will sell his property for \$1500.00 and Mrs. Harris and Mr. Wright will sell for \$1000.00.

The Munro property is said to embrace 35 acres; the Harris property does not extend very far back.

Under the circumstances, I would recommend that these two properties be purchased without delay by the City, so that the brook and vicinity between the lines of these properties may be cleaned up at once.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Scanlan that said reports be approved and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control October 23rd, 1913, re purchase of property Hennessey field from Gerald B. Ternan for the straightening of East and West Young Streets.

#### STRAIGHTENING YOUNG STREET.

*City Hall, October 23rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, present all the members, beg to report as follows:—

At a meeting of the City Council held October 16th a report from this Board relating to the straightening of East and West Young Streets and the acquisition of property from Gerald B. Ternan was referred back to this Board in order that members of the Council might have an opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the matter. Your Board again refer their report dated October 1st, 1913, back to the Council without change or amendment.

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

Controller O'Connor stated that since the recommendation to purchase from Mr. Ternan the jib lot at the corner of Gottingen and West Young Streets out of the Hennessey field had been submitted to the City Council a proposition had been laid before the Board for the purchase from him of the entire Hennessey field and with that view an option on the property had been obtained for its purchase by the City, which option is now in the hands of the City Clerk. The agreement provided that if the City purchased the jib lot for \$3,500.00 and afterwards secured the whole Hennessey field the sum of \$3,500.00 paid for the jib lot should be credited on the purchase price of the whole property. He asked permission of the Council and the Board of Control to have the original recommendation of the Board of Control amended to include this provision.

The Board of Control, all the members being present, unanimously agreed to Controller O'Connor's request and the report is amended accordingly by unanimous consent of the Council and Board of Control.



Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Parker that the report of the Board of Control October 23rd and the report of the Board of Control October 1st as now amended in Council be adopted. (See printed Minutes of Council, October 16th, 1913, p. 236 et seq.).

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:

*For the Motion—*

Controllers Harris, Hoben and Scanlan, and Aldermen Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Riordon, Hubley, Parker.—11.

*Against it—*

Controller O'Connor and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Murphy.—5.

#### EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

His Worship the Mayor stated he would now receive nominations for the appointment of a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission in place of retiring Commissioner Ex-Alderman Martin.

Alderman Gastonguay is nominated by Aldermen Powell and Covert.

Alderman Riordon is nominated by Alderman Brown.

Alderman Riordon declines the nomination.

There being no other nominations His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Gastonguay duly appointed a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission.

#### SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Council to appoint two Commissioners of Halifax Schools in place of retiring Commissioners Ex-Aldermen Connolly and Martin.

Alderman Gastonguay is nominated by Alderman Cox.

Alderman Murphy is nominated by Alderman Parker.

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Alderman Riordon is nominated by Alderman Harris.

Alderman Powell is nominated by Alderman Brown.

Alderman Powell declines the nomination.

The vote being taken there appeared:

*For Alderman Gastonguay—*

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Harris, Hubley.—11.

*For Alderman Riordon—*

Controllers Harris, Hoben, and O'Connor, and Aldermen Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Hubley, and Parker.—8.

*For Alderman Murphy—*

Controller Scanlan and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Parker.—9.

Aldermen Murphy and Riordon excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Aldermen Gastonguay and Murphy duly appointed Commissioners of Halifax Schools.

#### QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Brown asked if the City had acquired sufficient land to lay out Oakland Road at a uniform width of sixty (60) feet.

The City Engineer answered that the whole street had been laid down on the Official City Plan at a uniform width of sixty (60) feet but a strip on the south side at one portion had not been actually taken possession of by the City.

Alderman Hines asked if anything was to be done this season on repairing Jacob Street.

Alderman Cox asked if there was any liability on the part of the contractors who laid the pavement on Barrington and Lockman Streets which is now in bad condition in several places.

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Alderman Hubley asked if it is the intention of the Board of Control to compel the Tramway Company to restore to street grade the crossings on Gottingen Street the level of which was changed during track construction.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Controller Harris that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

## MORNING SESSION.

11 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, November 22nd, 1913.*

A special meeting of the City Council was held this morning at the above named hour. Present His Worship the Mayor, Controllors Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Smith, Cox and Harris.

The Council was summoned for the purpose of presenting an address of welcome from the City of Halifax to the Captain, Officers and Crew of H. M. S. New Zealand.

Captain Lionel Halsey of H. M. S. New Zealand occupied the seat to the left of His Worship the Mayor. His Officers, Commander H. E. Grace, Engineer Commander J. H. Turner and Lieutenant A. D. Boyle took seats on the floor of the chamber.

There was a large attendance of citizens present.

His Worship the Mayor read the following address:—

**To Captain Lionel Halsey, Officers and Members of the Crew of  
H. M. S. "NEW ZEALAND."**

### GREETING

On behalf of the citizens of Halifax, we, the Mayor and Members of the Board of Control, and City Council, extend to the Captain, Officers and Men of the Battleship "New Zealand" a very cordial welcome.

We are pleased to have your fine ship in our harbor, once the seat of Naval Power in the New World and the first seat of representative Government in the Overseas Empire.

Halifax is happy in the fact that it is her privilege to extend a cordial welcome to the first ship of the Empire Fleet—one of the finest afloat—contributed by New Zealand, one of the smallest, yet the first of all the Overseas Dominions, in practical patriotism, in practical defense of the Dominions under the Southern Cross, in defense of Canada itself, and of the whole Empire, and in setting a practical example to all the Sister Dominions; an example that has arrested the attention, and excited the envy, of the Nations of Europe—in the spontaneous and enthusiastic gift to the common defense of the Empire and the Sons of the Blood, throughout the world, of one of the finest and most powerful fighting ships afloat.

Though we may appear to lack the overflowing enthusiasm displayed by the people of British Columbia, the welcome of the people of Canada's Atlantic seaboard, is none the less sincere and heartfelt; and our appreciation of the splendid action of the Government and people of New Zealand in giving this noble ship is none the less genuine.

We point with pride to the fact that Halifax Harbor was once the rendezvous of the Great Fleets—nearly one hundred sail of the line being within its waters at one time; and that it was here that the Squadrons were concentrated and quartered, that saved half a continent, as well as the West India Islands, to the Empire.

