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MINUTES
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
HALIFAX, N. S.
FOR THE
CIVIC YEAR 1914-1915.

FREDERICK PENNINGTON BLIGH, Mayor.
ALDERMAN W. R. POWELL, Deputy Mayor.
L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL.

CIVIC YEAR 1914-15.

FREDERICK P. BLYGH, Mayor.

Office of City Clerk, City Hall, May 4th, 1914.

Frederick Pennington Bligh having been on the 22nd day of April, 1914, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, publicly declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1914-15, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 4th day of May, 1914, sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, at Government House, by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office of Mayor in the presence of Aldermen Brown, Smith, Riordon, Murphy, Covert and Gastonguay, and the City Clerk.

And that upon the said 4th day of May he was sworn as Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk in and for the City of Halifax.

THE CITY COUNCIL 1914-15.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

FREDERICK P. BLIGH.

DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BOARD OF CONTROL

ALDERMAN W. R. POWELL.

CONTROLLERS.

R. V. HARRIS,
M. SCANLAN, Jr.,

W. F. O'CONNOR, K. C.,
C. R. HOBEN.

ALDERMEN.

Ward No. 1 WM. N. BROWN,
WALTER H. COVERT.

Ward No. 4 JOHN J. HINES,
JOHN MURPHY.

Ward No. 2 WM. R. POWELL,
CHARLES E. SMITH.

Ward No. 5 J. CLIFFORD HARRIS,
CORNELIUS A. RIORDON

Ward No. 3 GEORGE A. COX,
LOUIS A. GASTONGUAY.

Ward No. 6 WILLIAM I. HUBLEY,
JOHN S. PARKER.

CITY CLERK AND SECRETARY BOARD OF CONTROL.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 7th., 1914.

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

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controller Harris and Alderman Harris.

There being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 13th, 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Controller O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Hubley, Smith, Murphy, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris and Parker.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Powell (Deputy Mayor) Controllers Harris and Hoben and Aldermen Cox and Riordon.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The Deputy Mayor submits the following named papers:—

List of nominations for membership on Boards and Committees.

Reports (27) Board of Control, viz:—

Commutation of Common lot.

Bill Poster's License.

Works Department Laborers' Pay.

Water Supply Deep Water Terminus for Steamships.

Oakland Road Boat Landing.

Duties and Salaries of City Officials.

City Abattoir.

Police Constables' Convention at Winnipeg.

Street Sprinkling.

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Kane and Creighton Streets Electric Light.

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Accounts.

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F. J. Edwards Superannuation Assessments.

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CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.**BILL POSTER'S LICENSE.**

Read report Board of Control recommending the granting of a bill poster's distributing license to G. S. Robson.

City Hall, May 13th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that a license as a Bill Poster be granted to G. S. Robson, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 22, entitled, "An Ordinance Relating to Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills," upon the applicant complying with all the provisions of said ordinance.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT &c.

Read report Board of Control recommending for the approval of Council a report from the Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending the granting of the application of J. A. Chisholm, K. C., for the commutation of a Common lot at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Carleton Street, and the payment of certain accounts therein referred to.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S., May 13th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control, at a meeting held today, present Deputy Mayor Powell, Chairman, and Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, beg to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying report of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common, on the application of J. A. Chisholm, K. C., for the commutation of the Common lot at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Carleton Street, and covering accounts for payment.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Halifax, N. S., May 6th, 1914.

The City Clerk.

Dear Sir:—I desire on behalf of the Rev. Dr. E. M. Saunders to make application for the commutation of the leasehold owned by him on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Carleton Street under the provisions of the City Charter in that behalf. I enclose a description of the lot. This description may be subject to some slight modifications after a survey by the City Engineer, but I think it is correct.

Please bring the matter before the Council tomorrow evening and have the necessary resolution passed, as Dr. Saunders is under agreement to convey the freehold without delay.

J. A. CHISHOLM.

DESCRIPTION.

No. 20 Carleton Street.

All that lot of land and premises in the City of Halifax being part of lot Number Eighteen of the Halifax Common and being part also of the lot on the plan of W. A. Hendry, 20th May, 1867, bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the western line of Carleton Street and the southern line of Spring Garden Road in the said City; thence running in a southerly direction along the said western line of Carleton Street sixty one (61) feet to the northern line of lot number Three on said plan of W. A. Hendry, now owned by Joseph A. Chisholm, K. C.; thence in a westerly direction along the northern line of said lot number Three, fifty five feet, eight inches (55' 8") to the eastern line of the lot of Hugh Robert Little; thence northerly along the eastern line of said lot of Hugh Robert Little and parallel with the said western line of Carleton Street sixty one (61) feet to the southern line of Spring Garden Road thence easterly along the southern line of Spring Garden Road fifty five feet, eight inches (55' 8") to the place of beginning, being a portion of the lands described in the Assignment of Lease from one James Fraser to the Reverend Edward Manning Saunders, dated the first day of April, A. D., 1869, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax, in Book 165, pages 49 to 51.

Office of Commissioners of Public Gardens.

Halifax, N. S., May 12th, 1914.

At a meeting of the Gardens Commission held this day, the application of J. A. Chisholm, K. C., for the commutation of a Common Lot at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Carleton Street was concurred in.

The following bills were passed and recommended to the Council for payment:

John Connon Co., Ltd., \$8.90; R. & J. Farquhar & Co., \$17.89; Brookfield Bros. Ltd., \$3.00; F. A. Shaw, \$11.30; Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$3.04; Kelly's Ltd., \$3.00. Total \$47.13.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Brown that the same be adopted, and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORERS' PAY

Read report Board of Control re increasing of wages of Works Department laborers.

City Hall, May 13th, 1914.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control, at a meeting held today, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, beg to recommend that all laborers in the various services of the Works Department be paid from May 1st, 1914, at an increased rate of 2c per hour, as provided for in the estimates, with the exception of foremen, who are rated separately.

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

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

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENT DANIEL MACDONALD.

Read report Board of Control covering certificate of City Auditor of amount due to heirs of the late Daniel MacDonald, an Underkeeper at the City Prison, from the Officials' Superannuation Fund.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the heirs of the late Daniel MacDonald, an Underkeeper at the City Prison, be refunded \$173.50, the total amount of his contributions to the officials' Superannuation Fund.

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

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

F. J. EDWARDS SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read report Board of Control covering certificate City Auditor, re amount due from the Officials' Superannuation Fund to Frederick J. Edwards, who has resigned his position as Water Meter Reader.

City Hall, May 13th, 1914.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that Frederick J. Edwards, who has resigned his position as a water meter reader, be refunded the total amount of his contributions to the Officials' Superannuation Fund,—\$120.96.

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

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

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts for payment chargeable against various City Services.

City Hall, May 5th, 1914.

The City Council,

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

City Prison

Moirs' Ltd. bread, \$20.52; Wentzells Limited, groceries, \$47.78; W. A. Maling & Co., meats \$20.00; Stairs, Son & Morrows, hardware, \$5.53; Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd., mens' taps, \$2.60; Black & Flinn, lime, \$2.50; Acadian Recorder, advertising, \$4.65; Linton & McLeod, balance on cow, \$14.00; John Foley, mason repairs, \$5.00; Wonnacott, key, \$.25; Dr. Gough, professional services, \$8.50; Maritime Tel. Co., rental \$4.50 Halifax Electric Tram Co, current, \$2.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$42; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$23.84; Neil Fox, Harness supplies, \$1.00; T. C. Allen & Co., lettered diary \$1.00; LeMont Buskins, chimney sweeping, \$2.00; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$.60. Total, \$166.89.

