

Recommendations.

1. That William Irons' name be taken off the roll of the Department.
2. " Lieut. John Brommitt be appointed Captain, vice Captain Stone resigned.
3. " Alexander Clark, Callman, be appointed Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Brommitt promoted.
4. " Henry McPhee, Callman, be appointed Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Shea resigned.
5. " Peter Pace, Supernumerary, be appointed acting driver, vice Bert Hoganson dismissed.
6. " William Pickrem be appointed acting Engineer, vice Frederick Cummings on leave.
7. " Daniel Brown, William Keating, Benjamin Mannett and John Coppinger be appointed to the call force, vice Matthew McDonald, Wm. Ryan, and James Merlin dismissed, and Richard Stone resigned.
8. " John Cochrane, supernumerary, be appointed callman, vice Lieut. Shea resigned.

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

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

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re agreement between the City and the Intercolonial Railway for supply of water.

City Hall, October 7th., 1914.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for approval the attached report of the City Engineer re agreement between the City and the Intercolonial Railway for supply of water.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Mr. F. P. Gutelius, General Manager Government Railways has called attention to the fact that the water supply agreement terminated on the first day of May 1914, and asked for a renewal of the agreement.

Some time ago the Board of Control decided that the Government properties should pay by meter separately for each property. I would recommend that the old agreement be renewed with two changes, one, to substitute for sections 10 and 11 the following section—

"The Department further agrees to pay to the City for water supplied through meters at the rate for the water passing through each meter respectively set out in the schedule hereto annexed."

"The accounts for meter rates and meter rentals shall be delivered monthly on the first day of each month and shall be payable on or before the fifteenth day of each month."

I would also recommend that instead of a five year agreement, the following section be substituted—

"This agreement shall come into force on the day of the date hereof and shall continue in force until such time as it is determined by either party giving the other twelve months notice in writing of an intention to terminate at the expiry of which time, it shall cease and determine. Any such notice may be addressed by the City to the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton and by the Department to the Engineer."

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

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

LOAN OF \$55,000.00 (\$64,000.00) FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read report Board of Control covering draft resolution respecting loan recently negotiated for \$55,000.00 for various purposes.

City Hall, September 30th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—In connection with the loan of \$55,000 recently negotiated the Board of Control submit for the approval of the City Council the attached resolution, and recommend that the same be adopted.

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

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

Controller O'Connor submits the following resolution:—

Whereas by resolution of the City Council passed on the 25th day of September, 1914, stock and debentures of the City of Halifax to the par value of \$64,000.00 were authorized to be issued and delivered to the Eastern Securities Company, Limited, and Associates, the said stock and debentures to be dated the first day of July, 1914, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945, and to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum;

And Whereas there are on hand a sufficient number of unexecuted debentures in the form settled by resolution of the Council passed on the 25th day of September, 1913, which are suitable for the purposes of the said resolution, except that the same are dated the first day of July, 1913, and bear coupons payable on January 1st and July 1st, 1914.

And Whereas considerable expense and delay will be saved to the City by utilizing for the purposes of the said resolution the said debenture forms on hand;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the said resolution passed on the 25th day of September, 1914, be and it is hereby amended by substituting for the words "the said stock or debentures to be dated the first day of July, 1914," where they occur in the said resolution, the words, "the said stock to be dated the first day of July, 1914, and the said debentures to be in the form settled by resolution of the Council passed on the 25th day of September, 1913, and, accordingly, to be dated the first day of July, 1913 (all coupons prior to those payable on January 1st, 1915, to be removed before delivery)."

And Whereas in the said resolution the City's authority to borrow \$30,000.00 for the extension of water system was stated to be derived from Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1913, and, as a matter of fact, the said authority is derived from Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1907 and Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1912;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the said resolution passed on the 25th day of September, 1914, be and it is hereby amended by substituting the words "Under authority Chap. 71 Acts of 1907, and Chapter 81 Acts of 1912" for the words "Under authority Chap. 70 Acts of 1913", where the latter appear in the said resolution.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben and passed unanimously.

KANE, STANLEY AND CREIGHTON STREETS SEWER TRENCHING.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for sewer trenching, Kane, Stanley and Creighton Streets.

City Hall, October 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that in response to advertisement in the newspapers they have received tenders for sewer trenching as follows:—

Kane Street.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Doane Engineering Company..... | \$5.15 | per lin. ft. |
| Geo. Low & Co..... | 3.98 | " " " |
| Robert Daw | 4.50 | " " " |
| Stockley Co., Ltd..... | 6.64 | " " " |

Stanley and North Creighton Street.

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Stockley Co., Ltd..... | \$6.75 | per lin. ft. |
| Robert Daw | 5.80 | " " " |
| Geo. Low & Co..... | 5.56 | " " " |
| D. Stewart | 5.99 | " " " |

The tender of Geo. Low & Co. for the whole work, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance, upon their furnishing a bond of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in the sum of \$6,500.00, and expressing their willingness that Halifax labor will be employed in the work to the fullest extent possible and available. Controller Harris dissents from this recommendation

Reports (2) from the City Engineer and a letter from Geo. Low & Co. are attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, Sept 23, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying tenders for the excavating and backfilling of a trench for laying the Kane, Stanley and North Creighton Street sewers. The following tenders were received:—

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Kane Street</i> | <i>Stanley & N. Creighton</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| George Low & Co. | \$3.98 per lin. ft. | \$5.56 per lin. ft. |
| Robert Daw | 4.50 " " " | 5.80 " " " |
| Doane Engineering Company | 5.15 " " " | 5.15 " " " |
| D. Stewart | 5.99 " " " | 5.99 " " " |
| Stockley & Co., Ltd. | 6.64 " " " | 6.75 " " " |

Calculated on the length of sewer work to be done, the total amount of the tenders would be as follows—

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| George Low & Co. | \$13,649.96 |
| Robert Daw | 14,503.80 |
| Doane Engineering Co. | 13,755.65 |
| D. Stewart | 15,999.29 |
| Stockley & Co., Ltd. | 17,945.65 |

I would recommend that the tender of George Low & Company at \$3.98 for Kane Street and \$5.56 for Stanley and North Creighton Streets be accepted, provided they give security satisfactory to the Board of Control.

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

City Engineer's Office, Sept. 30th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with instructions from your Board, I beg to report that my estimate of the cost of constructing the Kane, Creighton and Stanley Street sewers, was \$15,875.00. The lowest tender, that of George Low & Company, \$13,649 leaves \$2,226 for laying a sewer, which is not enough, but I recommended the acceptance of George Low & Company's tender because I thought this sewer should be constructed at once before the rainy season, in order to do it for the amount of my estimate.

I am still of the opinion that it is better to let George Low & Company take the risk at their figure. If however, the security offered is not satisfactory I would recommend that the work be undertaken by days work and that it be commenced as soon as possible.

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

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

UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE CONDUITS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re application of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company for permission to lay underground conduits from Barrington Street to Argyle Street.

City Hall, September 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer on application of the Telephone Company for permission to lay underground conduits from Barrington Street to Argyle Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, Sept. 30th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company have made application for permission to open up Duke Street to lay underground conduit from Barrington Street to Argyle Street.

I would recommend that permission be granted on the usual conditions, the work to be done, if possible, without breaking the pavement on Barrington Street, but if it becomes necessary to break the pavement, it must be repaired with concrete to the surface at the expense of the Telephone Company and when the contractor is repairing the pavement again, the bitulithic surface to be put on at the expense of the Telephone Company.

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

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

MEASUREMENT BROKEN STONE—HEBER HARTLEN'S CLAIM.

Read report Board of Control covering reports City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer re measurement of stone supplied to the City stone crusher by Heber Hartlen.

City Hall, September 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Heber Hartlen, the Contractor for supplying stone for breaking at the City stone crusher, having complained that he was not receiving sufficient allowance for the amount of stone furnished, the Board of Control investigated the matter, and attach hereto for the information of the Council reports from the City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer.

In consequence of the wearing of the box in which measurement of broken stone was made, it is recommended that Mr. Hartlen be allowed \$184.20 above

the amount of certificates already given, less \$31.86 to be deducted in consequence of Mr. Hartlen's failure to supply stone on the 12th and 14th instants, and that Mr. Hartlen be offered \$152.34 in cash in settlement of his claim.

His Worship the Mayor dissents from the recommendation for the deduction proposed.

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

City Engineer's Office, Sept, 28th, 1914.

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

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying bill of Mr. Heber Hartlen, as follows:—

Mr. Hartlen claims that he is entitled to an allowance on account of the worn and therefore enlarged condition of the measuring box used from May 12th to July 15th.

On Friday the 25th inst., the box at present in use at the Crusher for measuring the stone, which is lined with iron and is stamped by the Dominion Inspector of Weights and Measures, was filled with stones shovelled from the pile in the concrete shed, which were crushed at the Crusher and brought to the City Hall. The old box was filled from this and held the same amount level full, as near as could be judged. The stone was then replaced in the new box and gave the same measurement. In accordance with the resolution of the Board of Control, the old box was taken to the Yard, and as Mr. Hartlen claimed the fastening, when used at the Crusher, was loose and allowed the bottom to sag, the City Carpenter inserted pieces to bring the box to the condition claimed by Mr. Hartlen and made the whole water-tight.

Today the Dominion Inspector of Weights and Measures measured the box with water and found that it held 10 qts. more water than the two bushels which it was supposed to hold, or an increase of 5-32 of a bushel for each bushel.

The conditions of measuring by a capacity measure are very different when measuring water or stone, the stone being of unequal sizes, running from pieces over 4-inches in their longest dimension, down to pieces less than 1 inch, so that the quantity that can be placed in any receptacle would vary largely with the manner in which it was shovelled in. The water, of course, would fill every crevice in the box.

During the period from May to July the returns assume that the box held 2 bushels, and show that 39,298 bushels were crushed. If Mr. Hartlen is entitled to the measurement as determined by the Inspector of Weights and Measures, he should receive 5-32 more than this, which amounts to 6,140 bushels, which at 3c per bushel—the contract price—amounts to \$184.20.

The checker at the crusher reports that from June 17th to Sept. 11th, inclusive, the crusher was stopped for 16 hours and 57 minutes owing to lack of stone. Our pay list at the crusher amounts to \$1.77 per hour. On Sept. 12th and 14th, no stone was supplied by the contractor and on the 15th the crusher was shut down. The pay list per day is \$15.93.

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

City Engineer's Office, Sept. 30th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Regarding the claim made by Mr. Heber Hartlen for larger measurement than he had been allowed in consequence of the wearing of the box in which the measurement was made, I beg to report.

The box complained of was measured by the Inspector of Weights and Measures and stamped by him, but during the time for which Mr. Hartlen has made a claim, it had become considerably worn, and Mr. Hartlen also claims that the bottom did not close tightly. While the quantity of stone held was apparently very little greater, the measurement made by the Dominion Inspector of Weights and Measures, when testing with water, shows that the box held 5-32 of a bushel more than we were allowing for each bushel.