So, the "New Zealand" is the pioneer ship of a vast fleet of powerful fighters, that will ensure the integrity, not only of our half of the continent, and the West Indian Islands, but of the world encircling empire itself.

The sons of New Zealand have shown their mettle, their willingness to make sacrifices, and their valor, in Britain's struggle in South Africa, and now they come to the front with an example to all the Dominions, in the form of this splendid gift, that must be the envy of the Sister Dominions, the gratification of the Motherland, and a source of wholesome warning to all foreign nations.

It is our proud privilege to welcome you, to wish you God Speed, to send a message of good will and sincere congratulation to our fellow citizens of the Empire in the Antipodes, and to assure you that the day is very near at hand when mighty Canadian ships will fly the flag of Empire, and vie with your "New Zealand," in occupying the post of honor in the fighting line, wherever and whenever the clarion call is sounded for the Empire's defense, and wherever the peace of the world is to be preserved by the united efforts of the Imperial fleet of Britain and all the Overseas Dominions.

We hope your visit to our City will be a very pleasant one and that you will carry away with you pleasant and inspiring impressions from this old Garrison Town, so long an outpost and bulwark of British progress and power on this continent.

FREDERICK P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

Captain Halsey made an appropriate oral reply.

The Council adjourned.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, December 4th, 1913.*

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. Present His Worship the Mayor Controller O'Connor, Aldermen Brown, Parker, Powell, Hubley, Smith, Gastonguay and Covert.

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Brown 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 Controllers Harris, Hoben and Scanlan and Aldermen Cox, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Riordon.

The Council was summoned to proceed with general business.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Invitation to members of City Council to attend sessions of the Annual Meeting Nova Scotia Society of Engineers, December 9th, 10th and 11th. Reports (27) Board of Control as follows:—

- Accounts.
- Lower Water Street widening.
- Provincial Exhibition.
- Straightening Young Street.
- Garage No. 458 Robie Street.
- Coal Weighers.
- Funds for Water Construction.
- Brunswick Street sidewalk.
- Bell Street sidewalks.
- North Street sidewalk.
- Richard Yeadon water bill.
- Transportation City Engineer and staff on Street Railway.
- Repairs City Wharf Jubilee Road.
- Waegwoltic Avenue water extension.
- Cabot Street water extension.
- Fire Department (3).
- Street Lighting (4).
- Tenders for binding City Charter.
- Various matters.
- Architecture of important public buildings.
- Estimates for Public Schools.
- Somers System of Realty Valuation.

### CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read invitation to the members of the Council to attend sessions of the annual meeting of Nova Scotia Society of Engineers at Board of Trade Rooms December 9th, 10th and 11th, 1913. Accepted.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts for various services amounting to \$15,857.50.

### ACCOUNTS.

*City Hall, December 4th, 1913.*

#### *The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for payment accounts chargeable to the various departments, as follows:—

#### **City Health Board**

A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., paper, \$1.20; Colwell Bros., coats, \$3.00; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$6.20; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$19.07; Canadian Rubber Co., hose, \$.30; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., printing charts, etc., \$23.30; T. C. Allen & Co., T. W. ribbon, \$1.00; L. E. Hatt, milk, \$3.04; Kelley & Glassey, brandy, \$1.50; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$79.25; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for hospitals, \$17.21; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$1.25; Robinson, Ltd., cartage, \$.50; W. L. Kane & Co., night dresses, \$15.00; Freeman & Co., oil cloth, \$4.90; Cragg Bros., Co., Ltd., hardware, \$1.14; Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hose, \$1.50; Martin & Moore, whitewashing, etc., \$10.00; City Home, coal, \$18.75; John Foley, plastering, etc., \$13.40; G. A. Burbidge, nurses charts, \$1.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., \$10.10; M. L. Buskins, sweeping chimneys, \$5.00; Nova Scotia Undertaking Co., conveyance of patients, \$38.00; W. H. Donovan, minerals, \$2.15; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$2.79; W. & C. Silver, dry goods, \$5.31; Jas. D. Walsh, antitoxine, \$159.70; Farquhar Bros., kitchen furnishings, etc., \$184.68; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat Emergency Hospital, \$5.52; Alex. Bond, milk, \$8.18; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$73.22; W. R. Nicholson, drugs Emergency Hospital, \$133.86; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$76.38. Total, \$927.40.

#### **Citizens' Free Library**

McAlpine Publishing Co., Ltd., directory, \$4.50; H. H. Marshall, sub. Herald from July 1, '13 to July 1, '14, \$6.00; Methodist Book Room, "Inside the Cup," \$1.20; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$12.95; J. L. Connolly, books, \$2.25; Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., Ltd., carpet, \$8.25. Total, \$35.15.

#### **City Home**

E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$338.67; J. A. Leaman & Co., meats and pork, \$374.64; Dillon Bros., flour, \$175.95; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$129.71; C. F. Holland, butter, \$98.10; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$32.34; Gunn & Co., Ltd., fodder, \$11.49; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$22.52; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$27.00; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., dry goods, \$71.61; Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$15.75; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., coal, \$356.96; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; The Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$42.80; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., exchange, \$7.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.15; Neil Fox, axle grease, etc., \$1.15; Cragg Bros.,

Ltd., sundries, \$1.60; Brookfield Bros., Ltd., lime, \$3.00; The Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., hose, \$9.00; Jas. D. Walsh, fly paper, \$90; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$2.20; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$17.52; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$328.67; Salaries, November, 1913, \$676.14; H. H. Banks, potatoes and turnips, \$540.66. Total, \$3291.93.

### Public Gardens

Acadia Fire Insurance Co., premium, \$18.00; Halifax Elec. Tram Co., Ltd., light, \$3.54; Wm. Robertson & Son, hardware, \$21.90; John McInnes & Son, Ltd., lumber, \$4.89; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$8.26; J. A. Simmers, Ltd., seed, \$28.00; R. B. Adams & Co., supplies, \$2.50; Ralph S. Eaton, elm trees, \$18.00; M. F. Burns, plumbing, \$49.66. Total, \$154.75.

### Police

Clayton & Sons, overcoats and ulsters, \$75.00; Chas. B. Love, overcoat, \$24.00; W. & C. Silver, overcoat, \$24.00; Maritime Telephone Co., phone, \$11.67; Neil Fox, supplies, \$2.00; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., parts motor cycle, \$2.00; Frank Reardon, lettering sign, \$.75; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery, \$4.85; Fire Department, fodder, etc., patrol horse, \$53.64. Total, \$197.91.

