

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report of Board of License Commissioners in re applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax during the license year 1914-15.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Office of the City Clerk, February 20th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council and to the City Clerk.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor, pursuant to the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910, to submit herewith the report of the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax upon the applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax during the license year 1914-15, referred to said Board by the City Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of License Com.*

REPORT BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Committee Room, City Hall, February 12th, 1914:

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council of Halifax.

Gentlemen:—The Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax beg to report as follows:—

Pursuant to duty imposed upon them by the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, the Board met this day at the City Hall to consider applications for license to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax during the license year 1914-15 referred to them by the City Council. Notice of the time and place of meeting was duly given in the Press.

Three years ago, this Board reduced the shop and hotel licenses from 90 to 70 and last year there was another reduction to 46. The law does not require a further reduction this year but there are 55 applicants for the 46 licenses to be granted.

In granting a coveted and lucrative privilege to particular persons among a larger number applying for it, the Board has to consider a number of important questions and give due regard to conflicting views.

The Board finds it necessary to state that it is neither a legislative body nor a court and that its duties do not include the enforcement of the law. The Board, however, is anxious that all license holders shall conform to the law.

Last year the Board expressed a wish that the license-holders should not only close their premises on prohibited days but also voluntarily close their premises on New Year's Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday, although the law permits them to sell on those days. It is satisfactory to know that all the licensees, with one or two exceptions, acceded to this request, which is again made, and in this connection the Board desires to intimate that the ignoring of this reasonable request will give the Board an unfavourable impression when future applications are being considered.

The Board does not usually heed anonymous communications but considers that it should refer to one received yesterday alleging that two of the existing retail license holders are also carrying on a wholesale trade, while only paying a retail fee. The Board is resolutely opposed to permitting any licensee to carry on both wholesale and retail business, even if he be willing to pay both fees. The only reply the Board can at present make to its anonymous correspondent is that the Board has placed his letter before the License Inspector with instructions to enforce strictly hereafter the law on this point.

The Board also wishes to report that it has resolved to attempt to secure a more rigid enforcement of the law respecting Sunday violations. While re-asserting its determination to refuse a license to any one convicted of Sunday violations, the Board has also decided to take a more advanced step and hereby declares that if any information is submitted to the Board warranting a belief that any license-holder hereafter is violating these provisions of the law, the Board will not wait for a formal prosecution and conviction in the police court, but on receipt of such information will convene and investigate the matter summarily and without regard to technicalities and if satisfied that the complaint is justified will refuse any subsequent application for a license from such licensee. The Board has also resolved to adopt the same policy with regard to any license-holder selling liquor to minors. In reference to these two classes of offenders, the Board appeals to every citizen of Halifax to aid its efforts by supplying it with relevant information, and the Board will treat communications on this question as confidential so far as an informant's name is concerned.

The Board has decided that the applications in Schedule "A" hereto annexed, shall be granted; the chairman dissenting in the cases of Connors, Walsh, Fraser and Julia Keating. The remainder are necessarily refused—Schedule "B".

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman*,
F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*,
J. A. RUDLAND, *Chief of Police*.

SCHEDULE A.

Applicants to whom Licenses are Granted.

WARD ONE.

Sec. B. John Courtney, shop north side, head Gas Lane,

WARD TWO.

- Sec. B. W. J. Forristall, shop, 12 Rottenburg St.
- Sec. B. Stephen Major, shop, 62 1-2 Dresden Row.
- Sec. D. A. Keith & Son, Brewers, 88 Lower Water Street.
- Sec. D. E. Burns, Hotel, 54 Salter Street.
- Sec. D. Richard Cahill, shop, 126 Lower Water St.
- Sec. E. Richard Cahill, shop, 33 Argyle St.
- Sec. E. Dillon Brothers, Wholesale, 76 Sackville St.
- Sec. G. E. L. McDonald, hotel, Hollis St., (Halifax Hotel).
- Sec. G. Wm. F. Blank, shop, 117 Hollis St.
- Sec. G. E. M. Fairbanks, hotel, Hollis St., (Queen Hotel).
- Sec. G. Nath. Doherty, hotel, Sackville St., (Prince George Hotel).
- Sec. H. Wm. Conway, shop, 5 Sackville St.
- Sec. H. L. J. Redmond, hotel, 155 Hollis St.
- Sec. H. Simon Fraser, hotel, 43 Argyle St.
- Sec. H. Patrick Ryan, hotel, 204-206 Lower Water Street.

WARD THREE.

- Sec. A. James T. Hogan, shop, 143 Albemarle St.
- Sec. A. Susan C. Fiske, hotel, 88 Granville St., (Acadian Hotel).
- Sec. A. David Andrews, hotel, 82-84 Granville St.
- Sec. A. John A. Mackasey, shop, 9 Upper Water St.
- Sec. A. Charles Hamm, shop, 136 Grafton St.
- Sec. A. John Tobin & Co., wholesale, 15 Upper Water St.
- Sec. A. Kelley & Glassey, Ltd., wholesale, 204 Hollis St.
- Sec. A. Halifax Breweries, Ltd., brewers, 50 Duke St.
- Sec. B. James M. Power, shop, 13 Buckingham St.
- Sec. B. Gaetano Verdi (Jas. Scott & Co.), shop, 180 Granville St.
- Sec. B. Daniel Connors, shop, 68 Duke St.
- Sec. B. Arthur Monaghan, shop, 124 Barrington St.
- Sec. B. Peter Hartry, shop, 1 Bell St.
- Sec. B. James Salterio, hotel, 37 Buckingham St., (Farmer's Hotel).
- Sec. B. J. W. McDonald, shop, 152 Barrington St.
- Sec. B. Grace & Gastonguay, wholesale, 73 Upper Water St.
- Sec. B. Daniel Morrissey, shop, 211 Barrington St.

WARD FOUR.

- Sec. A. J. M. Inglis, shop, 2 1-2 Starr St.
- Sec. A. Mich. Goulding, shop, 176 Upper Water St.
- Sec. A. Chas. A. Norton, shop, 146 Upper Water St.
- Sec. A. William Duggan, shop, 93 Upper Water St.
- Sec. A. T. F. Courtney & Co., wholesale, cor Brunswick and Jacob Sts.
- Sec. D. Geo. A. James, hotel, 292 to 296 Upper Water St.
- Sec. D. Robert Johnson, shop, 286 Upper Water St.
- Sec. E. R. M. Anderson, shop, 53 Creighton St.

WARD FIVE.

- Sec. A. Julia Keating, shop, 9 Cornwallis St.
- Sec. B. Dougald McDonald, shop, 101 1-2 Gottingen St.
- Sec. D. John Handley, shop, 91 Gerrish St.
- Sec. E. Simon Meadon, shop, 17 1-2 Agricola St.
- Sec. F. John Mullane, shop, 33 West St.
- Sec. I. E. J. Walsh, shop, 172 Gottingen St.
- Sec. I. Charles Kehoe, shop, 174 Gottingen St.
- Sec. J. E. J. Ralston, hotel, 22-26 North St., (Revere Hotel).

WARD SIX.

- Sec. A. Thos. Pearson, shop, 5 Almon St.
- Sec. A. John F. Wells, hotel, 2 Almon St.
- Sec. A. William Wilson, hotel, 222 Lockman St., (King Edward Hotel).
- Sec. E. Sameul Bevis, shop, 43 Almon St.
- Sec. E. Oland & Son, brewers, Sullivan St.

SCHEDULE B.

Now Under Wholesale Licenses.

WARD THREE.

- Sec. B. James E. Donohoe, shop, 53 Buckingham St.
- Sec. B. Charles AuCoin, shop, 46 Upper Water St.

Not Now Under License.**WARD TWO.**

- Sec. G. Margaret McGrath, shop, 6 Sackville St.
Sec. H. James Hogan, shop, 62 Grafton St.

WARD THREE.

- Sec. A. H. R. Wright, hotel, 8 to 10 Duke St.
Sec. A. E. J. Quirk, shop, 5 Upper Water St.
Sec. B. Ellen Meagher, shop, 144 Argyle St.
Sec. B. R. J. Mahoney, hotel, 79 Buckingham St.

WARD FOUR.

- Sec. A. T. A. Garnier, shop, 158 Water Upper St.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report be adopted, and that this Council hereby authorize the Mayor of the City and the Inspector of Licensed Premises for the City to issue to each of the forty-six applicants for shop or hotel licenses whose applications have been granted by the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax and whose names are set out in the Schedule "A" to the report of said Commission dated February 12th, 1914, shop or hotel license to sell intoxicating liquor, such licenses to be respectively shop licenses or hotel licenses, according as the same are mentioned in the said report; and also to issue to each of the applicants for a wholesale or brewer's license mentioned in the said Schedule a wholesale license for the sale of such liquors, each of such licenses to be for the term of one year beginning on the 16th day of March, 1914; and to be for the localities respectively set out in the said Schedule, and to be in form as heretofore issued, and to be issued only on compliance by the said applicants respectively with all requirements and conditions imposed by the Liquor License Act and amendments thereto and payment of the required fees. Motion passed.

Read report License Inspector covering applications of Charles AuCoin, E. Donahoe & Son and R. J. Mahoney & Co. for wholesale liquor licenses. The report of the Inspector together with the applications and all papers in connection therewith are referred to the Board of License Commissioners, under the provisions of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910.

Read report of Board of Control re assessment of properties expropriated by the Dominion Government for the so called Ocean Terminals covering correspondence.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES AT OCEAN TERMINALS.