Mr. Johnston's report is attached. I would recommend that the amount, as calculated by Mr. Johnston, \$184.20, be paid to Mr. Hartlen.

Mr. Hartlen has caused the City considerable expense through his failure to supply stone, the occasions mentioned in Mr. Johnston's report costing, on the pay-roll alone, \$61.95. If Mr. Hartlen had not authority to take the law in his own hands, the City should not be obliged to lose this amount, and it should be subtracted from the amount recommended to be paid.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Council do now adjourn.

The motion being put there appeared:—

For Adjournment —

Controllers Hoben and Scanlan, and Aldermen Riordon, Hubley and Parker,—5.

Against Adjournment —

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

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

Council adjourns 9.40 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, November 5th., 1914.

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

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controllers Hoben, Scanlan and O'Connor and Aldermen Cox, Gastonguay, Hines 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:—

Message from His Worship the Mayor re proposed loan for Public Schools.
Reports (21) Board of Control, viz:—
Accounts.
Gottingen Street Sidewalk—Wellington Barracks Gateway.
Annual Report Chief Fire Department.
Coal Weighers' Monthly Reports.
Superannuation Assessment, W. P. Hayden.
Cornwall Street Water Extension.
Morris Street Extension.
Seymour Street Sidewalk.
Cornwallis Street Sidewalk.
Mott Street Sewer.
City Prison Chimney, etc.
Victoria Road Sidewalk.
Morris Street Sidewalk.
Water Bill, 93-95 Almon Street.
Loan for Various Purposes.
Tramway Legislation.
Employment and Duties of Coal Weighers.
Henry Street Water Extension.
Legislation re Public Schools.
Kane, Stanley and Creighton Streets Sewers.
Liquor License Act.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts chargeable to the various Departments.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S., November 5th., 1914.

The City Council.

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

Fire Department.

Halifax Electric Tram Co., light and power, \$31.61; callmen, services \$54.35; Patrick Dowd, repairs, \$5.75; Alex. Frizzell, roller, \$.20; J. L. Wilson & Co., metal polish, \$25.50; Henry Lovett, leather, \$22.55; E. P. Meagher, tire and repairs, \$135.80; Canadian Con. Rubber Co, hose, etc., (hose \$770.00) \$846.81; Burns & Kelleher, repairs, \$3.52; City Home, soft wood, \$1.75; Longard Bros., radiators, \$24.00; H. McFatridge, services, \$.63; Kelly's Limited, supplies, \$46.01; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$774.05; C. L. Newman, Ltd., soap, \$2.65; John Starr, Son & Co., recharging battery, \$1.25; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$29.64; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, hinges, \$.60; Stroud & Everleigh, repairing, etc., \$24.10; David Roche, supplies, \$1.64; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$145.98; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$45.08; F. A. Shaw, fodder \$151.96; Robt. J. Leary, cleaning and pressing clothes, \$1.65; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$40.08; Lawrence Hardware Co., hardware, \$17.66; Neil Fox, 1 can dressing, \$.60; A. J. McNutt, repairs, etc., \$32.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., \$1.75; H. B. Clarke & Son, hose, \$617.50; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$16.33; John Davison & Son, lumber and nails, \$11.35; Geo. A. Perrier, plumbing, \$46.12; Lawrence Hardware Co., hose, \$627.62. Total \$3788.09.

Health Board.

Royal Gazette, advertising, \$2.00; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$7.53; Halifax Transfer Co., trucking, \$8.50; Hfx. Elec. Tram. Co., light, \$5.69; Royal Print & Litho, printing, \$48.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$11.10; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$4.58; J. Howard, services of horse, \$77.25; Lawrence Hardware Co., hardware, \$1.30; Kelly & Glassey, brandy, \$6.60; Fraser Bros., auto hire, \$22.00. Total \$195.55.

City Prison.

Holland Window Shade Co., blinds and rings, \$16.00; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$9.05; Stairs, Son & Morrow, paint, etc., \$15.25; Moir's Ltd., bread, \$21.60; Wentzells Ltd., groceries, \$68.50; W. A. Maling & Co, oxheads, \$19.75; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$12.25; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$97.59; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$15.60; Farquhar Bros., plumbing, \$11.75; Robt. Taylor, boots, \$25.82; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$41.10; Black & Flinn, lime, \$2.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$5.94; Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$1.00; Hfx Elec. Tram Co., current, \$2.30; Maritime Tel. Co., rental, \$4.55. Total \$365.53.

Police Accounts.

Hfx. Vulcanizing Works, repairs, \$4.75; Jas. Hilton, services, \$3.60; John Starr Son & Co., recharging battery, \$1.00; Geo. G. Handley, examining cloth \$5.00; T. C. Allen & Co., printing, \$1.00. Total \$15.35.

City Home.

Dillon Bros., flour, \$201.30; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$341.81; J. A. Leaman & Co., meats, \$444.09; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$142.40; C. F. Holland, milk, \$85.57; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$4.20; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$30.63; Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$16.79; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$95.45; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$11.49; Hfx. Elec. Tram Co., light, \$37.60; S. Chittick & Son, ice, \$24.12; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., dry goods, \$138.42; H. D. McKenzie Co., coal, \$245.87; C. E. Putner, dispensing, \$50.00; Willis Bros., repairs, \$2.25; Klenzo Mfg. Co., klenzo, \$8.00; Robt. Horner, horse-shoeing, \$.63; Canadian Rubber Co., tubing, \$9.80; A. E. Boutlier, mowing grass, \$3.00; J. F. Outhit & Son, potatoes, \$45.89; City Prison, turnips, \$2.10; W. McFatrige, rope, \$29.50; Hillis & Sons, castings, \$5.00; T. J. Whelan & Co., men's clothing, \$84.00; Jas. D. Walsh, fly paper, \$1.00; Brookfield Bros., lime, \$2.75; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$138.62; Salaries, paysheet Oct. 14, \$853.84; N. S. Hospital, maintenance insane, \$2452.79. Total \$5508.91.

Works Department.

Teams and stables, \$131.44; Internal Health, \$254.36; City Prison Improvement, \$16.08; Fuel City Hall, \$184.00; Sewer maintenance, \$2.35; Cleaning paved streets, \$8.05; City property 1913-14, \$33.83; street lighting, \$2077.39; City Hall lighting, \$71.13; Telephones, \$33.52; City property, \$112.26; permanent sidewalks, \$139.81; water construction, \$139.70; sewerage, \$1026.93; water maintenance, \$657.05; streets, \$1851.52. Total \$6739.42.

Public Gardens.

Hfx. Elec. Tram Co., light and power, \$16.16; John McInnes & Son, Ltd., lumber, etc., \$281.25; George Umlah, poles, \$7.00; Baldwin & Co., flower pots, \$10.00; Wm. Jakeman & Son, veterinary services, \$5.00; Geo. E. Smith & Co., carriage furnishings, \$15.63; M. F. Burns, plumbing, \$7.30; J. Wonnacott, repairs, etc., \$1.40; Farquhar Bros., Ltd., supplies, \$133.03; R. B. Adams & Co., groceries, \$8.13; Robinsons, Ltd., horseshoes, \$1.25; Black & Flinn, sand, \$3.60; Wm. Roche, coal, \$59.36; H. D. MacKenzie Co, coal, \$92.00; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$5.65; N. S. Nursery, plants, \$108.70; Wm. Robertson & Co., hardware, \$73.72; Stroud & Everleigh, repairs, etc., \$20.45; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$52.25; Saml. A. Marshall & Son, building concrete floor, \$23.80; Kellys Ltd., supplies, \$3.00. Total \$928.68.

Library.

Royal Print & Litho, directory, \$4.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$5.65. Total \$10.15.

General Accounts.

St. Patrick's Home, 3 months, maintenance of boys to Nov., 1st, truants, \$318.90, juvenile offenders \$184.91. Total \$503.81. School for the Blind, tuition 14 pupils for year ending June 30th, 1914, \$1060.00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, City Clerk \$7.75; City Clerk \$133.02, \$139.75, City Collector \$9.00; City Solicitor, \$5.55, City Solicitor \$53.00. Total \$207.30; London Rubber Stamp Co., pad City Treasurer, \$.30; A. & W. Mackinlay, City Auditor \$1.50; City Clerk \$11.25. Total \$12.75; W. H. Isnor & Son, carriage hire, Assessors, \$27.50; Royal Print & Litho, correction City Charter, extra copies Election Law, Ordinances, etc., \$210.17; Dr. Finn, Med. Examiner certificates of death, John Julian \$4.00, H. B. McCulloch, \$4.00, Anna Pollet, \$4.00, A. Robertson, \$4.00, A. M. Hoben, \$4.00, male unknown, \$4.00, female infant unknown, \$4.00, J. P. Lintaman \$4.00, J. A. Yeoman \$4.00. Total \$36.00 Grand Total \$2058.43.

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

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

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

Read report Board of Control covering monthly reports Liquor License Inspector, for July, August, September and October.

City Hall, November 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council monthly reports from the Liquor License Inspector for July, August, September and October.

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

Office of License Inspector, Halifax, N. S., August 8th., 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit cases fined in Police Court for the month of July—

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Annie Carmichael..... | \$41.75 |
| Peter Fraser..... | 51.75 |
| Frank Lebihan..... | 51.75 |
| | ————\$145.25 |
| Nicholas McCarthy, continued | |
| Agents' Fees collected..... | 250 00 |
| | ———— |
| | \$395.25 |

W. E. MESSERVEY, *License Inspector.*

Office of License Inspector, Halifax, September 10th., 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit my report for August—

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| Nicholas McCarthy fined..... | \$ 51.75 |
| Gertie Ferguson..... | 51.75 |
| Agents' Licenses collected..... | 150.00 |
| | ———— |
| | \$250.00 |

W. E. MESSERVEY, *License Inspector.*

Office of License Inspector, October 5th., 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit my report for September—

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| Maud Connors, fined..... | \$51.75 |
| F. Lester "..... | 51.75 |
| M. Simmonds "..... | 51.75 |
| Maud Pace "..... | 51.75 |
| | ————\$207.00 |
| Agents' Licenses collected..... | 200.00 |
| | ———— |
| | \$407.00 |

W. E. MESSERVEY, *License Inspector.*

Office of License Inspector, November 3rd., 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit the report of the cases dealt with by the Police Court for the month of October, violations of the Liquor License Act—

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|---|----------|
| Chas. Connors, 22 Upper Water St., fined..... | \$ 51.75 |
| Frederick Bronson, 70 Bilby St., fined..... | 54.75 |
| John Andrews, 50 Upper Water St., fined..... | 51.75 |
| Jas. H. Dear, 3 Bell St., dismissed..... | |
| | \$157.65 |

Frederick Bronson case appealed to County Court.

