

City Hall, June 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for concurrence the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department with the further recommendation that the chauffeur of the Motor Engine be granted two weeks holidays and the assistant chauffeur one week's extra holidays.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Halifax, N. S., June 9th, 1915.

The Board of Control.

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

1. That there have been twenty alarms of fire during the month of May from the following causes:— stove pipe, 1, furnace 1; tarpot, 1; window-blind 1; brush and rubbish 2; fat in oven 1; curtains 1; false 1; electric wire 1; gasoline 1; unknown 3; sparks from chimney setting fire to roof 1; chimneys 5; The barn fires on Jubilee Road and Morris Street have been investigated by Police Department.

Insurance at risk.....	\$10900.00
Insurance losses.....	685.50
Losses without insurance.....	300.00
Total losses.....	988.50

2. That William Knapman, driver No. 1 Chemical, died April 21st. That John Green, Callman No. 1 engine has resigned.—Recommended for acceptance. That Robert Warner, Callman No. 4 engine has resigned.—Recommended for acceptance.

3. That William Shanks, driver No. 5 engine reported sick March 12th has not yet reported for duty, has been ordered by his Doctor to a sanatorium. I recommend that his salary be continued until further provision is made.

4. That William Maguire, driver No. 2 truck, was suspended by Acting Chief Condon for being under the influence of liquor while on duty and was suspended by the Chief for 6 days.

5. That Cameron Wickwire, chauffeur on Motor Engine asked for two weeks' holidays.

Cornelius Leahy, assistant chauffeur on Motor Engine asked for one extra weeks holidays.

That Alexander Jennix, callman No. 4 hose asked for 3 months leave of absence.

Recommendations.

1. That William Knapman's (deceased) heirs be paid his superannuation amounting to \$62.98.

2. That Alex. Locke, ex-driver, be appointed driver, vice William Knapman, deceased.

3. That Frank Cochrane and Charles Mulcahy be appointed to permanent force, vice William Thomas on active service and William Hanson resigned.

4. That George Carleton, William Bishop, John Egan, G. W. Walker, Arthur Tout, be appointed callmen, vice Vincent Brunt, John Hurley and William Walker on active service, at the front, John Green resigned, and William Davis left the Department.

5. That John Whelan and Joseph Hardiman be appointed supernumeraries.

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

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

JUNE 21st PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Read report Board of Control recommending that His Worship the Mayor be requested to publish in the newspapers the customary proclamation of a public holiday on the City's Natal Day, June 21st.

City Hall, June 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control unanimously recommend that His Worship the Mayor be requested to publish in the newspapers the customary proclamation for a public holiday on June 21st, the Natal Day of Halifax.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

POLICE CLOTHING.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for raincoats for the Police Department.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they advertised for the supply of 50 mackintoshes for the Police Department and received only one tender, i. e., from Frank Colwell, Limited, \$15.49 each. The tender is recommended for acceptance.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the City advertise for tenders for loans amounting to \$107,200 for various civic purposes, and also \$74,100.00 for public schools, covering draft resolution containing schedule of the purposes for which said loans are required.

City Hall, June 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the City advertise for tenders for loans totalling \$107,200.00 for various civic purposes and \$74,100.00 for public schools according to schedule appearing in a formal resolution submitted herewith for confirmation by the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

At request of Alderman Isnor the various amounts recommended are considered item by item. The said items are considered *seriatim* and severely approved.

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

Controller McKeen submits the following resolution:

Whereas the City of Halifax will require the amounts as stated below, to be borrowed on Consolidated Fund 1905, viz.—

For Sewers.....	\$ 60,000.00
" Sidewalks.....	15,000.00
" Extension of Water System.....	25,000.00
" Concrete Walk, Grafton Park.....	1,000.00
To defray City's share of Cost of heating County Jail.....	700.00
For Cost Lions Fleming Park.....	1,000.00
" Night-soil plant.....	2,500.00
" Conduits in Streets, M. T. & T. Co.....	1,000.00
" Improvements City Prison.....	1,000.00
	\$107,200.00

All the above amounts under authority of Chapter 47 of an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 1915, and \$37,000 to redeem School Board Debentures falling due on July 1st., 1915: also \$37,100 for School Purposes, New: Under authority of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907.

Therefore Resolved that the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders from persons willing to loan the City for said purposes on Stock or Debentures of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund, 1905, a sum or sums sufficient to realize the sum of \$181,300.00; the same to bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July, 1950.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed.