City Hall, March 3rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Board of Control held on February 25th, they had before them a letter from T. F. Tobin, Solicitor representing the Department of Railways and Canals, claiming on behalf of the Crown, exemption from the payment of taxes on some \$660,000 worth of property recently expropriated for the Railway Terminals. The Board immediately communicated with the Acting Minister of Railways, and submits herewith for the information of the Council the correspondence on the subject.

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

Halifax, N. S., February 25th, 1914.

His Worship Mayor Bligh, City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:—I beg to notify you on behalf of the Crown represented by the Department of Railways and Canals, that assessments have been made on properties owned by the Government in the City of Halifax, as follows:—

Ward No. 1.....	\$588,850.00
Ward No. 2.....	30,000.00
Ward No. 3.....	24,500.00
Ward No. 4.....	15,800.00
Ward No. 6.....	1,500.00
Total.....	\$660,650.00

All these properties so assessed became vested in the Crown on the 13th day of February A. D. 1913, by the filing of a plan in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax under Section 8 of the Expropriation Act. All the said properties were expropriated for the purposes of the construction and maintenance of the so called Halifax Ocean Terminals of the Intercolonial Railway.

In view of the fact that property owned by the Crown is exempt under the provisions of the City Charter, I would ask you to kindly take the matter up and advise me what course will be adopted by the City.

T. F. TOBIN.

City Hall, February 27th, 1914.

Hon. Dr. J. D. Reid, M. P., Acting Minister of Railways.

Dear Sir:—The Board of Control of the City of Halifax are in receipt of a communication from Mr. T. F. Tobin, Solicitor for the Crown, in the matter of the Halifax Ocean Terminals, a copy of which is enclosed, and which is self explanatory. The letter is an answer to the action of the City Assessors in assessing for Civic taxation the properties recently taken by the Crown in connection with the extension of the Intercolonial Railway.

There is no doubt of the correctness of the law as stated by Mr. Tobin, but in this matter the City feels that it is entitled to great consideration, and that the Crown should not stand upon the strict letter of its rights. The taking of so large an amount of property hitherto assessable will very seriously affect the rate of taxation for the coming year, and the Board feel that at the least the Crown should be willing to pay taxation upon the properties which had not been actually taken over by the Crown at the date of the last taxation, that is to say, about last August or September. A very large number of these properties were at that time occupied by the owners or tenants under the owners. Although many of these properties have subsequently been taken over by the Crown, the buildings on very many of them are still occupied by persons who are tenants of the Crown, and paying rent as such. A number of others, although nominally the property of the Crown since the date of the filing of the Expropriation Plan, have not yet been formally taken over by the Government, nor compensation paid, and these properties are still occupied by the original owners, or their tenants, in precisely the same way as if no expropriation had been made.

One of the most notable examples is the Gas Lane Property of the Halifax Electric Tram Co., which is assessed for \$155,000. That is still occupied and used by the Company, which holds a valuable civic franchise. There are also a number of the most valuable residences of the City, for instance, those of Mr. S. M. Brookfield, Mr. H. R. Silver, and others, and the occupants of these properties are enjoying the benefits of the City's expenditure, and so far as they are concerned, there is no reason why taxes are not being paid in the same manner as heretofore, and for the Crown to assert its right of exemption would be practically making a present to the occupants of the amount of the taxation.

The Provincial Government has the same exemption as the Government of the Dominion. In any cases in which that Government had acquired property, it invariably paid taxes upon it until such time as it actually required the property for governmental purposes.

The Board feel strongly that it is entitled to a similar treatment from the Dominion Government in this matter.

The Board encloses herewith a list of the properties referred to in this letter. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Prime Minister, urging the Board's view of the case.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Assessable Property Taken by the Dominion Government for Railway Purposes.

WARD NO. 1.

Young Avenue.....	\$ 4,600
Brussels Street.....	4,800
Plover Street.....	18,500
View Street.....	65c
Ogilvie Street.....	400
Clarence Street.....	2,500
Owen Street.....	2,700
Pleasant Avenue.....	19,000
Atlantic Street.....	4,900
Marlborough Wood.....	2,900
Tower Road.....	6,500
Bland Street (South).....	500
Pleasant Street.....	267,300

Hollis Street.....	5,600	
Hollis Street (South).....	20,600	
Skerry Place.....	3,100	
Victoria Lane.....	6,900	
Gas Lane.....	163,300	
South Street.....	36,000	
Fawson Street.....	17,000	
Francklyn Street and Bower Road.....	4,000	
		\$591,750

WARD NO. 2.

Coburg Road.....	\$ 5,000	
Jubilee Road.....	25,000	
		30,000

WARD NO. 3.

Pryor Street.....	\$ 1,000	
Quinpool Road.....	8,500	
Jubilee Road.....	15,000	
		24,500

WARD NO. 4.

Quinpool Road.....	15,800	
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WARD NO. 6.

Kempt Road.....	1,500	
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WARD NO. 1.....	\$591,750	
WARD NO. 2.....	30,000	
WARD NO. 3.....	24,500	
WARD NO. 4.....	15,800	
WARD NO. 6.....	1,500	
		\$663,550

Filed.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

ACCOUNTS.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for payment accounts chargeable to various services as follows:—

Heaton's Agency, advertising Halifax, \$102.00; Industrial School, maintenance of children, \$254.87; Revising City Charter, F. H. Bell, K. C., Reviser, R. T. MacIlreith, Reviser, \$1100.00, F. W. Smith, placing imprint of King's Printer, \$50.00. Total, \$2606.87.

City Prison

Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., light, \$3.20; Maritime Telegraph Co., phone, \$4.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$1.40; Robert Taylor Co., shoe repairs, \$7.25; Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow, hardware, \$4.26; W. A. Maling & Co., ox heads, \$22.75; Wentzells Limited, groceries, \$32.67; Moir's Limited, bread, \$23.13; James Taylor, mason work, \$36.00. Total, \$135.16.

Health Board

Maritime Telephone Co., phone, \$14.12; Cragg Bros., \$.25; City Home, wood and coal, \$10.35; R. Curren, fish, \$.40; G. A. Burbidge, disinfectants, \$.75; Kelley & Glassey, brandy, \$1.50; Carter & O'Brien, glazing, \$3.40; Jas. D. Walsh, peppermint, \$6.00; Farquhar Bros., plumbing, \$5.80; W. H. Donovan, minerals, Emergency Hospital, \$8.98; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat, \$11.91; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$60.84, \$162.37. Total, \$286.67.

Fire Department

S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$157.28; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$34.47; A. Shaw, fodder, \$169.68; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$2.50, \$1.25, \$1.25, \$1.25, \$2.50; John Starr, Son & Co., re-charging storage batteries, \$2.50; Geo. E. Smith & Co., caulks, \$3.20; Morrison & Williams, Globe metal polish, \$6.75; Patrick Dowd, carriage work, \$26.90; J. H. Fenton, wood, \$16.00; A. A. Thompson, drugs, \$18.75; Geo. E. Boak & Co., coal, \$7.80; E. P. Meagher, acid bottles, \$5.50; Wentzells Limited, soap, \$4.00; G. C. Bateman, keys, etc., \$12.50; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$4.16; Canadian Rubber Co., tubing, \$3.50; Works Department, concrete sidewalk, \$42.39; The Holland Window Shade Co., blinds, \$7.20; David Roche, painting, \$7.02; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$44.08; William Roche, coal, \$5.50; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$12.55; A. C. Adams, ladder, \$14.00; John Dee, cutting stone, \$2.48; Burns & Kelleher, machine work, \$5.60; C. L. Newman, packing, \$.90; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$35.55. Total, \$659.01.

City Home

Dillon Bros., flour, \$201.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$286.55; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat and pork, \$414.78; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$140.08; C. F. Holland, milk, \$91.56; A. Wislon & Son, fresh fish, \$34.50; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$40.40; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., coal, \$160.79; City of Halifax Works Department, coal, \$9.20; City of Halifax Works Department, cement, \$.50; J. & M. Murphy, dry goods, \$94.99; Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co., exchange line, \$3.75; S. Chittick & Sons, ice, \$20.00; F. A. Shaw, forage, \$20.94; Gunn & Co., Ltd., forage, \$11.49; S. C. Thompson, forage, \$16.69; Faulkner & Co., premium boiler insurance, \$24.50; H. H. Marshall, newspaper, 1 year, \$6.00; Blackadar Bros., newspaper, 1 year, \$5.00; Jas. Simmonds & Co., hardware, \$12.42; Lawrence Hardware Co., cutlery, \$2.58; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove castings etc., \$3.67; W. J. O'Connell, horsehoeing, \$1.41; Robert Horner, horsehoeing, \$3.33; Neil Fox, repairs to harness, \$17.75; Willis Bros., repairs to waggons, \$8.70; Geo. A. Perrier, ventilator, \$32.95; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$2.40; Brookfield Bros., lumber, \$22.61; J. D. Walsh, insect powder, \$1.00; William Grant, rope, \$29.10; Farquhar Bros., electric lamp etc., \$2.63; E. B. Eddy Co., Ltd., spittoons, \$4.00; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$11.00; Salaries, Feb. 14th, \$674.06. Total, \$2,416.23.

City Works Department

Water Maintenance, \$2650.65; Water Construction, \$1887.43; Sewerage, \$370.91; Street Lighting, \$3625.05; City Hall Lighting, \$79.80; City Property, \$41.03; Fuel, \$561.43; Internal Health, \$105.82; Teams and Stables, \$199.47; Cleaning Paved Streets, \$.90; City Prison Improvements, \$2.00; Sewer Maintenance, \$7.00; Telephones, \$32.95; Permanent Sidewalks, \$5.10. Total, \$9569.54.