W. E. MESSERVEY, *License Inspector.*

Filed.

GOTTINGEN STREET SIDEWALK—WELLINGTON BARRACKS GATEWAY.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sidewalk on the east side of Gottingen Street at Wellington Barracks Gateway.

City Hall, Halifax, November 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the paving with porphyry blocks the sidewalk on the east side of Gottingen Street at the Wellington Barracks gateway.

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

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 30th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with attached extract from Minutes of the Board of Control, I beg to report that the Wellington Barracks gateway makes a wide break in the concrete sidewalk on the east side of Gottingen street, and during cold weather it is unsatisfactory for pedestrians. I would recommend that it be paved with porphyry blocks.

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

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

ANNUAL REPORT CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control covering annual report Chief of Fire Department, 1913-14.

City Hall, Halifax., November 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submits herewith the annual report of the Chief of the Fire Department for 1913-14. In respect to certain recommendations made by the Chief, the Board will take occasion to further report.

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

Extract from Annual Report Chief Fire Department 1913-1914.

Recommendations.

I would recommend the purchase of 1000 feet of 2½-inch hose and 300 feet of chemical hose to take the place of condemned hose.

2. That two of the call engineers be made permanent.
3. Both from grounds of efficiency and practical economy, I beg leave to strongly recommend the gradual reduction of callmen, and the substitution in their place of a small ratio of permanent firemen.
4. Fire Horses used for street sprinkling.

I have repeatedly called attention to the seriousness of the risk assumed by the City by requiring the Fire Department horses to work in the street sprinkling carts. No. 1 ladder truck was late in responding to an alarm on April 30th, from Box 38 for a fire in N. H. Phinney & Co., Ltd., premises, 80 Barrington Street, on account of the horses being out on street sprinkling services, and the drivers not hearing the bells. This condition nearly resulted in loss of life to employees and patrons in a restaurant in the upper part of the building, and we have frequently had close calls of a similar nature. I deem it my duty to again recommend that the ladder cart horses, at least, should not be required to do street sprinkling work.

Recommendations made by me in previous reports, and not yet carried out.

1. Water barrels for feeding fire engines with fresh water while working from salt water.
2. Signs on wharves where fire hydrants are placed.
3. Night lights on fire alarm boxes and fire stations.
4. That some provision be made for fighting fires on the water front.
5. That the routes of the horses used by the Department for street watering be made very much shorter.
6. The most important that is needed is the addition to Central Engine house, to be used as a workshop, as at present we have only the cellar of the building for shoeing our horses, and I am always in dread of, at some time or other, one of our horses having its brains knocked out by the beams over his head. Besides that, the smoke and sulphur going up through the house, which always keeps it in bad order, is detrimental to the health of those who have to live and sleep in the house, as well as the horses that are right over the forge.

Now what I propose to do is either to build an addition to the back of the present house, a building 22 ft. wide, and the length of the house, one part for a forge, with a manure pit next to the house, with dividing wall,—this is to be to the north,—the south end to be used as a machine shop, where we could always repair our engines, as at present we have no place except on the floor of the engine house, which always keeps it in a mess, and not very nice for a City the size of Halifax, as much smaller places have their workshops.

This building would cost in the vicinity of two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00), all to be build of concrete, one storey high, and with tar and gravel roofing.

Or, to go down to the lot on Albemarle Street, and erect a two storey building, facing on that street, running to rear of present building, from there to back of engine house to be one storey; the lower floor front to be used as a forge, and upper part to be used as a store room and machine shop. This building also to be built of concrete and in the same manner as the above mentioned, but the cost of this would be about Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.-00). The money could be borrowed in accordance with an Act already passed by Legislature for extension of Central Engine House.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be printed in the Annual City Report, and that in the meantime, a copy be furnished to each member of the Council. Motion passed.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORTS.

Read report Board of Control covering monthly reports of Coal Weighers for July, August and September.

City Hall, Halifax, November 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the attached reports of the Supervisor of Coal Weighers, showing each permanent weigher to have received for July, \$63.10, for August, \$78.77, and for September, \$68.10.

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

Filed.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS W. P. HAYDEN.

Read reports of Board of Control and Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund re superannuation assessment of the late W. P. Hayden, Sanitary Inspector.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S., October 21st., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that Mrs. W. P. Hayden be paid from the Officials' Superannuation Fund the sum of \$103.20, the amount of her late husband's contributions to the Fund. Mr. Hayden was a Sanitary Inspector in the Health Department.

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

Office of City Treasurer, October 31st., 1914.

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

Gentlemen:—I beg to enclose letter from Mrs. W. P. Hayden, requesting payment to her (under section 301 of the City Charter) of the amount contributed by her late husband to the Officials' Superannuation Fund, and to report that the moneys contributed by Mr. Hayden to the Superannuation Fund amount to the sum of \$103.20.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

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

CORNWALL STREET WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, October 23rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached recommendation of the City Engineer for water extension, Cornwall Street.

F. P. BLIGH *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office Oct. 21st, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for extension of the water service in Cornwall Street.

The district is low service, size of pipe required, 6-inch; length 400 feet; estimated cost \$605.00; interest on the estimated outlay at 5%, \$30.25.

There will be three service pipes, and I would recommend that the extension be made on the special rate of \$10.08.

The petitioners call the street Oxford Avenue, but the correct name of the street is Cornwall Street.

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

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

MORRIS STREET EXTENSION—DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re extension of Morris Street to Dalhousie College, and recommending the appointment of John T. Ross as appraiser on behalf of the City in connection with acquisition of property of John Ross, Mr. Ross's representative being W. Stetson Rogers.

City Hall, October 23rd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re extension of Morris Street to the Dalhousie College property at Studley, and recommend the appointment of John T. Ross as the appraiser on behalf of the City.

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

City Engineer's Office, Oct., 21st, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I have interviewed Mr. John Ross, who owns the property on Le-Marchant Street, required for the extension of Morris Street. He states that he will agree to arbitration to fix the value of his property, and informs me that he will probably select Mr. W. S. Rogers to represent him.

I would recommend that an appraiser be appointed by the Board of Control, with the understanding, if the Board have the power to make it so, that the finding of the appraiser shall be agreed to, and the property purchased from Mr. Ross.

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

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

SEYMOUR STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Seymour Street between South Street and Coburg Road.

City Hall, October 23rd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Seymour Street between South Street and Coburg Road.

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

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 19th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the petition attached hereto, asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Seymour Street from Coburg Road to South Street.

This sidewalk would connect with the sidewalk on Coburg Road and there is a sidewalk on the south side of South Street. The estimated cost is \$3379.00 and I would recommend that both sidewalks on Seymour Street between Morris and South Streets be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the east side of Seymour Street from Coburg Road to South Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

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

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the south side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton Street and Maynard Street.

City Hall October 26th. 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton Street and Maynard Street.

F. P. BLIGH *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 23rd, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton Street and Maynard Street. The estimated cost is \$1328.00.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter be constructed on the south side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton and Maynard Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

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

MOTT STREET SEWER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer in Mott Street from Seldon Street to Preston Street.

City Hall October 5th. 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re construction of a sewer in Mott Street from Seldon Street to Preston Street.

F. P. BLYTH *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office Sept. 28th 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a sewer in Mott Street between Preston and Seldon Streets.

A sewer has been constructed recently in Mott Street from Oxford Street to Seldon Street and I would recommend that it be continued from Seldon to Preston Street to drain the rest of the buildings on this street. The estimated cost is \$1925.00.

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

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

CITY PRISON IMPROVEMENT.

Read reports (2) Assistant City Engineer and report Board of Control re tenders for construction of a chimney etc. at the City Prison.

Extract from Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax held on the 21st day of October, 1914.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:—

City Engineer's Office Oct. 19th 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying tenders for work at the City Prison—

Extension of the heating system—Messrs. John White & Co. is the only firm that tendered for the extension of the heating system. Their price is \$379.00. I would recommend that this tender be accepted.

Electric wiring—Messrs. John Starr & Co. is the only firm tendering for the electric wiring required. Their price is \$178.00. I would recommend that the contract be awarded to them.

Chimney—One tender only was received for constructing the new chimney—S. A. Marshall & Son—for \$832.00. At the request of Controller Harris I asked Messrs. Maxwell Foley and Daw to give a figure for this work. Mr. Foley said he did not care to submit a figure. Mr. Maxwell tendered to do the work for \$695.00 and Mr. Daw for \$725.00.

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

Moved by Controller Harris seconded by Controller Scanlan that Clauses 1 and 2 of the report be adopted. Motion passed.

At the suggestion of Controller Harris Clause 3 of the report is referred back to the City Engineer to consider the advisability and report as soon as possible on the changing of the location of the proposed chimney and the building of same of brick instead of concrete.

The tenders referred to in the report are rejected.

A true extract
L. FRED. MONAGHAN *City Clerk.*

City Hall Oct. 28th. 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received tenders for the construction of a chimney at the City Prison and recommend the acceptance of the tender of John Foley for a brick chimney with 20" x 16" flue, at \$568.00.

Reports from the Assistant City Engineer, October 19th, 1914 and October 28th, 1914, are attached hereto.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 28th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached resolution of the Board of Control as to the advisability of changing the location and material of the proposed chimney at the City Prison.

The original design was for a chimney to be built of reinforced concrete on the south side of the City Prison, so as to avoid cutting the interior of the building. Tenders were asked for on this design, and only one received. Afterwards other builders were asked for a figure and two more were submitted.

As the season is getting late for concrete construction out-doors I think it would be advisable to alter the location as originally proposed, and build the chimney of brick, inside. I have asked Messrs. Maxwell, Foley and Daw and Marshall for a tender for this work, and I attach hereto the tenders received.

Mr. Maxwell tenders for a brick chimney with 20-inch flue \$650 and for a concrete chimney with 13" x 17" flue \$520.00.

Mr. Foley tenders for a brick chimney with 20" x 16" flue, \$568.00.

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

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

VICTORIA ROAD SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the south side of Victoria Road between Lucknow Street and South Park Street.

City Hall, Nov., 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Victoria Road, between Lucknow Street and South Park Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 30th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition from James A. Marshall, for the construction of sidewalk in front of his house No. 76 on the south of Victoria Road between Lucknow and Park Streets.

The concrete on the south side of Victoria Road in this block is nearly level and a permanent gutter is needed, as the water lies in pools after every rain.

The estimated cost of constructing a sidewalk in this block is \$1136.00. I would recommend that concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the south side of Victoria Road between Lucknow and Park Streets under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. There is a concrete sidewalk on the north side.

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

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

MORRIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Morris Street between Hollis Street and Water Street.

City Hall, Nov. 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Morris Street between Hollis Street and Water Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, October 30th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the advisability of constructing a sidewalk on the north side of Morris Street between Hollis and Water Streets.