ACCOUNTS.

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

City Hall, June 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

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

City Prison.

Moir's Ltd, bread, \$48.06; Wentzell's Ltd., groceries, \$104.25; W. A. Maling & Co., oxheads, \$41.50; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$3.26; A. Gunn & Co., fodder, \$79.22; Robt. Taylor & Co., shoes, \$7.50; David Roche, glass, \$1.61; Acadian Recorder, advertising, \$8.10; Imperial Oil Co., grease, \$1.50; Neil Fox, supplies, \$13.10; Black & Flinn, lime, \$2.50; Hugh D. McKenzie, coal, \$207.00; Hillis & Sons, fittings, \$1.00; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., current, \$7.70; Maritime Telephone Co, rental, \$13.85; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$10.85; John White & Co., enamelware, \$20.31; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$31.13; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$60.76; D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, \$5.00; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$4.18; W. I. Hubley, seed potatoes, \$12.00; Halifax Seed Co., seeds, \$3.30. Total \$687.72.

Library.

Library Bureau, subscription fee, \$2.25; Thos. Nelson & Sons, book, \$.30; George H. Doran Co., subscription fee, \$2.50. Total \$5.05.

City Home.

Interest, \$4000.00; Wentzells, Ltd., flour, \$349.25; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$359.48; J. A. Leaman & Co., meats, \$406.75; Davis & Fraser, pork, \$50.58; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$134.00; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$97.19; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$27.00; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; W. Y. Kennedy, drygoods, \$71.85; H. D. McKenzie Co., coal, \$199.87; Gunn & Co., Ltd., forage, \$48.58; F. A. Shaw, forage, \$26.69; Hfx. Elec. Tram Co., light, \$18.30; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$5.60; Jas. Simmonds & Son, hardware, \$11.50; Dillon Bros, rye whiskey, \$1.50; Brookfield Bros, lime, \$5.50; J. F. Outhit & Son, cabbage, \$1.50; Hillis & Son, stove castings, \$1.90; H. McFatridge, horseshoeing, \$3.19; Robt. Horner, horseshoeing, \$1.55; Willis Bros. repairs to wagon, \$3.35; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$2.40; Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$13.66; Jas. D. Walsh, seeds, \$5.45; B. J. Mulcahy, disbursements \$205.54; Paysheet \$686.15; Halifax Herald, advertising, chargeable 1914-15 acct., \$5.23; J. A. Nicholson, fencing, chargeable 1914-15 acct. \$182.64. Total \$6930.09.

Public Gardens.

Steele Briggs Seed Co., seeds \$38.40; John Connon Co., Ltd., flowers etc., \$226.61; Wm. Robertson & Co., hardware, \$34.23; R. & J. Farquharson & Co., seeds, etc, \$14.55; M. F. Burns, plumbing, \$20.45; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$5.25; Dept. City Works, supplies, \$32.80; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light, \$3.78. Total \$376.07.

Health Board.

Maritime Telephone Co, phones, \$18.26; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light \$7.77; Kinley's Ltd., drugs, \$58.09; John Elliott, milk, \$46.06; C. J. Craig conveyance of patients, \$75.25; Blackadar Bros., printing and advertising

\$23.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$1.40; Morton & Cragg, hardware, \$18.90; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$23.75; Farquhar Bros., electrical fixtures, \$3.75; Jas. D. Walsh, drugs, \$24.55; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$263.43. Total \$566.61.

General Accounts.