City Health Board

Halifax Electric Tram, light for hospital, \$10.38; T. J. Barron, antitoxine, \$114.09 Baldwin & Co., tumblers, \$1.80; Robinsons, Ltd., carriage hire, \$4.50; C. P. R., telegram, \$.90; H. D. MacKenzie, coal, \$4.60; T. H. & W. T. Francis, bedding, etc., hospital \$40.44; Farquhar Bros, telephone extension, \$7.50; J. F. Demster, Board of Patients, \$239.31; Total, \$423.52.

City Home.

Dillon Bros, flour, \$201.45; E. N. Crease & Son, groceries, \$245.60; J. A. Leaman & Co., meats, \$388.43; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$140.92; C. F. Holland, milk, \$98.10; Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$30.88; The Fleischman Co, yeast, \$3.90; H. D. MacKenzie & Co, coal \$372.02; S. C. Thompson, forage, \$22.58; F. A. Shaw, forage, \$18.72; Gunn & Co, forage, \$11.49; A. Fordham & Co, leather, \$11.72; Halifax Tram Co., light \$26.60 60 Maritime Telephone Co, exchange service, \$4.70; T. C. Allen & Co, stationery, \$.85 Victoria General Hospital, medicine one month, \$27.96; Neil Fox, repairs to harness, \$3.60; Howard McFtridge, horseshoeing, \$3.98; R. J. White & Co, seed potatoes, \$16.00; Craig Bros, knife, \$.70; Longard Bros, repair to boiler, \$77.50 Farquhar, Bros, electric lamp \$1.50; Geo. A. Parrier, repairs to plumbing, \$17.85; Wallace Bros, boots, \$15.00; Willis Bros, repairs to waggon, \$1.25; F. V. Woodbury, M. D., lunacy certificates [2] \$10.00; M. A. B. Smith, M. D., lunacy certificates [17] \$5.00; City of Halifax, water rates \$500.00; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$334.19; Salaries, pay sheet, Apr. 14, \$850.31; N. S. hospital, maintenance insane, 3 mos. \$1955.60. Total, \$5398.18.

Police Department.

Maritime Telephone Co, phones \$11.75; T. C. Allen & Co, stationery, \$2.00; Colwell Bros., Ltd, Helmets, \$184.97; Wm. Taylor & Co, rubber boots, \$184.00; Halifax Fire Department, patrol horse feed, etc., \$40.50; Total \$423.22.

Works Department.

Teams and Stables \$108.16; City Property, \$120.45; City Hall Lighting, \$78.44; Telephones \$33.52; Public Baths, \$84.00; Permanent Sidewalks, \$60.41; Internal Health \$97.34; Streets, \$630.77; Sewerage, \$1229.37; Street Lighting \$4337.38; Electric Wiring Inspection, \$108.50; Water Construction, \$5470.51; Water Maintenance, \$564.02; Fuel, 1913-14, \$37.17; Fuel, 1914-15, \$131.11, Streets, \$432.13. Total \$13523.88.

Fire Department.

Halifax Electric Tram Co, light & power, \$25.76; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$2.50; Jas. Simmonds, hardware, \$2.66; National Drug & Chemical Co., linseed meal, \$.60; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$.75; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$77.53; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$77.25; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$29.19; W. A. Thompson, brooms, \$3.50; C. L. Newman, repairs, \$14.25; Canada Food Co, globe polish, \$13.50; R. C. Peart, frame, \$.25; Geo. E. Boak & Co., coal, \$15.60; City Home, wood, \$1.25; A. A. Thompson, sponges; \$4.75; Nova Scotia Furnishing Co, matting, \$29.68; Burns & Kelliher, repairs, \$2.95; Halifax Steam Laundry, work, \$8.78; P. A. Gough, professional services, \$566.60; Maritime Telephone Co., exchange service, \$26.75; S. C. Thompson, 1 pr. horses, \$600.00; W. & A. Moir, supplies, \$3.06; William Roche, coal, \$5.50; G. A. Burbidge, drugs, \$1.65; Wentzells Ltd., groceries, \$2.62; Imperial

Oil Co., gasoline, \$9.00; Kelly's Ltd, \$8.00; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$3.76; Northern Electric, fuse wire and keys, \$.84; Canadian Electric Co, arc lamp reflector, etc., \$37.50; James Rouc, distilled water, \$4.50; Farquhar Bros, plumbing, etc., \$166.28. Total, \$1246.81.

General Accounts.

Office Specialty Co., file guides, \$3.00; W. B. Dana Co., sub. financial Chronicle, to April, 1915 \$11.50; James Hall, Sheriff, fees, City vs. Nicholson, \$2.90; Canada Law Book Co., Ltd., Annual Digest, Vol. 193, \$6.30; London Rubber Stamp Co., dating stamps, etc., City Collector, \$9.00; City Treasurer, \$.25; Thos. Leydon, Registrar of Deeds., copy of Deed, \$.50; H. R. Bergmann & Co., dog tags, etc., \$46.00; Halifax Industrial School, keep of boys for quarter ending April 30, 1914, truants, \$76.02 reg. commitments \$184.72, \$260.74; St. Patrick's Home, keep for boys for quarter ending Apr. 30, 1914, Truants, \$220.00, reg. commitments \$211.01, \$433.01; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., books, City Assessor, \$15.15, City Treasurer \$8.40, \$23.55; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery & printing, City Collector, \$42.30, City Collector, \$10.50, City Assessor, \$11.55, City Treasurer \$1.75, Mayor's Office \$8.50, City Clerk, \$132.07, \$206.67, Halifax Herald, Advertising, \$6.27, Total \$1009.58.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

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

ACCOUNT \$200 FOR ADVERTISING HALIFAX.

Read report Board of Control covering account MacDonald & Co., Ltd., Toronto, for full-page advertisement in "Along the Imperial Highway", \$200.00.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for payment the attached account of MacDonald & Co., Ltd., Toronto, for full page advertisement in "Along the Imperial Highway," \$200.

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

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

POLICE ACCOUNT.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment account T. L. Connolly, for motor-cycle and equipment for Police Department.

City Hall May 13th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for payment account T. L. Connolly, \$375.00, for moter cycle and equipment.

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

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

WATER SUPPLY FOR STEAMSHIPS.

Read report Board of Control covering statement Clerk of Works relating to cost of installation of water supply for furnishing City water to steamships at Deep Water Terminus.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the accompanying statement of the Clerk of Works, relating to cost of installation of water supply pipes for furnishing of City water supply to steamships at Deep Water Terminus.

F. P. BLYTH, Mayor and Chairman.

STATEMENT PIER No. 3, WATERING STEAMERS

Dates	Ship	Reading	Con- sumption	Cost Delivered Water
	Meter put on at For testing	Zero	2,500	\$14.80
Jan. 26, 27, 28.....	"Alsatian".....	169,200	169,200	\$14.80
Feb. 4, 5, 6, 7.....	"Scotian".....	315,200	143,500	16.52
Feb. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14....	"Tunisian".....	591,000	276,000	17.58
Feb. 17, 18, 19.....	Empress of Britain".....	940,000	349,000	29.60
Feb. 23, 24, 25.....	"Alsatian".....			12.52
Mar. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.....	"Empress of Ireland.....	1,508,000	568,000	28.88
Mar. 9.....	"Scandinavian".....	1,632,000	124,000	12.56
Mar. 10, 13.....	"Hesperian".....	1,792,000	160,000	15.20
Mar. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20....	"Empress of Britain".....	2,170,000	387,000	11.00
Mar. 23, 24, 25, 26, 28....	"Alsatian".....	2,480,000	310,000	13.00
Mar. 30, 31.....				
Apr. 1, 2, 3, 4.....	"Empress of Ireland.....	2,850,000	370,000	13.60
Apr. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.....	"Tunisian".....	3,003,000	153,000	10.20
Apr. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18..	"Empress of Britain.....	3,370,000	367,000	10.80
Apr. 20, 21, 22.....	"Alsatian".....			
Apr. 25, 26, 27.....	"Empress of Ireland".....	3,990,000	620,000	18.56
		3,990,000	3,987,700	\$224.82

RECEIPTS

By 15 trips steamers @ \$125.00 per trip.....		\$1875.00
To cost of installing pipe:—		
City's share of labor.....	\$414.65	
Longard Bros. per contract.....	725.90	
" " replacing valves burst by frost.....	92.50	1233.05
Labor delivering water as above.....		224.82
	Total cost.....	\$1457.87
3,987,700 gals. water @ 10½c. per 1000 gals. = \$417.13 diff. between receipts and cost.		