### Fire Department

John Davison & Son, lumber, \$2.85; Canadian Express Co., charges, \$5.73; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery, \$3.50; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$6.62; Jas. Donohue, metal work, \$18.00; Geo. A. Perrier, plumbing, \$44.01; Horton & Manitt, painting, etc., \$69.00; Imperial Oil Company, gasoline, \$46.92; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$6.60; Jas. Roue, distilled water, \$1.50; Farquhar Bros., Ltd., supplies, \$53.87; Jas. Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$12.69; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$178.17; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$100.71; Gunn & Co., Ltd., fodder, \$29.19; J. H. Fenton, kindling, \$6.00; C. Brister & Son, blankets, \$2.50; W. J. Butler & Co., premium, \$2.40; Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd., tubing, \$7.00; Burns & Kelleher, repairs, etc., \$2.30; Frank W. Fraser, salt, \$2.20; Halifax Steam Laundry, laundry work, \$9.44; C. L. Newman, Ltd., chains, \$11.00; J. Starr Son & Co., Ltd., recharging batteries, \$3.50; Halifax Tramway Co., light, \$52.87, power, \$23.96, total, \$76.83; Wentzells, Ltd., supplies, \$7.00; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hardware, \$4.14; Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$23.70; Works Department, work, etc., \$73.12. Total, \$810.49.

### City Prison

Neil Fox, saddlery, \$1.20; Works Department, cement, etc., \$8.96; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$1.07; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$80.66; Black & Flinn, lime, \$5.25; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$3.90; Maritime Telephone Co., phone, \$4.75; P. A. Gough, veterinary services, \$7.50; J. S. Cashen & Sons, oats, \$4.40; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., supplies, \$8.75; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., dry goods, \$45.16; Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$37.60; W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$20.75; Wentzells, Ltd., groceries, \$48.86; Moirs, Ltd., bread, \$22.74; Heber Hartlen, repairs roof abattoir, \$15.00. Total, \$316.55.

### Works Department

Water Maintenance, \$1160.92; Water Construction, \$2268.35; Streets, \$438.30; Cleaning Paved Streets, \$20.00; Permanent Sidewalks, \$425.67; Telephones, \$33.19; City Hall Lighting, \$67.73; Street Lighting, \$1875.14; City Property, \$37.95; Internal Health, \$80.83; Teams and Stables, \$364.74; Sewerage, \$2112.36. Total, \$8885.18.

### General Accounts

A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., books, City Collector, \$24.00, City Clerk, \$26.40, total, \$50.40; T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and stationery, City Clerk, \$83.36, City Treasurer, \$.90, City Collector, \$9.00, total, \$93.26; James Ross, copies address, \$1.00; Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of death of



Thos. Kelly, \$4.00, Caleb Dauphinee, \$4.00, Geo. Corkum, \$4.00, A. J. Dauphinee, \$4.00, Chas. Warnall, \$4.00, Elizabeth Wood, \$4.00, Michael Kane, \$4.00, Wm. A. Peckham, \$4.00, James Dolan, \$12.00, total, \$44.00; H. H. Marshall, sub. Herald to July 1, 1913, \$12.00; School for the Deaf, maintenance of children, \$300.00. Total, \$500.66.

#### City Health Board

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light for hospitals, \$15.98; Royal Gazette, advertising, \$2.00; Alex. Bond, milk, month November, \$54.98; Cragg Bros., Co., Ltd., hardware, \$2.02; Robinson, Ltd., conveyance of patients, \$2.00; R. Curran, fish, \$.96; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$7.95; D. R. Ross, cream, \$.80; W. R. Nicholson, antitoxine and drugs, \$165.40; Muldowney & Godwin, repairs to smoke machine, \$7.30; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., printing, \$23.50; Farquhar Bros., Ltd., fitting up stoves, etc., \$22.63; W. H. Donovan, minerals, \$16.20; M. Day, plumbing per tender, \$276.90; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$138.86. Total, \$737.47.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control covering report Chief Fire Department re his attendance at annual conventions Fire Chiefs at Kingston, Ontario, and the City of New York.

#### FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTIONS.

*City Hall, November 21st, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the information of the City Council report from the Chief of the Fire Department of his attendance last summer at conventions of Fire Chiefs at Kingston, Ontario, and New York City.

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

*Office of Chief of Fire Department, Nov. 18th, 1913.*

*To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to submit to your honorable body the following report of my visit to the New York and Kingston conventions of Fire Chiefs, together with some observations on matters connected with fire fighting that came under my notice, and also some recommendations based on what I saw in other cities.

First—I would thank your honorable body for the privilege of attending those two splendid conventions and of visiting a good many cities. The trip was a delightful one to myself, whilst I believe also that the experience gained will enable me, with your co-operation, to greatly increase the efficiency of our fire department.

The New York convention was the greatest of its kind in the world's history, the delegates numbering fifteen hundred fire chiefs from all parts of America and Europe, the latter including the chiefs from London, Paris, Berlin, Glasgow and Liverpool, and even far-away Australia was represented by the Chief of the Melbourne department, and dense indeed would be the man who would not have learned something from intercourse with these great chiefs. But whilst not nearly so large, nor having as delegates so many famous fire fighters, still I believe that from a practical educational standpoint the Kingston convention was better than that of New York. At the Kingston convention more attention was paid to the smaller matters connected with fire fighting, and also there was more general discussion on the papers read, and most of the subjects dealt with applied more closely to the work of departments of the smaller cities.

In addition to attending at the two conventions at New York and Kingston I visited the following cities—Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, St. John, N. B., Brooklyn, Boston, Patterson, N. J., Beverly, Salem and Lynn, in all of which I received most courteous treatment from the heads of the fire departments and other civic officials and was given every opportunity of looking into the organization and working of the fire departments of these different places.

To give you in detail the proceedings of the two conventions would be practically impossible in this official report, and therefore I shall confine myself to a brief resume' of the matters brought forward for the observation of and discussion by the delegates and in this resume I shall include both conventions.