Police Department

John A. Hoar, boot repairs, \$1.50; W. F. Pickering & Co., clothing, \$80.50. Total, \$82.00.

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

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

Read report Board of Control covering report City Auditor as to the finances of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS SECURITIES.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit herewith, for the information of the Council, a report from the City Auditor as to the finances of the Nova Scotia Car Works Limited, insofar as the same affect the City of Halifax, in respect to the loan to that Company of \$125,000.

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

Office of City Auditor, March 4th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—I have examined the Auditor's report etc of the Nova Scotia Car Works Ltd. to December 31st, 1913 and find the security of the City of Halifax for the \$125,000.00 loaned them, has improved in the past year.

On January 3rd, last, there was \$26,524.68 to the credit of their Sinking Fund.

There is \$116,000.00 insurance in favor of the City fully paid to June 17th, 1914.

All interest and sinking fund charges are fully paid to date.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer covering draft of a new agreement for water supply to the Marine and Fisheries Department.

WATER SUPPLY MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the approval of the City Council a draft of a new agreement for water supply to the Marine and Fisheries Department, together with a report from the City Engineer thereon.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 3rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to submit herewith a draft agreement for water supply at Marine and Fisheries Department, which, if executed, would go into operation at the first of July, the date on which the existing agreement terminates. The agreement is drafted in accordance with the provisions of the new agreement made with the Department of Militia and Defence.

I have increased the amount for fire protection from \$700 to \$1300. The assessors estimate the value of the Marine & Fisheries Department property at \$1,090,000, which at 12c. on the \$100 would be \$1308.00.

If approved by your Board, I shall send the draft agreement to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for approval by him.

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

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

Read report Board of Control re delay by the M. E. Keefe Construction Co. in the erection of the City Market Building, covering copy of letter to the contractors, and a report from the City's Architect.

CITY MARKET BUILDING.

City Hall, February 16th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report for the information of the City Council that they deemed it necessary to forward to the M. E. Keefe Construction Company, Contractors for the Market Building, the following letter:—

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, February 16th, 1914.

The M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:—The Board of Control have instructed me to express the dissatisfaction of the Board at the rate of progress which is being made in the construction of the City Market Building. The Board does not wish to invoke the severe penalty clauses contained in your contract, but may in the public interest, and in the discharge of their duty, be compelled to do so unless the progress of the work is much accelerated.

The Board trusts that this intimation of its wishes will be sufficient, but it will not hesitate to use the power at its disposal, unless those wishes are promptly complied with.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

The report of Sydney P. Dumaresq, the City's Architect, is attached hereto for the information of the Council.

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

Halifax, N. S., February 3rd, 1914.

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

Gentlemen:—Some little time ago you requested that I make a report on the progress of the work on the Public Market Building, this City. In reply I beg to say:—

The work on the Market Building has progressed to the following stage; the walls of the main building are built to the spring of the window arches. When the Contractors reached this point the season was well advanced and cold weather was upon us and they decided not to do any further concrete work until next spring. The excavating for this contract is an extremely heavy one both as regards quantity and material and is not yet completed. The south area still remains to be taken away as well as that portion which will be covered by the restaurants and kitchen. There is also considerable to be taken out of the interior of the building. I may say, however, the Contractors have had men employed all through the winter pursuing this excavating and they have succeeded in doing all that will be required for the Brunswick St. entrance wing.

As regards the progress of the work I am inclined to feel that this has not advanced as rapidly as it possibly might have. The Contractors have been laboring under an impression that the City were to remove all the excavated stone taken from the site. This matter is mentioned and taken care of in the last paragraph on page seven of the specification. The intention and my interpretation of this paragraph is that the City Engineer is at liberty to take all of the excavated stone or none, as he sees fit, but on the other hand should the Engineer decide that he requires part of this material the removing of the same must be done so as not to interfere with the progress of the work. The Contractors, taking the position that the City were to remove all this stone, satisfied themselves with piling it in the centre of the site and within the walls of the building. This heap of excavated material soon assumed very large proportions and could not help but interfere with the progress of the work. The City teams have since removed a great pile of this stone and I expect that the Contractors will soon start to remove the balance of the rock which is still unexcavated and inside the building.

The work, therefore, yet to be done on this Contract includes the following:—

- The completion of the interior excavating.
- Excavating the south area.
- Excavating for restaurants and kitchen.
- Completing concrete columns on main walls.
- Completing walls of main building where brick work occurs.
- The building of the retaining walls to the three streets.
- Putting roof on building.
- All interior work.

In closing I may say that the balance of the work should be executed much more rapidly than that which has already been done. The steel for the roof trusses is at the site and I understand that all material required for completing the entire building will be on hand well before it is required.

SYDNEY P. DUMARESQ.

Filed.

Read report Board of Control in re extension southwardly of Albemarle Street and of Brunswick Street through Artillery Park.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

City Hall, March 3rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control, at a meeting held this morning, had before them a night lettergram from Controller O'Connor, who is now in Ottawa, giving details of an interview between himself and the Militia Department respecting the City's application for permission to extend Brunswick St. southerly through the Artillery Park. The Board considers it would be advisable to accept the offer of the Militia Department to convey to the City free of charge property at the south end of Albemarle St. now owned by the Crown. If this is done, it will be necessary for the City to acquire certain private properties to the south of the Military property between Albemarle and Hastings Streets. This would give a winding approach leading from Spring Garden Road to Sackville St., through Hastings and Albemarle Streets.

The Board is unanimously opposed to the suggestion for the exchange of the South Common for the South Barracks and Artillery Park.

Controller O'Connor's message and the Board's reply are attached hereto for the information of the Council.

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

Ottawa, March 2nd, 1914.

F. P. Bligh, Mayor, Halifax.

At interview militia department this morning proposed to me that government donate to city sufficient their land to extend Albemarle to Spring Garden City to expropriate from owners necessary balance for extension. I said we wanted that anyway, but particularly wanted more westerly and direct outlet for Brunswick. Department claims would ruin Artillery Park for its purposes, and they only trustees for imperial authorities, who would object. I then proposed that City and Crown agree upon any necessary legislation whereby City could exchange South Common for Artillery Park and South Barracks, new buildings to be erected on South Common and City to replan Artillery Park and sell out in lots. Please have solicitor fully advise me as to our legal position and rights over Common; also give me views of Board and Council upon scheme I now propose, subject to financial aspect being subsequently satisfactorily arranged. My own view is that scheme could be carried out free expense and possibly at a profit. City would get land which it could sell in exchange for land and which it is not, without legislation, allowed to sell, and with the avails pay the value of buildings now on the Park and barracks sites. Ample Common left. Project seemingly satisfactorily received.

W. F. O'CONNOR.

Halifax, N. S., March 3rd, 1914.

Controller W. F. O'Connor, care Justice Department, Ottawa.

Board of Control unanimously strongly opposed to parting with South Common and will so report to Council tomorrow night. While the Albarle extension is acceptable it is not in anywise to be considered as an alternative to Brunswick extension or at all affecting that proposition. As requested, Solicitor will be asked as to City's rights in the Common but exchanging the Common for the Artillery Park will not be considered favourably.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

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

Read report Board of Control covering an ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting the removal of snow.

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

City Hall, February 27th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the Ordinance respecting the removal of snow and ice be amended so as to provide for the removal of snow and ice on that part of Robie Street not included in the existing Ordinance, and for that purpose submit herewith an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 4, "Of Streets".

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

Ordinance No. . . . of Streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council as follows:—

Section No. 58 of Ordinance No. 4 of the City of Halifax is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in place thereof:—

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

58. The City shall remove the snow from the sidewalk, pathway and gutter in front of any building or premises owned and occupied by the City, and situated within the City within the following limits, viz:—Beginning at a point on the shore of the Harbor of Halifax, and on the north line of Owen Street; thence westwardly by the north line of Owen Street to the centre line of Pleasant Street; thence northwardly along the centre line of Pleasant Street to the centre line of Inglis Street; thence westwardly along the centre line of Inglis Street to the centre line of Tower Road; thence northwardly along the centre line of Tower Road to the centre line of South Street; thence westwardly along the centre line of South Street to the centre line of Seymour Street; thence northwardly along the centre line of Seymour Street to the centre line of Coburg Road; thence eastwardly along the centre line of Coburg Road to the centre line of Robie Street; thence northwardly

along the centre line of Robie Street; to the centre line of Quinpool Road; thence westwardly along the centre line of Quinpool Road to the centre line of Windsor Street; thence northwardly along the centre line of Windsor Street to the centre line of North Street; thence eastwardly along the centre line of North Street to the centre line of Robie Street; thence northwardly along the centre line of Robie Street to the centre line of Macara Street; thence eastwardly along the centre line of Macara Street to the centre line of Gottingen Street; thence northwardly along the centre line of Gottingen Street to the centre line of Young Street; thence eastwardly along the centre line of Young Street to the shore of the Harbor of Halifax; thence southwardly along the shore of the Harbor of Halifax to the place of beginning; including the properties on both sides of Pleasant Street, Inglis Street, Tower Road, South Street, Seymour Street, Coburg Road, Robie Street, Quinpool Road, Windsor Street, North Street, Robie Street, Macara Street, Gottingen Street and Young Street; and also including the properties on both sides of Allen Street, Lawrence Street and Duncan Street, within five hundred feet of Windsor Street.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted, and that said ordinance be now read a first time. Motion passed.

