

Police Accounts.

Maritime Telephone Co., October, \$14.67; Maritime Telephone Co., November, \$14.67; Kelly's Limited, stable blanket, \$3.50; Y. M. C. A., instruction, \$80.00; Cragg Bros., pail, \$.50; Clayton & Sons, reefer, \$12.75; Colwell Bros., rain coat, \$13.99; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$6.27; Semi-Ready, trousers, \$7.50; Imperial Oil Co, gasoline, \$1.00; David Roche, glass, \$.20; John Starr Son & Co., recharging battery, \$2.00; H. F. Dept., feed, gasoline, etc., \$54.30; Clayton & Sons, ulsters, \$30.00. Total \$241.35.

Works Department.

City Prison Improvement, \$969.40; Telephones, \$33.52; Permanent Sidewalks, \$1089.33; Fuel, \$15.24; Street Lighting, \$2090.69; Sewer Maintenance, \$16.00; Streets, \$510.17; City Hall Lighting, \$73.34; Cleaning Paved Streets, \$88.00; Electric Wiring Inspection, \$4.50; Fleming Park, \$.70; Water Maintenance, \$809.63; City Property, \$111.70; Water Construction, \$1608.78; Sewerage, \$1897.96; Teams and stables, \$389.70; Internal Health, \$479.08; Widening Green Street, \$1268.75; Water Construction, \$11939.33. Total \$23,122.-82.

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

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

CITY HOME.

Read report Board of Control covering report City Home for November.

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

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

Gentlemen:— I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of November, 1914.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 37 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 21 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted, 4 were chargeable to the Province and 33 to the City. The total number of inmates Nov. 30th, 1914, was 325, made up of 200 men, 121 women, and 4 children. On the same date last year there were 187 men and 119 women, a total of 306. During the month there was one patient admitted to the Nova Scotia Hospital, whose maintenance is chargeable to the City. 1 patient was removed to the City Home and 2 died.

Insurance on boilers expires January 5th, 1915. It will be necessary to have same renewed.

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

M. SCANLAN, JR., *Controller.*

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

WALNUT STREET STRAIGHTENING.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re straightening Walnut Street at the property of C. A. Prescott.

City Hall., Nov. 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval by the City Council the accompanying report of the City Engineer re straightening of Walnut Street at property of C. A. Prescott, recommending exchange of properties between the City and Mr. Prescott, and the payment to Mr. Prescott of \$91.20 for property to be acquired of him.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on a proposal made some time ago by Mr. C. A. Prescott, in connection with the proposed straightening of Walnut Street,

In order to remove the awkward jogs and offsets in Walnut Street, the official lines were laid down in such a way that the street would be comparatively straight. Mr. Prescott offers to exchange a piece of land on the west side of Walnut Street for the equivalent between the old and new lines on the east side at Jubilee Road. This lot at Jubilee Road on the east side is between a property owned by Mr. Churchill and the new official line. Mr. Churchill's property was a corner property before the new line was fixed.

Acting on the advice of the City Solicitor, I wrote Mr. Churchill and asked him if he desired to purchase the lot. He did not reply to my letter or acknowledge receipt of it. Mr. Churchill has an entrance to his property from Jubilee Road. The City, I believe, has the legislative authority to lay down the official street line as it has been fixed. They also have special legislative authority to sell the strip of land between the old line and the new. Mr. Prescott's offer, seems to me, a fair one. In addition to the exchange, he offers to accept 10c per square ft. for the remainder of the land which we require from his property, which he estimates will mean a payment to him from the City of \$91.20. I would recommend that Mr. Prescott's offer be accepted.

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

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

ANNUAL REPORT CITY CLERK 1913-14.

Read report Board of Control covering annual report City Clerk 1913-14.

Filed.

THE MARITIME FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Read report Board of Control covering circular letter from the Maritime Forward Movement, recommending the appointment of Controller Hoben as a delegate to attend Convention to be held at Amherst on the 17th instant.

City Hall, Dec. 7th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith a circular letter from the Maritime Forward Movement, requesting the City to appoint representatives to attend a meeting to be held at Amherst on the 17th inst., together with a special request that His Worship the Mayor be one of the delegates.

The Board recommends that Controller Hoben be appointed to represent the City of Halifax at this meeting, and that the City Clerk inform the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Forward Movement that His Worship the Mayor will be unable to personally attend.

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

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

DEWOLF'S WHARF SEWER OUTFALL.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for pipe for extension of sewer outfall DeWolf's Wharf.

City Hall, Dec. 9th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re tenders for pipe for extension of sewer outlet, DeWolf's Wharf.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with instructions of the Board of Control, I asked for prices from the pipe foundries, and have been able to obtain two only.

The Canada Iron Corporation Limited, offers to supply the pipe for \$33.00 per ton, f.o.b. Halifax. Messrs. D. Y. Stewart & Co, from whom we obtain most of our pipe, ask \$37.00 a ton.

I would recommend that 120 feet of pipe be purchased from the Canada Iron Corporation, Limited.

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

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

CITY PRISON IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for plumbing work at the City Prison.

City Hall, Dec. 7th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received and opened tenders for plumbing work at the City Prison as follows:—

Coolen & Martin	\$ 575.00
Michael Day	668.00
Farquhar Bros	1050.00
George H. Kinsman	1034.00

It is recommended that the tender of Coolen & Martin, being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that said report be referred back to the Board of Control for further report. Motion passed.

PLUMBING IN HOUSES UNDER HEALTH LAWS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re plumbing in dwelling houses under City Health Board regulations.

City Hall, Nov. 20th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re plumbing in dwelling houses under City Health Board Regulations.

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

City Engineer's Office, Oct. 26th., 1914.

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

Sir:—I beg to report on the tenders asked for plumbing work at houses ordered by the Board of Health, as follows—

Property	Geo. H. Kinsman	T. J. Healy
26 West Street.....	\$117.00	\$83.00
28 West Street.....	106.00	75.00
78 Cornwallis Street.....	124.00	93.00
51 Bilby Street.....	83.00	75.00
16 Grafton Street.....	124.00	
250 Creighton Street (rear).....	282.00	

After the tenders had been opened, Mr. Baxter, who owns the house on Creighton Street in rear of No. 250, and also the house No. 16 Grafton Street, brought in a tender from Mr. W. S. Craig for \$72.00 for No. 16 Grafton Street and \$194.00 for the house in rear of No. 250 Creighton Street.

Mr. Healy's figures are the lowest for No. 26 West Street, No. 28 West Street, No. 78 Cornwallis Street and No. 51 Bilby Street and I would recommend that he be awarded the contract for the plumbing work in these houses.

With regard to No. 16 Grafton Street and the house in rear of No. 250 Creighton Street, Mr. Craig's figures, which were received after the other tenders were opened, are the lowest in both cases.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I have been unable to satisfy myself that the proper legal steps have been taken to cover the lien on the property necessary where plumbing work is to be done by the City at the expense of the property owner.

It appears from the records that 28 West Street, 16 Grafton Street and 250 (rear) Creighton Street have been covered by the order of the Board, Jan. 9, 1914 and April 24, 1914. Mr. Healy's tender, \$75, is the lowest for 28 West Street and I would recommend that it be accepted. W. S. Craig's offer, \$72, for 16 Grafton Street and \$194 for the house in rear of 250 Creighton Street is the lowest, and I would recommend that it be accepted. Mr. Healy's tender for 51 Bilby Street, ordered on April 24, 1914, is the lowest, and I would recommend that it be accepted.

I cannot find any record of the ordering of work at 78 Cornwallis Street or No. 26 West Street. Mr. Healy's tender, \$93 and \$83 respectively is the lowest, and I would recommend that it be accepted, but in this case the legal requirements should be complied with and such steps taken in the ordering of the work that the lien would be effected.

The delay in reporting has been due to the difficulty in determining whether the proper legal steps had been taken.

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

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

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES CITY HOME.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for supplies for the City Home.

City Hall, Dec. 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received and opened tenders for supplies for the City Home, as follows:—

Groceries for three months.

Wentzells, Ltd.....	\$1231.63
E. W. Crease & Son.....	1239.66

Drygoods for one year.

D. W. Kennedy.....	\$1555.80
T. J. Whalen & Co.....	1672.16
J. & M. Murphy, not according to specification.....	1502.74

Milk for one year.

Scotia Pure Milk Co., per 100 qts.,	\$5.70
H. D. Grant " quart	.05 9-10
J. M. Currie " "	.07

Butter for three months.

Patrick T. Shea.....	per lb., .28
Smith & Proctor.....	" .27 3-4

Flour for three months.

Wentzells Ltd.,	80% per bbl.,	\$5.75
	70% " "	5.95
I. B. Shafner & Co.	70% " "	6.35
	80% " "	6.00
Gunn & Co., Ltd.....	70% " "	6.30
	80% " "	6.20

Meats for three months.

	Fore.	Hind.	Hind.	Fore.		
E. & A. Thompson.....	851.00	406.25	21.25	16.25		
J. A. Leaman Co.....	814.00	390.00	18.75	15.00		
W. A. Maling Co.....	980.50	471.25	19.38	17.50		
			Fresh	Corned		
		Veal.	Pork.	Beef.	Total	
E. & A. Thompson.....		11.25	11.25	21.00	1338.25	
J. A. Leaman Co.....		12.00	12.00	19.50	1281.25	
W. A. Maling Co.....		10.50	9.75	18.00	1526.88	

Produce for immediate delivery.