The steamers were supposed to take not over 250,000 gals. per trip, but the average is 266,000 gals.

Based upon the St. John, N. B. rates, the charges would be:—

First 5000 gals.....	5.00
3,982,700 gals. @ 50c. per 1000 gals.....	1991.35
	<u>\$1996.35</u>

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

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ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING.

Read report Board of Control recommending that J. D. Maher, D. D. S., be granted permission to instal an ornamental street light standard at his Dental Establishment, Barrington Street.

City Hall, May 11th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that permission, under the usual terms and conditions, to the approval and satisfaction of the City Engineer, be granted to Dr. J. D. Maher, for installing in front of his Dental Establishment, Barrington Street, a standard for ornamental street lighting.

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

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

INSURANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR ENGINE.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the Fire Department motor engine "Patricia" be not re-insured.

City Hall, May 13th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they deem it unnecessary to reinsure the motor fire engine "Patricia". Last year this piece of apparatus was insured against fire only for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

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

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

WILLOW PARK DRAINAGE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re drainage, Willow Park.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Willow Park Drainage.

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

Ottawa, December 9th, 1913.

To the Mayor, City of Halifax.

Dear Mr. Mayor:—We find that it will be necessary for us to provide some additional drainage for our Willow Park engine house and machine shop.

It has occurred to me that it would probably be wise for the City to plan an extension of their sewerage system in some such way as we should be able to connect with it. I might suggest that we would be willing to make a contribution towards the construction of such a sewer equal to what it would cost us to build an independent sewer of our own.

Will you please say if this suggestion interests you.

F. P. GUTELIUS, *Gen. Mgr. Government Railways.*

City Engineer's Office, May 8th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the communication from Mr. Gutelius, General Manager Government Railways, with reference to the construction of a sewer from Willow Park railway yard north.

There has been considerable complaint respecting the drainage of the Willow Park yard through a tank at Kempt Road into a brook running for some distance parallel to Kempt Road, then crossing westwardly near Windsor Street and running through the cemetery to Stanford's Pond. The railway department proposes to construct a sewer from Kempt Road to the Basin, and Mr. Gutelius states that it has occurred to him that it would probably be wise for the City to plan an extension of its sewer system in some such way that the railway department should be able to connect with it. He suggests that the railway department would be willing

to make a contribution towards the construction of a sewer, equal to the cost to them of building an independent sewer of their own. Such a contribution would reduce the cost of the sewer to the City, and the question for the City to decide now, is whether it would be cheaper for the City to spend the portion of the cost that they would be called upon to expend now, or to spend a larger sum when the sewer system is absolutely necessary.

As there is no prospect of an early demand for a sewer in the district which the proposed outfall would provide for, I do not think it would be in the interest of the City to make any expenditure in that direction now.

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

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

OXFORD STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water and sewer extension, Oxford Street.

City Hall, May 11th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Oxford Street Sewer and Water Extension.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 8th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of Alderman Murphy that a sewer be constructed along Oxford Street at the same time that the water service is laid.

It is most desirable that the sewer should be extended with the water pipe in every street especially in our rocky formation, and for that reason I would recommend that the sewer and water pipe be extended together in Oxford Street, the sewer work to be done whenever the pipe is ready for laying. The estimated cost is \$9,600.00. Estimated assessment \$3700.00.

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

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

STREET LIGHT—KANE AND CREIGHTON STREETS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light at the corner of Kane and Creighton Streets.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re street light, Kane and Creighton Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 7th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition which asks for the installation of a light at the corner of Kane and Creighton Streets. Another light it necessary in that district to improve conditions, and I would recommend that is be installed when appropriation is available.

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

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

ELECTRIC LIGHT GOTTINGEN STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re installation of an electric light on Gottingen Street, at the corner of Stanley Street.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re electric light, Gottingen St., at Stanley St.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 7th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of Alderman Parker that a light be installed on Gottingen Street at the corner of Stanley Street. Another light is needed, especially as there is a bend in the road at that point, and I would recommend that the light be installed when the appropriation is available.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Chief of Fire Department re Fire Department matters.

City Hall, May 6th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Halifax, N. S., May 6th, 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—I beg leave to make the following report:—

- That 1. Alex. Locke, Driver on No. 2 Truck has resigned.
 “ 2. John Duggan, Supernumerary, has resigned.
 “ 3. Francis Schrage, Blacksmith had his hip broken by being thrown from one of the horses.
 “ 4. Cornelius Leahy, Asst. Chauffeur had his ankle broken while returning to the Fire Station.
 “ 5. Joseph Power, Callman on No. 1 Engine had his hand badly cut, requiring several stitches, at Fire Box 38, April 30th.
 “ 6. No. 1 Ladder Truck, No. 1 Engine, No. 3 Engine, all first alarm apparatus, were fifteen minutes late, responding to an alarm of fire from box 38 caused by horses being out on the water cart routes.
 “ 7. Alex. Locke, resigned, has received his superannuation allowance, amounting to \$40.56.
 “ 8. The water barrel from No. 4 Station was struck by a tram car on Hollis St., May 4th, upsetting the barrel and slightly injuring the driver and horses.
 “ 9. Absent from third alarm box 38, April 30th, Callmen Lieut. Brunt, Lieut. Quirk, Lieut. Maltus, Wm. Hemming, Ernest Stone, on the sick leave.
 “ James Sweeney, Callman on No. 4, Engine absent.
 “ 10. Purchased a pair of horses for \$600.00.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller O'Connor that said reports be approved. Motion passed.

WATER EXTENSION CLIFTON STREET.

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

City Hall, May 6th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the extension of water on Clifton Street.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., for water extension on Clifton Street to supply three houses.

The estimated cost is \$136.00; size of pipe required, 6-inch; district high service. I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

DUTIES AND SALARIES OF CIVIC OFFICIALS.

Read report Board of Control covering report of Special Committee on the duties and salaries of Civic Officials, submitting for the approval of the Council draft legislation respecting the same.

City Hall, May 8th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 6th inst., the Board had before them a report from the Special Committee of the City Council on duties and salaries of civic officials, and decided to report the same up for the favorable consideration of the City Council at the meeting of the Council called for Thursday, the 7th inst. The Council having failed to meet on the 7th inst. the Board at a meeting today, instructed the Clerk to forward the recommendation of the Special Committee to the Legislature, together with a letter, a copy of which is attached hereto.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Halifax, N. S., May 6th, 1914.

At a meeting of the special committee on the duties, etc. of civic officials, held at the Committee Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, May 5th, there being present Controllers Hoben, Chairman, O'Connor and Harris, and Aldermen Smith and Parker, the following resolution was unanimously passed.