There is a concrete sidewalk on the south side, but on the north side the old brick sidewalk is in bad condition. The curb also is thrown out of line by the frost.

I would recommend that a new concrete sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Morris Street between Hollis and Water Streets under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$1990.00.

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

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

WATER BILL, 93-95 ALMON STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Eugene Brunell, 93-95 Almon Street, recommending a reduction of \$100.00 in the account (\$172.66).

City Hall, Nov. 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had before them and investigated a petition from Eugene Brunell for a reduction in water bills against tenement houses 93-95 Almon Street, amounting to \$172.66 for one year and one-half. The City Engineer reports that the amount of the bill was caused by waste of water. Mr. Brunell undertakes that there will be no further waste, and the bill being so extraordinarily high, the Board of Control recommend that it be reduced by the sum of \$100.00, which leaves the amount to be paid by him sufficiently high to operate as a severe penalty for waste of water.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 4th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied through the meter at No. 93-5 Almon Street.

The consumption has been as follows—

| DATE OF READING | | CONSUMPTION | |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 1913 | Sep. 8 | 1500 | gals. |
| | Oct. 8 | 3300 | " |
| | Nov. 11 | 43800 | " |
| | Dec. 9 | 76800 | " |
| 1914 | Jan. 8 | 102200 | " |
| | Feb. 10 | 122400 | " |
| | Mar. 10 | 101300 | " |
| | Apr. 13 | 136600 | " |

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|---------|-----------------------|--------|---|
| May 15 | | 141400 | " |
| June 26 | | 184600 | " |
| July 29 | | 139100 | " |
| Aug. | no reading..... | | |
| Sep. 29 | | 108900 | " |

When the meter was first put in service, apparently the consumption was very moderate, but since that time it has been very large. The meter readers report that the water has been allowed to run during the cold weather and apparently no effort has been made to stop the waste. Under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

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

LOAN FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read report Board of Control re loan of \$3,600.00 for various purposes.

City Hall, Nov. 4th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for acceptance the accompanying offer from the Trustees of the Superannuation Funds to loan the City at 86% or par at 4½% per annum the sum of \$3,600.00 for the following purposes:—

For the acquisition of land required for the diversion and improvement of Mumford Road.....\$1,000.00

To pay for land acquired from S. M. Brookfield and others for the widening of Green Street and costs of arbitration..... 1,400.00

For loan expenses..... 1,200.00

A formal resolution is submitted for the adoption of the Council.

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

Office of the City Treasurer, Nov. 3rd., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—I beg to remind the Board of Control that there will be required:—

For land for the diversion and improvement of Mumford Road. . . . \$1,000.00

For land acquired from S. M. Brookfield et al, for widening Green Street 1,400.00

For loan expenses, the sum of..... 1,200.00

and would say that the Trustees of the Superannuation Funds are willing to lend the money to the City at the same rate as the last loan, namely 86%.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

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

Controller O'Connor submits the following resolution:—

Whereas The City will require—

For the acquisition of land for the diversion and improvement of
Mumford Road. \$1000 00

For land acquired from S. M. Brookfield and others, for widening
Green Street and costs of arbitration. 1400 00

Under authority Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1914;

And also, to pay for expenses of recent loan. 1200 00

Under authority of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1908, making in all the sum
of \$3600.00

And Whereas the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund have offered to purchase City Stock of the Consolidated Fund 1905, to an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$3600.00 at a price equal to 86% of the par value of such stock, together with interest at the rate of 4½% per annum from the first day of July, 1914;

And Whereas the Board of Control have recommended to the City Council the acceptance of the said offer of the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund, which recommendation has been by resolution adopted by the City Council;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the said sum of \$3600.00 be borrowed for the purposes in the said resolution recited, and that the said offer of the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund be accepted, and that stock of the City of Halifax of the par value of \$4200.00 be issued and delivered to the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund for the said loan, and that the City Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to issue such stock of the City of Halifax of the said par value of \$4200.00 and to deliver the same to the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund, the said stock to be dated the first day of July, 1914, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945, and to bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben, and passed.

TRAMWAY LEGISLATION.

Read report Board of Control covering replies received from the Dominion Government to the petition forwarded to the Governor General in Council in respect to the Act passed at the last session of the Local Legislature incorporating the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited.

City Hall, October 19th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith the replies from the Dominion Government to the petition forwarded to the Governor General in Council in respect to legislation passed during the 1914 session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, conferring privileges to the Halifax Tramway Company, the same being Chap. 180, and entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited."

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

Department of the Secretary of State.

Ottawa, October 17th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor,

Halifax, N. S.

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, a certified copy of a report from the Minister of Justice, dated the 2nd instant, and approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council on the 15th instant, with regard to the statutes of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign (1914) which are left to such operation as they may have, subject to certain comments and reserve as regards certain Statutes as set forth in the report herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS MULVEY, *Under Secretary of State.*

Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 15th October, 1914.

The Department of Secretary of State,

Ottawa, October 15th, 1914.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated 2nd October, 1914, from the Minister of Justice, with regard to the Statutes of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign (1914), and received by the Secretary of State of Canada on the 24th August last.

The Minister states that he is of opinion that these Statutes may be left to such operation as they may have, subject to certain comments and the reserve as regards certain Statutes as set forth in his report herewith.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, advise that a copy of this Minute if approved, together with a copy of the report herewith, be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia for the information of his Government, and also to the Mayor of the City of Halifax.

All of which is respectfully submitted for approval.

R. Le BOUDREAU, *Clerk of the Privy Council.*

Department of Justice, Canada.

Ottawa, 2nd October, 1914.

*To His Royal Highness
The Governor in Council.*

The undersigned has had under consideration the Statutes of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign (1914), and received by the Secretary of State for Canada on 24th August last, and he is of opinion that these statutes may be left to such operation as they may have, subject to the following comments:—

Chapter 180, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited."

This is a statute by which certain gentlemen therein named are incorporated under the name of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, with powers to construct, acquire, equip, maintain and operate tramways, to develop and supply power in the Province of Nova Scotia, and to acquire and undertake the business, property and liabilities of any person or corporation carrying on any business which the Company is authorized to carry on, etc. The powers conferred upon the Company are very comprehensive, and they are described in Section 2 of the statute, extending over six pages. The capital of the Company is fixed at \$6,000,000, with power to increase to an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000, and the Company is empowered to issue bonds in amounts to be determined by the Company. The Company is moreover authorized to purchase the property and franchises of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, subject to the contracts, liabilities, liens and encumbrances outstanding against the latter Company.

It is provided by section 8 that the head office of the Company shall be at Halifax, or at such other place in Nova Scotia as may be fixed by by-law of the Company, and that the annual general meeting of the shareholders and all other meetings of the shareholders and directors shall be held at such times and at such places within or without the Province as may be fixed by or pursuant to the by-laws of the Company.

There has been referred to the undersigned a petition from the City of Halifax to your Royal Highness in Council praying for the disallowance of this Act for the reasons therein stated. The principal of these grounds may be extracted as follows:—

"9. * * * The powers conferred on the new Company (sec. 2 clauses (o) to (s)) to acquire the property and franchises of other companies or to guarantee their securities practically remove all limit to the operations of the company, and authorize the tying up of the franchises of the City to enterprises entirely unconnected with the City. These clauses are wide enough to authorize or attempt to authorize the acquisition of companies operating under charters from the Federal Legislature, thus indirectly enabling the Company to engage in operations beyond the sphere of Provincial legislation. Clause 8 expressly authorizes the holding of the annual meetings of the Company outside of the Province. The capitalization of the Company is increased from a nominal amount of \$2,000,000 stock and an equal amount of bonds and an actual amount of \$1,400,000 and \$600,000 of bonds to a nominal amount of \$10,000,000 stock and an unlimited amount of bonds (see sec. 20)."; and the prayer of the petition is based upon the following reasons as stated:—

"1. Because it involves a gross breach of the contract by which the City entrusted the operation and control of its franchises to the existing Company.

"2. Because the enormous capitalization is wholly unnecessary for any purpose except a speculative one at the expense of the City's interest.

"3. Because this enormous capitalization will effectually prevent all attempts to readjust the relations between the City and the Company operating the civic franchises, or to re-vest the City with its franchises.

"4. Because under no circumstances is it proper to deal with the franchises of a City without its consent and against its protest.

"5. Because it is grossly improper to combine the operation of these franchises with many other objects wholly undefined, with which the City has no connection and over which it can have no control.

"6. Because the request of the representatives of the City for a plebescite was a just and proper one and should have been granted.

"7. Because the Act contains matters beyond the sphere of a Provincial Legislature.

"8. Because an Act practically confiscating the rights and assets of a City in defiance of the practically unanimous protest of its citizens is in the highest degree unjust and contrary to public policy."

Upon reference of this petition to the Attorney General of Nova Scotia he reports as follows:—

"The said Chapter 180 received, during its progress through the legislature, the careful examination of the Nova Scotia Government, in order that nothing might be enacted which could be considered beyond the powers of the Legislature or could be properly construed as an interference with rights previously acquired. As a result of this consideration and the careful examination of the statute since it has been passed by the Legislature, and in view of the petition presented, it is confidently submitted that the Act referred to does not give any undue or extravagant or improper powers to the incorporators and does not interfere with any vested rights of other persons or bodies corporate, and that it is entirely within the powers of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

With respect to the eight reasons alleged in section 16 of the petition for disallowance, I beg to make the following statements and observations:

"(1) There was no contract between the City and the existing company which has not been respected. The franchises referred to were not entrusted by the City to the existing company; they had been dealt with by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on several occasions before 1895. In 1886 by Chapter 124 Street Railway franchises were granted to the Halifax City Railway Company, Limited. In 1889 by Chapter 135 and in 1890 by Chapter 193 and in 1891 by Chapter 158 the Nova Scotia Power Company, Limited was granted similar franchises. In 1895, by Chapter 107, the Halifax Electric Tramways, Limited, known as the existing Company in the petition of the City of Halifax, was granted similar franchises on condition that the old Company should be protected.

"(2) There is no 'enormous capitalization', nor any capitalization fixed by the statute. The issue of shares, bonds or other securities must be made under the authority of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province and the propriety of the issue of such shares, etc, must be established to the satisfaction of that Board before any valid issue can be made.

"(3) The relations of the City with the Company so far as the public are affected, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

"(4) No such doctrine as that stated in the fourth reason has been recognized in this Province, nor is it reasonable or proper that any such doctrine should meet with recognition. The Legislature has by many statutes dealt with the railway and lighting franchises of the various cities and towns within the Province.

"(5) The question suggested by this reason is entirely one of policy. The Nova Scotia Legislature, through its committees and during the passage of the Bill, heard at great length arguments along this line. It is thought by the Government of Nova Scotia to be highly desirable and useful to encourage the development of water powers throughout the Province, for the production of electric energy.