	Calicoes.	Potatoes	Turnips.
		Reds.	
F. W. Bisset Co., Ltd.....	.42	.42	.30
H. H. Banks.....	.42	.40	.35
Black & Flinn.....	.42½	40½	.30
Joseph Wood & Co.....	.42 3-4	.40 3-4	.32

New Domestic Boiler.

Arthur Cox & Co.....	\$200.00
A. A. Webber & Son.....	231.00
T. Hogan & Co.....	243.00
Longard Bros.....	265.00
International Engineering Works, Limited..	220.00
International Engineering Works, Limited 2nd tender.....	205.00

It is recommended that the following tenders be accepted, the same being the lowest in each case:—

Scotia Pure Milk Co.....	for milk for one year.
Smith & Proctor.....	" butter for three months.
Wentzells, Ltd.....	" flour " " "
J. A. Leaman & Co.....	" meats " " "
Wentzell's, Ltd.....	" groceries.
D. W. Kennedy.....	" drygoods for one year.
H. H. Banks.....	" produce for immediate delivery
Arthur Cox & Co.....	" domestic boiler.

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

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

PURCHASE OF WATER METERS.

Read reports Board of Control and Superintendent of the Water Department re purchase of water meters.

City Hall, Nov. 25th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the City Engineer be authorized to purchase three 2-inch and three 3-inch water meters, the cost being respectively, about \$60.00 and \$75.00 for each meter.

A report from the Foreman of the Water Department recommending the purchase of these meters is attached hereto.

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

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

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

Sir:—We require 2" and 3" meters. There are no 3" meters in stock and there are only two 2" in stock. Should have six of each.

E. MORRISON.

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

Motion passed, 13 voting for the same, and 2 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

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

Against it—

Aldermen Covert and Smith,—2.

TENDERS FOR FODDER.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for fodder for the various civic departments.

City Hall, Nov. 23rd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control report that they have received and opened tenders for supply of fodder for the various civic departments, as follows:—

Immediate delivery Delivered as Required.

J. S. Cashen & Son.....	\$2884.00	\$2996.00
I. B. Shaffner & Co.....	2849.00	2994.00
Gunn & Co.....	2713.00	3014.50
S. C. Thompson.....	2834.50	2912.50
F. A. Shaw.....	2690.00	2751.00
F. W. Fraser.....	2678.00	2678.00

It is recommended that the tender of F. W. Fraser, being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Office of Clerk of Works, Nov. 20th., 1914.

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

Gentlemen:—I beg to report as follows on tenders received for forage:—

	<i>Immediate delivery</i>	<i>As required.</i>
J. S. Cashen & Son.....	\$2884.00	\$2996.00
I. B. Shaffner & Co.....	2849.00	2994.00
Gunn & Co.....	2713.00	3014.50
S. C. Thompson.....	2834.50	2912.50
F. A. Shaw.....	2690.00	2751.00
F. W. Fraser.....	2678.00	2678.00

The tender of F. W. Fraser to supply all the forage required for three months from December 1st, 1914, to March 1st, 1915, is the lowest.

The tender of F. A. Shaw to supply twenty tons tight pressed and ten tons loose pressed straw is, however, \$40.00 lower than that of F. W. Fraser.

	F. W. Fraser		F. A. Shaw		S. C. Thomson		Gunn & Co.		I. B. Shaffner		J. S. Cashen	
	Immediate	As required	Immediate	As required	Immediate	As required	Immediate	As required	Immediate	As required	Immediate	As required
Oats.....	.62	.62	.65	.65	.65	.68	.63	.68	.64	.67	.65	.67
Hay.....	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	19.00	21.50	20.00	21.50	21.00	22.00
Wheat Bran.....	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.00	27.50	28.00	28.00	30.00	28.00	28.50	31.00	32.00
Crushed Oats.....	40.00	40.00	41.00	42.00	43.00	44.00	40.00	45.00	41.00	42.00	43.00	44.00
Straw, T. P.....	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	13.00	10.50	11.00	12.50	13.50
Straw, L. P.....	12.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	15.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	110.00
Middlings.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	31.00	32.00	30.50	31.00	34.00	35.00

‡ These prices for comparison of tenders, as no prices were submitted.

In re oats, the tenderers in most cases state that the prices quoted are for either P. E. I. or Canadian oats.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, Clerk of Works.

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

STREET LINE LONGARD ROAD—HEBER HARTLEN.

Read report Board of Control re street line, Longard Road, covering draft agreement between the City and Mr. Hartlen as to appraising value of land to be acquired.

City Hall, Dec. 2nd., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Heber Hartlen owns a property on Longard Road through which the street lines of the official City plan run, depriving him of the privilege of building to the old line of his property, and desires that the City take over from him the said strip, and pay him for it. Mr. Hartlen has agreed with the Board to have the value of this strip fixed by appraisers instead of proceeding to expropriation. With this in view, the City Solicitor has prepared a draft form of agreement between the City and Mr. Hartlen, binding the parties to abide by the valuation of three persons, one appointed by Mr. Hartlen, one by the City and a third by those so named. The draft agreement is recommended to the Council for approval. Mr. Hartlen has named as his representative Mr. R. O'N. Duggan. The Board of Control recommend as the City's appointee, Mr. M. S. Clarke.

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

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

OAKLAND ROAD BOAT LANDING—CIVIC PURCHASING OFFICIAL.

Read report Board of Control relating to materials supplied by the City at Oakland Road boat landing, and regulation of the purchase of supplies.

City Hall, Nov. 11th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control, Controllers Hoben and Harris dissenting, beg to submit for the information and approval of the Council, the attached report of Controller O'Connor relating to materials supplied by the City at Oakland Road boat landing, and re purchase of civic supplies.

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

Halifax, Nov. 5th., 1914.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,
Clerk of the Board of Control.

Dear Sir:—Herewith please find a report as respects Oakland Road landing, and two extra copies. To this report would you be good enough to annex

a copy of the questions submitted to the Clerk of Works and the answer of the Clerk of Works thereto, and, making them a part of my report herewith, submit the whole to the Board of Control.

W. F. O'CONNOR.

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

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—

A matter respecting certain materials supplied at Oakland Road Ferry Landing has stood over for some months because of my absence from the City during a portion of the time and because of pressure of other matters requiring prior attention.

The investigation requested by me and which I have been tacitly permitted to carry on, has been proceeding by way of interrogatories addressed to various civic officers including the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, the City Auditor, the Clerk of Works and Foreman of Streets. Their several reports are in the hands of the Clerk of the Board of Control. I have carefully perused these reports and, as respects the same, beg now to submit to the Board as follows:—

1. That no further information is likely to be obtained than that mentioned, and now in hand.
2. That a portion of the 2000 ft. of 2-inch plank ordered by the City Engineer from Brookfield Bros. and of the spikes ordered about the same time (which the City has since paid for) unquestionably was applied towards the building of a private approach to the private ferry float of one Boutillier.
3. That the greater portion of such plank was used upon City property, to wit: the permanent wharf or abutment owned by the City and from which the approach to the ferry float mentioned proceeds in a westwardly direction.
4. That several hundred feet of the plank valued at about \$15.00 was stolen and I am advised by the Chief of Police that after diligent inquiry his department cannot locate the offender. The full 2,000 ft. were delivered on the roadside at Oakland Road and lay there until used from time to time. A portion of it became scattered over the woods. No careful supervision seems to have been exercised over the property after its delivery by Brookfield Bros. on the ground.
5. That about 250 ft. of the plank was collected by the Works Department after its presence within the woods adjoining Oakland Road had been mentioned by me sitting at this Board.
6. That the value of the lumber used in the construction of the private approach to Boutillier's float was much less than the value of certain labor bestowed by Boutillier with the consent of the Works Department, upon that portion of the whole structure which is owned by the City, so that this improper diversion of civic property (in the absence of express permission, which, if requested by Mr. Boutillier, would undoubtedly have been given) may perhaps be regarded as a mere irregularity which, however, in my judgment, ought now, if only for the sake of formality to be confirmed.
7. That in view of the fact that an irregularity of the kind mentioned could occur, and no knowledge of it come to this Board except by accident, as was the case, (my own knowledge of the circumstances having been derived from a visit to the locality for another purpose), I would recommend that the

suggestions contained in the report of the Clerk of Works (a copy of which I am enclosing herewith along with the questions submitted to him and to which his report is an answer) should be given careful consideration by this Board. In my judgment all orders for purchase of civic supplies should go through either the same order book or through a series of order books in the custody of some one or more civic officials, who should be considered as a civic purchasing agent. The order forms should have stubs attached and these stubs should indicate not only the article and quantity ordered but, as well, the destination and the account to which the purchase is chargeable. If there were to be any exceptions to the rule these exceptions should be limited and defined. The same official should have authority to demand an account or report as to the application of the goods ordered and the purpose for which they were ordered. The City would thus exercise an audit, not only upon cash expenditures, as it does, but also upon civic purchases.

W. F. O'CONNOR.

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

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, held on the 15th day of June, 1914.