“That section 149 of the City Charter be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

149 (1) Notwithstanding anything in this act contained the Council may from time to time on the recommendation of the Board of Control by ordinance, prescribe:

- (a) The mode of appointment and qualification of any permanent or temporary official or employee of the City.
- (b) The amount of security to be furnished by him.
- (c) The duties and functions of such officials.

- (d) The manner in which they shall account for money received or expended.
- (e) The annual or other remuneration (maximum and minimum) to be paid for the services or fees.
- (f) The classification of officials and employees.

2. This section shall not be deemed to empower the City Council to reduce the salary of any official at present in the City's service, or dismiss any official except pursuant to the other provisions of this act."

C. R. HOBEN, *Chairman.*

Office of Board of Control, May 8th, 1914.

*Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, M. E. C.
F. H. Bell, K. C., City Solicitor.*

Sir:—The Board of Control at a meeting held today directed me to transmit to you for submission to the Legislature at its present session, as an amendment to House of Assembly Bill No, 174 the attached amendment to the City Charter.

This Bill would have been presented to the City Council at the meeting called for last evening, had there been a quorum. The Board of Control desires it to be submitted to the Legislature along with the general City Act, so that it may be advanced a stage in the House, the Board of Control undertaking to submit it to the City Council at its next meeting, and to immediately notify the Legislature if it is not approved by the City Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

COPY OF DRAFT ACT RE OFFICIALS SALARIES

Section 149 of the City Charter is repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

149 (1) Notwithstanding anything in this act contained the Council may from time to time on the recommendation of the Board of Control by ordinance prescribe.

- (a) The mode of appointment and qualification of any permanent or temporary official or employee of the City.
- (b) The amount of security to be furnished by him.
- (c) The duties and functions of such officials.
- (d) The manner in which they shall account for money received or expended.
- (e) The annual or other remuneration (maximum and minimum) to be paid for services or fees.
- (f) The classification of officials and employees.

(2) This section shall not be deemed to empower the City Council to reduce the salary of any official at present in the City's service, or to dismiss any official except pursuant to the other provisions of this act.

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

EDINBURGH STREET SEWER AND LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer and light, Edinburgh Street.

City Hall, May 1st, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re sewer and light, Edinburgh Street.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:— I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sewer and electric light on Edinburgh Street.

I would recommend that a sewer be constructed on Windsor Street from Almon to Edinburgh Street and west on Edinburgh Street to drain the first block. The estimated cost is \$4650.00, estimated assessment, \$1850.00.

I would also recommend that an electric light be placed at the corner of Edinburgh and Windsor Streets when the appropriation is available.

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

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

ROBIE STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light, Robie Street, south of South Street.

City Hall, May 1st, 1914.

The City Council

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for the adoption of the Council the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the placing of a street light on Robie Street between South Street and Inglis Street.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

City Engineer's Office, May 1st, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying request from Alderman Brown for an electric light on Robie Street south of South Street.

There is a light at South Street but no light between South Street and Inglis Street.

I would recommend that a light be placed on Robie Street between South and Inglis Street, when the appropriation is available.

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

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

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT CIVIC OFFICIALS.

Read reports Board of Control re annual appointment of Civic Officials, covering report City Collector re staff of his Department and schedule of officials for appointment and re-appointment.

City Hall, May 5th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend the appointment of City Officials as per schedule attached hereto.

The Board is not at the present time prepared to make recommendations for the filling of the position of City Medical Officer, or the two vacancies on the staff of City Prison Underkeepers.

The report from the City Collector respecting the state of his Department attached hereto is recommended for the approval of the Council.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

Office of the City Collector, Halifax, N. S., April 27th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Board of Control, City.

Gentlemen:—In order to fill the vacancy in this office, caused by the death of Mr. Louis R. Kaye, I beg to make the following recommendation: That Miss Wrayton be appointed to the position held by the late Mr. Kaye, at the salary of \$700.00, she having done the work since last October, when Mr. Kaye took sick, and in order to fill her place I would recommend the appointment of J. N. Monaghan, at a salary of \$500.00.

If these appointments are made there will be a saving to the City \$350.00, as Mr. Kaye received \$950.00 last year, and I think the work will be done just as efficiently as before.

I would ask you to authorize me to engage some person—for say two months—to open the new books required for the present year, the payment for this to be made out of the salary for the months of March and April, 1914, allowed for in last year's Estimates for clerk in the office.

Trusting this will meet your approval and assuring you that I have done it all in the best interest of the City.

R. THEAKSTON, *City Collector.*

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

The schedule of officials is taken up item by item.

Assistant City Clerk.....	H. S. Rhind,—re-appointed.
Stenographer City Clerk's Office.....	Miss Anna Hall,—appointed.
Second Stenographer, City Clerk's Office.....	Miss Mary Gowen,—re-appointed.
Assistant City Engineer.....	H. W. Johnston,—re-appointed.
Clerk of Works.....	James J. Hopewell,—re-appointed.
Assistant Clerk of Works.....	Miss Minnie Hunter,—re-appointed.
Foreman of Streets and Sewers.....	James Downie.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that James Downie be appointed Foreman of Streets and Sewers. Motion passed.

Foreman of Water Works.....	Ewan Morrison,—re-appointed.
Water Department Clerks, Collector's Of.....	James A. Laidlaw,—re-appointed.
	Miss Eva Wrayton,—appointed.
	J. N. Monaghan,—appointed.
Stenographer City Collector's Office.....	Miss Margaret Hopewell,—appointed
City Electrician.....	Parker R. Colpitt,—re-appointed.
Water Inspector.....	John E. Burns,—re-appointed.
Registrar Camp Hill Cemetery.....	Alexander McDougall,—re-appointed
Governor City Prison.....	George Grant.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman Brown that George Grant be re-appointed Governor of the City Prison.

Moved in amendment by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith that the matter of the appointment of the Governor of the City Prison be referred back to the Board of Control for report again after the report on investigation into the affairs of the City Prison is dealt with.

The Amendment is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment:—

Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Smith, Murphy and Riordon,—5.

Against It:—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Hubley, and Parker,—8.

The original motion is put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

Against it:—

Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Smith, Murphy and Riordon,—5.

For the Motion:—

Controllers Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—8.

Matron City Prison..... Mrs. Martha Grant,—re-appointed.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman Harris that Mrs. Martha Grant be re-appointed Matron of the City Prison. Motion put and passed, Controller Hoben dissenting.

Underkeepers City Prison..... George Yeadon.
Walter H. Handsley.
Earnest Nickerson.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman Harris that the three persons named be re-appointed Underkeepers at the City Prison. Motion passed.

Janitor City Hall..... John Spruin,—re-appointed.
Matron Police Station..... Mrs. Mary Spruin,—re-appointed.
Superintendent City Home..... B. J. Mulcahy,—re-appointed.
Matron City Home..... Mrs. Margaret B. Mulcahy,—re-appointed.
Secretary City Home..... James O'Bryan,—re-appointed.
Engineer City Home..... John H. Grant,—re-appointed.
Baker City Home..... Daniel MacIntosh,—re-appointed.
Fireman City Home..... John R. Hennigan,—re-appointed.
Surveyors of Lumber..... Wm. A. MacKenzie,—re-appointed.
Edwin Gibson,—re-appointed.
Fence Viewers..... William T. Horton,—re-appointed.
Inspector of Painters' Work..... Frank Reardon,—re-appointed.
James Morrison,—re-appointed.
Inspectors of Masons' Work..... James A. Marshall,—re-appointed.
James Taylor,—re-appointed.
Pound Keepers..... Edw. Martin, at City Stables, Bell Road
Weighers of Bundle Hay..... J. S. Hubley,—re-appointed.
Weighers of Loose Hay..... J. S. Hubley,—re-appointed.
Librarian, Citizens' Free Library..... Lizzie Barnaby,—re-appointed.
Asst. Librarians, Citizens' Free Library Miss Mary Durney,—re-appointed.
Miss Lillian Dunn,—re-appointed.
Superintendent Public Gardens..... Richard Power,—re-appointed
Asst. Supt. Public Gardens..... Richard L. Power,—re-appointed.
City Hall Messenger..... Randall McCarthy,—re-appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

The Chairman submits His Worship the Mayor's nominations of members of Committees and Boards which under the provisions of the City Charter it is in the power of the City Council to appoint annually.