In the matter of demonstrations in fire work the two big events were the pumping tests of motor power engines and the work of twelve great fire boats in action simultaneously at New York. The pumping test was a great demonstration of the work that can be done by motor machines and such a test, coupled with the work that is being done daily by these machines in actual fire work, would seem to point to the early motorizing of fire departments in all progressive places. In further connection with the pumping tests I may say that to me one of the most interesting features was the work of a machine of the same make and capacity as our own motor engine. That machine made a splendid showing and, pitted against the best makes of motors in the world, went through the test with only one penalty recorded against it—the breaking of a valve within two minutes of the expiration of the time limit. Viewed from the performance of the sister machine of our own engine it would appear that in your purchase of our first piece of motor apparatus you made no mistake.

The fire boat demonstration was a magnificent spectacle and showed conclusively the very great value of this type of fire fighters in handling water front fires.

The papers read and discussed at the conventions included the following:

- "Motor Apparatus, Its Durability, Efficiency and Economy of Operation."
- "Fire Insurance, In Its Relation To Incendiarism."
- "British Motor Fire Apparatus."
- "Fire Prevention."
- "Gasoline Motor Pumping Engines, Their Defects and Cost of Operation."
- "Inspection of Buildings by Uniformed Members of Departments."
- "The Two-Platoons Departments."
- "The Proper Handling of Gasoline and Other Explosives, and the Location of Gasoline Pumps and Tanks."
- "Full Insurance Without Inspection."
- "Water Pressures."

"The Proportion of Call Force to Permanent Men."

"Putting Wires Under Ground."

"Metal Shingles and Fire-Proof Roofs."

All these subjects and their discussion were most interesting and valuable but amongst all the papers read the consensus of opinion was that the outstanding figure was that on "Fire Insurance In Its Relation to Incendiarism," by Fire Commissioner Johnston and Fire Chief Kenlon of New York City. That paper should be read by every person interested in the welfare of the communities. It is a scathing criticism of the manner in which fire insurance is sold, and contains statements and figures that are startling in their boldness and immensity.

Some of the figures and declarations in that remarkable paper are that

"The annual tribute to incendiarism in the United States and Canada is \$250,000,000 and for this enormous loss the insurance companies are mainly responsible."

"Fully one-half, if not two-thirds, of our fires are actively or passively criminal."

"The business of fire insurance in the United States and Canada has reached the condition that encourages the incendiary and leaves others to follow his example."

"Even great conflagrations are profit makers for the insurance companies."

"Over-insurance, gross and deliberate, is creating more fire bugs on the American continent to-day than all other forces combined."

"The crook does not need any urging to overinsure. He will gladly pay high rates for every dollar of over-insurance that there is any chance of his being able to use, and the result is something that would discredit anything but fire insurance methods for all time to come."

There are many other statements equally as startling as those quoted, but space will not permit more in this report.

Other papers of very great interest to me, because they apply more directly to fire conditions in our own city, were those on the proper storing of gasoline and other explosives, sidewalk gasoline pumps and tanks, proportion of call men to permanents, putting wires under ground, water pressures, metal roofs and fire-proof shingles.

With regard to the result of my observations in other places, one of the most striking things was that in practically all of them the fire departments are organized on the fully-paid permanent plan, the call force system having been abolished; whilst in the few places where the call system is still continued the proportion of permanent to call men has been very largely increased, the call force being confined almost entirely to a few hosemen and ladder men.

Another striking feature of the equipment of the departments in nearly all the cities I visited is the installation of waggons, or motor cars, capable of carrying at least one thousand feet of hose each, instead of the little waggons carrying only from five hundred to six hundred feet.

The chiefs of all the cities in which these changes in organization and equipment have been made were unanimous in approving of them both on the grounds of economy and efficiency.

In the matter of a fully-paid force of permanent men always on duty and ready to go direct with the apparatus to fires, the department naturally gets to work much more promptly than it could when working under a system which calls for long delays in waiting for the gathering of a sufficient number of men to handle the apparatus and the hose lines, and in this way the efficiency of the department is greatly strengthened. Also, the heads of the fully-paid departments assert that the smaller number of fully-paid permanent men do more effective work as compared with the strong bodies of call men who, no matter how good, cannot do as good work as the permanents, very largely offsets the higher wages to the latter class. The same principle to a lesser extent applies to the departments where whilst not fully permanent are made up of a larger proportion of permanents as compared with call.

As a result of what I heard and saw in this connection I would say that whilst at present I would not perhaps go so far as to recommend a fully-paid permanent department for Halifax, still I would respectfully recommend that the proportion of permanents to call men be increased by the appointment of one permanent captain and one permanent lieutenant, also one engineer and two permanent hosemen to each division. These appointments would increase the permanent force by about twenty-two men; but to offset this expense the call force could be very largely reduced, whilst at the same time the efficiency of the department would be largely increased.

In further connection with the permanent feature of the fire department I may say that based on the experience of other cities a permanent force of about fifty men would be large enough for Halifax at the present time, this estimate being based on one fireman to each one thousand of population, which is the general rule in all cities having permanent forces.

With regard to the matter of larger hose waggons, or motor hose cars, I would say that my own experience here has shown the necessity of this and evidently the experience in other cities has been the same. Under existing conditions in Halifax the carrying of hose is one of our most expensive items of fire department work. We have the hose; we have the horses; but, with one exception, not counting the motor engine, of course, our waggons are too small and leave houses for the scenes of fires carrying only one-half the quantity of hose that with larger vehicles could be carried at the same expense, and in many cases prevent second or third alarm apparatus being called out.

To enlarge on the above point—It frequently happens that long lines of hose are necessary to reach a fire and that waggons coming on a first alarm do not carry enough to give me the necessary footage. The fire may be a small one, and with little or no danger of spreading could easily be handled by the first alarm kit if it had brought with it enough hose, but in order to get a sufficient quantity of hose to lay out lines of the necessary length a second and sometimes a third alarm must be sounded, not that we need the men or the apparatus but to get enough hose to enable us to reach the fire. This is one of our greatest weaknesses, and the remedy is the substitution of waggons or motor cars capable of carrying from one thousand to twenty-five hundred feet of hose to take the place of our present waggons carrying only five hundred or six hundred feet, and I would take this opportunity of recommending that this change be effected at the earliest possible date.

