
The City Clerk reads Controller O'Connor's statement.
RE TEACHERS' SALARIES.

As I find that my views as a member of the Board of Control are not in consonance with the views of any other member upon the Board, and as I believe that there is danger that these views, when expressed, may be misquoted or misunderstood, I deem it wise to reduce them to writing. The increases of salaries, admittedly, have not been made upon the ground of merit or of length of service, nor are they stated to have been made in order that any inequalities may be remedied. They have been made, if I may use the expression, upon a wholesale basis, at a time when, notoriously, the City is struggling to cope with a necessary and serious increase in its ordinary expenditure. We have just undertaken the building of the North West Arm Sewer, an absolute necessity if the health of those dwelling in the South Western and North Western sections of the City is to be preserved. We are in the midst of an epidemic of typhoid fever. Our lighting system is inadequate, our streets in many sections badly out of repair. In the absence of legislation for that purpose no new means of raising revenue is open to us.

The increases are said to be based upon an alleged increased cost of living. There can be no doubt as to the validity of the ground for the increases and I do not want any words of mine to be construed into an argument that the increases recommended are greater than the merits and necessity of the recipients call for. The question from my standpoint is all one of the acquisition of the means with which to pay the increases. The reason which is alleged to support the increases is one which operates as well to support an increase of the salaries and wages of all other civic employees. On a comparison of the salaries paid teachers with those paid other civic employees, it will be found that the latter have not the best of the situation by any means.

In my judgment, because of the state of civic finances, the School Board ought not to have voted any general increase of salaries at the present time. Special cases could have been given special consideration. But instead of this everything and everybody seems to have been considered excepting only what ought to have been the essential consideration—the state of the civic finances—the ability of the taxpayers to provide the means of payment without suffering distress. In this connection, I desire to say as emphatically as is possible that, in my opinion, the system of legislation which expressly excludes from membership on the School Board the five men, who, as controllers, are entrusted with the duty and the obligation of making up the City's budget, including the provision of the means for the payment of so large a sum as two hundred and thirty odd thousand dollars in one year, (that being the sum demanded by the School Board for the coming year) is indefensible—indeed reprehensible, and should be repealed. I would say further that I cannot understand why, when the City pays nine tenths of the expense of supporting its schools, and the Province but one-tenth, the city should be empowered to appoint only one-half of the twelve commissioners of schools, and the Province the other one-half. I think that the City should insist that it be given a greater control over its school expenditures and that the public should be made clearly aware of the precise situation as affecting school estimates, so that the blame for any claimed excessive taxation, should be properly placed.

However, the increases having been granted by the Commissioners, and the City Council being powerless to review their action (having power merely to put the matter for reconsideration before the Governor-in-Council I decline to take any part in the submission to a Provincial body with a one-tenth interest in the result, of a financial problem in which the City is nine-tenths interested and which the City should be empowered itself to

decide. Just as for the purpose of drawing attention to the necessity for the repeal of an unpopular law, that unpopular law is sometimes most rigorously enforced by those who are opposed to it so that public feeling may be excited against it and lead to its repeal, so I have concluded that it would be best that, for the coming year, the taxpayers should suffer the consequences of the imposition upon them of an untimely added burden of taxation in order that their attention may be drawn to the anomalous conditions and that an agitation may be raised looking towards a permanent remedy. Other wise, I fear that a condition which has existed for too long will continue unremedied to the ultimate greater loss of the taxpayer than will ensue if the undue burden is borne but one year, and because of having been borne, is complained of and conditions remedied. Some minds may regard my stand as inconsistent. But some minds cannot even recognize consistency. My task is merely to satisfy my own self as to my best course in the premises.

I deem it right, in expressing the preceding views, to state further that notwithstanding the conclusion I have come to, I shall not let the coming to such a conclusion in any way hamper me in any stand I may see fit to take when making up the general estimates for ordinary civic expenditure. The City must be prepared, in any event, to stand the normal necessary increase of taxation for purposes other than school expenditure. While we must have good schools and good teachers and must pay these teachers fair salaries, we cannot, because of all this, go about in the dark, nor must we starve our other services or our other servants.

When realizing that the cost of living has gone up, we must not forget to realize that the City, as the civic corporation, itself has to live, and that if the purchasing power of a dollar today is less than it was in earlier years we shall have to abandon our conception of the two per cent tax rate as the maximum beyond which the City ought not to go.

I epitomize my opinions with respect to the school estimates as follows:

(1) I am against the salary increases in toto because they are general increases made at a time when the City is not in a position to stand general increases.

(2) I would have favored special increases given for particular reasons in each instance.

(3) Because I consider the system under which the Civic financial authorities are deprived of control over School Board estimates an improper one, and because I do not think the Governor-in-Council is the proper body to supervise civic expenditures assessable almost entirely upon citizens of Halifax, I prefer, as a rather large taxpayer and as a representative of other taxpayers, to allow the estimates as written by the Board of School Commissioners, a Body not responsible to the citizens of Halifax, to stand for this year so that the need of a remedy for existing conditions may be made apparent to every taxpayer, and as a result be more speedily provided.

Alderman Murphy desired that if the Council thought the estimates for Schools too high it would be in the interests of harmony that they should not point out in detail the items to be curtailed but that the total amount only of reduction be intimated to the School Board.

Alderman Murphy's suggestion is approved by the Council and the City Clerk directed to inform the Board of School Commissioners that the City Council desires a reduction of \$10,185.00 in the estimates for Schools and will meet on to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the reply of the Board.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Harris that this meeting be now adjourned until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, December 5th, 1913.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment of December 4th inst. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers O'Connor, Hoben and Harris, Aldermen Hubley, Brown and Smith.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Hubley 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 Controller Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Powell, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines and Murphy.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Report Board of Control on various matters.
Letter from the City Clerk to the School Board re estimates for Schools.
Letter Commissioners of Public Schools re estimates for Public Schools.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Board of Control December 5th, 1913, on various matters.

REPORT BOARD OF CONTROL.

City Hall, December 5th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have considered Alderman Parker's suggestion that the Intercolonial Railway be requested when installing an electric light at the railway crossing Lady Hammond Road to at the same time provide an automatic signal bell. The Board has instructed the City Engineer to request the Dominion Government to install this signal system.

It is recommended that Governor Grant provide the usual Christmas dinner to the prisoners at the City Prison.

The following named account chargeable to the City Health Board is recommended for payment:—

Dr. C. S. Morton, professional services and hack hire Oct. and Nov. . \$458.00

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that said report be adopted and the account therein recommended paid. Motion passed.

Read letter City Clerk to the Commissioners of Public Schools re estimates for Schools 1914-15.

Read reply from the Commissioners of Public Schools to the City Clerk re estimates for Public Schools.

His Worship the Mayor asked that this matter be deferred to a later stage of the meeting on account of the absence of a number of members. Agreed to.

Read report Board of Control covering report Controller O'Connor re Somers System of Realty Valuation for assessment purposes.

SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT.

City Hall, December 3rd, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Since the adoption by the City Council on July 29th, 1913, of a recommendation of the Board of Control that legislation be sought whereby the City may be authorized to install a unit system of property valuation for assessment purposes, such legislation to provide for the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purpose, Controller O'Connor was authorized by the Board to investigate the unit system of realty valuation in vogue in other cities and his report on his findings, recommending to the Board of Control the adoption of the Somers System, is submitted herewith for the information of the Council.

It is recommended that the last clause of Controller O'Connor's report, which recommends that the proprietors of the Somers System be requested to have one of their representatives attend before the Board for the purpose of arranging terms for the possible installation of that system, etc., be adopted.

His Worship the Mayor dissenting.

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

THE SOMERS SYSTEM.

Halifax, N. S., December 3rd, 1913.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Under this system all valuations are matters of relation. If real property is worth \$1000 per foot frontage by 100 feet depth in one

place it is worth a certain percentage of that elsewhere in the same locality. An unit standard of one foot by one hundred feet is settled upon. Community knowledge is invoked in order to arrive at the value of the most valuable "inside" lot of land in the city or town. None of the present modes of ascertainment of values in neglected and others as well are used. By an "inside" lot is meant one not upon a corner nor affected by "corner influence." When the value of this most valuable inside lot is fixed it requires mere figuring to derive the value of one foot frontage of it by one hundred feet depth. All property within the radius of the influence of the conditions which give that lot its value must be taxed in relation to the value of one by one hundred feet of that lot. When this has been done special considerations, adding to the real value, can be considered. These rarely exist. In this way an equitable mode of assessment is secured. If my neighbor's property is undervalued then so must be mine as they are valued upon the same basis. Likewise as to overvaluation. As the maps used in making the assessments do not show lot lines, but only block lines, it is practically impossible to favour one owner as against another.

The system provides certain rules and formulae for determining the values of corner lots, irregular shaped lots and lots of less than one hundred feet in depth. It also provides a well worked out scheme for ascertaining the value of buildings. Land and buildings are valued separately.

Perhaps the most efficacious way of indicating the various operations of the Somers System is to put before the Board, as I now do, the report of the First Quadrennial assessment of Real Property for the City of Cleveland, Ohio, for the year 1910, which became effective about the end of the year 1911. The introductory words of the report of the Secretary are certainly interesting—"The Tax Rate on these values will not exceed \$1.50 plus the sinking fund rate, probably 10 cents, total \$1.60 per \$100.00, instead of \$3.52 per \$100.00 the probable rate for 1910."

The report contains a lucid explanation of the various processes of the Somers System, with charts and maps as they were actually used for purposes of assessment in Cleveland. I am convinced that from our own city plan there could be prepared at slight expense the preliminary block plans necessary to the application of this system.

I also hand to the Board herewith certain literature published in support of the Somers System, some of it emanating from the proprietors of that system and some of it not. I particularly refer the Board to the issue of the Philadelphia City Club Bulletin of November 16th, 1910, containing an address by Mr. F. C. Horne, member of the Board of Assessors of Real Property for the City of Cleveland, as an excellent if not over enthusiastic exposition of the Somers System and the effect of its application.

Besides the printed matter referred to I am enabled (through the kindness of Ex-Alderman Hattie) to give to the Board the results of an enquiry instituted as to the merits or demerits of the system under consideration.

Columbus, Ohio, reported in the main unfavorably to the system but I have to say that in my judgment the Deputy County Auditor, who signs the answer to the enquiry, does not deal fairly with the system when he states that it eliminates special consideration in the sense of excluding elements contributory to values in particular cases. As I understand the system it is not fairly open to this charge.

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contest has been raging for some years headed on the one side by Mr. Somers and on the other by Mr. A. C. Pleydell, hereinbefore referred to, as respects the relative merits of the Somers and New York Unit systems of valuation. I have not been able to appreciate why the parties are contending at all. The both systems have the same corner stone. One is probably as good as the other, but why Mr. Pleydell, who is not in the business of appraising, should contend with Mr. Somers, who is in the business, I cannot understand. However, Mr. Pleydell's argument seems to be that as the value of a "unit" of real estate can only be established on local testimony, then, upon the establishment of that unit value, the improved and scientific methods long used in New York are at the service of all cities free, and consequently there is no excuse for contracting with a private appraisal corporation for the assessment of a city. This argument is only superficially sound. A musician offers for a consideration to play for me the violin. Another unfriendly musician urges that a violin is in reach of my hand. Why not play it myself? The answer is that I do not know how. So with these two, as I believe, equally good assessment systems. The New York system could be applied here with perfect satisfaction if we had some thoroughly well qualified and experienced person, with a proper staff, to secure the community idea as to unit values and then apply the system. But such a person, and such a staff, would have to be paid. Where this is realized the main criticisms of the Somers System, as opposed to the New York system, fails. The Somers System is applied by a trained paid staff. The burden of overseeing its application is not thrown upon civic officials, who, if they assume it, must perforce neglect the performance of other and ordinary civic duties. The system is applied by experts and not by amateurs. The services of these experts is worth money which it would be true economy to pay, rather than to have our inexperienced assessors stumble through an attempted application of the excellent but unfamiliar New York system even though the formulae of that system may be had gratis.

As the Council has already passed a resolution that a scientific system of property valuation be installed, and authorized the Board to select a system, I recommend that the proprietors of the Somers System be requested to have one of their representatives attend before the Board for the purpose of arranging terms for the possible installation of that system, examining the city plans, and directing the Board as to necessary preliminary requirements.

W. F. O'CONNOR.

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

The Council resumes consideration of the estimates for Public Schools.

The letters passed between the City Clerk and the Commissioners of Schools are again read, the letter of the School Commissioners informing the Council that they had determined to reduce their estimates by the sum of \$5,000.00.

Office of City Clerk, December 5th, 1913.

Miss S. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners.

Dear Madame:—The City Council at a meeting held last evening had before them your estimates for Public Schools for 1914-15, amounting to \$191,778.00. I was directed to express to the Board of School Commissioners the desire of the City Council that the said estimates be reduced by your Board by the sum of \$10,185.00. The meeting was adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening with the hope of receiving from your Board a reply acquiescing with the wishes of the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Board of School Commissioners, December 5th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:—I beg to inform you that at the meeting of the Board this afternoon, and after careful deliberation, it was

Resolved, "That the Board would reduce the Estimate submitted by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), the items affected to be left to the discretion of the Board."

S. J. WILSON, *Secretary.*

His Worship the Mayor stated that the resolution for the reduction of the School estimates by \$10,185.00 submitted at the last session of this meeting by Controller Hoben and seconded by Controller Scanlan is now before the Council.

Deputy-Mayor Powell takes the chair at the request of His Worship the Mayor.

Controller Harris submits the following amendment to Controller Hoben's resolution:—

Resolved, that this Council concur and approve of proposed reduction in the estimates of the Board of School Commissioners.