The schedule is considered item by item.

Board of Arbitration between the city, the County, and Dartmouth.—The Mayor, Controller Harris, Controller O'Connor, Controller Scanlan, Controller Hoben.

Approved.

Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.—Controller Harris, Controller O'Connor, Controller Scanlan, Controller Hoben, H. D. Holloway, C. H. Mitchell, O. E. Smith.

Approved.

Commercial Committee.—The Mayor, Controller Harris, Controller O'Connor, Controller Scanlan, Controller Hoben, Alderman Murphy.

Approved.

Commissioners of the Court House at Halifax.—The Mayor, Alderman Parker, Alderman Gastonguay, Alderman Brown.

Approved.

Commissioners of Halifax Common.—The Mayor, Alderman Powell, John F. Kelly, D. A. MacDonald.

Approved.

Library Commission.—The Mayor, Controller Harris, Controller O'Connor, Controller Hoben, Controller Scanlan, Percy L. Clancey.

Approved.

Directors of Point Pleasant Park.—The Mayor, Alderman Brown, Alderman Covert.

Approved.

Shipbuilding Commission.—The Mayor, Controller Harris, Controller Hoben, Alderman Hines.

Approved.

DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Council proceeds to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the current year.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that Alderman Powell be appointed Deputy Mayor for the current civic year.

The motion is put to Council by Controller Harris, and passed unanimously. The temporary Chairman declares Alderman Powell duly appointed Deputy Mayor for the current year.

YOUNG AVENUE WIDENING.

Read report Board of Control and City Engineer re widening Young Avenue at the property of Dr. Zwicker.

City Hall, May 1st, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re widening Young Avenue.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from F. G. Zwicker, respecting a piece of land in front of his property, which will be required some day making Young Avenue a uniform width between Atlantic Street and Inglis Street. From Atlantic Street north in front of Mr. Hobrecker's property, a width ten feet was given by Mr. Hobrecker on condition that the City would lay a curb and gutter in front of the property. His offer was accepted.

I would recommend that the same offer be made to Dr. Zwicker. As the straightening out of the street line will be as great an advantage to Dr. Zwicker as to any body, I think this offer, for which there is a precedent, would be a fair one. The curb can be laid in continuation of the curb line as it is to-day, without acquiring any of Dr. Zwicker's property, and the same condition exists in front of Mr. Fluck's property. I cannot recommend the acquiring of Mr. Fluck's property at present, as I do not consider the matter sufficiently urgent, and Mr. Fluck has never expressed any desire to part with any portion of his property.

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

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

MOTOR CAR FOR FOREMAN OF STREETS.

Read report Board of Control recommending the purchase of a "Ford" run-about motor car for the Foreman of Streets and Sewers.

City Hall, May 1st, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to purchase for the Foreman of Streets a one-seat "Ford" run-about motor car, the cost of same to be charged to sewers and sidewalks accounts.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that said report be referred back to the Board of Control to take into consideration the advisability of procuring a horse for the Foreman of Streets in preference to a motor car.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same, and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment:—

Aldermen Brown, Smith and Murphy.—3.

Against it:—

Controllers Harris, Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Riordon, Hubley and Parker.—10.

The original motion is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and three against it, as follows:—

For the Motion:—

Controllers Harris, Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Riordon, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Against it:—

Aldermen Brown, Smith and Murphy.—3.

STREET SPRINKLING.

Read report Board of Control re street sprinkling.

City Hall, May 1st, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have considered the resolution submitted at Council meeting, April 30th, relating to street sprinkling, and beg to recommend that the Council concur in a resolution adopted by the Board, authorizing the Fire Department to purchase a pair of horses at once, to be used from West Street Engine House during the summer months for street sprinkling, the Internal Health account to contribute to Fire Department Account the sum of \$10.00 per month per horse towards the maintenance of said horses while performing said services.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

POLICE CONSTABLES' CONVENTION.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the Chief of Police represent the City of Halifax at the Annual Convention of Police Constables Association, to be held at Winnipeg, June 25th, 26th and 27th, 1914.

City Hall, May 5th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the Chief of Police be authorized to represent the City of Halifax at the Annual Convention of Police Constables Association to be held at Winnipeg, June, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1914.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

CITY ABATTOIR.

Read report Board of Control covering reports City Health Board and Controller Harris in re the establishing of a City Abattoir.

City Hall, May 5th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—In order that legislation may be sought at the present session of the Legislature Assembly authorizing the City to establish a City Abattoir, the accompanying report of the City Health Board covering the report of the Chairman of that Board and Controller Harris, is submitted for favorable consideration of the City Council, His Worship the Mayor and Controller Hoben dissenting.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

The Necessity:—The matter of proper inspection for our meat supply is of vital importance and an urgent necessity. Apart from the fact that the slaughter houses in this City are most offensive to the neighborhood and depreciate the values of the neighboring land, it is only necessary to visit them to be disgusted with the filthy conditions existing in some of them, especially in summer. Conditions which I have seen at slaughter houses in this City are absolutely unpardonable. Pigs are fed on the offal of animals in defiance of the regulations. The pig pens are filthy and in summer time flies swarm in myriads about the place. I am advised by the Veterinary Director General of Canada, that in at least one case even of the house killing for export, a Dominion Government Inspector would not be supplied because of the absence of proper sanitary conditions. It is a safe statement to make that at least 10% of the entire meat supply from these slaughter houses would not pass inspection, and that a fair proportion of sound meat sent there to be killed becomes infected from unclean conditions and careless handling. With regard to the supply of meat killed elsewhere and brought to Halifax, Dr. A. T. McLean, veterinary inspector of Truro states that he believes meat which would not pass inspection by him for sale in Truro because of slaughter house conditions is being sent to Halifax for sale. Truro is the only town in Nova Scotia, which has inspection of its meat supply at the slaughter house. Meats shipped from other sections of the Province cannot be any better than the cattle sent here to be killed. Dr. McLean informed the board that when he began his work seven months ago about 80 out of 450 cattle in the vicinity of Truro were affected with tuberculosis. Dr. C. A. Hodgets, medical adviser to the Conservation Commission Ottawa, writes:

Owing chiefly to our large export trade in meat, the Federal Government has established a very efficient system of inspection both of the animals before slaughter and at the time of slaughter in all the abattoirs engaging in export trade. This system, most excellent in many ways, has acted more in the interest of the foreign consumer than it has to the Canadian consumer. Indeed, with few exceptions where retailers handle exclusively meat the product of the Federal licensed and inspected, abattoirs, the city consumer of meat is today supplied with meat inferior in quality to the Canadian meat sold to the consumers of Canadian meat in the foreign cities to which it is exported. Our city authorities have no system of modern meat inspection which guarantees to the inhabitants the meat of healthy animals. In the main, we export the best and eat that which would not pass Dominion inspection either alive or dead, and yet the price is as high. We in Canada get quantity without any guarantee as to quality, and under the existing laws the civic authorities are powerless. Our laws in this respect have outlived the conditions which existed when they were made, and are quite unsuitable for present methods of trade and commerce. Meat to be pure and fit for food must be derived from sound and healthy animals, yet there is no efficient law whereby you can protect yourselves.