Controller O'Conner submits the following resolution:

Resolved, that the City Engineer do report in writing to this Board respecting a certain structure erected at the foot of Oakland Road on the shore of the North West Arm, in said report indicating—

1. The authority under which the Engineer erected said structure, with the date of authorization, and if possible, quoting the wording of the same.
2. A description of said structure giving details and dimensions and showing the character and quantity of materials contained therein and the places where obtained, and the total cost.
3. References to orders for materials purchased for and contained within said structure, with dates of such orders and names of the persons from whom the same were purchased, and prices. Reference to accounts rendered, with dates of rendering and showing whether the same are paid or unpaid.
4. The names of any City employees who superintended the erection of or worked upon said structure or who received, or in any manner dealt with any materials ordered, secured or obtained for said structure (whether said materials were built into said structure or otherwise), and an account of all materials, if any, ordered for the purpose of being built into said structure but not actually built into the same. And further indicating the disposition made of such excess materials. If any thereof was lost or is unaccounted for, indicating the amount lost or unaccounted for. Also indicating the date of delivery of such excess material at the place where intended to be used and the date or dates of its removal if any thereof was removed by City employees who removed it.
5. The cost in detail of any City labor or superintendence bestowed upon said structure, indicating the number of hours and rates of wages per man.
6. Whether other than City labor was bestowed upon the structure, to what extent, and why and by whom bestowed.
7. Whether the whole of said structure, or, if not, what part thereof is City property.

8. Why no account of the disposition of 2000 feet of 2-inch plank delivered by Brookfield Bros., at Oakland Road as per order signed by the Engineer and dated April 29th, 1914, has been returned to the Clerk of Works.

9. Whether any other materials purchased by order through the office of the Clerk of Works and delivered at Oakland Road and put into said structure remain unaccounted for in the ordinary way by returns made through the City Foreman to Mr. Quigley and by Mr. Quigley to the Clerk of Works.

10. Any other circumstances relating to the same matter at the discretion of the Engineer.

That the Clerk of Works do report in writing to this Board respecting the same structure on the shore of the North West Arm, indicating---

1. Why a certain written order for 2000 feet of 2-inch plank ordered from Brookfield Bros. by order dated April 29th, 1914, does not bear on its face directions as to the intended place of delivery of same.

2. Whether to his knowledge any other materials have been ordered upon City order forms for delivery at Oakland Road for the purpose of being put into a wharf or abutment to be erected there; and supplying copies of any of said orders, including that mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof.

3. Whether in the past any system has obtained whereby orders emanating from the office of the Clerk of Works would indicate the place of intended delivery of articles ordered.

4. The mode, if any, whereby the Clerk of Works checks the use to which authorized purchases for the Works Department have been put.

5. Whether the Clerk of Works has received any report or record as to the disposition of said 2000 feet of 2-inch lumber or other purchases, if any, referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof.

That the City Auditor do report to this Board, showing,—

1. The details and dates affecting the appropriation for the extension of Oakland Road, debit and credit, with dates from the time of making said appropriation to the time of the returning of said report.

2. The condition of the appropriation to "City Property" as of April 29th, 1914.

3. Whether any sum of money in excess of the appropriation for Oakland Road extension has been diverted from other appropriations to that appropriation, and if such diversion has occurred, when, from what account, the amount and the authority for the diversion.

That the City Solicitor do report in writing to this Board, indicating—

1. Whether under any statute, resolution or other authority the Works Department is authorized to build or supply materials for the building of a wharf on the shore of the North West Arm at the foot of Oakland Road, with a small building or shelter thereon and a gangway leading to a private ferry float therefrom.

2. Whether purchases chargeable to "City Property" can be applied to the construction of a wharf as above described, if at the time of the ordering and before the commencement of such a construction the appropriation

applicable to the extension of Oakland Road is exhausted and the appropriation to "City Property" is likewise exhausted; whether under the same circumstances said purchases may be lawfully paid for out of the appropriation for "Streets."

3. In case of a negative answer to the preceding questions, under what circumstances, if any, may the City lawfully pay for the materials ordered, and which went into said construction. The same questions as respects materials ordered for and which did not go into said construction but which (a) are unaccounted for, or (b) remain in the hands of the City unused.

4. If the City is not liable to pay for said materials, assuming the same to have been purchased upon the credit of the City and upon order forms of the City, signed in the ordinary way, upon whom does the liability to pay rest.

That the Foreman of Streets do report in writing to this Board, indicating—

1. Under what circumstances, and by what authority he received from Brookfield Bros. on or about April 29th., 1914, at Oakland Road on the shore of the North West Arm 2000 feet of 2-inch plank, chargeable, or ordered as chargeable to "City Property" account and not to "Streets."

2. What disposition was made of said lumber.

3. Why no report of the disposition of said lumber was made to Mr. Quigley, of the Works Department.

4. What other supplies for materials, if any, were received by him at the same place, and the disposition thereof and dates of his reports showing the disposition thereof.

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

A true extract,

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

City Works Office, July 2nd, 1914.

*His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.*

Gentlemen:—In re certain questions submitted by Controller O'Connor for me to answer, I beg to reply.

Question 1—It should, if only for the purpose of checking the bills and returns. Take, for instance, the bill under discussion. It is marked "Oakland Road." The order states "City Property." In the absence of any written or verbal explanation, who could connect the two. Further, as the City estimates had to be closed and no definite information could be had by either the City Auditor or myself up to Dec. 8, 1913, when the pay lists were showing \$179.25, \$183.54, we estimated that about \$200.00 would close the matter, and \$1160.00 was provided in the estimate. Result, pay of Dec. 22nd. was \$219.20, succeeded by a further amount on Jan. 5th, 1914, of \$42.65, which seemed to close the account and to cause a deficit of \$57.47. On April 23rd, 1914, in order to balance the account, a transfer was made from Streets of \$57.47, this, in our opinion, being the account most closely allied to Oakland Road Extension.

Question 2—Yes. An order for twenty lbs. of spikes, paid out of City Property. Bill so marked.

Question 3—An examination of the stubs of the order book submitted will show that some do and some do not. In my opinion, all should, except in certain cases, such as lumber, cement, dynamite, fuses, cwrtrain tools, etc., not chargeable to any special work but used as required, the returns of the sub-foreman specifying the quantities used in their work.

I would suggest that an order should be compulsory for everything.

Question 4—In re mode of checking—When the last Board of Works (see Minutes August 19, 1912) decided "that it should be clearly and definitely understood that in all things pertaining to the method of keeping the accounts, for which the Clerk of Works is to be held personally responsible, that his instructions to the various officials and employees of the Works Department be promptly carried out and any information in re such accounts be fully given": I handed to the City Storekeeper certain forms I had prepared and instructed him to see that they were duly filled in for each work and promptly returned to him to be certified, so that he could enter up the delivery side of the stock book which I check by the foreman's return. The receiving side of said stock book is entered from the certified bills as paid by myself.

Question 5—Up to this date, July 2nd, 1914, I have received no report or record of the disposition of the said 2000 ft. of 2" lumber or 20 lbs. of spikes, except that the City Foreman of Works certified the bills.

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

Office of the City Solicitor, June 16th, 1914.

Secretary of Board of Control.

Sir:—In reply to the question submitted for my opinion at the meeting of the Board on Monday the 15th of June, I beg to say—

1. The only statutory authority in reference to this matter, of which I am aware, is the authority in section 21 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1913 and the first schedule to that act to borrow "for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending Oak-land Road to the North West Arm and furnishing a landing place on the Arm, such an amount as is required for that purpose."

This enactment did not authorize this work to be done, nor was in my opinion any enactment necessary for that purpose. The work of extending a public highway to tide water and providing facilities for landing, would come under the general powers of the City in reference to "streets" and "City Property" which include (Sec. 65-2) "public slips or landings." The object of the enactment was to enable the City to obtain the money required for the purpose specified. The character of the landing and the conveniences afforded, are matters of detail.

2. It follows from what I have said, that the cost of the landing could be paid out of the "City Property" appropriation if sufficient funds were available and possibly out of the "Streets appropriation." But I do not see how it would be necessary to use either appropriation because the amount authorized by the statute was expressly made sufficient to cover whatever was required, and if the amount at first estimated proved insufficient, the additional amount could be borrowed and included in the next year's estimate.

3 and 4. The point involved in these, is, as I view it, the same as that on which Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie and myself differed in respect to the purchase of the water meters and as to which my view was sustained by the Courts. Any contract or attempted expenditure beyond the amount provided by law in respect to the same, is undoubtedly illegal. But as it was held in the case referred to, it is not necessary that the funds should be actually in hand, so long as a legal mode is provided by which they can be obtained. As this was done by the Statute, I do not see any ground on which the expenditure can be called illegal.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Office of the City Auditor, June 23rd., 1914.

*His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.*

Gentlemen:—In answer to your inquiry of the 20th inst, re Oakland Road Extension, I beg to reply:—

No. 1.

1913		Dr.	
June	12th. Cash to Prothonotary.....	\$500.00	
Aug.	8th. Advertising, etc.	92.83	
Dec.	10th. Labor	179.25	
	Streets for labor.....	183.54	
	23rd. Labor	219.20	
1914.			
Jan.	7th. Labor	42.65	
1914.		Cr.	
Apr.	27th. By Streets, for work.....	\$ 57.47	
May	1st. Appropriation	1,160.00	
		<u>\$1,217.47</u>	<u>\$1,217.47</u>

No. 2.

City Property account has no connection with it; Streets only.

No. 3.

Included in No. 2.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

City Engineer's Office, June 26th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the resolution of the Board of Control attached hereto, I beg to report respecting certain structure erected at the foot of Oakland Road on the shore of the North West Arm.