The amendment is seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Controller Hoben with the consent of the seconder of his resolution, Controller Scanlan, asked permission of the Council to amend the resolution moved by him at the last session of this meeting to read as follows:—

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 in the sum of \$10,000.00;

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.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

Controller Harris' amendment is put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Harris, and O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy—7.

Against it—

Controllers Hoben, Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Hubley.—6.

Read report Board of Control recommending approval of an amended plan of location of street lights on Barrington and Granville Streets under the scheme proposed by the Merchants of Barrington and Granville Streets.

PLAN OF WHITE WAY STREET LIGHTS.

Halifax, N. S., December 5th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that the annexed plan of location of street lights on Barrington and Granville Streets under the scheme proposed by the merchants of Barrington and Granville streets be approved by the Council.

WM. R. POWELL, *Chairman.*

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that said report and plan be approved. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 9.50 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, December 19th, 1913.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers O'Connor and Hoben and Aldermen Smith, Brown, Gastonguay, Hubley, Murphy.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.20 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Controllers Harris and Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Powell, Cox, Harris and Parker.

The Council was summoned to consider the yearly estimates for 1914-15 and to proceed with the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

- Report Board of Control re intercepting sewer North West Arm.
- Report Board of Control re street lights Barrington and Granville Streets.
- Report Board Control re water meter bills.
- Report Board of Control covering the yearly estimate for 1914-15.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Board of Control re certain street lights Barrington Street and Granville Street.

STREET LIGHTS BARRINGTON AND GRANVILLE STREETS.

City Hall, December 19th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control begs to report having received the following letter from the "White Way" Committee:

Halifax, N. S., December 15th, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Board of Control, Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:—The Halifax Electric Tramway Company are desirous of removing the ten Arc Lights in the White Way District, and would like to have official permission issued by the City to do so; releasing them from further contract with this particular lot of lamps, as per agreement made with them. We trust this will have your prompt attention.

WILLIAM SCHON,
LOUIS CONNOLLY,
H. E. MAHON,

The White Way Committee.

It is recommended that the request of the Committee be complied with.

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

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

Read report Board of Control re water meter bills, Alice Kearney, No. 13 Compton Avenue; F. J. Robinson, No. 200 Lower Water Street, and J. W. Coupe, No. 244 Robie Street, covering reports City Engineer.

WATER METER BILLS.

City Hall, December 10th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend reduction in water meter bills as follows:

Alice Kearney, No. 13 Compton Avenue, from \$6.69 to \$5.00
F. J. Robinson, No. 200 Lower Water Street, from \$32.87 to \$25.00.
J. W. Coupe, No. 244 Robie Street, from \$7.28 to \$6.00.

Reports from the City Engineer on each of these cases are submitted herewith for the information of the Council.

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

WATER BILLS 11 AND 13 COMPTON AVENUE.

City Engineer's Office, December 5th 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the two bills attached hereto, for water supplied to the properties 11 and 13 Compton Avenue, for the period from March to September 1913.

The bill for No. 11 is 91.74, only 11,600 gallons of water having been used in the six months a very reasonable amount for a small and careful family.

In No. 13, 44,600 gallons had been used, or nearly four times the quantity that was used in No. 11. That quantity is larger than I use in my own house in a year. There is nothing in the properties at present to show the cause, but the meter history of No. 13 may perhaps offer a suggestion. On the 11th of July 1913, I reported that the meter inspector who reads the meter at No. 13 stated that there had been waste of water at No. 13 all winter—that is last winter, the closet and tap in the kitchen both leaking, the latter running steadily, a stream larger than a lead pencil. He had reported the matter to the tenant, the agent and the owner, but nothing had been done to stop the waste. Your Board recommended a reduction in the bill, from \$22.35 to \$15. This bill, \$6.69 is for the next succeeding six months, Under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

WATER BILL No. 200 LOWER WATER STREET.

City Engineer's Office, December 5th. 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request made by Mr. F. J. Robinson for a reduction in the bill charged for water supplied to the premises No. 200 Lower Water Street during the period from February to September, 1913, amounting to \$32.87.

The record of consumption during that period is—from February to May, an average of 35,000 gallons a month—May to June 49,000 gallons—June to July 27,000 gallons—July to August 23,000 gallons—August to September 13,900 gallons.

Mr. Robinson seems inclined to put the whole blame on the meter and states that the meter had been changed several times—that it had not been registering correctly. The meter inspector reports that this statement is not in accordance with the facts. He states that the meter was reported as not registering at all on November 19th, 1908; that he went down to change it, and found that he could not reach it as the cellar was piled up with cases. He states that Mr. Collins promised to let him know when he could get down, but he heard nothing in reference to the matter afterwards, until August 3rd, 1912, when the meter was changed. That is the only change made in the last five years, and there has been no complaint respecting the meter since August 1912. The former complaint was made by our own inspectors, not by the owner or tenant.

As shown by the figures given above, the consumption has been steadily reduced. If the meter is the cause of that change, I should be surprised to hear a complaint against the meter from the owner or tenant. From the information given to me, as stated in this report, I feel bound to conclude that there has been waste of water. If my conclusion is correct, the law does not permit me to recommend a reduction.

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

WATER BILL No. 244 ROBIE STREET.

City Engineer's Office December 5th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Mr. J. W. Coupe, complaining that the amount of his bill for water supplied during the period from March to September, 1913, seems excessive.

Mr. Coupe states that his tenant, Mrs. Henderson, assures him that no more water has been used than was necessary for ordinary household purposes. I sent the Meter Inspector to test the meter, and he reports that it is accurate. He says that he found no leakage when he made the inspection, but that the tenant informed him that the water closet tank had been leaking, but had been repaired. That information accounts for the extra consumption. The bill for the six months, Mr. Coupe states, is \$7.28, which is hardly an excessive amount.

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 report Board of Control covering plan of right of way intercepting sewer North West Arm.

INTERCEPTING SEWER, NORTH WEST ARM.

City Hall, December 15th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Council on June 19th the City Engineer was authorized to take all necessary preliminary steps to acquire the right of way for the North West Arm trunk sewer from Chebucto Road south. Because of suggestions made for alternative routes progress has been delayed up to the present time. A public hearing was had on October 3rd last when a number of interested citizens appeared before the Board of Control. At that meeting the City Engineer submitted a plan indicating the alternative outlets and the different routes were discussed. In order that there may be no further delay the Board of Control beg to recommend that the plan No. 2252 of right of way for North West Arm trunk sewer from Chebucto Road to Point Pleasant Park be adopted.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted and the plan of right of way approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy that this matter be referred back to the Board of Control and that said Board take into consideration with the City Engineer the advisability of constructing the outlet of this sewer at Black Rock.

Controller O'Connor asked for a ruling as to whether the amendment is in order.

His Worship the Mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read report Board of Control covering the yearly estimate for the civic year ending April 30th, 1915, and a resolution in respect thereto.