The said ordinance entitled Ordinance "Of Streets" is now read a first time.

Moved by Controller Hoben and seconded by Controller Harris that said ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Said ordinance is now read a second time.

Read report Board of Control covering reports City Health Board and report of a special committee of the Board of Control in re civic grant for a Tuberculosis Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

City Hall, March 2nd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that at various times they have considered propositions submitted to the City by the Anti-Tuberculosis League for civic aid toward the maintenance of a hospital for the treatment of the tubercular poor. On February 27th, the City Health Board recommended that the City make provision for an annual grant of \$2,500 for the purpose. A committee of this Board consisting of Controllers Harris and Hoben were appointed to confer with the Local Government, and with a committee of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, and submit in writing their recommendations. At a meeting of the Board held this day, a very large delegation of the members of the League appeared, and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. MacMillan, Dr. Hattie, Mrs. Schon, J. A. Chisholm, Dr. Farrell and Robert Dawe.

The accompanying report of Controllers Harris and Hoben was submitted and read.

After giving full consideration to the matter, Controllers Harris and Hoben were in favor of submitting their report to the City Council for its favorable consideration.

Controller Scanlan and His Worship the Mayor agreed to recommend to the Council a grant of \$1,000 only for the incoming civic year. The representatives of the League were requested to authorize a committee of their body to attend before the City Council at its meeting to be held on the 4th inst.

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

Office City Health Board, February 27th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday, the matter of providing a home for tuberculosis patients was discussed, when it was on motion decided to ask the Board of Control to grant the sum of \$2500.00 for that purpose.

The City Health Board feels the great necessity for such an institution and strongly urges the Board of Control to favor so worthy an object.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Halifax, N. S., March 2nd, 1914.

To the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Your committee has conferred with the Provincial Government and with a committee of the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League, who are now conducting a Sanitarium on the Flinn property, Quinpool Road. This building is occupied as an hospital with the permission of the Dominion Government, and is adequate for about 25 patients. At present, there are 10 patients there, the necessary equipment, beds, furniture, etc. having been provided by the League at a cost of about \$1500.

The cost of caring for each patient is about \$12 a week. Every patient is asked to pay something towards the cost. Some, of course, can pay in full, others can pay nothing. The deficiency has to be obtained from other sources. The Provincial Government will not contribute because the hospital is not a municipal institution, and are limited by the present legislation to a payment of \$2.00 a week per patient. Under the same legislation the entire support of patients able to pay at a municipal sanitarium is imposed upon themselves or their kindred; that of pauper patients is imposed upon the City. While the City's obligation is primarily in respect of these patients, the health of all its citizens is of paramount importance. With these considerations the committee has outlined the following scheme as a basis for action. The scheme has been submitted to the Provincial health officer, the committee of the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League (now operating the sanitarium) and the City Health Board and has received the endorsement of all. The Halifax Medical Society has also considered the existing situation in Halifax and has passed the following resolutions:—

“Resolved: That this Society composed of medical men of the City and County of Halifax, are of the opinion that there is an immediate and pressing need for the establishment in this community of an Hospital

for the segregation and treatment of advanced cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. That such cases in the families of the poor are a constant and real menace to their families, to their neighbors and to the community;

That this Society represent to the Mayor, the Board of Control and the City Council their responsibility in suppressing this preventable disease, and urge upon them not only their incumbent duty but also the economic value of meeting this urgent situation with ample financial assistance.

If the scheme proposed is not acceptable to the City Council, the project, we are assured, must be abandoned entirely.

1. The City of Halifax to take over and continue as a municipal institution the sanitarium at present established on the Flinn property, Quinpool Road, Halifax.

2. The Sanitarium to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the six members of the City Health Board and four other citizens of Halifax appointed by the Council with power to appoint an executive and other sub-committees.

The idea is that representatives from the Anti-Tuberculosis League, so long as it continues active, should constitute part of the Board of Trustees.

3. The City to endeavor to acquire from the Dominion Government the present site or other suitable site as a permanent location for a municipal sanitarium.

4. The cost of operation of the sanitarium to be provided for as largely as possible from the contributions of patients and their friends as contemplated by the present legislation (Cap. 60, 1913, s. 17 (1) the Provincial Government to contribute \$2 per patient as provided in s. 17 (5) and the City (aided by the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League) to supplement the deficiency, the City's share not to exceed in the first year the sum of \$2,500, the amount for 1914-15 to be borrowed and included in the estimates 1915-16.

5. If the Town of Dartmouth or the County of Halifax desire to contribute towards the cost of such sanitarium, representation to be given them on the Board of Trustees.

The existing legislation, Acts 1912, Cap. 16, provides for just such joint action on the part of municipalities.

6. Any legislation necessary to provide for the establishment of the institution as a sanitarium along these lines, to be obtained at the present session of the Legislature.

R. V. HARRIS,
C. R. HOBEN.
Committee.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Controller Harris that the delegation from the Anti-Tuberculosis League now present be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

The Council is now addressed in support of an annual grant from the City of \$2500, by Dr. Hattie, Mr. Justice Russell, J. A. Chisholm, Rev. J. W. MacMillan, John T. Joy, M. E. Keefe and Robert Dawe.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the recommendations contained in the report of the special committee of the Board of Control, consisting of Controllers Harris and Hoben be now adopted by the Council. Motion put and passed unanimously, the following members of the Council being present and voting for the same, viz:—Controllers Harris, Hoben and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Riordon and Hubley.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer in Cedar Street from Walnut Street to Preston Street, and on Preston Street from Cedar Street to Jubilee Road.

CEDAR STREET SEWER.

City Hall, February 11th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer, recommending the construction of a sewer in Cedar Street, from Walnut Street to Preston Street, and on Preston Street from Cedar Street to Jubilee Road.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 9th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer in Cedar Street.

There is a sewer in Cedar Street in the block between Louisburg and Walnut Streets which drains to Louisburg Street. The two blocks west of Walnut have a fall towards the west. The most satisfactory way of draining this street would be west to Preston Street, thence southerly to Jubilee Road to the new sewer now being constructed.

This district is in need of drainage, as the water has to run long distances, and it is difficult to keep streets and sidewalks in passable condition.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer on Cedar Street from Walnut Street to Preston Street and on Preston Street from Cedar Street to Jubilee Road is \$4950.00; estimated assessment, \$1750.00. I would recommend that these sewers be placed on the Order Book to be constructed in their turn.

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 extension of Blowers Street to Hastings Street.

BLOWERS AND HASTINGS STREET EXTENSION.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Recently a suggestion was made to the Board of Control for the extending of Blowers Street to Hastings Street. The matter was referred to the City Engineer for report. In the opinion of the City Engineer, the need for such extension is not commensurate with the probable cost, and the Board recommends the adoption of his report.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 3rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of the Board of Control, I beg to report on the feasibility and cost of extending Blowers Street to Hastings Street.

That the plan is feasible, there is no question. It would be necessary to take a property on the west side of Blowers Street, which would probably cost \$3000. It would be necessary to cut off 20 or 25 feet of the western end of the Sunday School of the Grafton Street Methodist Church, the cost of which it is difficult for me to estimate, nor can I estimate the cost of acquiring that portion of the extension that would run through military property.

My opinion as to the desirability of carrying out the plan is not in accord with that of its proposer. The only advantage which I can see in opening these streets would be that pedestrians would save a couple of hundred feet in going from the South End northwardly along Albemarle Street or from Albemarle Street southwardly towards Spring Garden Road. To spend some thousands of dollars for such a purpose does not seem to me to be justifiable. There is no traffic originating in Albemarle Street which requires such an outlay, and any traffic to or from Brunswick Street would follow the easier grades west and south of Brunswick Street rather than those east of Brunswick Street. Traffic from the South End can get through Grafton Street with much lighter grade and for these reasons I cannot recommend the extension unless it can be made without cost.

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 the establishing of a building line on Connaught Avenue, both sides 30 feet back from the street line, between Quin-pool Road and Jubilee Road.

BUILDING LINES, CONNAUGHT AVENUE.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re the establishing of a building line on Connaught Avenue, both sides 30 feet back from the street line.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 25th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Halifax Realty Corporation ask the Board of Control to establish a building line thirty feet back from the street line on Connaught Avenue. As I understand the Act, this can only be done where no houses are erected. I assume that the Halifax Realty Corporation represent the Rosebank property. They state that they have a building line restriction there now.

I would recommend establishing a building line thirty feet back from the street line on Connaught Avenue between Quippool Road and Jubilee Road, but before establishing it in any other part of the Avenue, the City Solicitor suggests that every person interested should be notified and a hearing held.

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

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

Read report Board of Control recommending refund of deposits made by T. A. Garnier and Margaret McGrath with applications for liquor licenses.

REFUNDS OF LIQUOR LICENSES DEPOSITS.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that refunds of deposits made with applications for liquor licenses be made as follows:—

T. A. Garnier	\$8.00
Margaret McGrath, 1913	8.00
Margaret McGrath, 1914	8.00

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

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

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension along Oxford Street from Bayer's Road to London and Liverpool Streets, and on London and Liverpool Streets.

WATER EXTENSION.

City Hall, February 23rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending that a large water-pipe, being a portion of the scheme for an encircling main, be laid along Oxford St., from Bayer's Road to London and Liverpool Streets, and pipe extending westerly on London and Liverpool Streets to supply twelve houses.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 18th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of water on London and Liverpool Streets, west of Oxford Street. There is no water pipe at all in this vicinity and it is probable that it will be necessary to extend the pipe from Bayers Road southerly along Oxford Street to London and Liverpool Streets.