"(6) The question of a plebescite was one entirely for the legislature.

"(7) It is confidently submitted that the Act contains nothing which is *ultra vires* a provincial legislature.

"(8) The statement made in the eighth reason has no application whatever to said Chapter 180, since this is not such an Act and effects no infringement of any rights of the City and is believed to be in accordance with the best interests of the City and Province generally.

"The City of Halifax under the enactment in question, controls the railway and lighting business to as full an extent as it did under the terms of the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramways Company, Limited.

"I am directed to say generally respecting this application for disallowance that the Government of Nova Scotia submits that the Act is a fair and proper Act, within the powers of the Legislature, and thought to be highly in the public interest, and contains nothing which can be reasonably criticised on any principle governing the disallowance of provincial statutes, which has heretofore been laid down."

It appears that this statute was vigorously opposed in the Legislature on the part of the City, and that its provisions were the subject of a very careful consideration. It was apparently thought by the Legislature that the enactments of section 22 were adequate to protect the City in respect of its contract rights, revenues and the rates and fares which the Company should be allowed to take. However that may be, the undersigned cannot avoid the conclusion that the subject of this Act is a matter of local concern within the Province and within the undoubted powers of the Legislature, and it will be observed that the Attorney General states in effect that a governing motive of the Legislation was the encouragement and development of water powers throughout the Province for the production of electric energy. The power of disallowance while in nowise constitutionally limited, cannot conveniently be invoked as a general means for the reconsideration of legislative measures. The reasons for a practical limitation of the cases in which the Governor General can be advised to interfere have been frequently indicated throughout a long course of practice, and while the undersigned maintains that the injustice, inconvenience or inexpediency of a measure as affecting public or private interests in respect of matters within the jurisdiction of the legislatures may in exceptional cases afford justifiable ground for disallowance, he is not satisfied upon a careful review of the material before him that any of these conditions prevail in the present case.

As to the two points of *ultra vires* made by the petition the undersigned observes that the broad powers conferred by the statute to authorize the acquisition by the Company of the business of other companies cannot, in his opinion, be interpreted to express an intention that the Company shall acquire franchises which it would be incompetent to the legislature to grant, and if the Company should attempt to make use of the power for such a purpose it would be restrained by the courts in proper proceedings.

The undersigned does not approve the provision of section 8 authorizing the annual general meeting of shareholders, and other meetings of shareholders or directors, to be held outside the Province of Nova Scotia, and he recommends that the attention of the local Government be directed to this clause, with a view to amendment. He observes, however, that the power to hold meetings outside the Province is stated alternatively with the power to hold meetings within the Province, and if the power to hold meetings outside be, as the undersigned is inclined to think it is, in excess of the authority of the legislature, it is a power plainly separable which could be denied by the courts without affecting the other provisions of the Act.

For these reasons the undersigned is unable to make any recommendation favourable to the granting of the prayer of the petitioners.

Chapter 182—intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 113 Acts of 1911, entitled 'An Act to Incorporate Canadian Tungsten Mines, Limited,' as amended" and

Chapter 183—intituled "An Act to amend an Act of the present session entitled 'An Act to amend Chapter 113, Acts of 1911, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Canadian Tungsten Mines, Limited, as amended'";

are still under consideration and will form the subject of a separate report.

The undersigned recommends that a copy of this report, if approved, be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, for the information of his Government, and to the Mayor of the City of Halifax.

Humbly submitted,

CHAS. J. DOHERTY,
Minister of Justice.

Filed,

KANE, STANLEY AND CREIGHTON STREETS SEWER TRENCHING.

Read report Board of Control re security to be furnished by George Low & Co., contractors for trenching for trenching for sewers in Kane, Creighton and Stanley Streets.

City Hall, Nov. 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Council held on October 8th, the tender of George Low & Co., for trenching for sewers in Kane, Stanley and Creighton Streets was accepted, amongst other conditions upon the understanding that they were to furnish as security a bond of the United States

Fidelity and Guaranty Company in the sum of \$6,500.00. Messrs. Low & Co. because of certain conditions which they explain the Guaranty Company demands, desire to substitute as their sureties, Edward Maxwell and Frank A. Ronnan. The Board of Control approves of the sureties offered by George Low & Company, and recommends the concurrence of the Council.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Hines that Robert Daw be permitted to address the Council. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same, and 10 against it, as follows:

For the Motion—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Gastonguay, Murphy and Parker.—4.

Against it—

Controllers Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Smith, Cox, Hines, Riordon, Harris and Hubley.—10.

The original motion for the adoption of the report of the Board of Control is put and passed, 13 voting for the same, and 1 against, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controllers Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Smith, Cox, Hines, Gastonguay, Murphy, Riordon, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—13.

Against it—

Controller Harris.—1.

COAL WEIGHERS.

Read report Board of Control covering report of a special Committee in re employment, duties and fees of Coal Weighers.

City Hall, Nov. 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—In consequence of an investigation made by a special committee of the Board of Control into matters relating to the weighing of coal, the annual appointment last May of coal weighers was deferred pending further inquiry by the Board of Control. The Board now begs to submit for the approval of the Council the attached report from Controllers O'Connor and Harris, with the further recommendation that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to amend the present coal weighing Ordinance in accordance with the report of the special committee.

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

FINAL REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Halifax; N. S., November 4th., 1914.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Controllers O'Connor and Harris report as follows:—

Re Coal.

1. That Simon Cummins, John F. Selig, D. J. Sullivan, William M. Carroll, A. H. Cullimore, Robert P. Burns, J. P. O'Connor and Frederick C. James be appointed permanent coal weighers.

2. That D. J. Sampson be appointed a permanent coal weigher, his appointment to date only from his return to work and to continue only while at work.

3. That Patrick Leahy, William H. Day and R. Z. Godsall be appointed supernumerary coal weighers.

4. That A. J. Smith be not reappointed a coal weigher.

5. That permanent coal weighers be employed at—

H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., north branch.

S. Cunard & Co., Ltd., north depot.

“ “ “ south “

G. E. Boak & Co., coal wharf.

Wm. Roche's coal wharf.

Intercolonial (Deep Water) Terminus.

Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.

6. That William Jaynes, an employee of the Halifax Electric Tram Co. be sworn in as a supernumerary coal weigher and be permitted to weigh coke sold by that Company, the fees payable in respect of this business being retained by him.

7. That in future fees be charged and collected in respect of coal sold to the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

8. That supernumeraries be employed as assistants to above, and at the depots of other dealers.

9. That permanent coal weighers be transferred by the supervisor from one depot to another at least every three months, according to a principle of rotation, but subject to the discretion of the Supervisor, and orders from the Board of Control.

10. That all permanent or supernumerary coal weighers be prohibited from accepting remuneration for any form of service rendered to coal dealers on penalty of dismissal.

11. That Mr. Cummins, in addition to weighing coal, be appointed supervisor of Coal Weighers with the duty of collecting charges, keeping accounts, and superintending, placing and paying the other members of the force.

12. That the weighing fee be increased from 5c to 6c per ton.

13. That the Ordinance be amended to provide for above recommendations 10 and 12, and that the appointments be recommended to Council.

W. F. O'CONNOR.
REGINALD V. HARRIS.

PRELIMINARY REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Halifax, N. S., September 22nd., 1913.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—By resolution of date July 15th., 1913, the Board of Control referred to the undersigned as a special committee the duty of investigating and reporting upon the matter of weighing of coal and coke within the City, involving an inquiry into the personnel of the coal weighers, permanent and supernumerary.

We now report as follows:—

1. There are eight permanent coal weighers, viz.—Simon Cummins, Supervisor, and seven others, whose names, with the date of their appointments and statement showing the average annual receipts of such coal weighers appear in the statement annexed hereto and marked "A."

2. Besides these permanent coal weighers there are three supernumerary coal weighers, viz.—J. P. O'Connor, P. Leahy and D. J. Sampson.

3. Of the permanent coal weighers, A. J. Smith, who was appointed in January, 1891, has served for twenty-two years. He has not done any work as a coal weigher for about a year. He has been stationed at Roche's Wharf but was transferred by his supervisor to MacKenzie's north branch and subsequently J. P. O'Connor, his supernumerary, was placed at MacKenzie's north branch in his stead.

4. Another permanent coal weigher, William Hawley, who was appointed in January 1901, now does very little work. He is employed at G. P. Henry's coal establishment where about three cars of coal per week are delivered, and Mr. Hawley's sole duties are the weighing of this small quantity of coal.

5. John F. Selig, another permanent coal weigher, is employed at Cunard's south depot. He was appointed in 1901.

6. D. J. Sullivan, permanent coal weigher, appointed November 1907, is employed at Boak's Wharf.

7. William M. Carroll, permanent coal weigher, appointed December, 1911, is employed at Cunard's north depot.

8. A. H. Cullymore, permanent coal weigher, appointed August, 1911, is employed at Roche's Wharf.

9. Robert P. Burns, appointed March 1913, is employed at Deep Water Terminus.

10. P. Leahy, supernumerary coal weigher, is employed at MacKenzie's wharf. This man seems to be working in the place of the permanent weigher Hawley, now employed, as mentioned, at Henry's, the explanation being that Mr. Hawley, because of age and infirmity, has become unable to satisfactorily perform the full duties of a permanent coal weigher employed upon a wharf or at a place of business where a great deal of coal is weighed.

11. J. P. O'Connor, supernumerary coal weigher mentioned, is employed at MacKenzie's north depot performing the work which otherwise would be performed there by A. J. Smith, a permanent man who seemingly has ceased to act as a coal weigher.

12. D. J. Sampson, supernumerary coal weigher, is employed at Dominion Coal Company's Wharf. Why a supernumerary coal weigher should be employed at this particular coal depot, and in fact in succession to a predecessor who was also a supernumerary coal weigher, is something which the undersigned are quite unable to understand. Again it transpires from inquiries made by us of Mr. Cummins and of Mr. Sampson, that Mr. Sampson and his predecessor for some years back have been paid the sum of \$1.25 per day out of the general earnings of the coal weighers and that in addition the Coal Company pays to Mr. Sampson the sum of \$6.25 per week for services which he performs for them. One of these services performed is the weighing of, for the Dominion Coal Company, of about 5000 tons of coal sold by the Dominion Coal Company to the Dominion Government's departments within the City of Halifax direct from stores and upon which a coal weighing charge of five cents per ton should have been paid during all these years but which has not been paid. In this connection we may explain that we had some difficulty in making Mr. Cummins understand that the payment of \$1.25 per week to Mr. Sampson per day out of the general receipts of the coal weighers for all coal weighed and the exemption of the other coal weighers of the City from participation in the coal weighing charge that ought to have been paid by or to the Dominion Coal Company upon these many thousands of tons of coal which have been delivered, weighing free, worked an injustice against all the other coal weighers. Having made that plain to Mr. Cummins, however, he agreed with us that the prevailing arrangement with the Dominion Coal Company should be put an end to.