Other matters to which I noticed special attention being paid in nearly all the cities I visited are the removal of overhead wires; very stringent regulations regarding the storage of gasoline and other highly inflammable or combustible matter; the enactment and strict enforcement of building

laws and the inspection of buildings; and also the compulsory use of fire-proof roofs and metal shingles in districts where the erection of wooden buildings is still permissible. All these are very important matters from a fire view point and I would respectfully direct your attention to them as being applicable to Halifax, where there is much room for improvement in all the conditions to which they apply.

In conclusion, permit me to refer briefly to a touching scene in connection with the New York convention—the unveiling of a memorial tablet to New York firemen who at different times were killed whilst in action. In connection with the ceremony of unveiling this tablet more than seven thousand five hundred firemen marched in the line of parade to Riverside drive where the tablet is located. The ceremony, which was witnessed by tens of thousands of citizens, was a most solemn and affecting one and showed grateful remembrance of the people of New York city for their dead firemen—“Soldiers who died in a war that never ends.”

P. J. BRODERICK *Chief Fire Department.*

Filed.

Read report Board of Control covering report Civic Improvement League on letter of Toronto Civic Guild re architecture of important public buildings.

#### ARCHITECTURE IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*City Hall, November 21st, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had before them a copy of a letter forwarded to the Honorable Minister of Public Works by the Toronto Civic Guild with respect to the possibility of improving the design of the larger and more important public buildings erected by the Dominion Government throughout Canada. For the purpose of ascertaining their views the correspondence was forwarded to the Civic Improvement League and their report on the matter is attached hereto for the information of the Council.

Your Board recommend that the City Council endorse the principle suggested by the Toronto Civic Guild.

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

*Toronto Civic Guild, Toronto, October 24th, 1913.*

*The Mayor of Halifax.*

*Dear Sir:*— I take much pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written this day to the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, with respect to the possibility of improving the design of the larger and more important public buildings erected by the Dominion Government throughout Canada.

Will you please acknowledge receipt.

WM. FLAGG, *Secretary.*

*The Toronto Civic Guild, Toronto, October 24th, 1913.*

*Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works,  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.*

*Dear Sir:*—In the hope of securing for the City of Toronto a Dominion Government Building and Post Office of conspicuous architectural merit, the Civic Guild of Toronto respectfully asks you to consider the matter of the design of this important structure by some agency other than by Departmental design.

The large volume of Governmental construction work, much of which is necessarily in connection with the upkeep and alteration of existing buildings and a large variety of smaller structures, makes it practically impossible for a Departmental Executive to give to the solution of a great problem of architectural and structural design the necessary personal thought and attention, only through which a notable result can be achieved. The consequent delegation of this vital element of personal design, into the hands of subordinates who so often in Departmental work do not feel the stimulus of the severe competition which exists in private practice, has in the past, not only in Canada but in England and the United States, resulted in mediocrity and even worse in much Government work, notwithstanding that large sums of public moneys were involved.

The large opportunity which the Government possesses, in connection with the erection of great buildings of this type, to raise the standard of architecture throughout the Dominion, together with the importance of such works in the beautification of cities and their inspiration to the general public, should prove an object of serious consideration on the part of the Government to secure the highest artistic as well as structural and technical results.

We therefore ask that this work of such great moment in the best development of the City of Toronto shall be carried on through the appointment, as architect, of an eminent Canadian or British practitioner who has unquestionably demonstrated his abilities, or by the selection of the same by a competition among British architects, conducted along the most approved lines. The Dominion Government has already recognized this principle in connection with the proposed new Departmental Buildings at Ottawa, and has already taken steps through an effectively organized competition, to secure the best designs obtainable. We strongly feel that the Government building in Toronto should be given the same thoughtful consideration.

Among the great buildings which have been erected during the last decade (or are now in process of erection), from designs secured by competition may be mentioned the following:—

In England:—

London County Council Offices,  
London Port of Entry,  
London Board of Trade (competition now in progress),  
Manchester Exchange (competition now in progress),  
Liverpool Exchange,  
National Museum of Wales,  
Wesleyan Hall, etc., etc.

In the United States:—

New York Custom House,  
New York Post Office,  
New York Municipal Buildings,  
New York Court House,  
Departmental Buildings at Washington,  
The more important Post Offices, etc. in the larger cities, etc., etc.

In Canada:—  
 University of British Columbia,  
 Central Technical School, Toronto,  
 Registry Office, Toronto,  
 Carnegie Library, Toronto,  
 Stock Exchange, Toronto,  
 Winnipeg City Hall, etc., etc.

As to the relative cost of departmental plans and those of private practitioners, it may be of interest to note that in the recent investigation into the cost of maintaining the Supervising Architects Office of the United States Treasury Department that it was brought out that it cost the government 11 per cent., on the cost of construction for design and superintendence, as against 5 per cent., allowed the private practitioner for the same service. It should also be emphasized that by the competitive system under the operation of the "Tarsney Act" that the United States Government was then securing the services of the most eminent architects in the United States, and architectural results equal, if not superior to, the best private enterprise.

TORONTO CIVIC GUILD, *Jas. B O'Brien, President.*

*Halifax, N. S., November 19th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—Regarding communication from Toronto Civic Guild concerning architecture of Public Buildings—

The Executive of the Civic Improvement League has had this communication under consideration, and consider the Toronto Civic Guild should receive support in this matter, and that if their suggestion is followed it would tend to raise the standard of the architecture of the public buildings all over the country.

In this connection we may refer to a volume in the Citizen's Free Library, entitled "The Improvement of Towns and Cities," by Charles Mulford Robinson, page 192, in which the author says:—

"Plans for the more important government buildings in the United States are now in fact, submitted to competition, an important step forward."

Mr. Robinson is one of the leading authorities on civic art and his statement emphasises the value of the step which the Toronto Civic Guild propose should be taken in Canada.

THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE,

*E. J. Kelly, Secretary.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control be adopted, Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control on various matters,

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**REPORT BOARD OF CONTROL RE VARIOUS MATTERS.**

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report and recommend as follows—

1. The monthly report of the Coal Weighers for October, showing each Weigher to have received \$65.21 is submitted for the information of the Council.

2. The monthly report of the City Home for November is submitted for the information of the Council. It is recommended that the Superintendent be instructed to provide the usual dinner for the inmates of the City Home on Christmas Day and to carry out the usual arrangements in regard to the officials and nurses.