YEARLY ESTIMATE 1914-15.

City Hall, December 19th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have during the present month of December prepared an estimate of all sums which are required for the ensuing civic year according to the provisions of the City Charter, after crediting to General Revenue, as by the City provided, the probable receipts from all sources of revenue other than the amounts proposed to be raised by taxation and to both general and special revenue the amount of unexpended balances directed to be used for the purpose of reducing taxation.

In such estimate an allowance has been made of a sum of 1 per cent. of the total amount to be raised to cover losses, abatements, or non-collection of rates or taxes according to law.

In making such estimate the probable amount which will be yielded by the Poll Tax for the ensuing year has been estimated by the Board with the assistance of the Chief Assessor, the Collector and the Auditor and the amount so estimated has been deducted by the Assessors for the total amount required by the estimates.

The said estimate so prepared, amounting to the total sum of \$671,789.45, is hereby reported by the Board to the Council with a recommendation for its adoption in the manner provided in respect to other reports and recommendations of the Board.

It is recommended that the Council authorize the said sums so required to be raised by taxation upon the inhabitants, property, companies and other subjects of taxation as provided by law, and that the City Clerk be instructed to transmit the said estimate to the Assessors on or before the 31st day of December, inst.

The Board, His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hoben dissenting, submit for adoption by the City Council the attached resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Scanlan that the report of the Board of Control be adopted, Controller O'Connor stating that he would at a later stage move for the adoption of the formal resolution referred to in the report.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor Powell takes the chair.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Powell that the estimates be considered item by item.

Amendment put and passed.

Read Schedule "A"

County of Halifax.....Total, \$12,694.81

Moved by Alderman Covert, seconded by Alderman Smith that this item be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Schedule "B"

Public Schools.....Total, \$225,566.85—passed

Read Schedule "C"

City Home.....Total, \$34,608.00—passed.

Read Schedule "D"

Public Gardens.....Total, \$6,235.00—passed.

Read Schedule "E"

Point Pleasant Park.....Total \$2,500.00—passed.

Read Schedule "F"

Citizens' Free Library. . . . Total \$2,892.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Hubley that this item pass.

Alderman Covert asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Council could pass this estimate in view of the fact that it exceeds the limit allowed by Statute.

The City Solicitor stated that this item was one amongst others which it was the intention of the Council to have ratified by legislation at the next ensuing session of the Provincial Legislature.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Covert that the total proposed expenditure under Schedule "F" be fixed at \$2,500.00.

Controller O'Connor asked for a ruling as to whether the amendment is in order.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Smith that the proposed appropriation for Citizens' Free Library be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

In answer to Controller O'Connor's point of order, His Worship the Mayor thought it competent for the Council to deal with the various Schedules of the estimates as though they were separate reports from the Board of Control.

Controller O'Connor asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that the estimate cannot be amended by the Council and that any motion carried for a reference back to the Board would involve the reference back to the Board of the whole estimate.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Covert that this Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$250.00.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley, Parker—11.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan—3.

It is agreed that the salary items in the Schedule for Citizens' Free Library pass as recommended by the Board of Control.

Read Schedule "G"

City Health Board \$ 15,500.00

Moved by Controller Hoben seconded, by Controller Harris that this item be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Schedule "H"

Superannuations.....\$4,589.40

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben that this item pass. Motion passed.

Read Schedule "I"

Provincial Exhibition.....\$5,069 63

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris that this item pass. Motion passed.

Read Schedule "J"

Appropriations for various services
.....\$21,619.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that this Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion the item Victoria School of Art and Design, \$500.00, should be expunged from the estimates. Motion put and passed 10 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Alderman Brown, Covert Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker—10.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan—3.

The balance of the Schedule is adopted.

Read Schedule "K"

Temporary Loans and Interest.....\$5,467.17—passed.

Read Schedule "L"

Consolidated Fund 1880.....\$79,682.60—passed.

Read Schedule "M"

Consolidate Fund 1905.....\$56,525.85—passed.

Read Schedule "N"

Sinking Funds\$18,514.77—passed.

Read Schedule "O" Salaries.

Total.....\$84,700.00

His Worship the Mayor.....\$2,000.00—passed.

Four (4) Members Board of Control at
\$1000.00,.....\$4,000.00—passed.

City Solicitor.....\$2,000.00—passed.

City Treasurer.....\$1,800.00—passed.

City Auditor.....\$1,800.00—passed.

City Clerk.....\$1,650.00—passed.

Assistant City Clerk.....\$1,400.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$100.00. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Hubley Parker.—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy and Harris.—7.

Item.....\$1,400.00—passed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor Powell takes the chair.

City Clerk's Stenographer.....\$ 500.00 —passed.

City Clerk's sec. Stenographer	\$ 475.00 —passed.
Stipendiary Magistrate	\$2,500.00—passed.
City Engineer	\$3,500.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$500.00. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Alderman Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Hubley.—9.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Alderman Parker—4.

Assistant City Engineer	\$ 1,900.00
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Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$100.00. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Hubley and Parker.—7.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Harris.—6.

Superintendent of Streets and Sewers	\$1,200.00—passed
Superintendent Water Department	\$1,300.00

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$100.00. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controllor Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris and Hubley.—7.

Against it—

Controllors Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Parker.—6.

Water Inspector.....\$900.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris, and Hubley.—7.

Against it—

Controllors Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Parker.—6.

City Collector.....\$2,000.00—passed.

Four (4) Sub-Collectors at \$750..\$3,000.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$200.00. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris and Hubley.—7.

Against it—

Controllors Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Parker.—6.

Water Clerk Collector's Office.....\$1,000.00—passed.

Second Clerk Collector's Office.....\$ 950.00—passed.

Alderman Murphy asks that the Deputy-Mayor take his seat in Council and His Worship the Mayor his place in the chair.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair, and the Deputy-Mayor takes his place in Council.

Stenographer Collector's Office... \$475.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$25.00. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:

For the Motion--

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith and Cox.—4.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Item.....\$475.00—passed.

City Assessor.....\$1,450.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, and Hubley.—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Parker—8.

Item.....\$1,450.00—passed.

Assistant City Assessors, 2 at
\$1,150.00.....\$2,300.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$100.00. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, and Hubley.—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Parker.—8.

Item\$2,300.00—passed.

Clerk Assessor's Office.....\$475.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$25.00. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Hubley.—5.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Parker.—9.

Item.....\$ 475.00—passed.

Janitor City Hall.....\$850.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00. Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—8.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay and Murphy.—6.

Clerk of Works.....\$1,500.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$100.00. Motion put and lost 4 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox.—4.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Item..... \$1,500.00—passed.

Assistant Clerk of Works.....\$750.00—passed.

City Medical Officer.....\$1,200.00—passed.

Liquor License Inspector..... \$1,200.00—passed.

License Board..... \$ 400.00—passed.