Hfx. Industrial School, keep of boys 3 mos. to Apr. 30-15; Truants, \$160.00; Juvenile offenders, \$185.04; Total \$345.04. St. Patrick's Home, Keep of boys 3 mos. to Apr. 30-15. Truants \$342.89, juvenile offenders \$202.11. Total \$545.00. Maritime Home for Girls, Truro, keep of girls 6 mos. to Apr. 30-15, \$248.62. T. C. Allen & Co, stationery and printing, 1914 acct, City Clerk, \$257.84; City Assessor, \$192.50; City Collector \$44.75; City Assessor, \$4.90. Total \$499.99. 1915 acct. Mayor's Office \$13.50; Board of Control, \$9.10; City Solicitor, \$1.90; City Collector \$26.35; City Assessor, \$11.50; City Clerk \$117.65. Total \$180.00. Grand Total \$679.99; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd, blank books, License Inspector, \$13.75; City Assessor, \$46.80; City Clerk, \$65.10; City Collector, \$63.80. Total \$189.45. Soulis Typewriting Supply Co., rubber cushions, etc, \$7.00; E. L. Ruddy Co., Ltd., posting bills, \$9.00, \$6.00, \$6.00, \$5.40, Total \$25.40; Dr. Finn, Med. Examiner, certificates of death, D. Leahy, \$4.00; D. Jenning, \$4.00; E. S. Gunning, \$4.00; W. G. Pietrie, \$4.00. Total \$16.00; E. Montgomery Vieth, Information for Assessors, May 1915, \$10.00; Registrar of Deeds, Searching Deeds for Assessors, \$11.00; W. B. Dana Co., subscription Commercial and Financial Chronicle \$11.50; Office Specialty Co., trans. cases, \$7.0; H. B. Clarke & Sons, telephone directories, \$2.00; Royal Gazette, advertising election returns, \$3.00; London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps and badges, City Treasurer, \$3.30; City Collector, \$5.00; City Clerk, \$45.50. Total \$50.80; Blackadar Bros, advertising recorder, \$18.90, \$19.38, \$76.65, \$4.65. Total \$119.58; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising Chronicle, \$9.38, \$6.68, \$12.54, \$87.90. Total \$116.50; Halifax Herald, advertising Herald, \$6.27, \$18.85, \$17.57, \$73.25. Total \$115.94. Grand Total \$2498.52.

Fire Department.

Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light, \$30.80; Freeman & Co., blinds, etc, \$1.40; E. B. Eddy Co., supplies, \$7.75; James Myers, repairs, \$1.50; National Drug & Chemical Co., soap, \$5.75; Lawrence Hardware Co., Hardware, \$3.35; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$300.47; Gunn & Co., fodder, \$250.92; Gunn & Co., fodder, 1914 acct., \$294.47; Wm. Roche, coal, \$50.22; A. Stanley Willis, labor, \$18.00; Halifax Steam Laundry, laundry, \$9.74; Halifax Steam Laundry, laundry 1914 acct, \$7.41; H. McFatrige, services and rent of stable \$54.20; David Roche, sign, \$.35; Wentzells, Ltd., groceries, \$7.70; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$41.31; L. E. Sievert, supplies, \$24.30. Total \$1119.64.

Police Department.

Maritime Telephone Co, light, \$15.42; Chief of Police, laundry for Police Station, \$.60; M. S. Brown & Co., repairing timers, \$4.00; Harry K. Martin, handcuffs, \$34.50; Halifax Herald, advertising police applicants, \$6.27; Blackadar Bros, advertising police applicants, \$4.65; Kline & Mullins, helmets, \$4.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$9.00; G. A. Burbidge, prescription, \$.70; John Starr Son & Co., battery, \$.35; Office Specialty Co., card cabinet, \$12.00; Office Specialty Co., identification cards, \$8.00; Maxwell's Ltd., clothing and repairs, \$233.75. Total \$333.24.

Works Department.

Teams and Stables, \$346.90; Cleaning Paved Streets, \$174.72; Sandford Fleming Park, \$18.45; Loan Widening Streets, \$72.00; Internal Health, \$143.55

Sewerage, 806.14; City Hall Lighting, 76.57; Street Lighting, 2117.60; Telephones, \$39.19; Fuel, City Hall, \$49.25; Insurance, \$479.99; City Property, 1914-15, \$51.16; City Prison Improvement 1914-15, \$13.64; City Property 1915-16, \$166.01; Permanent Sidewalks, \$1148.18; Streets, \$434.48; Water Construction, \$695.46; Water Maintenance, \$903.66; Internal Health, \$28.80. Total \$7765.75.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

BILL POSTERS LICENSE.

Read report Board of Control recommending that a Bill Posters License for distributing advertising matter be granted to the Halifax Messenger Service.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that a bill poster's license for distributing advertising matter be granted to the Halifax Messenger Service, L. G. Trenaman, Manager.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

TENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control and City Electrician re tenders for electrical supplies.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that upon a call for tenders for electrical supplies for the year ending April 30th, 1916, only one tender was received. The City Electrician reports that the prices quoted compare favorably with those of last year and it is recommended that the tender of Farquhar Bros. Limited, be accepted.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

SALARIES UNDERKEEPERS CITY PRISON.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Harris re salaries of underkeepers at the City Prison.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of Controller Harris re salaries of underkeepers at the City Prison.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Halifax, N. S., May 31st., 1915.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—I beg to report in reference to the salaries of underkeepers W. Handsley and Geo. Yeadon, as follows:

These men were hired with the understanding that they were to receive \$550.00 the first year and \$50.00 increase each year until the maximum salary of \$700.00 was reached.