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

**REPORT CITY HOME FOR NOVEMBER.**

*Halifax, November 30th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of November, 1913.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were forty persons admitted into the City Home, eighteen discharged and two died. Of the number admitted, eleven were chargeable to the Province and twenty-nine to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is three hundred and six, made up of one hundred and eighty seven men, and one hundred and nineteen women. On the same date last year there were one hundred and ninety two men, one hundred and seventeen women and eight children, a total of three hundred and seventeen.

There were two patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital chargeable to the City during the month.

Insurance on boilers expires on December 11th, 1913. It will be necessary to have same renewed.

I would recommend that the Superintendent be instructed to provide the usual dinner for the inmates on Christmas Day, and carry out the usual arrangements in regard to the officials and nurses.

B. J. MULCAHY, *Superintendent.*

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re appointments, etc., Fire Department.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT.***City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.**The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the Chief of the Fire Department.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**Halifax, December 3rd, 1913.**The Board of Control.**Gentlemen:*—I beg leave to make the following report:—

1. That Thomas Healey, previously reported sick, has not yet reported for duty.
2. That Frederick Harper, Driver of No. 3. Waggon, has resigned.
3. That James Delaney, Callman on No. 1 Engine, has resigned.
4. That James Byers, Callman on No. 4. Hose, has left the City without leave.

**Recommendations.**

5. That Frederick Rafters, Callman on No. 4 Hose, be appointed Acting Driver vice Frederick Harper, resigned.
6. That Edmund White, Hugh Scott and Frank Bennett be appointed Supernumeraries.

P. J. BRODERICK, *Chief Fire Department.*

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for binding two hundred and fifty (250) copies of the City Charter, 1913.

**BINDING CITY CHARTER.***City Hall, November 17th, 1913**The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—At a meeting of the Board of Control held to-day tenders were received and opened for binding copies of the Revised City Charter as follows:—

**A. & W. MacKinlay, Limited**

250 copies, 43 1-2 cents each; 2 copies interleaved, 66 cents each.

**T. C. Allen & Company**

250 copies, 68 cents each; 2 copies interleaved, 80 cents each.

It is recommended that the tender of A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control November 12th, 1913, re street lights.

**STREET LIGHTS.**

*City Hall, November 12th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to recommend for adoption the attached reports of the City Engineer re street lights Oxford Street at London Street, Albemarle Street at Prince Street, corner of West Young and Agricola Streets, and at the corner of Preston and Shirley Streets.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 11th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to recommend the installation of street lights as follows:—

On Oxford Street at London Street.

On Albemarle Street at Prince Street.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 11th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying request from Alderman Cox that the light at the corner of Preston and Mott Streets be moved to the corner of Preston and Shirley Streets.

There is a pole at the corner of Shirley Street, one span north of the pole that the light is on at present, and as so many lights are being ordered, I would recommend that the light be moved. A new light was installed at the corner of Seldon and Mott Streets this year, and a light at Preston and Mott Streets is not so necessary as it was before.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 11th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request from Controller Harris, for a light at the corner of West Young Street and Agricola Street.

On West Young Street there is a long distance between lights, and I would recommend that a light be placed at this corner.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control November 26th, 1913, re street lights.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

*City Hall, November 26th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to recommend to the City Council for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the installation of Street Lights on Oxford Street at corner of Oakland Road; Oxford Street between Oakland road and South Street; Creighton Street at Bloomfield Street.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 25th, 1913*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on requests for street lights recommending installation as follows, when funds are available:—

A light on Oxford Street at the corner of Oakland Road.

A light on Oxford Street between Oakland Road and South Street.

A light on Creighton Street at Bloomfield Street.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re electric light corner Queen and Tobin Streets.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT QUEEN AND TOBIN STREETS.

*City Hall, November 28th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, present all the Controllers, beg to recommend that a street light be placed, in its turn, at the corner of Queen and Tobin Streets.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control December 3rd, 1913, re street lights.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to submit for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re street lights, with the recommendation that the City Engineer request the Intercolonial Railway to install a light at the crossing on Lady Hammond Road and to urge upon the railway management the necessity for their doing so.

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

*City Engineer's Office, December 1, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying request for street lights, and to recommend the installation of lights when funds are available, as follows:—

- Light on Robie Street at McCully Street.
- Light at the corner of Robie and West Young Streets.
- Light on Cabot Street.
- Light on North Clifton Street.

In reference to the light asked for at Lady Hammond Road by the railway crossing, I think the light at that point should be provided by the Intercolonial Railway. They are lighting the subway at Kempt Road and we have asked them to light the subway at Fairview. The crossing on Lady Hammond Road is a grade crossing and now that the round house is at Willow Park, traffic over the Cotton Siding is much heavier than it used to be, and I think the Railway Department might well be asked to provide a light at this crossing.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re disciplining Firemen.

#### DISCIPLINING FIREMEN.

*City Hall, November 17th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that at a meeting to-day they had before them complaints against members of the Fire Department, as follows:—

1. James Cody, Ladderman on No. 1 Truck, attempting to falsify the roll of firemen present at alarm Box 4, November 8th, by giving misleading information.

2. District Chief William Brunt suspended by the Chief for being under the influence of liquor and insubordination at alarm Box 43, November 13th.

3. Lieutenant Michael Maltus suspended for being under the influence of liquor at alarm of fire Box 43, November 13th.

After investigation Cody was cautioned as to his behaviour.

Brunt and Maltus were reprimanded by His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the Board and informed that should such offenses occur again they will be liable to incur dismissal.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Cabot Street.

#### WATER EXTENSION CABOT STREET.

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Cabot Street.

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

*City Engineer's Office, December 2nd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request of the Board of Control re the proposed water extension, Cabot Street.

The pipe is extended now in Cabot Street past four houses and there are two houses which have no city water supply. This extension was reported on in 1908.

The district is high service; length of pipe required 230 feet; size of pipe, 6 inch; estimated cost \$569.44; interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent, \$28.47. I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$14.24.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Waegwoltic Avenue.

**WATER EXTENSION WAEGWOLTIC AVENUE.**

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Waegwoltic Avenue.

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

*City Engineer's Office, December 1st, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Waegwoltic Avenue.

The district is low service; size of pipe required, 6 inch; excavation, partially rock; length of pipe required, 250 feet; estimated cost \$644.50.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$32.23.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re repairs City Wharf Jubilee Road.