13. It transpired during the course of our investigations that the various coal dealers have been permitted to exercise a certain right of selection of the coal weighers or supernumeraries who shall weigh the coal upon the various premises. For instance, it has been mentioned that this man or that was not working in a particular place because the coal dealer objected to him. The undersigned venture to suggest that no reason short of one authorizing the dismissal of the coal weigher from civic employ should be regarded as a reason for the ineligibility of any of the civic coal weighers from employment at any particular place where civic ordinances require that coal shall be weighed. The undersigned recommend that the various coal weighers, permanent and supernumerary, should be employed in rotation for periods not exceeding three months at any place of employment, and that the rotation should be fixed as is that of the Customs employees within the Dominion service who are employed on wharves, so that a coal weigher would shift to the next wharf or place north or south as might be decided upon. The undersigned do not consider it desirable that a coal weigher should be employed for too long a period upon the one wharf as such employment may lead to abuses.

14. The supernumerary coal weighers, excepting Sampson, are paid a per diem rate of \$1.50. This sum is supposed to come out of the general receipts for coal weighing and to be paid only for such days as the coal

weighers work. The permanent coal weighers are supposed to receive the remaining proceeds pro rata; but this has not been adhered to. Mr. Hawley, for instance, is paid while he works. Mr. Smith takes his share and out of it through Mr. Cummins pays J. P. O'Connor, the supernumerary, \$1.50 per day. The undersigned consider this to be an unsystematic and improper method of carrying out the civic ordinances. Further, one Janes weighs the ocke at the Tramway Company, and receives the charges made as his own. This man is apparently neither a permanent or supernumerary weigher.

15. The supervisor of coal weighers, Mr. Cummins, himself does no coal weighing but spends his time in collecting from the various coal dealers the coal weighing charges, keeping the accounts and superintending and placing the men.

16. From the investigation made by the undersigned they are in a position to report that the services of permanent coal weighers Selig, Sullivan, Carroll, Cullymore and Burns are satisfactory, but that the services of permanent coal weighers Smith and Hawley, in Mr. Hawley's case certainly not through any fault of his own, are not such as the City should require. Your committee would recommend that the services of coal weigher Smith be dispensed with; that coal weigher Hawley be transferred from the permanent to the supernumerary list of coal weighers; that supernumerary J. P. O'Connor be made a permanent weigher in place of permanent coal weigher Smith, that Supernumerary Leahy be made a permanent coal weigher in place of permanent coal weigher Hawley. The undersigned further recommend that W. D. Sanger be appointed a supernumerary coal weigher, and that if Mr. Sanger's services prove satisfactory, he be appointed a permanent coal weigher at the earliest convenient time, there being at present no vacancy unless the staff of permanent coal weighers be increased. The undersigned consider that the supernumerary coal weighers who have given satisfaction should have the preference in filling any vacancies created by reason of the possible adoption of this report.

17. The undersigned strongly recommend that a permanent coal weigher shall perform the services of coal weighing at the Dominion Coal Company's Wharf, that being the wharf where by far the greater quantity of coal is weighed, and that if the services of one weigher on the premises mentioned be not sufficient a supernumerary be employed whenever necessary to give further assistance. Further that all coal weighers be prohibited from accepting remuneration for any form of service rendered to coal dealers and that the weighing fee be increased from five cents to six cents per ton.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. O'CONNOR.
R. V. HARRIS.

PERMANENT COAL WEIGHERS.

(Exhibit "A")

A. J. Smith, elected January, 1891, 22 years.

At Henry's, Wm. Hawley, elected January, 1901, 12 years.

At Cunard's South Depot, John F. Selig, elected July, 1901, 12 years.

At Boak's, D. J. Sullivan, elected November, 1907, 6 years.

At Cunard's North Depot, William M. Carroll, elected December, 1911.

At Roche's, A. H. Cullymore, elected August, 1912.

At Deep Water Terminus, Robert P. Burns, elected March, 1913.

Annual Dividends.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| For civic year ending April 30th, | 1902 | \$464.53 |
| " | " 1903 | 417.84 |
| " | " 1904 | 473.80 |
| " | " 1905 | 515.24 |
| " | " 1906 | 531.06 |
| " | " 1907 | 562.57 |
| " | " 1908 | 611.10 |
| " | " 1909 | 525.93 |
| " | " 1910 | 499.16 |
| " | " 1911 | 545.09 |
| " | " 1912 | 587.70 |
| " | " 1913 | 613.99 |
| | | \$6348.01 |

Average for 12 years— \$529.00

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control together with the final report of the Social Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

HENRY STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending extension of water in Henry Street.

City Hall, Nov., 5th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control at a meeting held this evening, present all the members of the Board, beg to recommend the adoption of the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension, Henry Street.

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

City Engineer's Office Nov., 5th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—An extension of the water system on Henry Street for a distance of about 60 ft. is required to supply two flats. I did not get notice in time for the last meeting of the Board of Control. I estimate that the revenue will pay the interest and beg to recommend that the extension be made.

F. W. W. DOÁNE, *City Engineer.*

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

PROPOSED LOAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

His Worship the Mayor reads and submits a message covering an order from the Governor-in-Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$48,067.00 to pay for additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School and Oxford School.

Mayor's Office, November 5th., 1914.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—During the past quarter of a century, which after all is only a short period in Municipal life, the annual expenditure on our public schools has increased, from the year 1889 to the year 1914, from \$74000.00 to \$225,566.85.

It is stated in the last published report of our School Board, 1913, that the result is "much below the ideal at which we aim".

I herewith convey to you an Order from the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council of the Province, to issue City bonds for a loan for School purposes to realize the sum of \$48,067.00, and in doing so beg to make the following observations:

Just one year ago today, November 5th, 1913, I suggested, and the Board of Control agreed with me, that the yearly civic estimates should be prepared and taken up for consideration earlier than had been customary in order that more careful thought could be given to them as a whole. Notwithstanding that this was attempted, and that the estimates should have been passed before the close of the calendar year, our budget was not approved until February 5th, 1914, and we had to go to the Legislature for sanction and legalization of our assessment. One of our difficulties at that time was the ever increasing expenditure for Public Schools. I proposed to lop off \$10,000.00 (something like 3c off the tax rate) but only succeeded in reducing it by half that amount.

Last January (see printed minutes of Council, February 5th, 1914, page 537 et seq) the School Board endeavored to obtain the sanction of the City to the sale of the Acadian School and the C. F. Outhit building, owned as school property, and to the erection on Albemarle Street of a school to replace the Acadian School with the funds raised by the sale of the Argyle and Barrington Street properties. I opposed this as vigorously as I could and succeeded in arriving at an understanding that we would take advantage of the opportunity we then had to acquire the Albemarle Street properties at a reasonable price, but that no new school building should be erected until after the Acadian School and the Outhit building were sold and paid for. Subsequently the Albemarle Street properties were bought, but notwithstanding the tacit agreement reached at a conference between the School Board and the Board of Control at a meeting held January 21st, 1914, Controller Harris, the Chairman of the School Board, and the members of the Board, proceeded to exercise an authority which is given by Statute, and applied to the Governor in Council for permission to let a contract for the construction of a new building to take the place of the Acadian School at a contract price of \$26,000.00, which at the present cost of money, would cost about \$30,000.00 and interest for thirty years at 4½%.

Six months before the war broke out the Board of Control advised the School Board to wait until the monetary conditions became more settled before precipitating any load upon the City which was not emergent. Within a fortnight after the outbreak of the war the School Board applied to the Government for authority to saddle upon the City contracts for the erection, etc., of buildings to the extent of \$79,659.00, which at the prevailing rate of loans would cost the City \$92,624.00 and interest at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ for thirty years.

All the members of the Board of Control, with the exception of Controller Harris, the Chairman of the School Board, strenuously opposed this loan and prevailed upon the Governor-in-Council to refuse to ratify the contracts for the erection of the new Acadian School, but agreed that if any school loan was found to be absolutely necessary, it should not be issued at a less favorable rate than was obtained by the City when it made its recent loan of \$55,000.00.

In pursuance of the policy of the Board of School Commissioners for the past few years, it is perhaps undeniable that the enlargement of both the Le-Marchant Street and the Oxford Schools would be a further carrying out of their policy, and would perhaps be desirable if finances were not at the present time a most vital consideration. It cannot be denied perhaps that both of these schools, under our present educational system, are overcrowded, yet it is submitted that this is not the time to either borrow money, or to expend it for idealistic purposes.

The constantly increasing demands of the School Board have handicapped the Civic administration in many of its activities. Last winter the Board of Control had before it applications from its various Departments for extraordinary expenditures over and above the annual estimates, totalling \$140,000.00. The economical spirit of the City Council prevailed in very largely reducing this burden and the total amount authorized by the Legislature was kept within \$58,000.00, if the practically unworkable provision with respect to the sum of \$50,000.00 for repairs to streets is eliminated. The paramount reason for this curtailment was very largely induced by the cold fact of the increased demands made for public schools.

Notwithstanding then, that we were authorized to borrow \$58,000.00, we called a halt when we found the money ~~matter~~ ^{market} tight and out of the 1914 authorization have only borrowed \$19,500.00—\$11,000.00 of which is for purchases of lands for improvement of streets.

Since the outbreak of the war we have only borrowed a sum sufficient to produce \$73,000.00 (only \$55,000.00 of which was placed upon the market) two-thirds of which was under authority of legislation obtained before the Board of Control system came into operation.

I deem it expedient the public should know that fifteen years ago the School Board acquired from the people twenty-five cents out of every dollar of civic expenditure and at the present time takes from us about one-third of our taxation for all purposes. The figures for the enlightenment of this demonstration show:

Civic year 1900-1901, total civic estimate, \$397,300.00 (including schools); school budget, \$99,300.00; proportion for schools, 25 per cent.

Civic year 1914-1915, total civic estimate, (including schools) \$668,470.00; schools appropriation, \$225,500.00; proportion for schools, 30.4 per cent.

I consider it not only interesting to the financiers and the taxpayers, but of importance to the citizens generally, to give a brief schedule of School statistics for the last 25 years, as follows:—

| Year | Average daily attendance | City Expenditure. |
|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| 1889-90 | 4,029 | \$ 74,000.00 |
| 1894-95 | 4,727 | 85,600.00 |
| 1899-1900 | 5,301 | 101,220.00 |
| 1904-05 | 5,602 | 112,850.00 |
| 1909-10 | 5,530 | 159,806.14—See printed Minutes of Council December 30th, 1908, page 286. |
| 1914-15 | 6,300 | 225,566.85 |

The last published report of the School Board gives the average daily attendance for 1913 at 6,233; the expenditure at \$166,617.00; and the cost per pupil enrolled \$19.80. As a matter of fact, the citizens of Halifax (leaving out of the calculation altogether the amount of the local government grant) were taxed that year \$198,428.11 for Public Schools which, at the average daily attendance cost \$31.83 per pupil (or on the basis of the total enrolment, if the School Board prefers it that way, \$23.58 per pupil) instead of \$19.80 as published in their annual report.