Evidently the money and the lives and the market of the foreigner are of more value to the state than the lives, the money and the markets of our own country. Apparently it is a case that the city dweller—and they now number millions—must eat what he can get to exist, and vote.

History:—The subject of a municipal abattoir for Halifax has been considered for a number of years past both by the Board of Health and the City Council. In April 1909, the Board of Health had a consultation with the victuallers owning slaughter houses with a view of arriving at a mutually satisfactory proposition for a central slaughter house for the City, but no satisfactory agreement was arrived at. The matter went to the Council, then to a special committee. That committee reported that a preliminary step to build a civic abattoir would be legislation regulating the inspection and killing of all cattle offered for sale in the Province or brought into the City for consumption. The matter dragged on for a year or so the Board of Health directing the attention of the Council to the unsanitary and unsatisfactory conditions in connection with existing slaughter houses, and urging the Council to make some provision for a public abattoir, and the Council failing to act. In March 1912, the Health Board inspected the various slaughter houses

of the City with a view to utilizing one or more of them as a civic abattoir and recommended the purchase of Messrs. Edwards' and McLeod's properties and the making of necessary improvements. The Board recommends that legislation be obtained for the establishment and operation of a civic abattoir, and further obliging all meat sold within the City to be slaughtered in such abattoir or be stamped with a Dominion Government inspector's mark. The proposal was lost (March 21st, 1912.) in Council, owing to its not receiving a two third's vote (10-3) and again (April 4th, 1912) for the same reason (11-4). This proposal for a public abattoir owned and controlled by the City had the support of various proprietors now engaged in the business (see Min. Council p. 436).

In April 1912, Mr. Heber Hartlen made a proposal to the City Council to establish a private abattoir, provided the City secure legislation requiring all meat sold in the City to be inspected during the whole course of slaughtering by Dominion Government Inspectors. The legislature had adjourned however before the proposal was considered by the Council (May 10th, 1912). In July and August, 1912 the Board again had the matter under consideration and urged the City Council to procure such legislation as might be necessary to provide that all animals killed in the City for food purposes be slaughtered under inspection. Since then little or nothing has been done.

The Present Situation. At present under 'The Meat and Canned Food Act', (Dom. Legis. 19 Ch) all slaughter houses doing a foreign or inter-provincial trade are required to have their meats inspected. Houses trading within the Province in which they are situated do not come under this inspection at all. The Maritime Provinces are regarded as one province or district.

Under the City Charter, (sec. 853) the Board of Health may make bylaws in relation to the location and regulations of slaughter houses and the manner in which the same shall be conducted; also the inspection and regulation by license or otherwise of the food supply and the condemnation and destruction of food unfit for consumption. Meat sold in Halifax comes from three sources: [1] Meat killed outside the Maritime Provinces which of course must have passed Dominion Government Inspectors. [2] Meat killed outside the City but within the Maritime Provinces none of which passes any inspection. [3] Meat killed in Halifax which does not pass inspection and nearly all of which is killed under conditions which I have described.

Each has to be dealt with in a different way. Class [1] takes care of itself, being under Dominion Government inspection.

Class [2] can be taken care of in the way Dr. A. T. McLean recommends namely by requiring the vendor to produce for inspection the vital organs &c. at the railway Station. Further Provincial Legislation is not required to carry out this recommendation.

Class [3] can be dealt with only by the establishment of a civic abattoir, and refusing a permit to all other abattoirs not complying with the bylaw of the Board of Health which is now virtually a dead letter so far as inspection of the slaughter houses is concerned.

Proposal Financially. \$1500 would have solved the difficulty in March 1912. Another estimate for the second proposition later in the year was \$20,400. Assuming that \$25,000 be the cost of the building, I submit the following estimate of income and expenditure.

Income.	4850 cattle @ 50c.	\$ 2425.00	
	26500 Sheep & lambs @ 8c.	2120.00	
	650 Veal @ 15c.	97.50	
	700 pigs @ 50c.	350.00	
	By-products [bones, horns, casings, &c.]	2800.00	\$7792.50

The prices are the present charges and the numbers are those of cattle &c killed in the City during 1911. Since then the numbers per year have increased considerably. The estimate of expenditure then made provided for three men and a boy receiving wages amounting to \$40 a week. Assuming the wages to be \$55 a week, the estimates would be as follows:

Wages	\$2860
Interest	1250
Two inspectors	
say	2500
	—————\$6610

One inspector would be for abattoir work, the other for outside inspection [at the railway station and elsewhere]. The profitableness and financial safety of the proposal is undoubted as the almost universal experience in the matter of Municipal abattoirs shows a balance on the right side. The primary reason however for the abattoir is the protection of the public health "the first obligation of every municipality."

Municipal Abattoirs. In the most European countries slaughtering has been confined to public abattoirs for years. France, Germany, Austria and Denmark do not permit private slaughtering houses to be established at all. In the British Isles a very large number of the smaller cities and towns and a few of the largest centres have established and operate municipal undertakings most successfully and profitably.

The Municipal abattoirs of Adelaide S. Australia prepare the meat supply of the state and represent the very latest ideas in every department. Their control is vested in members of the various local governing bodies and the annual gross return is 21½% on the capital invested.

In the United States public abattoirs with municipal inspection are maintained at Paris, Tex., Montgomery, Alabama, Nashville, Tenn., Duluth, Iowa, Los Angeles, Cal, and elsewhere. Grand Forks, N. D. has just passed favorably upon a bond issue of \$12,000 for the erection of a model municipal slaughter house. The system of federal Government inspection inaugurated after the "Jungle" expose of 1906, is supplemented by state live stock sanitary boards, but where municipal abattoirs exist the situation is hardly better than in Canada.

In the Dominion the movement for proper municipal conditions is very pronounced. Ottawa, Saskatoon, Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, and Montreal are all moving in the matter. Toronto has completed and equipped a city abattoir on an extensive scale. In a recent report of the veterinary director of Canada occurs the following:

"I am satisfied that once the Canadian public has become seized of the situation, they will insist, upon the adoption by the various municipal authorities throughout the country, of a much more thorough system of dealing with butchers and the meat trade generally, than has hitherto been tolerated.

It does not appear to me that there is any need for or likelihood of conflict. We are setting a fairly high standard, and all that is required is for the municipal authorities to adopt, under the legislation now existing, regulations somewhat similar to ours, with a view of rendering unmarketable diseased or otherwise unsound meats, which, under present conditions, cannot enter establishments engaged in export or inter-provincial trade.

The first and most important step in this direction, will, it is needless to say, be the providing of public municipal abattoirs to be conducted under inspection methods similar to those required by the Meat and Canned Foods Act, especially as regards the admission either of live animals or their carcasses.

The sooner the private slaughter house is abolished altogether the better for all concerned, as most of the objectional meats placed on the markets emanate from these undesirable and unsanitary places.

The trade in home killed dressed carcasses, will also, for similar reasons, gradually be wiped out of existence, and although the abolition of this form of meat disposal will probably cause some temporary dissatisfaction among farmers, matters will soon adjust themselves and the profits to the producer will be in no wise lessened although the livers and other offal hitherto utilized by the household.

The municipal abattoir is a modern necessity and must come."

Boards of Health and Municipal authorities have been too long neglectful of the necessity for intelligent action, in the matter of meat inspection.