Underkeeper C. Yeadon has received his increase from year to year in accordance with this understanding therefore in justice to underkeeper W. Handsley, who is very efficient and capable, holding a first aid certificate I would strongly recommend that he receive an increase of \$50.00 this year, in accordance with the understanding at the time he accepted the position.

In the case of Geo. Yeadon I wish to report that his increase was only \$25.00 whereas it should have been \$50.00. I find he is a capable and efficient employee, and would recommend that an increase of \$25.00 for this year be granted.

In my opinion all employees should receive the same treatment, providing their record is good, and they are capable and efficient. Otherwise discord and dissatisfaction seriously interfere with a harmonious carrying out of the affairs in any institution.

GEO. F. HARRIS, *Controller City Prison.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light at the junction of Quinpool Road and Windsor and Parker Streets.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval the attached report of the City Engineer re electric light at the junction of Quinpool Road and Windsor and Parker Streets.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, June 7th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the request of your Board, I beg to report on the light on Quinpool Road, Windsor and Parker Streets.

The light at the Willow Tree does not light this junction properly. The car tracks turn round the corner and there is a good deal of traffic on Quinpool Road and Windsor Street. The light at one time was at the corner of Quinpool Road and Parker Street, but was moved to the north corner of Parker and Windsor Streets. I was of opinion at that time, that the light should be at the south corner of Parker and Windsor Streets on a mast arm, so that it would light Quinpool Road, Windsor and Parker Street in that neighborhood. We cannot afford two lights at this point, and I am still of the opinion that the south corner of Parker Street and Quinpool Road is the proper location for it. The sketch attached, shows the location.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKean that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

DUFFUS STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer and water extension Duffus Street from Acadia Street to Robie Street.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the attached reports of the City Engineer dated respectively May 17th and May 22nd, 1915, re sewer and water extension, Duffus Street, from Acadia Street to Robie Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 17th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—On the 23rd of March the Council ordered the construction of a sewer and extension of the water system on Duffus Street from Acadia Street to Robie Street after there are two houses under construction on the Highland Park Property—estimated cost, \$12,875.00—and provided the petitioners will sign a bond to guarantee five per cent interest on the estimated cost of the water extension.

All the sewers ordered previously are under construction with the exception of a short block on Charles Street between Gottingen Street and Creighton Street, so that we shall be ready to commence the construction of the Duffus Street sewer in the near future.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 22nd, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with request of your Board, I beg to report that there are eight houses on the south side and six on the north side. One house on the south side is a two-flat building and there are two other houses on the south side which can be reached by water pipes and possibly for drainage. It is difficult to estimate the revenue from water as five of the houses on the north side are not completed, but estimating the minimum rate there would be a water revenue of \$45. My recommendation, however, provided that the petitioners should sign a bond guaranteeing a water tax of \$119.96 being five per cent. on the estimated cost of the water extension. The estimated cost of the sewer is \$12,875; estimated assessment is \$3703.00.

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

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

WINDSOR STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, Windsor Street, between Willow Street and Charles Street.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Windsor Street between Willow Street and Charles Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, June 7, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Windsor Street between Willow Street and Charles Street.

There is a sidewalk in the block north and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be laid on the east side of Windsor Street between Willow and Charles Streets under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$910.00.

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

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

RUSSELL STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Russell Street from Campbell Road to Albert Street.

The City Council.

City Hall, June 7th, 1915.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the north side of Russell Street from Campbell Road to Albert Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 31st, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a permanent sidewalk on the north side of Russell Street.

We are always glad to receive a petition for sidewalks on the hilly streets, as it is impossible to prevent them from washing out during heavy rains.

I would recommend that a cement concrete sidewalk, with concrete curb and gutter, be constructed on the north side of Russell Street from Campbell Road to Albert Street, under the Permanent Sidewalk Act, 1906.

The estimated cost is \$1271.00.

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

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Hines that the same be adopted.

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

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

	For the amendment	Against it.
Controllers	Halliday, Harris, McKeen, Murphy,	Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Hines,
Aldermen	Kelly, Foley, Godwin, Parker—8	Isnor—5

CITY PRISON SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for oxheads and bread for the City Prison.