1. The authority under which the work was done, was Chapter 69 of Acts of 1913. I received no definite instructions respecting the landing and it is not usual that I receive such instructions. The City Charter makes the City Engineer responsible for the mode and manner of constructing the public

work of the City, and the greater part of each appropriation expended by the Works Department is expended by the City Engineer without such definite instructions or details.

2. The structure constructed by the City at the west end of Oakland Road, 23° north and south, and 10° east and west, is a crib work of logs filled with stones and covered with plank. The logs were obtained from Oakland Road, the plank from Brookfield Bros. The logs were included in the appropriation of the property. The bill for the plank has not been submitted to me, and I am not aware what the cost is.

3. The orders for the plank and the spikes to fasten them with, were entered in the Order book by me on the 29th of April 1914. The planks were to be purchased from Brookfield Bros, the contractors for lumber, and the spikes from the contractor for City Works Department hardware. The accounts have never been presented to me, and I do not know whether they are paid or unpaid.

4. When instructions were given to begin the work on the extension of Oakland Road to the shore of the Arm, I gave instructions to the foreman to begin the work. It was some time later before I had an opportunity of inspecting it, when I discovered for the first time that my instructions had been misunderstood, and instead of beginning at the Oxford Street end of the work, they had begun at the shore, had cleared the full width of the street and were grading the roadway the full width. I saw that the bank would not remain in position and discussed the matter with the Foreman, Mr. E. Mahar, who was in charge of the work. I told him that we should have to construct a crib work to hold the bank and to make a level landing place for people to stand upon and to afford some place for groceries and other similar supplies being sent across the Arm; that it was also my intention to clear the beach and construct a stairway from the beach to the top of the bank and up the graded road, so that the public, landing on the beach, especially women and children, could get up and down from and to the shore without difficulty. Mr. Mahar informed me that he was not familiar with the construction of a crib work and he had no men who knew anything about it. Mr. Joseph Boutilier, who heard the conversation, volunteered to construct the crib work if I would provide the material. As such a bargain was decidedly advantageous to the City, I accepted his offer immediately.

I have had no conversation with Mr. Boutilier in reference to the matter or anything else in connection with the Oakland Road Ferry landing or privilege from that day until yesterday, when I met him in company with the Mayor and Controller Hoben.

Mr. Boutilier constructed the crib and filled it with stone, completing that portion of the work late in the season. There were no City employees employed upon it to my knowledge. About the last of April, as usual, I asked the Clerk of Works, Mr. Hopewell if there would be any balance remaining in any of the appropriations, so that we could expend it before the end of the year to prevent such balances from going into unexpended balances. Mr. Hopewell informed me on the 29th of April, that there would be a considerable balance in City Property. He now denies positively that he made any such statement to me. Fortunately for myself, two of my staff were present when he told me—Mr. Johnston and Miss Dustan, and both have a distinct recollection that he made the statement to me. Immediately on receipt of the information from him, I told Mr. Johnston to place an order on the Order Book for lockers for clothing that were required in the office, and I placed an order on the book myself for plank for covering the crib and constructing the stairway at Oakland Road.

My reason for charging it to City Property was that we maintain the crib at the foot of Jubilee Road and at the North Ferry from City Property appropriation and it has been the regular custom to maintain our structure at the public baths partly from City Property, although there is a special appropriation for it. I need not have ordered the material until the beginning of the new year when the new appropriation would be available, or I could have charged it under authority of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1913, as that appropriation is unlimited. I did it only in consequence of the statement made to me by Mr. Hopewell.

I told Mr. Downie, Superintendent of Works to send the lumber to Oakland Road, to take the spikes himself to the man at the ferry boat, so that they could not be stolen, and to give him a message for Mr. Boutilier that I had sent out plank to cover the crib.

After the first of May the work of the season begins, and as I was going away to Toronto, I was very busy starting the work and bringing my office work as nearly as possible up to date before I left. After my return, I was very busy trying to overtake the work which had accumulated during my absence. The night before I left for Toronto I noted in my pocket memorandum book where it can be seen today a number of matters to which I had not attended, so that I might overtake them when I returned, including the Oakland Road stairway. At the time this matter was brought up in the Council, I had not reached it.

I then sent Mr. McCleave to measure the plank used and the plank remaining, and instructed the Supt. of Works to remove the material remaining, to the Workshop. From Mr. McCleave's report, there was about 1000' used on the shore crib constructed for the City and 250' of material remaining, leaving about 750' unaccounted for.

5. Already answered.
6. Already answered.
7. The structure described, 23' x 10' is City Property except the shed which Mr. Boutilier obtained permission from the Board to erect.
8. No return of the disposition of the 2000' of 2" plank has been made, because the work was never completed, the stairway never having been constructed.
9. I am not familiar with the stock account of Mr. Quigley. It is the duty of the Clerk of Works to audit Mr. Quigley's accounts.

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

Halifax, N. S., June 26th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—In reply to the questions asked me by the Board of Control:

1. Under instructions from the City Engineer and on an order written by him in the Order Book in the office of the Clerk of Works, I received from Brookfield Bros., 2000 feet of 2" plank.
2. I sent the lumber to the west end of Oakland Road.
3. I do not report to Mr. Quigley. He obtains his information of the material purchased, from the Order Book in the office of the Clerk of Works.

4. I received twenty pounds of 6" spikes which on the City Engineer's instructions I delivered to the man on the ferry boat at the Arm, with a message for Mr. Boutilier that the City Engineer had sent the plank out to cover the crib, and that the spikes were for fastening them down. I made no report on the matter.

Recently, under instructions from the City Engineer, I removed the plank remaining on Oakland Road, to the City Workshop.

JAMES P. DOWNIE, *Supt. of Works.*

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

LUCKNOW STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of Lucknow Street, between Rhuland Street and Victoria Road.

City Hall, Sept. 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 east side of Lucknow Street between Rhuland Street and Victoria Road.

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

City Engineer's Office, Aug. 31st, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The City Council ordered the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Lucknow Street from Inglis Street to Victoria Road, and on the west side from Inglis Street to Rhuland Street.

Through a misunderstanding the sidewalk was opened beyond Rhuland Street between Rhuland Street and Victoria Road, and to make the street uniform I would recommend that the east sidewalk of Lucknow Street between Rhuland Street and Victoria Road be placed in the sidewalk schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed 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.

BELLE AIRE TERRACE STREET LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street light, Belle Aire Terrace.

City Hall, Nov. 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re light on Belle Aire Terrace.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition for an additional light on Belle Aire Terrace.

There is a light about one third of the distance from the south end of the street towards the north. It does not light the street sufficiently, and I would recommend that the light on Maynard Street at Ontario Street be moved to the corner of Belle Aire Terrace. Since this light was placed, Maynard Street is much better lighted. There is one at Bloomfield Street and one at Black Street, which is sufficient for this block, especially as the light if removed to Belle Aire Terrace will light the same portion of Maynard Street as it does now, the distance being very short.

I would recommend that this light be moved to the corner of Belle Aire Terrace and Ontario Street, as there is no probability of an additional light being available for a long time.

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

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street lights.

City Hall, Dec. 7th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re street lights.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In accordance with the attached extracts from Minutes of the Board of Control, I beg to recommend the installation of a street
Light at the corner of Acadia and Duffus Streets.
Light at the corner of Almon and Dublin Streets.
Light at the corner of Stairs and North Creighton Streets.

There is also a petition for an electric light on Barrington Street between Jacob and Hurd Streets. There is a light at Jacob Street and one at Hurd Street, but if there were plenty of money for this service I would recommend the installation of another light as the block is a long one and the street a principal street, but as there is not much mercantile business transacted there at night I do not think the necessity for an additional light is so urgent as in many other places farther from the business district which have not yet been supplied.

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

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Gastonguy that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION POLICEMAN JOHN W. GOLDEN.

Read reports Board of Control and Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund, recommending payment to Ex-policeman John W. Golden an annual superannuation allowance of \$535.70 from the Police Superannuation Fund.

City Hall, Nov. 6th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Policeman John W. Golden having resigned from the Police Department, and the Board of Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund having recommended the payment to him of an annual allowance of \$535.70 from the Fund, the Board of Control recommends such payment for approval by the City Council.

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

Office of the City Treasurer, Nov. 5th., 1914.

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

Gentlemen:—I beg to report that Policeman Golden has served twenty-nine years on the Force, and has been contributing to the Police Superannuation Fund for twenty-six and one-half years. His salary is \$750.00, of which he will be entitled to 25-35, namely \$535.70, all of which he will receive from the fund. Policeman Golden is retiring under Section 269 of the City Charter.

I beg also to report that the revenue of the Police Superannuation Fund, for six months ended Oct. 31st, was \$3,182.44, and that the expenditure for the same period was \$3,544.33, an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$351.89.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

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

His Worship the Mayor reads and submits an application from Ex-policeman John W. Golden for 14 days' pay for holidays from which he was deprived on account of war conditions.

Moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Riordon that the letter be referred to Controller Harris for report.

After discussion, His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order, the City Council having no jurisdiction.

CHEBUCTO ROAD AND WINDSOR STREET—ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer covering plan of property at the north-west corner of Chebucto Road and Windsor Street at St. Matthias Church, re transfer of property from the Church to the City, and the laying of a curb and gutter.

City Hall, Nov. 27th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer covering plan of property at the north west corner of Chebucto Road and Windsor Street at St. Matthias Church, recommending that the offer of the trustees of the Church to deed a flatiron piece of land to the City provided that the City will lay a curb and gutter around the corner, be accepted.