It is the duty of every man to see that his family, as well as himself, does not eat diseased or unwholesome meat. In places where establishments under Federal inspection do not exist, safety in this regard can be secured only by the establishment of a municipal abattoir conducted under the constant supervision of a skilled professional inspector.

Recommendation: I recommend (1), that permissive legislation be obtained providing for the establishment of a City Abattoir, within or without the City at a cost not exceeding \$25,000.

(2) The rigid enforcement of the existing by-law in respect of present slaughter-houses with the additional requirement that each abattoir maintain an inspector at its own expense.

(3) The enactment of a by-law requiring all meat sold in the City to be delivered in the City with the viscera attached for inspection.

REGINALD V. HARRIS,
M. A. MACAULAY.

Office of City Health Board, May 2nd, 1914.

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

Gentlemen:—The enclosed copy of a report with recommendations, relating to the establishment of a City Abattoir, was considered and adopted at a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday, when on motion the same was referred to you, with the request that the recommendations contained therein be carried out without delay.

JOHN A WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller O'Connor that the said reports be adopted, and legislation along the lines thereof prepared and submitted to the Legislature at its present session.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same, and 8 against as follows:—

For the Motion:—

Controllers Harris and O'Connor and Aldermen Cox and Hines,—4.

Against it:—

Controller Hoben, and Aldermen Smith, Gastonguay, Murphy, Hinea, Riordon, Hubley and Parker,—8.

OAKLAND ROAD BOAT LANDING.

Read report Board of Control, May 4th, 1914, re boat landing at the foot of Oakland Road, at the North West Arm.

City Hall, May 4th, 1914.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:—On September 25th, 1913, the Board of Control submitted to the City Council a report recommending that Joseph Boutelier be granted the exclusive privilege of obstructing the street at the foot of Oakland Road for the purpose of a ferry landing, but not for the purpose of hiring out boats; the size, character and location of any structure to be erected, and the agreement to be entered into, to be to the approval of the City Engineer and the Board of Control. The report of the Board of Control has never been acted upon by the Council. On February 27th., Mr. R. T. MacIlreith appeared before the Board of Control, on behalf of Joseph Boutelier, requesting that the application made by Mr. Boutelier to erect a building at the foot of Oakland Road in connection with his ferry be granted on the usual conditions. The Board acquiesced in the request.

The matter is submitted to the Council for its determination.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Murphy that this matter be referred back to the Board of Control for further report.

After discussion it is moved by Aldermen Murphy seconded by Alderman Riordon that the application of David Dixon for the privilege of hiring boats at the foot of Oakland Road be granted.

After further discussion, it is moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Controller Hoben that the report of the Board of Control be referred back to the Board, for further report at the next meeting of this Council.

After further consideration, Controller O'Connor, by leave of Council, submits the following amendment:—

That in the opinion of this Council, the Board of Control should consider along with the application of Joseph Boutelier for ferrying privileges at the foot of Oakland Road the application of David Dixon for the privilege of keeping boats for hire at the foot of said road, and report back to this Council.

The amendment moved by Controller O'Connor is seconded by Alderman Murphy, and is put to Council and passed.

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDING ASSESSMENT ACT.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Riordon that No. 5 on the Deferred Business Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 5 namely,—Report Board of Control covering Controller O'Connors proposals for amendment to the Assessment Act, submitted City Council March 4th, 1914, read April 24th, 1914.

Halifax, N. S., January 20th. 1914.

To the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Under authority of a resolution passed by the Board on the 2nd day of January 1914, I recommend that the Board, for the purpose of providing an increased annual civic revenue and more equitably distributing the burden of the city's financing, should obtain from the Council a direction that the Legislature be approached and asked to legalize the following changes in the city's assessment, taxation and license systems.

1. That land and the improvements thereon and, as well, all manner of personal property liable to assessment, be separately valued for assessment purposes at their full value.
2. That the rate of taxation to be borne by land be arrived at in the same manner as the general rate is now ascertained.
3. That the rate of taxation on improvements upon land be fixed for 1915-16 at one dollar on the hundred, (being about one-half of the present rate), the said rate to be .75 for 1917-18, and .25 less each succeeding two years until this tax has been totally eliminated.
4. That personal property of a total value of under \$500.00 contained in shops, stores or dwellings, and whether such personal property is held for purposes of sale or otherwise, be exempt from taxation.
5. That all plant and machinery actually installed and in use in any mill, factory, printing office or other industry be exempt from taxation.
6. That the rate of taxation on personal property in shops, stores or dwellings, and whether such personal property is held for sale or otherwise, be fixed for 1915-16 at one dollar on the hundred, the said rate to be .75 for 1917-18 and .25 less each succeeding two years until this tax has been totally eliminated.

7. That the present so called Poll Tax be abolished and that in its stead be provided a "Capitation Tax" which shall be payable by all male persons over 21 years of age residing or employed within the City, and whether or not otherwise assessed or taxed. That in the case of persons employed by others, whether those so employed are or are not residents of Halifax, this tax shall be payable by the employer and employee, but payment by either shall discharge from liability the other. The employer may deduct the tax from the employee's salary or wages. The City Collector upon payment of ten cents, to furnish to any employer or employee or other person liable a certificate of payment which certificate shall be the employer's only defence to a demand for payment of his employee's capitation tax. The capitation tax of any person whose name does not appear on the last prepared Provincial Electoral List for the City of Halifax before time of payment to be six dollars. The capitation tax of all other persons to be three dollars. If capitation tax be paid before March 1st a person not otherwise assessed to have the right to vote.

8. That all persons in receipt of salaries or incomes of \$1200.00 and over, but less than \$5000.00, pay an income tax of one per centum per annum thereon. That incomes of \$5000.00 and over pay an income tax of two per cent. The usual means of ascertaining incomes should be provided in any statute that may be drafted, and, in addition, in case the assessors are unable to secure satisfactory information they should be empowered to estimate to the best of their judgment and impose such estimate, subject to an appeal. The amount of the income tax should be made a lien on any real or personal property of the assessed person at any time found within the City.

9. That the "Special Taxes" upon Banks, companies, etc., be revised so that branch banks be brought within the provisions of the statute.

10. That retail liquor licenses be fixed at \$1000.00; wholesale at \$1500.00, and hotels at \$1500.00. Brewers' license fee should be relatively increased. That the necessity for obtaining signatures to license papers be dispensed with. That illicit selling be rigidly put down and that with that object in view any necessary amendments to the License Act be provided.

11. That all laundries owned or conducted or in the charge of male persons, be licensed at the rate of \$200.00 per annum. That billboards be licensed and pay a fee fixed by the area thereof. That public automobile garages be licensed at \$100.00 per annum. That butchers, fish dealers, cigarette dealers, milk dealers, and master barbers, be licensed. That licenses be granted only for premises and locations satisfactory to the Board of Control. That the license fees of some of the occupations mentioned should be small and designed more for the purpose of controlling locations than for revenue; but serving at the same time both aims. That the license fees paid by all itinerant traders, opticians and other persons of similar genus. That all present licenses except as varied be retained.

12. That automobiles be exempt from general taxation but that, instead, their owners pay an annual license fee of \$25.00 for each machine. That motor cycles also be exempt but pay a license fee of \$10.00.

13. That \$15,000.00 per annum be transferred from the surplus shown upon the operations of the city water system and applied to reduction of taxation. The surpluses of that department since 1896 aggregate about \$315,000.00 and are increasing in amount. I maintain that the amount levied for fire protection should be applied in whole or in part against the expense of conducting the fire department, the cost of which is annually assessed upon the citizens of today, whereas the water surplus is expended mostly upon the expenditures of the water department, the benefits of which expenditure the citizens of the future will share without having paid for

the same. Our water charges are relatively low, so I do not favor a reduction of the water rate.