City Hall, June 2nd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received and opened tenders for supplies for the City Prison for the period ending April 30th, 1916, as follows:

Oxheads.

W. A. Maling & Co.....30c each
 J. A. Leaman & Co.....25c each

The tender of J. A. Leaman & Co. being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

Bread.

J. J. Scriven & Sons4 2-3c per pound
 T. J. O'Malley.....7c per 1½ pound loaf
 Moirs Ltd4 2-3c per pound

The prices being practically similar it is recommended that the contract be divided equally amongst the tenderers; deliveries to be made as follows:

June.....	Moirs Ltd.	Nov.....	Scriven
July.....	O'Malley.	Dec.....	Moirs Ltd
Aug.....	Scriven.	Jan.....	O'Malley
Sept.....	Moirs Ltd.	Feb.....	Scriven
Oct.....	O'Malley.		
Mar. 1st to Mar. 18th.....	Moirs Ltd.		
Mar. 20th to April 8th.....	O'Malley		
April 8th to April 29th.....	Scriven		

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

TENDERS FOR STATIONERY.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for stationery supplies.

City Hall, May 26th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend the acceptance of the tender of Morton & Cragg for stationery supplies for the City Engineer's department and that of T. C. Allen & Co. for the other items contained in stationery specification schedule, the said tenders being in each case the lowest. The original tenders of A. & W. MacKinlay, T. C. Allen & Co., and Morton & Cragg are attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

QUEEN STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Queen Street west side from Fenwick Street to South Street.

The City Council.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Queen Street from Fenwick Street to South Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 28th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition for a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Queen Street between South and Fenwick Streets.

There is a sidewalk on the east side of Queen Street from Tobin Street northwardly and one on the west side in a portion of the block between South Street and Morris Street.

The sidewalk in question is on the Fort Massey Hill and is usually in an unsatisfactory condition. The formation, at this point, is clay.

I would recommend that the sidewalk on the west side of Queen Street between Fenwick and Morris Streets be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter, be constructed on the west side of Queen Street from Fenwick Street to South Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$1232.00.

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

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

CARTERET STREET BUILDING LINE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re petition for establishment of a building line on the west side of Carteret Street.

The City Council.

City Hall, May 22nd, 1915.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re petition for establishment of a building line on the west side of Carteret Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 22nd, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the petition attached, asking for the establishment of a building line on the west side of Carteret Street.

The petitioners claim to own all the property on the west side of Carteret Street from Oakland Road to Murray Street.

I would therefore recommend that their request be granted and that the Council establish a building line twenty feet west from the official west street line of Carteret Street between Oakland Road and Murray Street under section 589 of the City Charter.

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

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

STREET LIGHTS.

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

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

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

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 26th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petitions for street lights:

Inglis and Ivanhoe Street.

Ivanhoe Street has no light at present, and an additional light is required at the corner of Inglis Street. I would recommend that an arc light be installed when the appropriation is available.

Summit Street.

There is a light at Windsor Street but the west end of the street is too far away to be efficiently lighted. I would recommend that a bernstein light be installed when the appropriation is available.

Carteret Street and Oakland Road.

There is a light at present on Carteret Street halfway between South Street and Oakland Road. There are no houses on Oakland Road and the light on Carteret Street lights the street as well as we can afford to do it at present. The light is not required for approach to the ferry, as we have already

installed two lights on Oxford Street for this purpose. If we had plenty of money, I would recommend them all, but as the appropriation is limited, I think we can do without this light.

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

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

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, Cornwallis Street.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on Cornwallis Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 26th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Complaint has been made respecting the condition of Cornwallis Street sidewalk north side between Lockman and Brunswick Street.

This is an old tar concrete sidewalk which has outlived its usefulness and has become dangerous.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid instead when the new sidewalk is being laid in the block west. The estimated cost is \$780.00.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKee that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

BUCKINGHAM STREET SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks on Buckingham Street.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend the construction of concrete sidewalks under the provisions of the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906 on the south side of Buckingham Street, between Barrington Street and Granville Street, and on the north side of Buckingham Street, between Argyle Street and Barrington Street. A report from the City Engineer as to the

sidewalk on the south side of said street is attached hereto. It is recommended that this work be constructed as soon as possible.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 27th, 1915.

Hts Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The sidewalk on the south side of Buckingham Street between Barrington Street and Granville Street is in a bad condition. It is an old tar concrete sidewalk. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the south side of Buckingham Street between Barrington Street and Granville Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$408.00.