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

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

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

Sir:—I submit herewith plan showing the existing line of the north side of Chebucto Road and the proposed new line of the street. The Trustees of St. Matthias Church offer to give the land necessary for widening the street to the official line and also a piece at the corner of Windsor Street and Chebucto Road on condition that the City lay a curb and gutter around this circular corner. The part shaded on the plan shows the land which they will deed to the City. The offer seems a very fair one and I would recommend that the City agree to the conditions. I have told them that if the Board of Control accept their offer, we will prepare the deed.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request and proposal from the authorities of St. Matthias Church. They request the laying of a crossing on Windsor Street at the north side of Chebucto Road and propose to give the City a flatiron piece of land provided the City will lay a curb and gutter around the corner.

We have made a study of the situation and prepared a plan, which is attached hereto, to which the representative of the Trustees of St. Matthias Church agrees. I would recommend that the offer of the Trustees of St. Matthias Church be accepted and that a circular curb and gutter be laid at the corner of Windsor Street and Chebucto Road and a crossing on Windsor Street at the north side of Chebucto Road, provided the Trustees of St. Matthias Church will execute a deed to the City of the flatiron shown on the plan.

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

Moved by Alderman Riordon, seconded by Alderman Harris that the same be approved. Motion passed.

ST. ALBAN'S STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer and water extension, St. Alban's Street, between King's Place and Robie Street.

City Hall, Nov. 13th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re sewer and water extension, St. Alban's Street, between King's Place and Robie Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 11th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on petition from Mr. H. McC. Hart for extension of water and sewer systems to his property on St. Alban's Street. Mr. Hart has four houses on the north side of St. Alban's Street, two between King's Place and Robie Street and two at the west end of the street opposite Clifton Street.

The ground is very level and consequently the drainage is bad. The estimated cost of extending the water service in the sewer trench is \$188.70. I would recommend that a sewer be constructed and the water pipe be laid at the same time.

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

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

HENRY STREET WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, Nov. 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending extension of water in Henry Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition from Edward Maxwell asking for water extension in Henry Street.

The district is high service; length of pipe required 140 feet; size of pipe 6-inch; excavation, estimated earth; estimated cost \$217.50. I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$10.85 when the money is available.

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

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

WATER BILLS 18 JAMES STREET AND 215 CREIGHTON STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending reduction in water bills 18 James Street and 215 Creighton Street.

City Hall, Nov. 13th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending reduction in water bills, 18 James Street from \$11.27 to \$3.21 and 215 Creighton Street from \$20.72 to \$4.23, in consequence of the meters in said premises not having been read monthly by the meter readers.

In this connection the Board desires to report that they are dealing with the subject of meter reading in order that such cases may be avoided in the future.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 13th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Messrs. Thompson and Thompson with reference to the bill rendered for water supplied through meter at 18 James Street and 215 Creighton Street.

Messrs. Thompson & Thompson state that the meter cards had not been posted and that they were not aware that there was an extraordinary consumption at these properties.

Mr. E. C. Mumford took over the inspection at the first of May 1914. He states that he could not find out from the tenants where the cards were and did not locate them for some time. When he discovered where they were he asked for them, but was informed that they had been sent to the City Hall.

As the law requires the City to give notice of the readings I would recommend that the bill for these two properties be changed to \$3.21 and \$4.23 respectively, being the same amount as that charged for the corresponding period last year.

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

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

WATER BILL 45 NORTH PARK STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending reduction in water bill 45 North Park Street.

City Hall, Dec. 9th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water bill No. 45 North Park Street, estate of E. W. O'Donnell, recommending that the bill be reduced from \$10.34 to one-half that amount.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill and communication from the Secretary of the Estate of E. W. O'Donnell asking for a reduction in the bill charged for water supplied at No. 45 North Park Street for the period from March to September 1914.

From March 19 to May 30 the consumption was 8200 gallons. From Sept. 14 to Oct. 10 the consumption was 2100 gallons, or about 200 gallons a day for that period. Between May 30 and Sept. 14 the consumption was 63,200 gallons. There was no reading taken during that period. The meter inspector reports that the meter was covered with boxes and he has been unable to get at it. He asked the occupants to remove the boxes and they promised to do so but it had not been done until the meter was inspected in September.

Under the circumstances I would recommend that the bill be made up on an average of 200 gallons per day which will reduce the bill about one-half.

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

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

WATER BILL 168½ UPPER WATER STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill 168½ Upper Water Street.

City Hall, Dec. 7th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had before them a complaint by B. H. Eaton of excessive charge, \$44.68 for water supplied through meter at tenement house No. 168½ Upper Water Street, for the period March to September, 1914.

It is recommended that the bill be reduced to \$30.00.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached complaint of B. H. Eaton respecting bill for water supplied at No. 168½ Upper Water Street.

The bill is for the six months period from March to Sept. 1914 and amounts to \$44.68. The consumption from March to July was excessive amounting to about 310,000 gallons. For the month of August the consumption was only 15,000 gallons.

I have no information to enable me to determine the cause of the excessive consumption, but as it has been reduced, it is evident that the meter cannot be the cause of the trouble. In view of the character of the property, the conditions indicate unnecessary waste, but I have no evidence farther than that mentioned, respecting the matter. As I have no information to support a belief that proper care and precaution have been taken to prevent waste I am unable to recommend any reduction.

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

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

CONTROLLER SCANLAN ARRIVES.

Controller Scanlan arrives and takes his seat in Council.

WATER BILL CONTINUED.

Alderman Powell asks for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Board of Control is authorized to recommend reductions in water meter bills without a favorable report from the City Engineer. The City Solicitor reads Section 508 of the City Charter.

The motion being put is passed unanimously the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Riordon, Harris and Parker,—14.

LEGISLATION RE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control, re legislation re public schools.

City Hall, Nov. 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that agreeably to resolution of the City Council they have given further consideration to certain recommendations made at the City Council meeting November 5th, (See printed Minutes page 286) respecting legislation affecting public schools, and have decided to again recommend the Board's proposal to the City Council for approval.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be referred back to the Board of Control.

His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor Powell to the chair, and addresses the Council from the floors of the Chamber.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

The amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown and Murphy—
3.

Against it—

Controllers Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan, and Aldermen Covert, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Riordon, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—12.

Controller Harris requests that the motion be divided into three parts. Ruled out of order.

The original motion is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

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

Against it—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown and Murphy.—3.

ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control re estimates for public Schools, 1915-16.

City Hall, Dec. 9th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration the estimates forwarded by the Board of School Commissioners to His Worship the Mayor for the City Council for the year 1915-16, and the same are herewith submitted to the City Council for action.

The school commissioners ask the City to provide.....\$204,260.00

To the above must be added

For interest	24,083.40
Sinking Fund	12,131.23
Bank for Interest on Advances.....	3,000.00
	\$243,474.63

The Board of Control recommend that the City Council request the Board of School Commissioners to estimate for maintenance account the same amount as was finally determined upon for 1914-15, namely, \$8,500.00, that no increases in salaries be estimated for 1915-16, and that the amount of \$2,790.00 asked for on account of proposed bond issue not yet effected, be eliminated on the ground that it would be illegal at the present time to make provision for it.

Controller Harris desires to be recorded as in favor of a grant of \$10,500.00 for maintenance account, as in favor of the deletion of \$2,790.00 on interest account, and as against the recommendation of the Board of Control that no School Board Schedule increase of salaries be estimated for.

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

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1st., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Your Worship:—I submit herewith by order of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax a copy of the estimate prepared by them for the year ending 30th April, 1916.

S. J. WILSON, *Secretary B. S. C.*

School Estimate for the year ending 30th April, 1916.

Teachers	\$143,525
Teachers Technical	2,600
Supervisor	2,200
Secretary	1,200
Asst. Secretary	650
Caretaker	1,300
Truant Officer.....	1,000
Messenger	200
Janitors	13,600
Rents	9,000
Fire Insurance.....	2,500
Interest on Debentures issued by the Board	13,585
Advertising and Printing	800
Books and Stationery.....	1,400
School Apparatus.....	1,000
Office Expenses.....	500
Fuel	13,300
Maintenance	
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds.....	\$8,500
Furniture and its repairs.....	2,500
Painting, cleaning, etc.....	2,000
	\$ 13,000
General Expenses.....	1,800
Water	2,000
Medical Inspection	1,000
Commissioners' allowance.....	1,000
	\$227,160

Less:

Probable Provincial Grant in favor of all Schools and Academy.....	22,900
	\$204,260

The foregoing does not include the interest on debentures issued by the City for School Buildings, and the annual appropriations for the Sinking Fund to retire the School Debentures, which amounts are chargeable to the City directly.

Read letter Secretary Board of School Commissioners covering copy of the estimates prepared by the Board of School Commissioners for the year ending 20th of April, 1916.

Moved by Alderman Harris seconded by Controller Harris that the estimates for public schools less the sum of \$2,790.00 included in interest account be approved by this Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Smith that the estimates for public schools be referred to the Board of Control with the request that said Board confer with the Board of School Commissioners with the view to securing the elimination of the sum of \$2,790.00 estimated for interest account, and the sum of \$4,500.00 for estimated maintenance account.

The amendment being put is lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Smith, Murphy, Hubley and Parker.—4.

Against it—Controllers Harris, Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Gastonguay, Hines, Riordon and Harris.—9.