For the current year the City's expenditure for schools is \$225,566.85. If the average daily attendance is 6300 the cost per pupil is practically \$36.00 each as against the School Board's claim of \$20.00 each. Even basing the calculation upon the total enrolment of pupils (8415) the cost to the taxpayers is \$27.00 instead of \$20.00 per pupil.

Another method of calculation is of importance as having reference to a comparison of our expenditures and our assets and the growth of the school budget:

In 1889-90 the Public Schools cost the City \$74,000.00. The total City assessment amounted to \$21,794,629.00. The proportion was .3395.

In 1910-11 the schools cost \$163,404.00. The assessment totalled \$29,105,000. The proportion was .5614.

In 1914-15 the sum granted by the City for schools was \$225,566.00. The assessment was \$35,788,000.00. The proportion was .6303.

It is illuminating to examine the growth of the civic expenditure for general purposes in comparison with the demands of the School Board in five year periods; I quote as follows from the City records, which speak so loudly that comment from me is here unnecessary:

| 1890 | | 1900 | | 1910 | |
|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| City | 84c | City | \$1.19 | City | \$1.23 |
| County | 6c | County | .05 | County | .06 |
| School | 43c | School | .48 | School | .68 |
| | <u>\$1.33</u> | | <u>\$1.72</u> | | <u>\$1.97</u> |
| 1895 | | 1905 | | 1914 | |
| City | 89c | City | \$1.15 | City | \$1.23 |
| County | 5c | County | .06 | County | .04 |
| School | 44c | School | .52 | School | .73 |
| | <u>\$1.38</u> | | <u>\$1.73</u> | | <u>\$2.00</u> |

The Board of Control is of the opinion that some change is necessary for the more reasonable conduct of our Public School affairs but the details of this I will not touch upon here as it will be brought before you in another form directly from the Board of Control.

The City Solicitor advises that when once the Order is made by the Governor-in-Council upon the City to issue debentures to raise funds for school purposes it is imperative on the part of the City to obey, failing which the Board of School Commissioners may itself go into the market and raise all funds authorized as a charge upon the City.

This is the situation as regards the loan of \$48,067.00 which Controller Harris and the Board of School Commissioners are desirous of obtaining and which will cost the City \$55,891.86 and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest for thirty years, equal to \$2,515.13 or about one cent on the tax rate.

Whilst realizing fully the importance and generally excellence of our Public Schools, and that all reasonable demands made by the School Board should be cheerfully met, yet it is submitted that a halt must be made at some point in expenditure even for so important a part of our civic life as our schools, and especially at such a time of financial stringency as now prevails.

Repeating that I do not consider it either necessary or expedient that the City, for general Municipal or for School purposes, should enter upon new activities at this time, I submit to you the Order obtained from the Governor-in-Council by Controller Harris and the other members of the School Board leaving it for you to determine whether the members of the City Council or the body actually responsible should assume any criticism which might ultimately arise through effecting this loan at the present time.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

Office of Provincial Secretary, Halifax, 10th August, 1914.

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

Sir:—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor-in-Council under section 901 of the Halifax City Charter for an Order directing the City to issue its debentures to an amount sufficient to raise the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars (\$3,994.00) which the Board requires for the purpose of paying for alterations in heating systems at Alexandra and Chebucto Schools, viz:—

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Alexandra.—Longard Bros..... | \$2998.00 |
| Chebucto—Farquhar Bros..... | 996.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3994.00 |

I am also to inform you that the Governor-in-Council has appointed Thursday, the 13th instant, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the Executive Council Room, Provincial Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of such application shall be heard, and that the City Council may appear at the hearing.

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

Office of Provincial Secretary, Halifax, N. S., 10th August, 1914.

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

Sir:—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax have submitted for the approval of the Governor-in-Council the following proposed contracts—

Contract for alterations and additions to LeMarchant Street School, with S. A. Marshall & Son, for the sum of \$7,747.00.

Contract for heating the said School Building with Messrs. Longard Bros., for the sum of \$2,240.00.

Contract for additions and alterations to Oxford School with Messrs. Freeman Bros., for the sum of \$29,600.00.

Contract for heating the Oxford School building with Messrs. Longard Bros., for the sum of \$6,190.00.

Contract for the erection of a brick school house on Albemarle Street (to take the place of the present Acadian School) with Messrs. S. A. Marshall & Son, for the sum of \$25,993.00.

Contract for heating the said proposed brick school house on Albemarle Street with Messrs. Farquhar Bros., for the sum of \$3,895.00.

I am also to inform you that these matters will be considered by the Government on Thursday next, the 13th instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in the Executive Council Room, when the City may appear and state their views.

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

Office Provincial Secretary Halifax, 16th October, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor, Halifax.

Sir:—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor-in-Council under section 901 of the Halifax City Charter for an order directing the City to issue its debentures to an amount sufficient to raise the sum of Forty-eight Thousand and sixty-seven Dollars (\$48,067.00) which the Board requires for the purpose of paying for additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School and Oxford School respectively, viz:—

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| LeMarchant St.: | S. A. Marshall & Son, Building | ...\$7,747 | |
| | Longard Bros., Heating |2,240 | |
| | Harris & Horton, Archts. Fees |500 | \$10,487 |
| Oxford School: | Freeman Bros., Building |\$29,600 | |
| | Longard Bros., Heating |6,190 | |
| | R. A. Johnson, Archts. Fees |1,790 | \$37,580 \$48067 |

I am also to inform you that the Governor-in-Council has appointed Monday, the 19th instant, at eleven o'clock a.m. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, at the time and place at which the matter of such application shall be heard, and that the City Council may appear at the hearing.

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

Office of City Solicitor, Oct. 23rd., 1914.

The Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:—In response to the request of the Board for my opinion as to the respective rights and powers of the Board of Control, City Council and the School Board under Sections 901-904 of the City Charter, I beg to say as follows:—

To properly understand the sections in question it is necessary to consider the law previous to their enactment in 1907. Before that time by section 820 of the former Charter the School Board had power to issue its own debentures, which were a charge on the City, without any reference to the City whatever, and the only check on its powers was the indirect one furnished by section 812, which required the sanction of the Governor-in-Council to any contract for the purchase of land or the erection of a school building. The City had no voice in the matter.

Naturally this condition of the law was not satisfactory to the Council and in 1907 it sought legislation taking from the School Board the right to issue debentures and giving the Council a controlling voice in the issue of any debentures of the City for School purposes. The School Board opposed the change and the present legislation is the result of a compromise.

By it the School Board is required to apply to the Governor-in-Council for an order directing the issue of debentures for certain specified purposes, and a hearing is provided for, of which the City is to receive notice and at which it may be heard. After the hearing the matter is entirely in the hands of the Governor-in-Council, and the decision of that body as to the amount to be raised for the purposes of the School Board is final, and as to that neither the Board of Control nor the City Council has any further voice, except of course as to the terms of the issue. Even in that respect the Council is not necessarily involved, for subsection 4, requiring the Treasurer to "forthwith issue the debentures or stock of the City to the amount required to raise the amount directed" is imperative, and could probably be enforced against that official by an order of a court. Section 904 however provides a more summary remedy by authorizing the School Board in the event of non compliance with the direction of the Governor-in-Council itself to borrow the money directed to be raised either, as a loan repayable by the City at once, or secured by debentures issued by the School Board but chargeable to the City, in the same way as the debentures issued by the Board previous to 1907. As the Board had no difficulty in issuing its debentures then I apprehend it would find none now.

As to the second point on which my opinion is requested, whether or not the School Board could issue debentures at a price below par, I am of opinion that it can. It is clear law that an ordinary corporation has this power (Cook on Corp. par. 98), and though a doubt is suggested in a note to that section as to whether or not a similar power exists in the case of a municipal corporation, I find on an examination of the cases cited that the statutes there in question prohibited issue for less than par, and what the Courts were dealing with was an attempt to evade this provision by an issue, nominally at par, in exchange for stock in a subsidized company or for goods purchased, leaving this nominal purchaser to dispose of the issue at a price representing the real purchasing price of the bonds. On the other hand, although no express authority for an issue below par is contained in Chapter 24 of the Acts of 1880, or in the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, under which acts the greater part of the City's bonds have been issued, no question has ever been raised as to the right to dispose of them for the best price obtainable. No such provision is contained in the Municipal Debentures Act 1912. The insertion of such a provision in some of the acts incorporating private companies is in my opinion merely by way of greater precaution and quite unnecessary.

Apart from this it seems to me that the language of our statute puts the matter beyond doubt. It does not authorize an issue of bonds to the amount of the direction but "sufficient to raise (i. e. produce) the amount directed" and the only way in which bonds can produce an amount is by disposing of them for what they will bring. Conversely, if the bonds would sell above par I do not think the treasurer or the School Board would be justified in a greater issue than sufficient to produce the amount required.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Office Provincial Secretary, Halifax, 23rd October, 1914.

The City Clerk, Halifax.

Sir:—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of an Order in Council dated the 22nd instant, ordering and directing, under Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, the City of Halifax to issue Debentures to raise the sum of \$48,067.00 required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax to pay for additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School and Oxford School respectively.

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

Certified copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 22nd day of October, A. D., 1914.

Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum of Forty-eight Thousand and Sixty-seven Dollars to pay for additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School and Oxford School respectively, namely—

LeMarchant Street School.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| S. A Marshall & Son, Building..... | \$ 7,747 |
| Longard Bros., Heating..... | 2,240 |
| Harris & Horton, Architects Fees..... | 500 |
| | ———— \$10,487 |

Oxford School.

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| Freeman Bros., Building..... | \$29,600 |
| Longard Bros., Heating..... | 6,190 |
| R. A. Johnson, Architects Fees..... | 1,790 |
| | ————\$37,580 \$48,067 |

and applied to the Governor-in-Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum of Forty-eight Thousand and Sixty-seven Dollars required as aforesaid.

And whereas due notice of the sum so required and of the purpose for which the same is required and of the time and place appointed, namely Monday, the 19th day of October, A. D. 1914, at eleven o'clock A. M. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, at which the matter of said application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City;

And Whereas the matter of said application was heard at such time and place;

Now therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of Section 901

of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue Debentures to raise the amount so required.