Salaries of Librarians, \$1,450.00, previously dealt with under Schedule "F"

City Electrician.....\$1,200.00—passed

City Hall Messenger.....\$ 525.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$25.00. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox and Hubley.—5.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Parker.—9.

Item \$ 525.00—passed.

Plumbing Inspector \$1,050.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox, that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00 Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith and Cox.—4.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10

Item \$1,050.00—passed.

Read Schedule "P" Police Department.

Chief of Police \$1,550.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris and Hubley.—7.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy and Parker.—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the motion and declares it carried.

Deputy-Chief, \$1,050.00; Detectitive \$1,000.00; Assistant Detective \$900.00.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Covert that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion these three items should severally be reduced by the sum of \$50.00 each. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Harris, Hubley and Parker—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay and Murphy.—7.

Item Deputy Chief.....\$1,050.00—passed.

Item Detective.....\$1,000.00—passed.

Item Asst. Detective... ..\$ 900.00—passed.

Marshal.....\$ 850.00—passed.

Six (6) Sergeants, \$5,100.00; thirty-two men \$24,000.00; nine(9) men \$6,300.00.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Covert that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion these there several items should be reduced. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox and Harris.—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Hubley and Parker.—8.

Item Six (6) Sergeants at \$850.00.....\$5,100.00—passed

Item Thirty-two (32) men at \$750.00 \$24,000.00—passed.

Item Nine (9) men at \$700.00 \$6,300.00—passed.

Eight (8) additional men at \$600.00. \$4,800.00;
and clothing for same \$800.00; and extra
for two (2) Sergeants, \$200.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Parker that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion these several items should be expunged from the estimate. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—11.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan.—3.

Telephones \$ 190.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$45.00. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Alderman Smith, Cox, Hubley and Parker.—4.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy and Harris.—9.

Alderman Covert excused from voting.

Item \$ 190.00—passed.

Patrol Driver \$ 625.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its

opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$25.00. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Covert, Smith and Cox.—3.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Item	\$ 625.00—passed.
Fees, etc	\$ 180.00—passed.
Matron Police Station	\$ 100.00—passed.
Uniform Clothing	\$ 2020.00—passed.
Prisoners' Meals	\$ 250.00—passed.
Moter Cycle	\$ 350.00.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be expunged from the estimate. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Smith, Cox, Gustonguay, Murphy and Harris.—5.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Powell, Hubley and Parker.—8.

Item	\$ 350.00—passed.
Instruction	\$ 100.00—passed.
Miscellaneous	\$ 230.00—passed.

Read Schedule "Q"

City Prison.....\$5,350.00—passed.

Read Schedule "R" Works Department.

Cleaning Paved Streets.....\$6,075.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Murphy that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this amount should be amended by making provision for an increase of 2c. per hour in the pay of laborers instead of 1c. as proposed. Motion put and passed on the following votes:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan permitted to reserve their votes.

Streets.....\$28,500.00.

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council recommend that in its opinion the pay of laborers should be increased 2c. per hour instead of 1c. as proposed, that a further increase than is recommended should be given men with teams and that the proposed increase of \$2,000.00 for general work should be eliminated. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—9.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scalnan.—3.

Internal Health.....\$21,875.0

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be amended by providing an increase of 2c. per hour for laborers instead of 1c. a further increase to the pay of men with teams and a reduction in the total amount for the service.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Hubley and Parker.—6.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Covert and Harris.—6.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the motion and declares it carried.

Maintenance of Sewers.....\$1,000.00—passed.

Teams and Stables.....\$6,355.00

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Harris that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be amended by providing an increase of pay of 2c. per hour instead of 1c. as proposed. Motion put and passed by the following vote:

For the Motion—

Cotroller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—9.

Controllers Harris O'Connor and Scanlan are permitted to reserve their votes.

Fuel.....\$1,150.00—passed.

Telephones.....\$ 368.00—passed.

Lighting City Hall.....\$ 900.00—passed.

Lighting Streets.....\$27,400.00—passed.

Insurance.....\$ 700.00—passed.

City Property.....\$ 2,500.00—passed.

Maintenance of Baths.....\$ 300.00—passed.

Inspecting Electric Wiring.....\$ 590.00—passed.

Read Schedule "S" Fire Department.

Maintenance \$ 16,312.00—passed.

Chief \$ 1,650.00

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum of \$200.00. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—7.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, and Murphy.—5.

Balance Salaries Permanent Staff \$22,616.00—passed.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council to appoint a Chairman, the Deputy-Mayor having retired.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Controller Harris that Alderman Covert be appointed Chairman. Motion passed.

Alderman Covert takes the chair.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

Salaries two (2) District Chiefs, \$450.00; eight (8) Captains, \$1,600.00, and nine (9) Lieutenants, \$1,575.00.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Cox that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion these several items should be reduced by the sum of \$50.00 proposed to be added to the salary of each man. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Harris and Parker.—5.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Hubley.—7.

Item District Chiefs	\$ 450.00—passed.
Item eight (8) Captains	\$1,600.00—passed.
Item nine (9) Lieutenants	\$1,575.00—passed.
Engineers, five (5) at \$250.00	\$1,250.00—passed.
Sixty-two (62) Hosemen at \$150.00	\$9,300.00—passed.

Read Schedule "T" Miscellaneous.

Printing and Stationery	\$ 3,000.00—passed.
Balance short 1912-13	\$ 500.00—passed.
Contingent Account	\$ 3,000.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council recommend to the Board of Control that in its opinion this item should be reduced by the sum or \$1,000.00. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Aldermen Smith, Murphy and Hubley.—3.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Cox, Gastonguay and Harris.—8.

Item	\$ 3,000.00—passed
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Read Schedule "U"

Probable Income Total . . .	\$63,800.00—passed
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The original motion moved by Controller O'Connor seconded by Controller Scanlan that the report of the Board of Control covering the estimate be adopted, is now before the Council.

Controller O'Connor reads the resolution submitted with the report of the Board of Control in the yearly estimate as follows:

Whereas, the financial estimates of the expenditures of the City for the Civic year 1914-15 have been prepared by the Board of Control totalling the following amount

General Revenue	\$247,374.00
Less Probable Income	63,800.00
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Special Revenue	183,574.00
	491,465.08
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	675,039.08
Add 1 per cent, for short collection	6,750.37
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	681,789.45
Less from unexpended balances . .	5,000.00
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	676,789.45
Less Probable Poll Taxes	5,000.00
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	\$671,789.45

And Whereas, in such estimate the amount to be raised by taxation for the services the expense of which is chargeable against the general revenue of the City exceed the limit of taxation for such general revenue fixed by law, namely \$160,000.00, by the sum of \$23,574.00;

And Whereas, sundry items in such estimates, both in the services payable out of the general revenue and also in services payable under the authority of enactments authorizing special assessments exceed the amounts fixed by law in respect to such services;

And Whereas, in the opinion of this Council all of the items included in such estimates are proper and necessary in the interest of the good and adequate government of the City and the administration of the affairs thereof and cannot be reduced without serious detriment to the interests of the City;

Therefore Resolved, that the Council do hereby ratify and approve such estimates so prepared and adopt the same as the financial estimates of the City for the civic year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1914, notwithstanding the fact that some of the items therein contained are in excess of the amounts authorized by law as aforesaid;

And Further Resolved, that this Council directs that the total amount specified in such estimates, namely \$671,789.45, be raised and levied by taxation upon the persons and property liable to taxation by the City for the civic year beginning 1st May, 1914 and that this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Assessors to determine the rate of taxation as by law required.