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

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

FLEMING PARK.

Read report Board of Control re the control and management of the Sir Sandford Fleming Park.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—For the information of the City Council the Board of Control beg to report that the legislation proposed by the City Council on March 23rd 1915 and submitted to the Legislature, transferring the control of the Sir Sandford Fleming Park to the Directors of Point Pleasant Park not having been approved the City Solicitor advises that the control and management of said Park remains with the Board of Control.

The Board has arranged with Richard L. Power, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Gardens, to look after the Fleming Park without extra remuneration, and Michael Cochrane has been appointed caretaker for the season of 1915.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Approved.

ORNAMENTAL LAMP POSTS, QUEEN HOTEL, HALIFAX HOTEL.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineers re ornamental lamp posts Hollis Streets, Queen Hotel and Halifax Hotel.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re ornamental lamp posts for electric lights at the Queen Hotel, Hollis Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 28th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Manager of the Queen Hotel has made application for permission to place on the sidewalk in front of the hotel, on Hollis Street, two ornamental lamp standards. The section of the City Charter referring to this matter, is as follows—

"The Committee on Works may on the recommendation of the City Engineer, grant a permit to any person for the placing on any street of a suitable post or other fixture for the purpose of ornamental lighting. Any such permit may be upon such terms and conditions, including payment of a rental, as the Committee on Works may deem fit, and may be revoked at any time without notice."

The City Council at a meeting held Sep. 4, 1913 adopted a recommendation that any permit issued, should be subject to the following conditions—

"The wires should be carried to the lamp post under the sidewalk, the design of the post should be subject to the approval of the Board of Control, they should be painted black by the property owner at least once a year; they should be placed as near the curb stone as possible. Such rental shall be paid as the Board of Control may fix. They should be kept lighted every night, otherwise, they must be removed from the street and the sidewalk restored to its original condition. The work of placing the posts shall be done to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. The applicant shall comply with any additional regulations respecting ornamental lighting adopted from time to time by the Board of Control."

I also reported:—

"There is one other important point to be considered, namely, the distance apart at which these lights should be placed. In giving separate permits for the installation of ornamental lights, we should look ahead to the time when the whole street will be lighted ornamentally. In my opinion the posts should be placed so that they could be made a part of the general scheme of lighting for the street. If each property owner is given a permit to place lamps in front of his own door, there will be no regular system, and the appearance of the street, not only at night, but also in the day time, will be spoiled. One beauty of the lighting in those cities which have adopted ornamental lighting, is the regularity of the spacing. It is usual to space them from 90 to 125 feet apart. I think it would be better when such applications are received, to make an ornamental lighting plan for the street in which the post is to be placed. When the property owner has a long frontage, some of them would, if permitted, have a fence of lamp posts in front of their property, while in the greater part of the remainder of the block, there would be no lamp post at all."

In front of the Halifax Hotel there are ornamental lamp posts, and the erection of two more in front of the Queen Hotel would go a long way toward completing the lighting of this block. There is no white way lighting on this street and I would recommend that permission be given on the same conditions as were adopted by the Council and on conditions similar to those adopted in granting a permit to Senator Dennis at the Herald Building.

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

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

WEIGHING SCALE LR. WATER ST.—CHAS. BRISTER & SON, LTD.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re application of Chas. Brister & Son, Ltd, for permission to instal a weighing scale, Lower Water Street.

City Hall, May 26th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration an application from Chas. Brister & Son, Ltd. for permission to use a portion of Lower Water Street for the installation of a weighing scale. It is recommended that the privilege sought be granted on condition that Brister & Son pay to the City an amount equal to the annual cost to the City on the amount paid for the land acquired from Chas. Brister, which amounts to approximately \$340.00 per year. A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 22nd 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached application from Charles Brister & Son for a permit to place a platform scale on a portion of Water Street purchased from them to widen Water Street to the official line at their property.

I can see no objection to granting their request until that portion of the street can be used for street purposes, but as Messrs. Brister & Son have practically compelled the City to purchase at once, I think a substantial annual charge should be made for the privilege.

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

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

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION 1915.

Read report Board of Control re the proposed holding of a Provincial Exhibition this year.

City Hall, May 28th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council a resolution passed at a meeting of the Provincial Exhibition Commission held May 26th, 1915 and transmitted by that body to the Board of Control.