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

Controller Harris submits the following resolution:—

Whereas under the provisions of the City Charter it is necessary to provide the sum of \$48,067.00 for expenditures incurred or to be incurred by the Board of School Commissioners for the erection of additions to certain school buildings and other expenses incidental thereto;

Resolved that the City Treasurer is hereby instructed and authorized to dispose of the stock or debentures or both of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, sufficient to realize the sum of \$48,067.00 the same to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1945;

Further Resolved that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept any offer for said stock or debentures at a price equal to 86% of par value of such stock or debentures, together with interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum from the first day of July, 1914;

And that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to issue such stock or debentures of the City of Halifax of the par value of \$55,891.00, and to deliver same to the purchaser or purchasers;

Further Resolved that any stock issued under this resolution be dated the first day of July, 1914, and said debentures be dated on the first day of July, 1913, and be repayable on the first day of July, 1945, and bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ from the 1st day of July, 1914, (all coupons prior to those payable on January 1st, 1915 to be removed before delivery).

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman Hines, and being put, is lost, 4 voting for the same, and 9 against, as follows.—

For the Resolution—

Controller Harris and Aldermen Gastonguay, Hines and Harris.—4.

Against it—

Controllers O'Connor, Hoben and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Cox, Murphy, Riordon, Hubley and Parker.—9.

LEGISLATION RE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control suggesting consideration of proposals in respect to the management and financing of public schools.

City Hall, Oct. 26th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit to the City Council as a tentative proposal, subject to change or enlargement after deliberation, the following resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board held this day, present the Mayor, and Controllers Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan:—

That Legislation be asked at the next session of the Provincial Legislature whereby—

(a) The School Board shall consist of the four Controllers, four Aldermen elected by the Council, and four appointed by the Government, the Controllers and Aldermen to hold office only while members of the City Council.

(b) The taxation for school purposes shall be separately assessed, imposed, rated and billed.

All borrowings and estimates of the School Board shall be subject to the approval of the Council with an appeal to the Governor-in-Council in the event of non-confirmation by the Council.

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

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Scanlan that the report be adopted.

His Worship the Mayor requests Controller Hoben to take the chair in order that he (the Mayor) may be permitted to address the Council.

Controller Hoben takes the chair.

His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hines, seconded by Alderman Murphy that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration, and that a copy thereof be furnished each member of the Council. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

His Worship the Mayor requests the Council to nominate two Commissioners of Public Schools to fill vacancies caused by retirement of ex-Alderman Gates and Controller Harris.

Alderman Brown is nominated by Alderman Hines, seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Hubley is nominated by Alderman Harris, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay.

There being no further nominations, His Worship the Mayor declares Aldermen Brown and Hubley duly appointed Commissioners of Public Schools.

COMMISSIONER NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

His Worship the Mayor requests the Council to nominate a Commissioner of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, vice W. J. Clayton, term expired.

Alderman Smith is nominated by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay.

Alderman Parker is nominated by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Hines.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For Alderman Smith:—7, for Alderman Parker:—5, as follows:—

For Alderman Smith—Controllers Hoben, Scanlan and O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Gastonguay, Hubley and Rioridon.—7.

For Alderman Parker—Controller Harris, and Alderman Cox, Hines, Murphy and Harris.—5.

Aldermen Smith and Parker not voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Smith duly appointed a member of the Exhibition Commission.

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

Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Dec., 10th., 1914.

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

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with ~~Controllers~~ ^{Members} Harris, Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Cox, Gastonguay, Murphy, ~~Ridgdon~~ and Parker.

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:—

- Reports (36) Board of Control, viz.—
- Accounts.
- City Home.
- Walnut Street Straightening.
- Annual Report City Clerk.
- The Maritime Forward Movement Convention.
- DeWolf's Wharf Sewer Outlet.
- Plumbing at City Prison.
- Plumbing in Houses under Health Laws.
- Tenders for supplies City Home.
- Purchase of Water Meters.
- Tenders for Fodder.
- Longard Road Street Line—Heber Hartlen.
- Oakland Road Boat Landing.
- Lucknow Street Sidewalk.
- Belle Aire Terrace Street Light.
- Street Lights.
- Superannuation Policeman Golden.
- Chebucto Road and Windsor Street—St. Matthias Church.
- St. Alban's Street Sewer and Water.
- Water Extension Henry Street.
- Water Bills, 18 James Street and 215 Creighton Street.

Water Bill, 45 North Park Street.
 Water Bill, 168½ Upper Water Street.
 Legislation re Public Schools.
 Estimates for Public Schools, 1915-16.
 Horton Aerial Ladder.
 Fire Department (2).
 Fire Department, Firemen on Active Military Service.
 Water Bill, 575 Robie Street.
 Water Extension King's Place.
 George, Albemarle and Grafton Streets Curbs and Sidewalks.
 Chimney Sweeping Ordinance.
 Coal and Coke Ordinance.
 Ordinance re Traffic on Streets.
 City Prison Investigation.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts for payment.

City Hall, Dec. 9th., 1914.

The City Council.

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

Fire Department.

Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$32.43; Geo. E. Smith & Co., mdse., \$57.75; William Taylor Co., Ltd., rubber boots, \$66.00; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, Nov., 1914, \$7.75; Lawrence Hardware Co., hardware, \$30.84; John Davison & Son, lumber, \$16.45; Thos. J. Healy, plumbing Quinpool Rd. house, \$44.00; Thos. Bottomley & Sons, door, etc., \$7.00; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$11.81; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$174.51; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$164.64; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$30.80; A. J. McNutt, carriage repairs, \$4.50; Burns & Kelleher, repairs, etc., \$10.95; Robinsons, Ltd., carriage hire, \$2.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$51.44; National Drug & Chemical Co., drugs, \$7.00; Farquhar Bros., plumbing, etc., \$28.97; F. P. Farquharson, supplies, \$13.60; Kelly's Ltd., supplies, \$9.98; Gordon & Keith, supplies, \$44.50; T. H. & W. T. Francis, bedding, \$59.90; American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, Fire Engine parts, \$14.35; Wm. Robertson & Son, sou'westers, \$4.80; Hillis & Sons, strainer, \$.50; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$328.50; Halifax Steam Laundry, laundry, \$17.00; Hart & Nelson, hard wood, \$17.00; Maritime Tel. Co., exchange service, \$107.75; W. & A. Moir, repairs, etc., \$31.72; David Roche, supplies, \$15.19; William Roche, coal, \$12.82; Can. Con. Rubber Co., supplies, \$9.20; J. R. Gaunt & Son, mdse., \$6.45. Total \$1435.80.

City Health Board.

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$15.48; Halifax Tram Co., light, \$11.01; C. J. Crain, transportation, \$15.75; Kelly & Glassey, whiskey, \$4.80; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$9.00; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$52.50; Lawrence Hardware Co., stove, \$30.00; Farquhar Bros., electric wiring, \$50.00; Farquhar Bros., plumbing, \$375.00; J. R. Bourke, telegram, \$.76; LeMonte Buskins, sweeping chimneys, \$5.00; Thompson & Theakston, carpenter work, \$775.91. Total \$1345.21.

City Prison.

Moir's Ltd., bread, \$25.02; Wentzells Ltd., groceries, \$49.87; W. A. Mal-
 ing, oxheads, \$22.75; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$6.89; A. M. Bell &
 Co., hardware, \$4.75; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$43.80; F. A. Shaw, fodder,
 \$15.50; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$5.85; D. Roche, glass, \$1.65; James Demp-
 ster, lumber, \$.75; H. D. McKenzie Co., coal, \$230.00; J. & M. Murphy, dry
 goods, \$2.90; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$4.50; Halifax Tram Co.,
 current, \$6.80; J. W. Kedy, repairs to prison fence, \$62.65; Neil Fox, supplies
 and repairs, \$1.75; Robt. Eccles, reporting investigation, \$59.50. Total
 \$534.93.

General Accounts.

T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, License Inspector \$1.20, City
 Collector, \$22.35, City Solicitor \$2.50, City Treasurer, \$2.50, City Clerk,
 \$78.48. Total \$107.03. A. & W. MacKinlay, books, City Collector, \$10.50;
 Marshall's News Store, subscription to Herald, City Clerk, \$6.00; Registrar
 of Deeds, Assessor, \$.70; Hfx. Industrial School, Quarter ending Nov. 1-14.,
 truants, \$86.66, juvenile offenders, \$162.73. Total \$249.39; School for the
 Deaf, 4 pupils for term 1913-14, \$400.00; Neglected and Dependent Children,
 Protestant Orphanage, Board of Joseph and Gladys Taylor from July 11-13
 to Oct. 31-14, \$170.00; Hfx. Industrial School, Board William Reid to Oct.
 31-14, Board of A. Umlah to July 16-14, Board of A. Bartholemew to Oct.
 31-14, \$760.54; Religious of Good Shepherd, Board of Pearl and Nellie Con-
 nors from Nov. 22-13, to Sept. 16-14, \$170.00; Maritime Home for Girls,
 Truro, Board of Grace Estabrook, from Sept. 12th-Oct. 31, \$13.42, Board of
 Pearl and Nellie Connors from Sept. 16 to Oct. 31-14, \$25.20, \$38.62. Total
 \$539.16.; Dr. W. D. Finn, Medical examiner Certificates of death, 7 at \$4.00,
 \$28.00, 1 at \$12.00. Total \$40.00. Grand Total \$1352.78.

City Home.

Wentzells Ltd., flour, \$234.40; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$268.79;
 J. A. Leaman & Co., meats, \$408.27; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$145.55;
 Scotia Pure Milk Co, milk, \$85.50; The Fleichmann Co., yeast, \$3.60; A. Wil-
 son & Son, fish, \$28.51; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., drygoods, \$59.40; Hfx. Elec.
 Tram Co., light, \$45.70; H. D. McKenzie Co., coal, \$355.92; Blackadar Bros.
 advertising, \$8.55; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$9.63; A. & W. MacKinlay,
 book, \$.65; Lawrence Hardware Co., sundries, \$9.82; F. A. Shaw, fodder,
 \$16.80; Gunn & Co., fodder \$8.40; Howard McFatridge, horseshoeing, \$1.88;
 W. J. O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$3.86; R. Horner, horseshoeing, \$2.65; Bald-
 win & Co., crockeryware, \$2.40; Wm. Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$55.00; Wm.
 Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$8.28; Hillis & Sons Ltd., stove fittings,
 \$1.25; Joseph Wood & Co, potatoes, \$19.20; R. J. White & Co., potatoes,
 \$19.47; City Prison, turnips, \$1.80; Neil Fox, axle grease, \$1.65; Jas. D. Walsh,
 drugs, \$1.50; Willis Bros., repairs, \$7.80; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended,
 \$84.32; Salaries, November, \$681.84; Thompson & Theakston, repairs., etc.,
 \$90.00. Total \$2672.39.

Library Accounts.

Mutual Subscription Agency, magazines, \$146.00; T. C. Allen & Co.,
 books, \$3.00; Methodist Book Room, books, \$7.70; J. L. Conbolly, books,
 \$.75. Total \$157.45.