In our scheme for an encircling main, we included the laying of a large pipe on Oxford Street from Quinpool Road to Bayers Road. When there is a demand for water supply, this pipe should be laid and as it is for the benefit of the whole system, I think it might be laid without direct charge to property owners, as was done with the pipe from Quinpool Road to Willow Park on Windsor Street.

Accordingly, an estimate has been prepared for laying a pipe on London and Liverpool Streets only, assuming that the pipe on Oxford Street will be laid at general expense. The estimated cost of laying pipes on these two streets and supplying twelve houses, is \$3437.90; interest at 5 per cent \$171.89. I would recommend that the large pipe be laid along Oxford Street from Bayers Road to London and Liverpool Streets and pipe extended westerly on London and Liverpool Streets to supply the twelve houses, provided the owners of houses will agree to pay a special rate of \$14.32 each.

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 Controller O'Connor re expenses in connection with the revision of the City Charter.

REVISION OF CITY CHARTER.

City Hall, February 11th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of Controller O'Connor, re expenses in connection with the revision of the City Charter, recommending that R. T. MacIlreith and F. H. Bell, Revisers, be paid the sum of \$1100.00, and F. W. Smith, King's Printer, the sum of \$50.00 for reading the Charter, in order to enable him to place the imprint of the King's Printer thereon.

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

Office of the City Solicitor, February 4th, 1914.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:—I hand you herewith a bill from the King's Printer. The statute authorizing the bringing into force of the New Charter by proclamation provided that it should bear the imprint of the King's Printer and by that imprint be given the same force and effect as one of the statutes. Mr. MacIlreith, my colleague in the revision, arranged with Mr. Smith that he was to receive \$50.00 for his services. The new Charter has now been brought into force by proclamation and the printing is completed with the exception of the title page which is waiting for the King's Printer's imprint. The different parts of the Charter are ready for binding and can be obtained at any time for that purpose from the McAlpine Publishing Company.

I presume there is no objection to Mr. MacIlreith and myself drawing the amount allowed us in connection with the Charter.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Halifax, N. S., February 10th, 1914.

The Board of Control, City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:—On February 4th was read before the Board of Control the report of the City Solicitor on a revision of the City Charter covering an account of the King's Printer for \$50.00. This report and the account mentioned were referred to me for further report.

As Mr. Bell points out, the Statute authorizing the bringing into force of the new City Charter by proclamation provided that the City Charter should bear the imprint of the King's Printer and by that imprint be given the same force and effect as one of the Statutes.

The imprint of the King's Printer upon the publication is the guarantee of its authenticity and as well of the fact that it has been read by the King's Printer and compared with the original.

The charge made is for this service. For this charge, the amount of which was arranged by Mr. MacIlreith, the King's Printer reads and compares the City Charter with the original Statutes, Ordinances, etc., of which the Charter is made up, and, having done so, attaches thereto his imprint, which is the guarantee that the Charter has the force and effect of a Statute.

I recommend that the amount be paid.

If I am expected to report upon the question whether there is any objection to Mr. MacIlreith and Mr. Bell drawing the amount, \$1100.00 each allowed to them in connection with the Charter, I would report that, as their services in the matter seem to be at an end; if this is the fact I would see no reason why they should not draw the amount allowed to them in connection with the preparation of the new City Charter.

W. F. O'CONNOR, *Controller of Finance.*

Halifax, N. S., March 16th, 1914.

The City Clerk, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of an Order in Council of the 13th instant, fixing the remuneration to be paid Messrs. F. H. Bell, K. C., and R. T. MacIlreith, K. C., respectively, for preparing amendments to the City Charter for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1912.

The remuneration has been fixed at One Thousand One Hundred Dollars for each of the gentlemen referred to.

FRED F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

Certified Copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 13th day of March. A. D. 1914.

The Governor in Council under and by virtue of Section 22 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1912, and of Clause (c) of the second schedule to Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1913, and of every other power and authority in him vested in this behalf, is pleased to order that the amount of compensation to be paid to Mr. F. H. Bell, K. C. and to Mr. R. T. MacIlreith, K. C., as the persons appointed to prepare such amendment or amendments to the City Charter and Acts in amendment thereof as might be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the said Act, shall be One Thousand One Hundred Dollars each.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Clerk of the Executive Council.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the said reports be adopted and the accounts therein referred to paid. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control covering report of City Engineer, together with plan and description of properties proposed to be expropriated for the diversion of Mumford Road.

DIVERSION OF MUMFORD ROAD.

City Hall, February 27th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit herewith for the information of the City Council reports (3) City Engineer re proposed diversion of Mumford Road, together with plan and description of properties necessary to

be acquired for the purpose. The Board has instructed the City Solicitor to include in the Borrowing Bill to be submitted at the present session of the Legislature authority for a loan not to exceed \$1,000 for the acquisition of the land and for other expenses in connection therewith. The Act will at a later date be submitted for your consideration.

It is recommended that the report of the City Engineer for the expropriation together with the plan and description of the properties be approved by the Council.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 2nd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Ocean Terminals Railway crosses the Mumford Road at a hollow between St. Patrick's Boys' Home and Mount Olivet Cemetery.

I called the attention of your Board to this matter some time ago, and recommended that the road be diverted as laid down on the Official Plan to take a twist out of the road at that point. I was authorized to communicate with the authorities at St. Patrick's Home, to ascertain upon what terms they would convey the land necessary to the City, exchanging with the land covered by the old road. I find that the property belongs to the Estate of P. Power and that they do not value the old road and are not disposed to name terms on which they would convey the property.

As they will be satisfied with expropriation, I beg to submit the accompanying plan and description showing the land which is required for the diversion of Mumford Road. In my opinion it is advisable to make the diversion, and the land is required for the suggested diversion.

I beg to recommend that the City Council approve of the plan and description submitted.

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

Description.

LOT NO. 1.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the City of Halifax on Mumford Road, so called, belonging to St. Patrick's Home and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the official south street line of Mumford Road, the said point being distant 300 feet westerly along said official street line from the intersection of said official street line with the western boundary of right of way of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway; thence easterly along said official street line for a distance of 300 feet until it meets the western boundary of right of way of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway; thence southerly along said western boundary of right of way of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway for a distance of 18 feet; thence westerly in a straight line for a distance of 310 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

LOT NO. 2.

Also all that lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Halifax on Mumford Road, so called, and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the official south street line of Mumford Road, said point being distant 561 feet westerly along said official south street line from the intersection of said official street line with the official west street line of Young Street; thence in a northerly direction and at right angles to the said official street line for a distance of three feet more or less or until it meets the southern boundary of Mumford Road; thence in a westerly direction along said southern boundary of Mumford Road by its several courses, to a point at the intersection of the eastern boundary of right of way of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway with the said southern boundary of Mumford Road; thence in a southerly direction for a distance of 143 feet along said east line of right of way of Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway; thence in an easterly direction in a straight line for a distance of 451 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

LOT NO. 3.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Halifax at or near Mumford Road, so called, owned by Dr. J. Gordon Bennett and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point where the western boundary of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway right of way meets the present northern boundary of Mumford Road; thence northerly along said western boundary of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway for a distance of eleven feet; thence westerly in a straight line for a distance of 265 feet or until it meets the angle formed by two courses of the official north street line of Mumford Road; thence in a direction at right angles to said official north street line of Mumford Road for a distance of 23 feet more or less or until it meets the northern boundary of the present Mumford Road; thence easterly by the several courses of the present northern boundary of Mumford Road to the place of beginning.

City Engineer's Office, February 18th, 1914

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report further in connection with the proposed diversion of Mumford Road, that one of the railway appraisers estimates the value of the land to be taken at about three cents a square foot.

The area to be taken is 36,288 square feet, which at three cents a square foot, would cost \$1088.64.

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

City Engineer's Office, February 27th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I have interviewed Mr. J. A. Chisholm, one of the executors of the estate of P. Power, and Dr. Bennett respecting the land required for the straightening of Mumford Road.

Mr. Chisholm states that they are not prepared to name terms for the land which would be taken from them, but would prefer expropriation. Dr. Bennett offers to sell the land required from his property, for \$200.00. At first I thought the price was too high, but after looking at his property and estimating the damage done, I think the amount is not at all excessive.

The land required from the Estate of P. Power was appraised as stated before, at the rate of \$1000 per acre or 2 3-8 cents per foot. There is .65 of an acre, which would make the value \$650.00 if the arbitrators agree with the appraisers.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that the said reports be adopted, and the plan and description accompanied therewith approved. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control covering draft ordinance re automobile garages.

AUTOMOBILE GARAGES.

City Hall, March 2nd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the approval of the City Council an Ordinance respecting Automobile Garages. It is recommended that said Ordinance receive its two preliminary readings and be printed in the Minutes of the Council for the information of the members, after which its details may be discussed, if necessary, before being read a third time for final confirmation.

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

An Ordinance Relating to the Construction and Use of Automobile Garages.

1. A garage shall be construed to mean a building in which are housed for rent, care, demonstration, storage or sale, self-propelled vehicles, or other wheeled machines, containing in the tanks thereof inflammable liquids for fuel or power; also all parts of the building and all adjoining structures or buildings not cut off by an unpierced fire wall.

2. All plans for such buildings shall be filed with the Building Inspector and shall also be submitted for approval to the Chief of the Fire Department.

3. All garages erected in the future, except as hereinafter provided, shall be of fireproof construction. All trim or other interior finish must be of metal or of other non-inflammable material, approved by the Building Inspector. Floor finish shall be smooth and of concrete, brick or other incombustible material.