Further Resolved, that the Board of Control together with the City Solicitor be instructed and authorized to prepare a bill to be submitted to the next ensuing session of the Provincial Legislature ratifying and confirming such estimates and declaring the same to have been validly made and to be binding upon all persons and property liable to taxation by the City.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Cox that the report of the Board of Control and the estimate recommended therewith be referred back to the Board of

Control for further consideration along the lines suggested in the various resolutions passed at this meeting. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Gaston-guay, Harris, Murphy, Hubley and Parker.—9.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan.—3.

The original motion is put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan.—3.

Against it—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Gaston-guay, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—9.

Moved by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Murphy that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 2 a. m.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, December 30th, 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers O'Connor, Harris and Hoben, and Aldermen Smith, Harris, Hines, Hubley and Brown.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Deputy-Mayor Powell in the Chair. There were present the above named together with Controller Scanlan and Aldermen Covert, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy and Riordon.

During the calling of the roll His Worship the Mayor took the chair.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:

Letter McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny re plan of Connaught Avenue.
Report Board of Control re estimates 1914-15.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read letter McInnes, Mellish, Fulton & Kenny re plan of Connaught Avenue.

Referred to Board of Control for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Board of Control referring back to the Council without change or amendment its report dated December 19th, 1913, on the yearly estimate for 1914-15,

covering the said estimate and a formal resolution in respect thereto, together with a schedule of the items of the estimate referred back to the Board for further consideration.

YEARLY ESTIMATE, 1914-15.

City Hall, December 30th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to resolution of the City Council passed on the 19th inst. the Board of Control have further considered the various items in the estimate for 1914-15, referred back by the Council to the Board for further consideration, the said items being as follows:

Appropriation	Proposed	Recommended by Council:	
		To decrease	To increase.
Library.....	\$ 392.00	\$ 250.00	
Art School.....	500.00	500.00	
City Engineer.....	500.00	500.00	
Assistant Engineer.....	100.00	100.00	
E. Morrison.....	100.00	100.00	
J. E. Burns.....	50.00	50.00	
Sub-Collectors.....	200.00	200.00	
Janitor City Hall.....	50.00	50.00	
Chief of Police.....	50.00	50.00	
8 New Police.....	4800.00	4800.00	
8 Uniforms.....	800.00	800.00	
2 Sergeants.....	200.00	200.00	
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	275.00		\$ 275.00
Streets.....	3500.00	2000.00	1500.00
Internal Health.....	4875.00	Not stated.	875.00
Teams and Stables.....	180.00		180.00
Chief Fire Department.....	200.00	200.00	
	<u>\$16772.00</u>	<u>\$9800.00</u>	<u>\$2830.00</u>

The Board of Control beg to refer back to the Council without change or amendment its report dated December 19th on the yearly estimate for 1914-15, covering the said estimate and a formal resolution in respect thereto.

His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hoben dissent from this recommendation.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Scanlan that the schedule in the report submitted this evening be considered item by item.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Covert, seconded by Alderman Smith that the reports of the Board of Control relating to the yearly estimates dated respectively December 19th and December 30th, 1913, together with the said

estimate be again referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controller Hoben and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Riordon, Hubley.—12.

Against it—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan.—3.

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

Council adjourns 9.25 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, January 8th, 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers O'Connor, Harris and Hoben, and Aldermen Hubley, Smith, Harris, Parker and Murphy.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Harris that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Controller Scanlan and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Cox, Gastonguay and Hines.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits reports (7) Board of Control as follows:—

Tri-party agreement between the City, County and Dartmouth.
Accounts.
Water meter bill No. 164 Almon Street, Dr. P. A. Gough.
Fire Department.
Ordinance relating to electric wiring.
Majority report on estimate 1914-15.
Minority report on estimate 1914-15.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts.

ACCOUNTS.

City Hall, January 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts chargeable to the various services:—

City Health Board

W. J. Hopgood & Son, milk Emergency Hospital, \$36; City Home, coal and wood Emergency Hospital, \$9.48; Michael Day, plumbing work,

\$72.00; G. A. Burbidge, charts, \$1.00; C. R. Rosborough, carpenter work, Emergency Hospital, \$113.80; John F. Dempster, board of patients, \$100.81; J. A. Leaman & Co., Meat, Emergency Hospital, \$22.76; T. H. & W. T. Francis, beds, bedding and furnishings, \$632.68. Total, \$952.89.

City Prison

Moirs, Limited, bread, \$24.87; Wentzells, Ltd., groceries, \$65.26; W. A. Maling & Co., meat, \$27.24; Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hardware, \$11.07; R. Taylor Co., Ltd., leather, \$6.45; Gunn & Co., Ltd., fodder, \$13.38; P. Dowd, repairs, \$41.25; Charles Pope, chimney sweeping, \$2.50; Longard Bros., fitting up furnace, etc., \$15.74; Clayton & Sons, uniforms, \$36.25; Maritime Telephone Co., phone, \$4.50; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$4.90; Hillis & Son, range fittings, \$42.25. Total, \$295.66.

Fire Department

Thos. Bottomley & Sons, doors, \$110.00; Burns & Kelleher, repairs, \$15.86; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., flag, \$4.50; Canadian Rubber Co., matting, \$1.60; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$25.82; John Davison & Son, lumber, \$3.80; J. A. Dunn, Ltd., plating, \$5.00; Thos. J. Egan, cartridges, etc., \$.65; F. P. Farquharson, Pitner lights, \$6.55; Farquhar Bros., battery elements, \$325.95; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$23.83; Gunn & Co., Ltd., fodder, \$37.13; Halifax Steam Laundry, work, \$9.80; Horton & Manitt, painting, \$2.00; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$42.54; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery and tools, \$91.48; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1.50; Dr. H. McFatridge, veterinary services, \$5.00; Morrison & Williams, polish, \$9.00; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., charcoal, \$.60; A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$43.50; C. L. Newman, Ltd., auto supplies, \$5.82; National Fire Protection Association, annual dues, \$5.00; David Roche, glazing, etc., \$17.03; J. Starr, Son & Co., Ltd., batteries, \$4.38; Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hardware, \$2.19; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$204.19; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$29.00; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$1.50; Telephone Co., Nov. and Dec. phones, \$53.50; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$36.99; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$184.20; Wentzells, Ltd., soda and soap, \$10.00; James Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$68.36. Total, \$1388.27.