Moved in amendment by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the Board of School Commissioners be requested to estimate for maintenance account the same amount as was finally determined upon for 1914-15, namely, \$8,500.00; that no increases in salaries be estimated for 1915-16; and that the amount of \$2,790.00 asked for on account of proposed bond issue not yet effected, be elim-

inated on the ground that it would be illegal at the present time to make provision for it.

The amendment being put is lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Smith and Riordon.—4.

Against it—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council request the Board of School Commissioners to expunge the amount of \$4,500.00 from its estimate for maintenance account, and, in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor also the sum of \$2,790.00 estimated for interest on proposed bond issue.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Smith, Murphy, Riordon and Hubley.—6.

Against it—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris and Parker.—7.

Moved in amendment by Controller Hoben, seconded by Aldermen Smith that this Council request that the Board of School Commissioners reduce their estimates for 1915-16 by the sum of \$3,000.00 in maintenance account, and \$2,790.00 in interest on debentures.

The amendment being put, there appeared—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Hoben and O'Connor, and Aldermen Smith, Murphy, Riordon and Hubley.—6.

Against it—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris and Parker.—6.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of the amendment and declares the same carried.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Parker that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 1.20 a. m.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, December 21st, 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Controller O'Connor and Aldermen Brown and Hubley.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Harris, Hoben and Scanlan, and Aldermen Covert, Powell, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris 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 (12) Board of Control, namely:—
City Health Board Accounts.
Plumbing at City Prison.
Estimates for Public Schools, 1915-16.
City Prison Investigation—Controller Harris' Statement.
Water Bill 104 Upper Water Street.
Water Bills, 28 John Street, 186, 188 Maynard Street, and 106 Maitland Street—Rev. H. H. Johnson.
Tuberculosis Hospital Account.
Widening Atlantic Street at Property A. P. Calnen.
Street Lights.
Dog Pound.
Hose Waggon for Fire Department.
Coleman vs. City of Halifax.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED AT THIS AND PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

WATER BILL 575 ROBIE STREET.

Read report Board of Control re water bill 575 Robie Street, G. H. Finlay, recommending a reduction in the consumption billed from 6700 gallons to 3500 gallons.

City Hall, November 11th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending a reduction in the water bill of Mr. G. H. Finlay, 575 Robie Street from 6700 gallons to 3500 gallons.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached letter from Mr. G. H. Finlay claiming a reduction in the bill charged for water supplied through meter at his house No. 575 Robie Street.

Mr. Mumford, who reads the meter on this property, found no record of consumption on the meter and reported it as not registering. It was subsequently examined by the meter inspector and reported in working order. Acting on this information, the Clerk of Works in making up the account, averaged the consumption for the months in which he assumed the meter was not registering.

It transpires now, that Mr. Finlay was away from home in July, August and September and consequently no water was drawn through the meter. Mr. Finlay should be charged only for the quantity registered on the meter, or about 3500 gallons. I would recommend that the bill be reduced to the proper charge for that quantity.

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

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

KING'S PLACE WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension King's Place, past property at the corner of St. Alban's Street.

City Hall, Nov. 30th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re extension of water, King's Place.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached communication from George Roche asking for water extension in King's Place.

The district is high service; length of pipe required 180 feet; size of pipe 6 inch; estimated cost \$256.00.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$13.80 when the money is available.

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

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

GEORGE, ALBEMARLE AND GRAFTON STREETS CURBS AND SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re curbs George, Albemarle and Grafton Streets and concrete sidewalks on both sides of George Street from Argyle Street to Brunswick Street.

City Hall, Nov. 13th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re curbs, George, Albemarle and Grafton Streets, and concrete sidewalks on both sides of George Street from Argyle Street to Brunswick Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 11th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor:

Sir:—Some time ago, Controller Scanlan, through the Board, asked that I report on the straightening of the curbs on George, Albemarle and Grafton Streets.

There is a curb and cobble stone gutter on both sides of George Street from Argyle to Grafton Street, on the north side from Grafton to Albemarle, on the south side from Albemarle to Brunswick.

There is a curb and cobble stone gutter on the west side of Albemarle from Prince to Sackville and on both sides from George to Jacob.

On Grafton Street there is a curb and cobble stone gutter on the east side from Duke to Sackville and on both sides from Duke to Jacob.

A concrete sidewalk has been ordered for the east side of Grafton Street from George to Duke and also on the west side of Albemarle from Prince to George and on the north side of Prince from Albemarle to Brunswick Streets.

Albemarle and Grafton Streets are districts which have not, so far, demanded concrete sidewalks with the exception of those named, and I could not recommend the expenditure of any money on the curb stones until concrete sidewalks are to be laid. These are streets which the average pedestrian

and almost all visitors rarely see. George Street, however, is more under the public eye, and a better street system is needed, not only for appearance, but to take care of the water which runs down the hills. The sidewalks are gouged out by every rain of any consequence.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with granite curb and gutter be constructed on both sides of George Street from Argyle to Brunswick Street under the permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906. The estimated cost is \$

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

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

COAL AND COKE ORDINANCE.

Read report Board of Control recommending for approval by the City Council an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 28, "The Weighing of Coal and Coke."

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

Read a first time an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 28, 'The Weighing of Coal and Coke.' "

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

Read a second time an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 28, 'The Weighing of Coal and Coke.' "

FEEES FOR CHIMNEY SWEEPS.

Read report Board of Control covering an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 23 relating to fees payable to chimney sweeps.

City Hall, Nov. 9th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval by the City Council an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 23 relating to fees payable to chimney sweeps.

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

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 23 of the City of Halifax, "Chimney Sweeps."

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in Council assembled, as follows:—

Ordinance No. 23 of the City of Halifax, entitled "Chimney Sweeps" is amended as follows:—

The schedule to Ordinance No. 23 is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

SCHEDULE.

Fees to be taken by Chimney Sweeps.

For sweeping and cleaning each flue not exceeding one storey.....	50c
For each flue of greater height than one storey—for the first storey, 50c,	
and for each additional storey.....	25c
For sweeping and cleaning each range or stove and pipe.....	25c

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Hoben that the same be referred back to the Board of Control for further report. Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts chargeable to the City Health Board amounting to \$870.29.

City Hall, Dec. 21st., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for payment the following accounts chargeable to the City Health Board:—

Kelly & Glassey, liquor, \$3.60; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light, \$11.08; Farquhar Bros., lamps, \$8.60; Klenzo Mfg. Co., Klenzo, \$11.00; E. W. Crease & Co., groceries, \$12.93; Jas. D. Walsh, drugs, \$58.04; A. A. Thompson, drugs, \$119.45; G. MacGillvray, drugs, \$2.69; Gordon & Keith, furniture, \$105.65; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$105.00; Halifax Transfer Co., truckage, \$3.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$4.50; M. Weaver, cleaning P. V., \$7.50; Dr. L. M. Murray, Bacteriological examination of water, \$400.00; Charles J. Craig, service of horse for ambulance, \$12.25; Miss H. Doyle, typewriting, \$5.00. Total \$870.29.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Chief of the Fire Department on various matters relating to the Fire Department.

City Hall, Dec. 7th., 1914.

The City Council.

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

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

Office of Chief of Fire Department, Dec. 7th., 1914.

The Board of Control.

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

1. That 700' Keystone Fire Hose, 650' Winner hose and 650' CCC fire hose were tested at a pressure of 400 pounds and stood the pressure and were put in commission.
2. That George McGuire and James McGuire were superannuated on November 1st.
3. That William Powell, Chief Driver, reported sick on September 28th has not yet reported for duty.
4. That Cameron Wickwire, chauffeur on motor engine, reported sick on November 23rd, has not yet reported for duty.
5. That Joseph Johnson, driver on No. 4 Hose was suspended by the Chief November 20th for being under the influence of liquor while on duty. Reinstated December 5th.
6. That Daniel Brown, callman on No. 1 engine was injured at fire Box 36, October 7th, reported for duty November 27th.
7. That Peter Pace, acting driver, has resigned. John Connors, callman on No. 1 Engine, has resigned.
8. That John Andrews, callman on No. 2 Engine was dismissed by the Board of Control.
9. James Kiley and Ernest Stone, callmen, reported for duty on November 13th after three months' leave of absence.
10. Thomas Healey and Vincent Brunt, callmen on No. 2 engine, have volunteered to go to the front.
11. William Thomas permanent hoseman on motor engine was called for duty by the Navy Reserve on November 30th.

Recommendations.

1. That Edward Murphy and Arthur Forrest be appointed supernumeraries.

2. That William Handson acting driver and Eugene Woodworth, supernumeraries be appointed to the permanent force vice George McGuire and James McGuire superannuated.

3. That Arthur Forrest, supernumerary, be appointed to the call force, vice Lieut, Brommit promoted.

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

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

WAR— FIREMEN ON MILITARY SERVICE.

Read report Board of Control re pay of employees of the Fire Department on active military service.

City Hall, November 23rd, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit to the City Council for approval and concurrence the following extract from minutes of a meeting of the Board held on November 18th:—

“Controller Scanlan on behalf of the Chief of the Fire Department, verbally reports, in compliance with resolution of the Board November 4th, p 485, that eight of the members of the call force are on active military service and unable to attend fires, and recommends that their places be filled temporarily and that they be paid their salaries as call men, notwithstanding their inability to respond to alarms.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben (a) that eight of the supernumerary firemen be required to temporarily act as call men during the absence of call men on active military service, and that while so employed they be paid out of the Fire Department appropriation, and (b) that the positions of the call men on active military service be held open for them upon their return to duty as firemen.