4. Any building erected or remodelled as a garage and occupied in part as an office building, manufacturing establishment, warehouse or store, shall have such parts entirely cut off from the portion used as a garage by unpierced fire walls at least 12 inches thick and by fireproof floors and shall be provided with adequate means of exit, independent of that used for the garage.

All windows in the first two floors above parts used as a garage shall be provided with wired-glass windows in metal frames.

5. No rooms nor open spaces of any character shall be permitted below the floor level in any building erected or used for garage purposes; and no floor shall be entirely below the street level.

6. All elevators and stairways in garages shall be enclosed with fire-proof materials. All openings in stair or elevator enclosures shall be protected with automatic fire doors approved for this purpose.

7. No garage shall be allowed or kept in any building used for a school, place of assembly or detention, hotel, dwelling, apartment, tenement or lodging house, or within fifty feet of any school, place of assembly or detention.

8. No building of other than fireproof construction shall be remodelled for use as a garage, except that, outside the building district existing buildings of non-fireproof construction, other than frame buildings, when thirty feet distant from all other buildings and with no other occupancy, may be so used on compliance with all the requirements of this Ordinance.

9. No motor garage shall be maintained within the limits of the City of Halifax by any person or persons, firm or corporation, unless a permit shall first have been obtained from the Building Inspector and the Chief of the Fire Department.

No permit shall be issued for a period greater than one year and all permits shall expire on the 30th day of April in each year, and shall be renewable only after inspection and approval of such motor garage by the Chief of the Fire Department and compliance with all the provisions of this Ordinance.

10. Where buildings are now being used for garage purposes, in which wooden floors exist, sufficiently large and fluid-tight metallic drip-pans shall be placed under all motor vehicles and all floors shall be well cleaned and mopped each day with a strong alkali, or other non-inflammable grease-solvent solution.

11. All motor garages or shelters housing not more than two motor vehicles shall be known as private garages. A private garage located within ten feet of any other building shall be of fire-proof construction and comply with the provisions of section 3 hereof. If more than 10 feet from any building, it shall be built of non-combustible material throughout, except that if outside the building district and not closer than 30 feet to any building, it may be constructed of combustible material, except walls, floors on which motors are kept, and roof coverings, which shall be non-combustible.

All portions of the building used for other purposes must be cut off from such storage place by unpierced fireproof walls and floors.

12. Such non-fireproof garage, if considered by the Chief of the Fire Department as especially hazardous and endangering adjacent property, shall be replaced by a fireproof structure or its use as a garage discontinued.

13. The heating of all buildings used for garage purposes must be done by steam or hot water. All boiler or other furnaces, forges or other exposed fires, lights, or spark emitting devices or machines, and all repair shops, if on or below the topmost floor where inflammable or explosive liquids are present, shall be in a room separated from all other parts of the garage by an unpierced fire wall at least eight inches thick.

Such appliances may be in a fireproof room, with all doors and openings between such rooms and other parts of the garage provided with standard automatic-closing fire-doors, kept closed if eight feet above the topmost floor where such liquids are present. All such rooms shall be ventilated at floor line as required herein.

No lights other than electric lights shall be allowed lit on motors in a garage except immediately after entering and immediately before leaving the garage.

14. All reserve and storage of inflammable or explosive liquids shall be stored in underground tanks. No such liquid shall be kept inside a garage except that contained in the reservoirs of motor vehicles and in the measuring

pumps used for filling. Provided, however, that there shall be in each public garage one or more approved portable wheeled tanks not exceeding 60 gallons capacity to be used for transferring such liquids from the storage tank; the number of these wheeled tanks shall be fixed for each garage by the Chief of the Fire Department. The reservoirs of motor vehicles shall be filled directly through hose from pump attached to such portable tank, or by hose coupled to a permanent filling station connected with the main storage tank. No transfer of such liquids in any garage shall be made with open containers. Hose for use in connection with the permanent filling station or portable tank shall be of such design and material as to prevent leakage.

15. All underground tanks, pumps and other drawing-off appliances shall be of such design and be placed to the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department. The drawing of any inflammable liquid within dangerous proximity to exposed flame or fire, or while any motor engine or motor is being run in a room is expressly prohibited.

16. Rooms containing inflammable or explosive liquids shall have openings for ventilation of at least 30 square inches, along at least 2 walls, and at floor level. These openings shall connect by incombustible flues with the outside air at a point not closer than three feet to any window or door opening. They should be provided with 2 x 2 mesh brass wire screens on the inside of the wall, and unless made with a downward slant direct to the outside air, shall conduct to and through a sparkless fan, run continuously which shall be of sufficient size to completely change the air volume every ten minutes; discharge outlets of vent pipes shall be provided with 20 x 20 mesh (or equivalent) brass wire screens.

17. The use of gasolene for cleaning any parts of a motor is prohibited except in a special room provided for the purpose and approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, properly ventilated and used for this purpose only, or outside of any building and at least ten feet from any opening in any buildings.

Smoking is absolutely prohibited within or in the vicinity of any garage or by any employee or other person while engaged in driving, repairing or cleaning any machinery or filling any tank or handling any inflammable or explosive liquids.

18. All garages shall be kept clean. Grease, oil, paint-soaked rags, waste or other combustible materials shall be kept in cool self-closing metallic receptacles having metallic legs at least three inches high and securely braced. These receptacles shall be kept safely clear of all combustible surroundings and the contents shall be safely disposed of at least once each day. Oily and greasy clothing shall be kept only in non-combustible and well-vented closets, located to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department.

19. Dry sand, ashes, chemical extinguishers and other approved fire retardants shall be provided in such quantities and with such pails, scoops and other fire appliances as may be directed by the Chief of the Fire Department.

A reasonable quantity of such loose non-combustible absorbents as mentioned above shall be kept convenient for use in case of excessive oil waste or overflow.

20. There shall be no direct connection between any garage waste basin, sink, floor drain, or waste, and any house drainage or sewer system. All such drains or waste mains to sewer system shall have intercepting grease, oil and inflammable liquid traps or separators, which will completely

separate such substance from water and sewage and allow of their safe and convenient removal. Such traps shall be ventilated in the same way as is required for tanks holding inflammable or explosive liquids. Grease, oil and other inflammable liquids removed from such traps or separators shall be removed and disposed of to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Fire Department.

21. It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to make or cause to be made inspections at least every three months of all motor garages or stations within the limits of the City of Halifax and complete records of such inspection and of all matters relating thereto and to enforce the regulations prescribed herein.

22. Any and all persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate, or fail to comply with any order or regulation made hereunder within ten days, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved hereunder, or any certificate or permit issued hereunder shall severally for each and every such violation and non-compliance respectively forfeit and pay a penalty in the sum of \$25.00, each day constituting a separate offence.

23. It shall be the duty of the owner or manager of all garages to maintain in at least three conspicuous places on each floor of a garage a placard giving a copy of all ordinances affecting the handling of inflammable liquids in garages.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that said report be adopted, and the said ordinance read a first time. Motion passed.

The said ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance relating to the construction and use of automobile garages" is now read a first time.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben 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 respecting the ordinance now on the Order of the Day of the Council, entitled, "An Ordinance re Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills."

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that No. 2 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz: an ordinance entitled "Ordinance 22, Bill Posters and the Posting of

Bills". Read the first and second times Febraury 5th, 1914. (Third reading).

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report of the Board of Control submitted this meeting re Bill Boards, be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the ordinance respecting Bill Boards and Posting of Bills be now read a third time. Motion passed.

Read an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance re Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills."

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the said ordinance be amended in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Control just adopted. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE RE POSTING OF BILLS.

City, Hall, February 25th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Since the meeting of the City Council held on February 5th, at which the Ordinance was presented by the Board of Control relating to Bill Boards and Posting of Bills, a delegation from the Bill Board Co. now operating in Halifax, waited on the Board, pointing out some errors in the proposed Ordinance, and suggesting certain alterations. The original recommendation of the Board contained provision for an annual charge of ten cents for each square foot of area of bill board, and limited the total area of any bill board to 250 feet square. The intention at that time was that the charge should be one cent for each square foot, the total area of any one bill board not to exceed 1,000 square feet. The Board now recommends that the annual charge per square foot of area be one-half cent, Controller Harris dissenting, and contending that the fee should be at least one cent. The Board recommends that the error in the original report be amended, limiting the total area of any one bill board to 1,000 square feet, Controller Harris dissenting, his recommendation being for a limit of 500 feet, and a prohibition against the so called "double deckers".

A new provision is recommended to be added to the Ordinance as follows.

"No bill board erected upon the roof of any building shall exceed 250 square feet in area."

Another provision recommended is that no bill board shall be placed upon the roof of any building except with the prior approval in writing of the Chief of the Fire Department.

With the foregoing and other minor amendments, the Ordinance is recommended for its third reading and final approval.

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

ORDINANCE 22.**Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills.**

ORDINANCE No. 22 relating to Bill Posters and the posting to bills is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

Definitions.

1. In this Ordinance

(a) the expression "Bill Poster" means every person who posts by pasting, tacking, painting or otherwise or who circulates from house to house or distributes upon the streets any advertising matter, bills, posters, pictures or any other thing, matter or device whatsoever advertising the business or goods of any person, firm or corporation, or any entertainment, but does not mean a sign painter painting any sign for a shop or office or building, or a Sheriff or other officer of the law, posting any notice by law required to be posted by him.