Police

Telephone Co., phones Nov. and Dec., \$23.34; Neil Fox, candles, \$.80; Harry K. Martin, Montreal, buttons, \$3.00; J. Starr, Son & Co., Ltd., batteries, \$1.10; Wm. Taylor & Co., rubber boots, \$12.00; Chief of Police, expenses obtaining evidence, \$2.00; Dr. H. McFairidge, destroying dog, \$1.00; St. John Ambulance Corps, text books and bandages, \$25.00. Total, \$68.24.

City Home

E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$276.23; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat, \$497.35; Dillon Bros., flour, \$201.00; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$164.99; C. F. Holland, milk, \$101.37; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$4.05; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$36.50; Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$12.36; The Halifax Tram Co., light, \$50.00; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., coal, \$312.00; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., dry goods, \$92.82; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$80.55; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$21.02; Gunn & Co., Ltd., fodder, \$11.49; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, \$11.78; Telephone Co., phones, \$3.75; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., ledger, \$8.25; James Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$6.46; R. Horner, horseshoeing, \$1.25; W. J. O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$11.41; C. E. Puttner, dispensing, \$50.00; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$6.80; Neil Fox, whip, \$1.00; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., sundries, \$3.45; Wm. Taylor & Co., boots, \$15.60; Bentley, Flemming & Co., lumber, \$6.00; Lawrence Hardware Co., cutlery, \$5.08; W. Stairs, Son & Morrow, valves, \$7.65; A. J. McNutt, repairs, \$1.20; W. Y. Kennedy, men's clothing, \$39.00; Dr. A. C. Hawkins, lunacy certificate, \$5.00; Snow & Co., Ltd., coffin fixtures, \$11.60; W. Grant, rope, \$30.00; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$33.83; Salaries, December, 1913, \$675.34. Total, \$2796.18.

Works Department

Sewerage, \$1407.42; City Property, \$5.50; City Hall Lighting, \$81.84; Sewer Maintenance, \$1.00; Cleaning Paved Streets, \$49.50; Electric Wiring Inspection, \$.70; Telephones, \$66.09; Market Site, \$5.05; Permanent Sidewalks, \$1156.58; Internal Health, \$182.98; Street Lighting, \$1887.38; Teams and Stables, \$476.92; Fuel, \$493.03; Streets, \$1634.05; Water Construction, \$1170.70; Water Maintenance, \$809.01; Plumbing work under Health Rules, \$375.00. Total, \$9809.75.

City Health Board.

Dr. C. S. Morton, salary Dec. 1913, \$100.00; John McDonald, hack hire, \$6.00; Halifax Tram Co., heat and light, \$68.29; Alex. Bond, milk, Emergency Hospital, \$39.30; National Drug Co., bottles, \$.45; J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$8.47; James D. Walsh, antitoxine, \$35.90; Melvin & Co., glass, etc., \$2.59; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$10.53; City Home, Coal, Emergency Hospital, \$10.12; C. R. Rosborough, carpenter work, \$331.59; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, December, \$93.25; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$185.48; J. Howard, conveyance of patients, \$56.25; W. H. Donovan, minerals, \$17.24; Robinsons, Ltd., conveyance of patients, \$13.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries December, \$124.00; T. C. Allen & Co., printing, \$8.85; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., hardware, \$.97. Total, \$1112.28.

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 reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water meter bill Dr. P. A. Gough, No. 164 Almon Street.

WATER METER BILL NO. 164 ALMON STREET.

City Hall, January 7th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report on the accompanying petition from Dr. P. A. Gough re water meter bill No. 164 Almon Street, \$22.00, recommending that the amount be reduced to \$16.50.

Reports (2) City Engineer on the matter are attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, December 5th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying letter asking for a reduction in the bill for water supplied at the house No. 164 Almon Street for the year ending November 1913, which the owner states is \$22.00.

The consumption from Sept. 1912 to Feb. 1913 averaged about 10,000 gallons a month, Feb. to March 12,000 gallons, March to August 9,500 a month, August to September 8,400 gallons. I sent the meter inspector to the house and he found it vacant, but states that he called at the owner's shop to get the key and was informed that there was nothing the matter with the meter as the water had been turned off for some time.

The record of consumption indicates that there has been too much water running in this house for any legitimate purpose. I have been unable to ascertain what the condition of the plumbing has been, and am therefore unable to report whether the owner has taken proper care and precaution to prevent waste of water or not. Such evidence as I have does not justify a favourable report.

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

City Engineer's Office, January 6th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the instructions of your Board, I sent the meter foreman to inspect the plumbing at the premises No. 164 Almon Street, but the present owner will not allow him to look it over. Mr. Cross has purchased the property from Dr. Gough and states that the water has been turned off for over three months. He states that the pipes are drawn off to prevent freezing, and he does not want the water turned on until the house is let.

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

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

Read report Board of Control covering Ordinance requiring journeymen electric wiremen to wear badges.

ORDINANCE RE ELECTRIC WIRING.

City Hall, December 19th, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control has been requested by the Trades and Labor Council, the Building Trades Council and the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to prepare an Ordinance requiring that certificated journeymen wiremen shall wear badges while at work. In compliance with the request the Board has prepared the accompanying Ordinance, which is recommended to the Council for adoption.

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

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

Read an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 7 of Electric Wiring and the Use of Electricity."

The said Ordinance is now read a first time.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the said Ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

The said Ordinance is now read a second time.

Read report Board of Control relating to the Fire Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 5th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report and recommend as follows in respect to the Fire Department:—

1. That John A. McDonald, Callman on No. 2. Engine, has left the City and has been dismissed from the Department.
2. That Arthur Squires, Callman on No. 4 Engine, died December 15th, and Thomas Healey, Callman on No. 5 Engine, died December 29th.
3. Thomas Powell, Driver on No. 4 Waggon, was suspended December 20th for being under the influence of liquor while on duty. It is recommended that Powell be dismissed from the Department by the Chief the next time he commits himself.
4. Alexander Clarke is recommended for appointment as a Supernumerary.

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

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

Read report Board of Control covering tri-party agreement as to proportion of joint expenditure to be borne by the Town of Dartmouth, the City of Halifax and the Municipality of Halifax County.

JOINT MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE.

City Hall, December 31st, 1913.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that the tri-party agreement between the Municipality of Halifax County, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, respecting the portion of expenditure on joint account to be paid by each, made in December, 1902, expired in December, 1912. The Statutory Board of Arbitration held several conferences during the past few months and settled upon a basis for a new agreement. Under the old arrangement the basis of calculation for apportioning the amount of expenditure on joint account was fixed as follows:—

City of Halifax	\$21,000,000.00
Town of Dartmouth	1,650,000.00
County of Halifax	3,350,000.00

The proportions on this basis to be paid by each being, the City of Halifax 420-520, the Town of Dartmouth 33-520, and the County 67-520.