At the request of Controller Harris, the motion is divided into two parts, (a) and (b).

Clause (a) is put and passed.

Clause (b) is put and passed.

Controller Scanlan dissents from clause (b), contending that the men on military duty should be paid their City salaries.

Controller Hoben is favorable to the call men being paid their City salaries, provided the Fire Department appropriation is not exceeded.

Controller Scanlan states there will probably be a deficit in the Fire Department if the men on military duty are paid.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Controller Scanlan that the Chief of the Fire Department be ordered to continue paying the men on active military service their salaries as usual.

The motion being put, His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Scanlan and Harris voted for it, and Controllers Hoben and O'Connor against it."

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

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Controller Harris that the said report be adopted. Motion passed. Controllers O'Connor and Hoben dissenting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FINES, ETC.

Read report Board of Control recommending the dismissal of John Andrews, a callman, from the Department, and covering schedule of fines to be imposed on members of the Department for various causes.

City Hall, Nov. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

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

(1) John Andrews, a callman of the Fire Department be dismissed from the Department for being under the influence of liquor while on duty, October 27th.

(2) The Board also recommends the adoption of the following schedule of fines to be imposed on members of the Department for various causes:—

District Chiefs, Captains and Engineers.

1st alarm	\$3.00
2nd "	4.00
3rd "	6.00

Lieutenants and Privates.

1st alarm	\$2.00
2nd "	3.00
3rd "	5.00
Absent from drill	2.00
" " funerals	2.00
" " sleeping in station, per night	2.00
" " annual competition drill	5.00
" " inspection	2.00
Leaving the City without permission	5.00
Absent from meetings called by Chief	1.00

Members wishing leave of absence must apply in writing to the Chief of the Department, having their application first signed by the Captain of their Company.

Pay to be stopped while members are on leave.

Leave of absence from the Chief of the Department, or sickness certified by the Medical Examiner will be the only legitimate excuses.

All absentees 15 minutes after sounding of alarm shall be fined.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Powell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the proposed fine of \$2.00 for absence from funerals be eliminated.

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

For the Amendment:—

Controller Hoben, and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Powell, Cox, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Against it:—

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

ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1915-16.

Read report Board of Control submitting notification from the Provincial Secretary that the Governor-in-Council will tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock hear an appeal made by the School Board from objections made by the City Council to the Board's estimates.

City Hall, Dec. 21st., 1914.

The City Council.

*Gentlemen:—*The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council a notification from the Provincial Secretary that the Governor in Council will, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at 11 o'clock, a. m., hear an appeal made by the School Board from objection made by the City Council to the Board's estimates, and that the City Council may attend and be heard at the hearing.

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

Office Provincial Secretary, 18th. December, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax, N. S.

*Sir:—*I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has, under the provisions of Section 898 of the Halifax City Charter, asserted an appeal to the Governor in Council to the item "Maintenance" in the detailed and itemized estimate submitted by the Board to the City Council and showing the amount specified and required by the said Board for the support and maintenance of the Schools under its charge for the year ending the 30th day of April, A. D., 1916.

I am also to notify you that the appeal will be heard by the Governor in Council on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1914, at eleven

o'clock in the forenoon, in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, and that the City Council may attend and be heard at the hearing.

FRED. F. MATHERS,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

His Worship the Mayor requests that the members of the Council will attend at the meeting.

CITY PRISON INVESTIGATION.

Read report Board of Control December 4th, 1914, re City Prison investigation.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 4th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control has under consideration three different and distinct heads of complaint. These will be dealt with by numbers in the order in which they were raised.

Complaint No. 1.

Otherwise known as the Mary Murphy case—that a prisoner of that name became pregnant while serving a term in the City Prison.

This complaint was raised by a letter of H. V. Wier dated March 17, 1914, to Controller Harris. The letter was brought before the Board of Control March 21-14. Mr. Wier appeared before the Board and asked for an investigation. He made no charge against any specific person. The members of this Board associated with themselves Alderman Powell and Hines and proceeded as a Committee to investigate the charge. The Committee held ten meetings and examined many witnesses. They subsequently reported to the and examined many witnesses. They subsequently reported to the Council in writing. After some discussion in Council the report was referred to the Board of Control for consideration and report.

The Board, having considered the charge and the evidence in its support, finds the charge sustained.

Complaint No. 2.

This was raised by H. V. Wier in a letter to the Board of Control dated Sept. 10th, 1914. The Governor and Matron of the prison were accused of causing or having caused repeated interruptions to the religious services at the Prison and with evidencing, generally, a spirit of hostility to the religious workers who had been accustomed to visit the Prison.

The Board, having considered this charge and the evidence in its support, finds the charge sustained.

Complaint No. 3.

This was a cross complaint raised by the Governor of the City Prison in a letter to the Board of Control dated Sept. 30th., 1914. Mr. H. V. Wier was accused of interfering with prison arrangements and of interfering with other religious work at the City Prison.

The Board having considered the charge and the evidence, finds the charge not sustained.

During the course of the investigation of the several charges referred to, many matters were developed having a bearing upon the state and conduct of the Institution and, as well, upon the question of the efficiency or non-efficiency of the Governor and Matron of the Institution. To these matters the Board does not deem it necessary to refer in detail. Upon the whole evidence now before it, the Board considers, (and so reports as its conclusion), that civic interests would be best served by the resignations of the Governor and Matron of the City Prison, and the Board recommends that such resignations be required.

In the opinion of the Board, Governor Grant does not possess that capacity, judgment and understanding which the proper fulfillment of the duties of his present office demand.

Again, the Board considers that the Governor and Matron must be held personally responsible as respects Complaint No. 1. The occurrence, within the City Prison, of the matter to which that complaint relates is, in the opinion of the Board, sufficient evidence of an exceedingly loose conduct of the Institution.

Further, as respects Complaint No. 2, the Board is of opinion that the Governor and Matron, for reasons into which the Board need not attempt to delve, have exercised with extreme vigor, as against the evangelical workers of the Prison, a supposed but mistaken authority, which authority, if they or either of them had been persons of the capacity and judgment necessary to their positions, they would not have conceived themselves to possess.

The Board is further of opinion that it is not fitting that a large family of young persons should be resident within the Prison. The family of the Governor and Matron consists of nine boys ranging in age from 4 years to 21 years. This undesirable condition the Board considers should forthwith be put an end to.

As the Board is recommending that resignations be demanded as of date February 1st, 1915, it withholds for the present certain further recommendations as to the future conduct of the City Prison, including certain recommendations respecting the holding of religious services thereat.

The preceding report is that of those whose names are subscribed hereto. During the investigation, Controller Harris, having been called by Mr. Wier to give evidence personally, intimated to the other members of the Board that he would not take part in the deliberations of the Board or in its findings, but would report his own conclusions separately.

F. P. BLYTH.
W. F. O'CONNOR.
C. R. HOBEN.
M. SCANLAN, JR.

Read report Board of Control covering statement of his findings in respect to investigations into affairs at the City Prison placed before the Board by Controller Harris.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Controller Harris having placed before the Board of Control a statement of his findings in respect to investigations into affairs at the City Prison, the Board begs to submit the same to the City Council for its information.

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

Alderman Riordon arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Powell, that the report of the Board of Control re Prison Investigation be referred back for further consideration with the view of seeing if the recommendation re resignation of the Governor could not be modified.

Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment:—

Controller Harris, and Aldermen Brown, Powell, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Hubley and Parker.—10.

Against it:—

Controllers Hoben, O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Covert and Riordon.—5.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor Powell to the chair.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control re account \$492.15 Tuberculosis Hospital against the City for maintenance of patients.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Some delay having occurred through misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the various statutes relating to the establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in the City of Halifax for the treatment of the tubercular poor, and a proper understanding having recently been arrived at, the

Board of Control recommends payment to the Tuberculosis Hospital Management of the sum of \$492.15, in settlement of accounts towards cost of maintenance of patients to the end of August, 1914.

Correspondence between the Management of the Hospital and the City together with the opinion of the Acting City Solicitor attached hereto.

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

Office of City Solicitor, Aug. 24th., 1914.

Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—In reference to extract from Minutes of a meeting of your Board held on the 14th inst., requesting the Acting City Solicitor for an opinion as to whether the grant authorized to be paid by the City towards the maintenance of patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital, not exceeding in all the sum of \$2500 a year, may be paid in one sum or only at so much per head for patients admitted.

The Statute authorizes the City to contribute towards the maintenance of patients to the institution from the City who are unable to defray the cost of their maintenance, the sum not exceeding five dollars per week for each such patient, but not to exceed in the whole amount \$2500 in any year.

In my opinion, the City may only pay the grant as earned, and only towards the maintenance of such patients as they comply with section 27, sub-section 4 of the Act. The more convenient course would seem to be to pay the grant quarterly or half-yearly in arrears on proper certificates of settlement and period of time which each patient spends in the sanatorium during the quarterly or half-yearly period as the case may be.

R. T. MacILREITH,

Acting City Solicitor.

35 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S.