(b) the expression "post bills or placards" means the carrying on of the business or occupation of a bill poster as defined in clause (a) hereof.

(c) the expression "bill or placard" means any such advertising matter as is defined in clause (a) hereof whether printed or painted or otherwise.

(d) the word "bill board" means a hoarding, sign, fence, building, frame or construction of wood, metal or other material erected, maintained or used for the display of advertising matter, bills or placards, the subject matter of which does not relate to the property on which said bill board or hoarding is placed.

Licenses.

2. No person shall do business as a bill poster or post any bill or placard without having first obtained a license therefor.

3. The Council may in its discretion grant a license to any person applying therefor. Every such license so granted shall be issued by the clerk and shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and shall be in force until the 30th day of April next succeeding the date of issue and no longer.

4. Unless the Council otherwise directs, the Clerk may without a resolution of the Council issue a renewal license to any person to whom a license has been granted by the Council.

5. The fees payable for every such license or renewal shall be Five dollars (\$5.00).

6. Any person may be employed by a licensed bill poster to post bills and such employed person shall wear a badge which shall be furnished by the City on payment of one dollar (\$1.00).

Bill Boards.

7. No billboard shall be erected, maintained, altered or removed to another location within the City unless a permit therefor has been secured by the person desiring to erect or maintain such billboard from the Inspector of Buildings to whom application for such permit shall be made.

8. (1) Such application shall be accompanied by

(a) full plans, specifications and particulars of the proposed billboard or alterations and location of said billboard.

(b) the sum of one half cent (1-2c.) for each square foot of area of said billboard to be used for advertising purposes or the posting of bills or placards.

(2) If the Inspector of Buildings is satisfied that the proposed billboard and application is in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance he shall, upon prior approval of the Board of Control, issue a permit for the erection of such billboard.

9. Every permit issued hereunder shall continue in force until the 30th day of April next succeeding the date of issue and no longer.

10. Unless the Council otherwise directs, the Inspector of Buildings may, upon the approval of the Board of Control, issue a renewal permit to any person to whom a permit has been granted upon payment of the sum of one-half cent for each square foot of area of said billboard used for advertising purposes or for posting bills or placards.

11. No billboard shall exceed one thousand square feet in area.

12. Every billboard hereafter erected on a vacant lot shall be set back from the street or lot line of the lot or street on which it is placed, a distance equal to or greater than the vertical height of said billboard, but in no case shall any billboard be nearer to the street or lot line than the building or structure adjoining said billboard.

13. (1) Every billboard shall have at least two feet of open space in height between the ground and the billboard.

(2) There shall be an open space of six feet between each billboard and any adjoining structure and an open space of two feet between any two billboards.

14. No billboard shall be erected on or facing any public park, square, playground, municipal, county or government property.

15. (1) Except with the prior approval in writing of the Chief of the Fire Department, no billboard shall be placed upon the roof of any building, unless such billboard is constructed of open wirework having the letters fastened to said wirework, and unless the entire frames, braces and other parts are of metal.

(2) No billboard erected upon the roof of any building shall exceed two hundred and fifty square feet in area.

(3) Illuminated billboards or signs or transparencies shall be made of non-combustible material, and all electrical wiring and apparatus in such signs shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter and Ordinances thereunder.

16. Upon the top of every billboard there shall be displayed the name and permit number of the person owning or using said billboard.

Bills and Placards.

17. No person shall post any bill or placard on any fire alarm box, post, fence, wall, hydrant, curb, tree, sidewalk or other public property on any street, or upon any building or structure the property of the City

without permission so to do having been given by the Council or upon any other building, fence, post or other structure or erection unless the same is the property of the person so posting or permission to post on the same has been given by the owner.

18. No person shall scatter any bills or other advertising matter on any street or on any park, square or other public place, or distribute or post any bill at or in the vicinity of any school building, or distribute such bills or placards to any person passing along any sidewalk or thoroughfare.

19. (1) No person shall post any bill or placard containing any picture or reading matter of an obscene or immoral character or depicting the commission of a crime.

(2) No bill or placard shall be posted on any billboard until it has been inspected and approved by the Chief of Police.

Penalties.

20. On and after the 1st day of May, 1914, it shall be unlawful to continue any billboards, bulletin boards or advertising signs contrary to the manner provided for in this ordinance, saving all rights under Section 12 hereof, and any billboards or signs which are not made or changed to comply shall be deemed to infringe the provisions of this Ordinance, and in addition to any other penalty hereby provided in respect of the persons owning and using the same, such billboards or signs may be removed by the Inspector of Buildings.

21. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00, and in default of payment to imprisonment.

22. Every day that any billboard of any kind is continued or maintained or is in course of construction contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance or shall contain any bill or placard prohibited by this Ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this Ordinance.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the said ordinance as amended be now approved and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for confirmation. Motion passed.

Read report special committee on old Exhibition lots, recommending acceptance of the offer made by M. S. Clarke to purchase one of the said lots for \$4,000, and an adjoining lot for \$3,000.

OLD EXHIBITION LOTS.

City Engineer's Office, March 2nd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Your Committee, who have been dealing with the sale of the old Exhibition lots, have been offering the lots to prospective purchasers at the price adopted by the Council, namely \$3000 for all except the corner lot, and \$4000 for the latter.

Mr. M. S. Clarke has accepted the City's offer of sale for lots No. 12 and 13, No. 13—the lot on the corner of Summer and Morris Streets, and No. 12—the lot adjoining east.

The Committee recommend that the Mayor be authorized to sign a deed to Mr. Clarke for these two lots with the usual restrictions. Mr. Clarke has deposited a cheque for \$100 on the purchase price.

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

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Cox that said report be referred to the Board of Control to ascertain from Mr. Clarke the best offer he will make for the entire block of the five remaining lots. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re water estimates, 1914-15, covering report of a special committee consisting of Controller Hoben, the City Engineer and the Clerk of Works.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES—1914-15.

City Hall, March 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that agreeably to a resolution passed by the City Council, February 5th, they have given further consideration to the estimates for the Water Department for the year 1914-15, along the lines suggested by the Council. The Board referred the matter to a special committee, consisting of Controller Hoben, the City Engineer and the Clerk of Works, for report. That committee was unable to come to a unanimous decision, as will be seen by their report as attached hereto.

At a meeting of the Board held today, Controller Hoben and the Mayor voted for the adoption of the estimates as suggested by the report of the special committee with the additional recommendation that the 15 cent meter rate be reduced to 14 1-2 cents, and that the 14 1-2 cent rate be reduced to 14 cents. Controllers Harris and Scanlan agreed to the recommendations of the committee's report with the amendment that any surplus at the end of the year be divided into two equal parts, one half to be placed in a special reserve or contingent account to provide for unforeseen contingencies, the other half to be credited to the estimates for the following year in reduction of general taxation, that any necessary legislation to that end be obtained at the present session of the legislature, and that the maximum meter rates be reduced from 15 cents to 13 cents per thousand gallons.

The Board recommends that any reduction made in the meter rates by the Council come into effect from March 1st, 1914.

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

Halifax, N. S., February 23rd, 1914.

His Worship Mayor Bligh and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—A meeting of the special committee appointed by your Board to consider the water estimates of 1914-15 was held this day. Present Controller Hoben, the City Engineer and Clerk of Works. The attached Minute of Council under date February 6th, 1914 was read.

It was decided to report as follows the Water Estimates 1914-15:—

Interest	\$ 58,655.49
Maintenance	42,500.00
Sinking Fund	7,308.04
Short Collections	1,000.00
	<u>\$109,463.53</u>

Less

Special rates—Meters	\$ 58,723.53
Houses under bond	1,438.42
Water for Building purposes	959.58
W. C.'s, taps, horses, etc	1,102.00
	<u>62,223.53</u>
	<u>\$ 47,240.00</u>

To be Assessed for

Domestic rate, 3-8 of \$47,240.00	\$ 17,715.00
Fire Protection, 5-8 of \$47,240.00	29,525.00
	<u>47,240.00</u>

Amount assessed for Domestic rate \$14,662,000 at 12c. per \$100	\$ 17,715.00
Amount assessed for Fire Protection \$29,525,000 at 10c. per \$100.	29,525.00
	<u>\$ 47,240.00</u>

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the adoption of all the items with the exception of that under the heading of Maintenance \$42,500 and the water meter rate.

Controller Hoben and the City Engineer were in favor of the item \$42,500 for maintenance as thereby there would be from \$7,500 to \$10,000 available to meet unforeseen contingencies, to be placed at the end of the year, if not used, in a reserve contingent account.

To this the Clerk of Works dissented, holding that the amount applied to the Sinking Fund, \$7308.04, is to all intents for depreciation and the original amount of \$35,000 for maintenance was sufficient to cover ordinary contingencies and that the sum of \$7,500 to \$10,000 could be otherwise used to better advantage for the rate payers.

In regard to the meter rate, the City Engineer, while not objecting to the reduction of the domestic and fire protection rates, claimed that the meter rates should also be reduced.

C. R. HOBEN, *Controller,*
 F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*
 JAS. J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Harris that the suggestion of Controller Hoben and His Worship the Mayor as recommended in the report of the Board of Control and the report of the special committee recommending an assessment for the Water Department of \$109,463.53, less meter and other special rates, \$62,223.53, balance to be rated \$47,240.00, be confirmed and adopted by the Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the water estimates be referred back to the Board of Control for further report. Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same, and 8 against, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Harris and Scanlan, and Aldermen Smith and Murphy—4.