The readjustment agreed upon by the Arbitration Board fixes the valuations as follows:—

City of Halifax	\$21,100,000.00
Town of Dartmouth	1,750,000.00
County of Halifax	3,150,000.00

This readjustment slightly reduces the proportion of expenditure to be borne by the County and increases the amounts to be paid by both the City and the Town. Under the new agreement the city is to pay 422-520, the Town of Dartmouth 35-520, and the Municipality of the County 63-520.

The old agreement ran for a period of ten years. The Arbitration Board considered that the adjustment of joint account should be settled at more frequent periods and determined to make the new arrangement run for the term of five years only.

The new agreement which has been signed by F. P. Bligh, Mayor, on behalf of the City; William Bishop, Warden, on behalf of the County, and E. F. Williams, Mayor, on behalf of the Town of Dartmouth, is recommended to the City Council for approval. At the next session of the Legislature the Municipal Authorities will submit an Act for the ratification of the agreement.

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

THE AGREEMENT.

Memorandum of Agreement made the twenty fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, on behalf of the joint committee of arbitration respecting the Municipality of Halifax County, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth.

Whereas the joint committee of the said Municipality of Halifax County, the City of Halifax and The Town of Dartmouth, met at the County Court House at Halifax on the twelfth and nineteenth days of August, A. D. 1913, for the purpose of adjusting the proportion of the expenditure, which having regard to a uniform standard of assessment shall be borne by the said Municipality, City and Town respectively; and also to adjust and determine the objects of Municipal expenditure which are for the joint benefit of the said Municipality, City and Town, under and by virtue of Section 67 of Chap. 73 of the Revised Statutes.

And Whereas the said joint committee at said meetings fixed the value upon which said proportion of such municipal expenditure on account of joint benefit should be rated and assessed and the sum was fixed as follows—

That the valuations of the real and personal property of the several corporations as a basis of calculation for apportioning the amount of the expenditure for the joint benefit be fixed as follows—

City of Halifax	\$21,100,000.00
Town of Dartmouth	1,750,000.00
Municipality Halifax County	3,150,000.00

Also, that the objects of the municipal expenditure on joint account be as follows—

- For the County Jail
- " Court House
- " yearly interest on court house debentures and debentures issued in renewal thereof
- " Grand jury and secretary
- " petit and special juries
- " Crown witnesses
- " Sheriff's accounts
- " fees clerk of the Crown
- " criers and constables of courts
- " printing and stationery.

Also, any amount payable under any future Act of the Legislature making the respective corporations jointly liable.

And that in addition to said objects the City of Halifax annually pay the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars, and the Town of Dartmouth the sum of thirty (\$30.00) dollars, as their portion respectively of the salary of the County Treasurer, but only during the continuance of this agreement, and that this agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the period of five (5) years from this date.

And Whereas by resolution of the said joint committee Frederick P. Bligh, Edward F. Williams and William Bishop were instructed to execute the said agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth, and the Municipality of Halifax County respectively.

Now This Agreement Witnesseth that the said Frederick P. Bligh, representing the City of Halifax; Edward F. Williams, representing the Town of Dartmouth; and William Bishop, representing the Municipality of Halifax County; Do Hereby Agree on behalf of their respective municipalities that the valuation of the said corporations in order to provide a basis of calculation for apportioning the amount of expenditure on joint account under and during the continuance of this agreement for said corporations be, and the same are hereby fixed in pursuance of said Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, section 67, as follows:—

That the valuation of the City of Halifax is hereby fixed at \$21,100,000.00
 The Town of Dartmouth at 1,750,000.00
 And the Municipality of Halifax County at 3,150,000.00

And that the said respective assessments shall form the basis of the amount upon which the joint expenditure of said corporation shall be based and ascertained, and that the City of Halifax shall pay 422-520, the Town of Dartmouth 35-520, and the Municipality of the County of Halifax 63-520, of the amount when ascertained and based upon such valuations.

And It Is Hereby Further Agreed that the objects of Municipal expenditure on joint account in regard to which the said corporations shall pay in the proportions before mentioned shall be as follows:—

For the County Jail
 " County Court House
 " yearly interest on Court House debentures and
 " debentures issued in renewal thereof
 " grand jury and secretary
 " petit and special juries
 " Crown witnesses
 " sheriff's accounts
 " fees clerk of the crown
 " criers and constables of courts
 " printing and stationery

Also any amount payable under any future Act of the Legislature making the respective corporations jointly liable.

And Also that the City of Halifax shall annually pay the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars and the Town of Dartmouth the sum of thirty (\$30.00) dollars as their portion respectively of the salary of the County Treasurer.

And It Is Also Agreed by and between the parties hereto that this agreement shall stand and remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years from the date hereof; after which the said respective municipalities shall have the right to have their liabilities readjusted both as regards the county valuations and the items contained herein as the objects of the joint account.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have signed their names on the day and year first above mentioned.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
 IN THE PRESENCE OF

Witness to signatures of F. P. Bligh and
 William Bishop

PARKER ARCHIBALD.

Witness to signature of E. F. Williams

A. ELLIOT.

F. P. BLIGH.

WM. BISHOP.

E. F. WILLIAMS.

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

Read majority report re yearly estimate 1914-15 signed by Controllers Harris, O'Connor and Scanlan.

MAJORTIY REPORT YEARLY ESTIMATE 1914-15.

City Hall, January 7th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have duly considered the resolution passed by the Council December 30th, 1913, referring back to the Board of Control for further consideration the yearly estimate for 1914-15, and have further considered the said estimate.

The Board of Control beg to refer back to the City Council for adoption without change or amendment its reports and recommendations dated respectively December 19th and December 30th, 1913, on the yearly estimate for 1914-15, covering the said estimate and a formal resolution in respect thereto.

There being a difference of opinion this report is signed by those members who concur in it.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Controller*,
W. F. O'CONNOR, *Controller*,
M. SCANLAN, Jr., *Controller*.

Controller Hoben asks that the minority report be now read.

Read minority report Board of Control re yearly estimate 1914-15 signed by His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hoben.

MINORITY REPORT YEARLY ESTIMATE 1914-15.

City Hall, January 7th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—There being a difference of opinion amongst the members of the Board of Control in respect to the yearly estimate, the undersigned, being a minority of the members, present the following report setting forth the views of the minority:—

We have again given due consideration to the items of proposed civic expenditure and beg to recommend to the Council that the yearly estimate as submitted by the majority of the Board of Control be amended in accordance with the various recommendations of a majority of the City Council indicated in the several resolutions passed at a meeting of the Council held December 19th, 1913.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*,
C. R. HOBEN, *Controller*.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Scanlan that the majority report of the Board of Control be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Controller O'Connor that a special committee of three Aldermen be appointed to hold a conference with the Board of Control for the purpose of endeavoring to come to a conclusion on the yearly estimate and report, and that this Council adjourn for a half hour to enable said conference to be held. Motion passed.