*To the Board of Control,
City of Halifax.*

Gentlemen:—As instructed, I have gone over the list of patients at the Tuberculosis Hospital and beg to report:

I find that these patients were all suffering from tuberculosis, but as regards their "settlement" it is almost impossible to ascertain at this date the actual legal "settlement" of the various patients, as may have since died or moved away from the City. With regard to two, David Potter, Tufts Cove, and Mrs. Sullivan, 40 Pepperell Street, whose legal settlement is Herring Cove, they cannot be regarded as residents of the City. As to the others, so far as I have been able to ascertain their settlement is correctly given as Halifax.

In this connection, I would suggest that in future the Tuberculosis Hospital might procure affidavits as to the "settlement" of patients before they are received as inmates.

W. BRUCE ALMON, M. D.,

City Medical Officer.

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

PLUMBING AT CITY PRISON.

Read report Board of Control covering tenders for plumbing work at the City Prison.

City Hall, Dec. 21st, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recently reported to the City Council on the matter of tenders received for certain plumbing work at the City Prison. It having transpired that the specifications would not permit of all the work being done that was covered by the specifications upon which tenders were received, the matter was referred back to the Board of Control for further report. The Board of Control have called for new bids from the original tenderers on an amended specification, which provides for the installation of three closets only.

On the new specification, tenders were received as follows:—

Coolen & Martin	\$120.00
George H. Kinsman.....	145.00
Michael Day.....	137.00

It is recommended that the tender of Coolen & Martin, being the lowest, be accepted.

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

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

WATER BILL 104 UPPER WATER STREET.

Read report Board of Control recommending a reduction of 25%, equal to \$29.60 in water bill of Mrs. M. A. Merrigan, 104 Upper Water Street.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had before them a claim of Mrs. M. A. Merrigan, 104 Upper Water Street, of excessive charges for water rates.

The Board recommend a reduction of 25%, equal to \$29.60.

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

City Engineer's Office, Dec. 16th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying bills submitted to the Board of Control by Controller Scanlan.

The bills attached cover a period from March 1911 to Sept. 1914. The detailed bill is for the period from March to Sept. 1914. It shows a consumption of 278,000 gallons.

The meter has been tested and is certified to be registering correctly. The meter reader reports that he was informed by the tenant in the shop that he engaged a plumber to stop a waste in a water closet in November. I must conclude therefore that the extraordinary consumption has been due to waste through a leaking water closet and 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 same be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER BILLS 28 JOHN STREET, 186 AND 188 MAYNARD STREET AND 106 MAITLAND STREET, REV. H. H. JOHNSON.

Read report Board of Control re water bills 28 John Street, 186 and 188 Maynard Street and 106 Maitland Street, Rev. H. H. Johnson, recommending certain reductions.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that they have had before them a protest from Rev. H. H. Johnson, claiming having been charged excessive amounts for water supply through meters at properties 28 John Street, 186 Maynard Street, 188 Maynard Street and 106 Maitland Street.

The Board recommends reductions of 25% in certain of the accounts, the amount of reductions being as follows 28 John Street, \$2.77; 186 Maynard Street, \$7.78; 188 Maynard Street, \$5.52.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, Dec. 16th, 1914,

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bills for water supplies to houses owned by Rev. H. H. Johnson.

28 *John Street*—May to Sept. 1912 amt. of bill \$4.28.
Sept. to March 1913, amount of bill \$11.07.

The meter readings attached, show that there was waste in January and February and the first part of March, which would account for the difference in the two bills.

186 *Maynard Street*—May to Sept. 1912 amt of bill \$18.29.
Sept. to Mar. 1913 " " 13.25.

The consumption was large all through the period covered. I have no further information in reference to it.

188 *Maynard Street*—May to Sept. 1912 amt. of bill \$ 5.48.
Sept. to Mar. 1913 " " 22.10.

The inspectors reported a water closet wasting in the winter.

106 *Maitland Street*—May to Sept. 1912 amt. of bill \$3.09.
Sept. to Mar. 1913 " " 6.40.

The meter inspector could not reach the meter in yjis property at the dates shown, but they report a tap wasting in the property.

Under the circumstances, the law does not justify me in recommending any reduction.

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

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

ATLANTIC STREET WIDENING AT A. P. CALNEN'S PROPERTY.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re widening Atlantic Street at property of A. P. Calnen.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—It is recommended that the accompanying report of the City Engineer re widening Atlantic Street at the property of A. P. Calnan be adopted, and that the City Engineer be authorized to offer Mr. Calnen for his land the amount recommended in his report.

It is further recommended that should Mr. Calnen refuse to accept the City's offer, that the question of valuation be referred to arbitration, and that in such case, M. S. Clarke be the arbitrator to represent the City.

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

City Engineer's Office, Dec. 16th., 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on Mr. Calnen's offer to sell to the City a piece of land which he describes as six feet on Atlantic Street and four feet on Bland Street, required from his property for straightening out the line on the north side of Atlantic Street and south side of Bland Street.

Mr. Calnen is in error in assuming that any land is required on Bland Street. There is a strip five or six feet wide on Atlantic Street which is required to bring the street to the official line. Mr. Calnen, I am informed, paid \$600 for the property, which is 4320 square feet in area, or less than 14c a square foot

He has moved a house from the terminals to the property.

The area required by the City is 360 square feet, as shown on the accompanying plan. The cost of this strip at \$325, would be 90c a square foot. I should think 20c a square foot would be a good offer, which would amount to \$72.00.

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

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

STREET LIGHTS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street lights.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the suggested new street lights—

West Young Street I would recommend that a light be placed on Young Street between Windsor Street and Bayers Road.

Bayers Road I would recommend that a street light be installed at the junction of Oxford Street and Bayers Road.

Cherry Street I would recommend that an electric light be installed on this street.

All three lights to be installed when the appropriation is available.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Parker that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

DOG POUND.

Read report Board of Control recommending the establishment of a dog pound at the City stock yard, with Edward Martin as pound keeper.

City Hall, Dec. 18th., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that a dog pound be established at the City Stock Yard, Bell Road, with Edward Martin as pound-keeper.

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

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

HOSE WAGGONS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control recommending the acceptance of the offer of Austen Bros. to furnish the City with two Seagrave hose waggons for the Fire Department. Messrs. H. B. Clarke & Son, who were previously awarded the contract having been unable to furnish the waggons through their principals, the Ottawa Car Company.

City Hall, Dec. 21st., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to resolution of the City Council passed on September 10th, 1914, on a recommendation from this Board, a contract was awarded to H. B. Clarke & Sons, of this City, as agents for the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co., for the furnishing to the City of two hose waggons at a cost of \$1750.00.

After considerable negotiations and delays, Messrs. Clarke & Son were informed by the manufacturers that they would not supply the waggons. The Board thereupon communicated with the Ottawa Car Co., asking if they would contract direct with the City of Halifax, and received a reply in which they stated that they were unable to accept the order at this particular time. The Board therefore recommend that the offer of the next lowest tenderer, Messrs. Austen Bros., of this City, for Seagrave waggons, totalling with equipment, \$1800.00, be accepted.

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

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

COLEMAN VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read report Board of Control covering letter from the City Solicitor in re suit Coleman vs. the City of Halifax recently decided against the City and recommended that the case be appealed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

City Hall, Dec. 21st., 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the information of the City Council a report from the City Solicitor relating to the suit *Coleman vs. City of Halifax*, covering a copy of the decision of the County Court Judge for the County of Halifax.

At the meeting of the Board there were present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers O'Connor, Harris and Scanlan. The Board, Controller Scanlan dissenting, recommend that the case be appealed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

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

Office of the City Solicitor, Dec. 21st., 1914.

Coleman vs. the City of Halifax.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:—I hand you herewith copy of the judgment of Judge Wallace in the above. It will be seen that it goes far beyond even the *Toben* case, which I considered went beyond what had hitherto been the law. In this case there was absolutely no evidence of negligence or any finding by the jury to that effect, or of any work done by the City; but nothing more than an accident possibly caused by a small rut in an earth sidewalk. The Judge has held that the clause in the City Charter requiring the Board of Control to keep the streets in as good repair as the funds at its disposal will permit, involves an absolute liability on the City, and makes it an insurer against all accidents so long as a dollar of the money is left in the street fund. In other words, he takes the administration out of the hands of the City and places it in that of a jury. If this is the law, which I do not believe it is, it is imperative that a change be made in our legislation. Before doing so, I think the opinion of a higher court should be obtained.

I may also add in this case that the only evidence of injury was the evidence of the plaintiff herself. She went to bed a day after the accident and stayed there for three months. Although a doctor was in attendance he was not called.

I have no hesitation whatever in strongly urging that an appeal be taken to the Supreme Court in banc. To avoid the time running out I have already given a notice to that effect. As the plaintiffs are people of no substance I shall endeavor to have the case heard by application upon type-written papers instead of printed papers.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

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

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

COLEMAN VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX, RESUMED.

The motion for the adoption of the report is put and passed, Controller Scanlan dissenting.

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

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.40 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Dec. 29th., 1914.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present Controllers O'Connor and Scanlan and Aldermen Brown, Cox, Parker, Gastonguay and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cox that the time for meeting be extended until 4 o'clock. Motion passed.

4 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Controller Harris and Aldermen Powell and Harris.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for 1915-16, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Board of Control re City Prison Investigation.

Report Board of Control re Motor Engine for the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Powell that the Council do now adjourn for ten minutes awaiting the arrival of the yearly estimate for 1915-16 from the printer. Motion passed.

The Council adjourns for ten minutes.

THE MEETING REASSEMBLES.

4.10 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named members of Council. The meeting is called to order pursuant to adjournment.