**REPAIRS CITY WHARF JUBILEE ROAD.**

*City Hall, November 21st, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re repairs to City Wharf Jubilee Road, the work to be done next year.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 20th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—In compliance with the request of your Board, I beg to report that the wharf at the foot of Jubilee Road needs new planking, ribbon pieces and sheathing, and possibly joists as well.

The cost of repairing will not be less than \$300.00. An accurate estimate cannot be made without stripping the wharf.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harrfs that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control covering letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company declining to extend the privilege of free riding on their cars to the City Engineer and his staff.

**TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER AND STAFF ON STREET RAILWAY.**

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that sometime ago they applied to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for free transportation of the City Engineer and his staff, not exceeding a dozen persons, on their street cars. The reply of the Company refusing the privilege is attached hereto for the information of the Council.

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

*Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd., December 2nd, 1913.*

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

*Dear Sir:*—In reply to your favor of the 25th of November, addressed to our Manager, re free riding on our cars for City Engineer and his staff. Your request has been placed before our Executive, and it was decided for the present not to further extend the privilege of free riding on the cars, which is now allowed to a large number of the employees of the City.

W. J. DeBLOIS, *Secretary.*

Filed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Richard Yeadon, No. 28 Duncan Street.

**WATER BILL—RICHARD YEADON, 28 DUNCAN STREET.**

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the water bill of Richard Yeadon for premises No. 28 Duncan Street for the year ending September, 1913, \$12.59, be reduced to \$10.00. A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

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

*City Engineer's Office, December 1st, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the letter from Richard Yeadon, asking for a reduction in the bill charged for water for the year from Sept. 1912 to Sept. 1913.

The records show that in the summer months of 1912, previous to September, the consumption was from 3000 to 3500 gallons a month. During the winter of 1912-13, the consumption increased to an average of between 7000 and 8000 gallons a month. From March to July, the average was between 9000 and 10,000, while from July 1913 to Sept. 1913 the consumption was only 5000 gallons for the two months. The consumption during those two months was about normal. What the cause of the larger consumption during the winter and spring months was, I can only conjecture. I have no information which would justify me in recommending a reduction under the law.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter North Street, south side, between Agricola and Gottingen Streets.

#### CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER NORTH STREET.

*City Hall, November 12th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on North Street, south side, between Agricola and Gottingen Streets.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 11th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a granite curb and gutter on the south side of North Street between Agricola Street and Gottingen Street.

The petition alleges that all former attempts at grading this sidewalk have been a failure, owing to the grading material washing into the gutter. Evidently the petitioners have overlooked the real cause of any such washing away of material. It is due to the downspouts discharging on the sidewalk instead of being connected with the sewer.

The laying of a curb and gutter would have to be charged to the street appropriation, and as your Board are aware, the street appropriation is too small to enable us to overtake absolutely necessary work.

A concrete sidewalk has been laid on the north side, and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with granite curb and gutter, be laid on the south side of North Street between Agricola Street and Gottingen Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

The estimated cost is \$4352.00.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.



Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Bell Street.

**BELL STREET SIDEWALKS.**

*City Hall, November, 19th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—At a meeting of the Board of Control held to-day the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Bell Street was recommended to the City Council for adoption.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 17th, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—In compliance with the request of the Board, I beg to report that the sidewalk on the south side of Bell Street from Water Street to Barrington Street is earth only. It is an important business district and I would recommend that it be constructed of concrete under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

The north sidewalk of Bell Street from Barrington Street to Argyle Street is usually in bad condition because the grade is steep and rains wash it out. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Bell Street from Barrington to Argyle Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost of the two sidewalks is \$578.00.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Brunswick Street.

**CONCRETE SIDEWALK BRUNSWICK STREET.**

*City Hall, November 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Brunswick Street in front of the County Academy Building.

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

*City Engineer's Office, November 22nd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request of Controller Harris that the concrete sidewalk now being laid on Sackville Street be continued along Brunswick street in front of the County Academy.

There is a curb stone laid there now, and the estimated cost of constructing a concrete sidewalk is only \$260.00. I would recommend that the sidewalk be laid on the east side of Brunswick Street as far as the granite curb is laid from Sackville Street north, under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and Clerk of Works recommending the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Water Maintenance Account to Water Construction Account.

#### FUNDS FOR WATER CONSTRUCTION.

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the Clerk of Works recommending the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Water Maintenance account to Water Construction account.

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

*Office of Clerk of Works, December 3rd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to inform you that Water Construction account is exhausted. After consultation with the City Engineer I beg to recommend that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from Water Maintenance Account to the credit of Water Construction Account as provided by section 611 of the City Charter which provides that "any surplus of such income may from time to time by the direction of the Council be (a) applied to improving or extending the water supply."

JAS. J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re Coal Weighers.

#### COAL WEIGHERS.

*City Hall, November 24th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to report and recommend as follows, respecting Coal Weighers:—

1. The Board having been informed by the Supervisor of Coal Weighers of the death on November 8th inst. of William H. Hawley, a Permanent Coal Weigher, recommend the appointment of W. D. Sanger in his stead.

2. The Board, through a Sub-Committee consisting of Controllers O'Connor and Harris, have made an investigation into the whole matter of the weighing of coals and coke which exposed a number of conditions requiring remedy and upon which a report will be made in due course. It having been brought to the attention of your Board that A. J. Smith, one of the Permanent Weighers, has failed to act as such since his last re-appointment in May 1913, it is recommended that his services be dispensed with forthwith and that J. P. O'Connor, one of the Supernumerary Coal Weighers, be appointed a Permanent Coal Weigher in his stead.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted, that the services of A. J. Smith as a Coal Weigher be dispensed with and that W. D. Sanger and J. P. O'Connor be appointed Coal Weighers. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control on application of Alexander B. Anderson for permission to establish a garage and repairshop for the storage and repair of automobiles at No. 458 Robie Street, recommending that the application be refused.