As the result of several meetings with the Auditor, Treasurer, Collector, and Chief Assessor, and after full discussion and obtaining the Chief Assessor's best possible estimate of what effect the preceding recommended changes would have upon our taxation system, I proceed to set forth a table showing what would be the probable revenue of the city if the changes could be brought into force for 1914-15, which, of course, they cannot. The estimate is made upon the assumption that the land tax would be \$2.00 per \$100.

Revenue from	Liquor licenses	\$ 60,000 00
"	Hack, Truck and other licenses as at present	5,000 00
"	Laundry licenses, etc., as recommended	15,000 00
"	Fines, etc.	6,000 00
"	Rents	2,000 00
"	Dog Tax	1,800 00
"	Tramway	18,000 00
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		\$107,800 00
From water account in reduction of taxation		15,000 00
Capitation Tax		20,000 00
Income Tax		75,000 00
Special Taxes, Banks and Companies, etc.		60,000 00
Personal property, \$10,000,000. at 1 per cent.		100,000 00
Improvements on land, \$16,000,000. at 1 per cent.		160,000 00
Land, \$11,000,000. at 2 per cent.		220,000 00
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		\$757,800 00
The amount to be raised for 1914-15 under the present system is		
about		670,000 00
Anticipated gain in revenue applicable to general taxation		\$ 87,800 00

It will be noted that I estimate personal property at \$10,000,000.00 for assessment purposes. This is at full value. It is valued under the present system at 75 per cent. But the present rate is \$1.99 Under the scheme proposed the rates is \$1.00 and this would shade down .25 every alternate year. Land and improvements are likewise estimated at full valuation. The improvement tax would likewise be but 1 per cent instead of \$1.99 as at present.

I now proceed to give a few concrete examples of the operation of the proposed system, assuming that the preceding estimates are about correct. Remember that in so far as they may be incorrect the making up of any deficiency will fall upon **land** pure and simple. The rate upon personality and upon improvements to land is "anchored" at 1 per cent. All the examples are based upon the present rate being 2 per cent. It is actually \$1.99.

Examples under Land and Improvements Provisions.

1. House assessed for \$1200.00 (land \$200.00 House \$ 100.00)
2. House assessed for \$3600.00 (land \$600.00 House \$3000.00)
3. House assessed for \$7200.00 (land \$2000.00 House \$5200.00)

No. 1 Present rate 2 per cent—\$24.00
 Proposed—\$200 at 2.— 4.00
 1000 at 1.—10.00 \$14.00 Pays \$10.00 less

No. 2 Present rate 2 per cent—\$72.00
 Proposed—\$600 at 2.—12.00
 3000 at 1.—30.00 \$42.00 Pays \$30.00 less

No. 3 Present rate 2 per cent—\$144.00
 Proposed—\$2000 at 2.—\$40.00
 5200 at 1.— 52.00 \$92.00 Pays \$52.00 less

If the calculations as above are too optimistic and if the land rate were 3 per cent—

No. 1's taxes would be \$ 8.00 less than at present.

No. 2's taxes would be \$24.00 less than at present.

No. 3's taxes would be \$32.00 less than at present.

No. 2 might have an income of \$1500 and so be liable to pay \$15.00 income tax. He could pay it and yet be \$15 better off than at present.

No. 3 might have an income of \$4000 and so be liable for \$40.00 income tax.

He could pay it and yet be \$12.00 better off than at present.

The personal property tax of all three would be less. No. 1 would pay none. Nos. 2 and 3 half of what they pay at present. Ultimately none of them would have to pay taxes on personalty or improvements upon land.

Examples under personal property provisions.

1. Personal property in Mr. A's home now assessed at \$500. Mr. A pays about \$10.00 taxes. Under the new scheme he would pay no taxes, except the \$3.00 capitation tax.

2. Mrs. B. runs a small shop and her stock is assessed for \$500. She now pays about \$10.00 taxes but under the new scheme she would pay no taxes.

3. Mr. C. is now assessed \$20.00 on his house furniture, value \$1000. Under the new scheme he would pay but \$10.00. Ultimately he would pay no taxes.

4. Mr. D. carries \$10,000 of merchandise for sale. He is now assessed for \$7500 and pays about \$150. Under the new scheme he would pay 1 per cent on \$10,000 or \$100.00. Ultimately he would pay no taxes.

5. Mr. E. is a manufacturer employing 100 hands. His land is valued at \$10,000, his factory at \$40,000. He has \$20,000 worth of machinery. He now pays about 2 per cent on \$70,000, or \$1400.00. Under the new system he would pay no taxes on his machinery, one per cent on his factory, and say 2 per cent on his land. His total taxes would be \$600.00. Ultimately he would pay taxes on his land alone.

Example under the income provisions.

6. Mr. F. is an estimable citizen whose line of business enables him to earn an income of \$6000 per annum within a rented office furnished with a \$20.00 desk, two chairs, some ink, some pens and some writing pads. He employs no help and under the present system he pays no taxes. Under the proposed system he would pay \$120, being the equivalent of a property assessment under the present system of \$6000. There are a good many Mr. F's in Halifax.

Many persons, noting that notwithstanding the liberal tax reductions and exemptions which the preceding examples illustrate, will ask:—"Where is the money coming from? How is the difference made up?"

Certain gains are anticipated to be made in pure revenue by way of licenses and that sort of thing. If this source of revenue could be multiplied a little more than six fold it would not be necessary to impose any general taxation at all.

The \$40,000 gain of this kind is the equivalent of \$2,000,000 of assessable property at a 2 per cent. rate.

The \$75,000 income tax, (which I believe that I underestimate) is the equivalent of \$3,750,000 of assessable property at a 2 per cent rate.

The \$25,000 of anticipated gain from special assessments is the equivalent of \$1,250,000 of assessable property at a 2 per cent rate.

The \$15,000.00 from the water department, proposed to be devoted to reduction of the general tax rate, is the equivalent of \$750,000 of assessable property at a 2 per cent rate.

These few items alone could care for a reduction of \$8,000,000. in the general assessment.

I have not proposed a particularly scientific system, as I know. An out and out "single taxer" will probably sniff at it because it leans both ways. While from one aspect it seems a long step in the direction of the single tax, from another it may be said to incline towards the theory that the proper office of the tax gatherer is to "so pluck the goose as to secure the greatest possible amount of feathers with the least possible amount of squawking." The fact is that I would advise holding to our present anchors for a time even though we may slack the rope. Let us measure our waters and be sure. I have endeavored to put theories behind my back and to deal as best I could with real conditions. I would approach the land tax by stages, not with one jump. I have had the benefit of the kindly help and guidance of the civic officials closest in touch with financial affairs. The result can hardly be pleasing to all; but such as it is, here it is. I shall probably not be able to be present to support my ideas during the discussions to which this expression of them will inevitably give rise, so I ask for them on that account consideration and forbearance.

WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Riordon that this Council does not concur in the proposals for amendments to the Assessment Act as submitted by Controller O'Connor but that this Council commits the same to a special committee consisting of the members of the Board of Control and four Aldermen for consideration and report back to the Council. Motion passed.

The following named, in addition to the Members of the Board of Control, are severally nominated as members of the special committee, namely, Aldermen Murphy, Cox, Smith and Harris. Said nominations are confirmed.

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By unanimous consent of Council Controller Hoben is permitted to introduce a resolution relating to the bill