"Resolved:—That the Commission places on record its appreciation of the visit of the Board of Control to discuss with the Commission the advisability of holding a Provincial Exhibition this year;

And Further Resolved: That after a full and free discussion of the whole situation, this Commission is of the opinion that in view of the statutory obligations imposed on the Commission, and for reasons already fully discussed that its decision of holding an Exhibition ought not to be changed.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Halifax, N. S., May 28th, 1915.

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

Gentlemen:—Attached find copy of the Resolution passed at our meeting May 26th.

M. McF. HALL, *Manager and Secretary.*

Copy of resolution passed at the meeting of the Exhibition Commission, May 26th.

Moved by Commissioner Fraser, seconded by Commissioner Trotter.

Resolved That the Commission places on record its appreciation of the visit of the Board of Control to discuss with the Commission the advisability of holding a Provincial Exhibition this year;

And Further Resolved that after a full and free discussion of the whole situation, this Commission is of the opinion that in view of the statutory obligations imposed on the Commission, and for reasons already fully discussed, that its decision of holding an Exhibition ought not to be changed.

For.

Fraser,
Griffin,
Trotter,
Foster,
Smith,
Gastonguay,
Clarke,
Kennedy.

Against.

Mayor.

Filed.

Alderman Isnor submits the following resolution:—

Resolved: That this Council place on record its appreciation of the stand of His Worship the Mayor in voting, at a meeting of the Exhibition Commission held May 26th against the holding of the Provincial Exhibition this year.

Further Resolved: As the City is directly interested both financially and otherwise, in the holding of said exhibition and as the Exhibition Commission have decided to hold the Provincial Exhibition this year, that this meeting request the Exhibition Commission to endeavor to finance same in as economical a manner as possible.

And Further Resolved: That this meeting desire to express a wish that this matter will not be construed as indicating any lack of interest or willingness to help in making the Provincial Exhibition a success.

Moved by Alderman Isnor, seconded by Alderman Godwin and Passed.

WATER BILL KEITH BUILDING—BARRINGTON STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re claim of Donald Keith of excessive charge for water in the Keith Building, Barrington Street.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration a claim from Donald Kieth of excessive charge for water in the Kieth Building, Barrington Street. The Board unanimously decided to recommend a reduction in the total bill, \$140.08, for the period ending September 14th, 1914, to \$100.00, with the further recommendation that Mr. Kieth be notified to be cautious in future in regard to the use of water.

Reports (2) from the City Engineer are attached hereto for the information of the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, Feb. 17th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the claim of Mr. Donald Keith that the water bill at the Kieth Building is excessive.

At Mr. Kieth's request, recently, I had an inspection made by the Meter Foreman, who reported that he found a ball valve in the supply tank to the heating apparatus leaking very badly. He states that this leak would never have been discovered by the owner, as the overflow was directly connected to the main vent pipe and the tank is out of sight. He also states that he found a urinal on the second floor which has a constant flow, and therefore uses a large quantity of water.

It is the duty of the property owner to watch the record of consumption and ascertain without delay the cause of trouble. I cannot report that this has been done; at the same time, the circumstances are peculiar. As the large bill was for the period from Sept. 1913 to March 1914, while the request to me came only a short time ago, I cannot report that attention was given promptly. As I must adhere to the provisions of the law, I cannot make any recommendation for a reduction.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 12th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—This bill was referred back to me for further report, supplementary to my report of Feb. 17th.

Mr. Keith paid for the year ending March 1912, \$13.72, for the year ending March 1913, \$36.69, for the year ending March 1914, \$70 and for the year ending March 1915, \$92.05.

The large consumption has taken place in the winter of 1913-14 and in the Fall of 1914. The circumstances are peculiar but technically I am prevented by the law from making any recommendation for reduction.

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

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

WATER BILL 119 UPPER WATER STREET—BROOKFIELD BROS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Brookfield Bros., 119 Upper Water Street.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water bill, Brookfield Bros., 119 Upper Water Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the bill charged for water at No. 119 Upper Water Street for the period from March 1914 to Sept. 1914.

During the six months the meter stopped registering, probably through the clogging of the registering apparatus. A new meter was installed during the six months period.

The bill was made up as usual, on the consumption for the same period during the previous year, but the consumption for that period was large, in consequence of a wasting closet, and the estimate would not be a fair one unless similar conditions existed.

Under the circumstances, I would recommend that the charge for the six months be reduced from \$24.32 to \$5.76, which is the average of the five six-months periods previous to the one in question.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk west side of Pleasant Street, between Morris Street and South Street.