#### GARAGE NO. 458 ROBIE STREET.

*City Hall, November 12th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, beg to submit herewith applications dated November 10th and November 11th, 1913, from Messrs Covert & Pearson on behalf of Alexander B. Anderson for permission to establish a garage and repair shop for the storage and repair of automobiles at No. 458 Robie Street. The Chief of the Fire Department reports that in his opinion the business is of such a character as to cause increased danger of fire to the adjoining properties and that in his judgment neither the building nor the locality would justify its use for the purpose intended. Petitions against the occupation of the building as a garage were received by the Board and delegations of citizens in the neighborhood appeared before the Board protesting against any such use of the property. It is recommended that the application be refused.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Solicitor recommending legislation in connection with the transfer of property corner of Young and Gottingen Streets from Gerald B. Ternan to the City.

#### STRAIGHTENING YOUNG STREET.

*City Hall, November 19th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Solicitor recommending that legislation be sought authorizing the City to use for the purchase of property from Gerald B. Ternan at the corner of Young and Gottingen Streets such amount as may be necessary out of the balance of \$30,000 authorized under Clause (c) of the Schedule to Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907.

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

*Office of City Solicitor, November 17th, 1913.*

*Secretary Board of Control.*

*Dear Sir:*—No legislation is required by the City to purchase this property, as the authority of section 620 of the City Charter to purchase any land for any public work or service of the City is ample. There may be, however, a question as to the right to apply the money specifically borrowed under the Act of 1907 for the widening and extension of Young Street, because as I understand it is proposed to purchase this land for something in the nature of a park; and I would suggest to prevent any irregularity or question that a clause be put in the City Act next year authorizing any balance remaining of the thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars authorized for that purpose to be expended in the purchase of this property.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re Provincial Exhibition.

#### PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

*City Hall, November 19th, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Controllers Harris, Scanlan and Hoben, beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. The Board submit for the information of the Council the annual financial statement of the Provincial Exhibition 1913, showing a deficit of \$10,139.26 for the year's operations.

It is recommended that one half of this sum, being the City's proportion, be included in the estimates for 1914-15.

2. The Provincial Exhibition has, up to the present, been supplied with water by the City free of charge.

It is recommended that in future the Exhibition Commission be charged the usual meter rate for all water supplied to the Exhibition.

3. It is recommended that in future the Fire Department charge the Provincial Exhibition Commission for the services rendered by the Fire Department each year during the holding of the Exhibition.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and Assistant City Engineer re widening Lower Water Street at property of Charles Brister.

#### WIDENING LOWER STREET.

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control, all the members being present, submit for the approval of the City Council the accompanying report of the Assistant City Engineer re widening Lower Water Street at property of Charles Brister with the additional recommendation that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature authorizing the City to borrow funds for the purpose, Mr. Brister to be informed that it is the intention of the City to pay only the principal sum, there being technical reasons why interest cannot be paid him.

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

*City Engineer's Office, December 2nd, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Control, Controller Hoben and I interviewed Mr. Brister with regard to the value of the land required by the City for the widening of Water Street at his property north of Jones' Wharf.

As a matter of record, I should state that the assessed value for the whole of Mr. Brister's property was last year \$4100, or at a rate of 67 1-10 cents per square foot. The area required by the City is about 1690 square feet. In 1912 at the request of the Board of Works, Mr. Rogers valued the property required, at \$3000 or a rate of about \$1.78 per square foot. In 1911 the City bought from Messrs. Burns & Kelleher, a piece of land a short distance south, under similar conditions, at a rate of \$3.14 per square foot.

Mr. Brister asked \$6000 for the property required, but after discussing the matter from different viewpoints, he finally agreed to accept \$5000 This offer to be without prejudice to either side. This would be at the rate of \$2.95 per square foot. If the rate paid Burns & Kelleher was a fair index of the value of property in this locality in 1911, \$5000 is a fair price to pay

Mr. Brister. There is a one-story brick building on part and a suitable foundation wall on another part of the property taken.

With the recent experience of the City in arbitration cases, it would appear advisable to accept Mr. Brister's offer.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Asst. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller O'Connor that said reports be adopted.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

*For the Motion—*

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Riordon, Hubley, Parker—15.

*Against it—*

Alderman Murphy—1.

His Worship the Mayor declares the motion carried.

Read report Board of Control re estimates for Public Schools covering estimates for Public Schools forwarded by the Board of School Commissioners to His Worship the Mayor for the City Council.

**ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

*City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration the estimates forwarded by the Board of School Commissioners to His Worship the Mayor for the City Council.

The School Board asked this year for .....	\$191,778.00
To the amount voted for Schools there must be added for interest on loans .....	23,866.82
Sinking Funds .....	11,922.03
Interest on bank advances .....	3,000.00
Making the total .....	\$230,566.85
The amount assessed for Schools 1913-14 was .....	198,428.11
Increase over last year .....	\$ 32,138.74

The recommendation of the School Commissioners is for a general increase in both salaries and maintenance accounts.

The Board of Control recommends that the amount asked for by the School Board be reduced as follows:—

Proposed increases in salaries of staff and teachers.....	\$ 5,885.00
Nurse.....	600.00
Medical inspection.....	200.00
Fuel.....	2,000.00
Maintenance.....	1,500.00
	\$ 10,185.00

Controllers Hoben and Scanlan and His Worship the Mayor voted for the foregoing recommendation and Controllers Harris and O'Connor against it.

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

*Board of School Commissioners, November 28, 1913.*

*His Worship the Mayor, City.*

*Sir:*—I have the honor by order of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, to hand you herewith in duplicate a copy of the School estimate for the year ending April 30th, 1915, unanimously adopted by the Board at its meeting yesterday afternoon, and to request that you will be good enough to submit it to the City Council in accordance with Section 8, Chapter 38, Acts of 1911.

S. J. WILSON, *Secretary.*

Controller Hoben submits the following resolution.

*Whereas*, the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, has prepared its estimates for the coming year, amounting to the sum of \$191,778.00;

*And whereas*, this Council is of opinion that such estimates are excessive and disapproves of the same, and is of opinion that the same should be reduced by the following items and amounts;

Proposed increase in salaries of staff and teachers.....	\$5,885 00
Nurse.....	600 00
Medical Inspection.....	200 00
Fuel.....	2,000 00
Maintenance.....	1,500 00

\$10,185 00

*Therefore resolved*, that this Council disapproves of so much of the said estimates as is hereinbefore specified and directs that this objection be communicated to the School Board in writing, before the 11th day of December, inst.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Scanlan.

His Worship the Mayor by consent of Council addresses the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor requests that the statement tabled by Controller O'Connor in relation to his views on the estimates for Public Schools be now read.