Against the Amendment—

Controllers Hoben, and Aldermen Covert, Cox, Gaston-guay, Hines, Harris, Riordon and Hubley.—8.

The original motion is put and passed, 8 voting for same, and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controller Hoben, and Aldermen Covert, Cox, Gaston-guay, Hines, Harris, Riordon and Hubley.—8.

Against it—

Controllers Harris and Scanlan, and Aldermen Smith and Murphy.—4.

Moved by Controller Hoben seconded by Alderman Harris that the suggestion of Controller Hoben and His Worship the Mayor as recommended in the report of the Board of Control, that, from the first of March, 1914, the 15 cent meter rate be reduced to 14 1-2 cents, and that the 14 1-2 cent rate be reduced to 14 cents, be approved and confirmed by the Council. Motion put and passed.

Alderman Murphy gives notice of reconsideration in respect to water estimates. His Worship the Mayor rules the notice of motion for reconsideration out of order, under Section 51 of the Rules of Order of Council.

Alderman Gastonguay submits the following resolution:

This Council would ask the Tramway Company to continue the line along Cogswell Street out across the Common, connecting with Quinpool Road and Windsor Streets, thereby shortening the distance for citizens wanting to reach the western portion of the City. Accordingly this Council appoint the City Engineer and the City Solicitor as a committee to confer with the Tramway Company regarding same as soon as possible, and report the result of such conference to the Board of Control.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Cox that the said resolution be referred to the Board of Control. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.10 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, March 31st, 1914.

An emergency meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Hoben, Scanlan and Harris, and Aldermen Hubley, Brown, Murphy and Gastonguay.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Smith, Cox, Parker, Harris and Hines.

The Council was summoned to consider House of Assembly Bill No. 97, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Ltd".

On the afternoon of the 31st inst. the following advertisement appeared in the Acadian Recorder, Evening Mail and Daily Echo:

PUBLIC MEETING.

Office of City Clerk, Halifax, N. S., March 31st, 1914.

An emergency meeting of the City Council will be held this evening at 8 o'clock to consider a Bill now before the Legislature, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co., Ltd." The meeting will be open to the public, and all citizens interested are requested to attend.

By order

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

There was in attendance a large number of citizens.

His Worship the Mayor explained the reasons for calling the meeting.

Controller Hoben submits and moves for adoption the following resolution:

Whereas the attention of the Council has been called to the fact that by the Bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co., Ltd., now before the Legislative Assembly, it is proposed to authorize that Company to acquire the property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd. to merge them in a company of enormous capitalization having numerous objects not in any way connected with the City of Halifax and include the whole in a proposed issue of bonds to the amount of ten million dollars;

And Whereas this Council and also the citizens have always been most strongly opposed, as has been demonstrated by resolutions of this Council and by meetings of the citizens, to any proposal for the transfer or amalgamation of any of the franchises of the City to or with any other business or enterprise whatever, and previous bills proposing such a transfer or amalgamation have in consequence of such opposition been rejected by the Legislature;

And Whereas the control of the franchises of furnishing transportation, light and power within a City involving as they do the use of the streets of a City and being necessarily in many respects a monopoly, is a matter of the most vital concern to the City in which the wishes of the citizens are entitled to the greatest consideration and which should not be transferred or dealt with against their expressed wishes;

And Whereas the Bill now before the Assembly is in the opinion of this Council much more obnoxious and detrimental to the interests of the City and the citizens than any of those so rejected and would if passed into law be most disastrous to the City inasmuch as it would not only forever prevent all possibility of the City ever securing control of its own franchises, but would also shut out all possibility of compelling the Company operating those franchises to give the citizens better service or cheaper rates;

And Whereas this Council while fully recognizing the great importance to the City of cheap power hydraulically developed is yet of the opinion that such power can in the near future be furnished to the City in ample quantity without any sacrifices such as are involved in the said Bill or any interference whatever with the franchises entrusted by the City to the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd.:

Therefore Resolved that this Council on behalf of the citizens of Halifax protests in the strongest manner possible against the passage of the said Bill, either in its present shape or in any shape involving any transfer or amalgamation of the franchises now operated by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company as a gross and flagrant violation of the rights of the City and the citizens and a breach of the terms on which the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company was granted and declare it to be, in its opinion, that its passage into law will be profoundly injurious to the interests of the City and the citizens, and requests that the same be rejected absolutely, or at least amended by striking out therefrom all reference to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company or its franchises.

The resolution is seconded by Controller Harris.

The Council is addressed by Controller Scanlan, Alderman Murphy, Controller Hoben, Alderman Cox and Controller Harris.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Parker that any citizens present, so desiring, be permitted to address the Council.

Peter Ahearn suggested that the City Council request the Committee on Private and Local Bills to have a meeting at night at which the public could be heard.

The Council is addressed by W. P. Buckley, and R. E. Finn, M. P. P.

The resolution is put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Cox that the House of Assembly Committee on Private and Local Bills be respectfully requested to afford an opportunity to the citizens of Halifax to be heard at an evening session in respect to the Bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Ltd., before the said Bill is reported up to the House.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourns at 9.35 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, April 9th, 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controller Hoben, and Aldermen Parker, Powell, Hubley, Hines, Brown and Smith.

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

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controllers Harris and Scanlan, and Aldermen Covert, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, Harris and Riordon.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Board of License Commissioners re application for wholesale licenses.

Petition Maria Bauer.

Reports (37) Board of Control, as follows:—

Sewers.

Elm St. Water Extension.

Sidewalks (2).

Underkeepers City Prison.

Works Department Supplies.

Kane Street Sewer and Water.

City Home.

Police Supplies.

Umlah Property wood.

Accounts.

Funds for Public Schools.

Henry Street.

Ivanhoe Street Sewer and Water.

Street Noises, covering Ordinance.

Fire Insurance.

Oakland Road and Carteret Street Water Extension.

Regulations Fire Department Motor Apparatus.

Almon Street Water Extension.

Bell Street Paving.

Fire Department.

Grant for Railwaymen's Convention.

Street Lights.

York Street Sewer.

Refunds Liquor License Deposits.
 Willow Street Sewer and Water Extension.
 Sullivan Street Electric Light.
 Halifax Electric Tramway Company.
 Legislation.
 Mumford Road Diversion.
 Tobin vs. City of Halifax.
 Old Exhibition Lots.
 Permits for Moving Buildings.
 Connaught Avenue.
 Various Matters.
 Tenders for Various Services.
 Assessment of Property Ocean Terminals.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read petition Maria Bauer that the Attorney General be requested as Crown Prosecutor to take charge of a case in the Supreme Court in the name of Alfred Myra and Maria Bauer on behalf of the heirs of Richard Myra, against the Maritime Lumber Company.

Referred to the Board of Control for report.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED

Read report Board of License Commissioners, recommending the granting of wholesale liquor licenses to E. Donohoe & Son and Charles AuCoin.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSES.

Office of City Clerk, March 14th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—Herewith I beg to submit a report from the Board of License Commissioners on applications of R. J. Mahoney & Co., E. Donohoe & Son and Charles AuCoin for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors by wholesale.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Council Chamber, City Hall, March 14th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of License Commissioners for the City of Halifax beg to report that pursuant to the duty imposed upon them by the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, 1910, a meeting was held this day in the City Council Chamber to consider three applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax by wholesale during the license year 1914-15, referred to them by the City Council at a meeting held March 4th. Due notice of the time and place of meeting was given in the press.

On the 13th day of March the Board received a communication from R. J. Mahoney & Co., withdrawing the application for license made by them.

With respect to the other two applications, the Board has decided that the same be granted, as follows:—

E. Donohoe & Son, wholesale, Ward 3, Sec. B., No. 53 Buckingham St.
Charles AuCoin, wholesale, Ward 3, Sec. B., No. 46 Upper Water St.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman*,

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor*.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report of the Board of License Commissioners be adopted, and the licenses therein recommended granted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re sewer construction Almon, Mott and Seldon Streets, covering reports City Engineer.

SEWERS:

City Hall, April 3rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer on Almon Street, between Windsor and Dublin Streets.

The Board also recommends for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending sewer construction Mott and Seldon Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 3rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer on Almon Street between Windsor and Dublin Streets. The estimated cost is \$3300; estimated assessment \$688.00.

If the sewer is constructed, the water pipe which has already been ordered, can be laid in the same trench. I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the Order Book to be constructed in its turn, provided the property owners agree to pay a special rate for water.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 3rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a sewer to drain Seldon Street.

The property owners on Seldon Street have been complaining for some years that the surface water accumulates in the cellars and causes a great

deal of inconvenience and some loss, and is therefore a menace to the health of the families. The estimated cost of constructing a sewer from Oxford Street up Mott Street and through Seldon Street is \$4200; estimated assessment \$756.00.

I would recommend that the sewer be constructed in its turn, and that if the sewer pipe on Mott can be laid in the sewer trench, the water pipe be extended to Seldon Street at the same time.

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

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

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Elm Street between Quinpool Road and Oak Street.

ELM STREET WATER EXTENSION.

City Hall, April 3rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Elm Street, between Quinpool Road and Oak Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 3rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water system through Elm Street between Quinpool Road and Oak Street.

The length of pipe required is 862 feet; size 5-inch; district, high service. The estimated cost is \$2377.30; interest on the outlay at 5 per cent, \$118.86. There are only three houses to be supplied.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$39.62.

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 (2) and City Engineer (2) re sidewalks St. George's Church, Young Avenue, Albemarle St., Grafton St., Henry St., Summer St., Artillery Place, South Park St., and Lucknow St.