City Hall, May 10th, 1915

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk west side of Pleasant Street between Morris Street and South Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control*

City Engineer's Office, April. 21, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:— I beg to report on the complaint of Alderman Brown respecting the condition of the sidewalk on the west side of Pleasant Street, between Morris Street and South Street, that the construction of a new sidewalk has been ordered in this block. The old tar concrete sidewalk is in an unsatisfactory condition and it would be wise to have this work done early in the season, instead of waiting for the regular turn, as it is the main City thoroughfare.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 11th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to supplement my report of April 21st respecting the sidewalk on the west side of Pleasant Street between Morris Street and South Street.

The construction of a concrete sidewalk was ordered on the 13th of August 1914; estimated cost \$1756.00. If this sidewalk were constructed in its turn, it would be late in the season before it was completed. As the sidewalk is in such an unsatisfactory condition, I fear that there may be some accident which would result disastrously to the City from a financial point of view. Under the circumstances, I would recommend that this sidewalk be constructed at an early date.

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

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

PEPPERELL STREET SEWER AND WATER,

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

City Hall, May 10th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re sewer and water extension Pepperell Street between Preston and Oxford Streets.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the extension of the sewer and water system on Pepperell Street between Preston and Oxford Streets.

The estimated cost of extending the sewer is \$4200.00. The estimated cost of laying a six-inch water pipe in the sewer trench is \$666.94. There are four houses under construction and more will be built.

I would recommend that the construction of the sewer be ordered on Pepperell Street between Preston and Oxford Streets, and that the water pipe be laid in the sewer trench, provided that before any work is started, the property owners sign the usual bond for five percent interest on the outlay, the special rate to be fixed for the present at \$8.34, which is one-quarter of the interest on the estimated outlay at five percent.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

COLUMBUS STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re extension of sewer and water systems in Columbus Street from North Creighton Street west.

City Hall, May 10th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re extension of sewer and water system in Columbus Street from North Creighton Street west.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition for the extension of the sewer and water system in Columbus Street from North Creighton Street west.

There are five houses in the block. The estimated cost of construction the sewer is \$1730.00. If the water pipe is extended at the same time, the estimated cost is \$395. I would recommend that a sewer be constructed in this block of Columbus Street in its turn, and that water pipe be laid at the same time.

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

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

CITY LOT QUINPOOL ROAD AND CHEBUCTO ROAD.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re application from Bethany Church for the acquisition of a City lot near the North West Arm Bridge bounded on the west by Quinpool Road and on north by Chebucto Road.

City Hall, May 10th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had before them an application from Bethany Church for the acquisition by them from the City of a lot of land near the North West Arm Bridge, bounded on the west by Quinpool Road and on the north by Chebucto Road.

A report from the City Engineer advising that the City retain the property is submitted herewith for the approval of the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 7th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached communication from the Managing Board of the Bethany Church. They are desirous of acquiring a part of our property at the corner of Quinpool Road and Chebucto Road.

We have had a good many requests for the sale of this property, but have always held it for the purpose for which it was originally acquired, namely, for City storage yard for that district of the City. It was acquired at a reasonable figure, much lower than the same land could be acquired today. If it were to be sold, it should be offered to the highest bidder, but I consider that it is in the interests of the City to hold the land for the purpose for which it was acquired originally, and I cannot, therefore, recommend the granting of the request.

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

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

UNDERKEEPER CITY PRISON.

Read report Board of Control recommending the appointment of Wm. Mariott as an underkeeper at the City Prison.

City Hall, May 10th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend the appointment of William Mariott as an Underkeeper at the City Prison.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

ACCOUNT ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER WOODBURY.

Read report Board of Control re account Dr. F. V. Woodbury for services as acting City Medical Officer.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Council held August 20th, 1914, (see printed minutes p p. 190, 191) a resolution was passed recommending to the Board of Control that Doctor F. V. Woodbury who acted as City Medical Officer from April 27th to June 24th, 1914, be offered in settlement of his account \$590.00 for 59 days a sum at the rate fixed for the permanent City Medical Officer namely, \$100 per month.

Dr. Woodbury has declined to accept payment at that rate and after investigation and conference held with him he has offered to compromise his claim by the acceptance of \$490.00 in full settlement. It is recommended that Dr. Woodbury's account be settled on this basis, the amount to be paid as follows: from balance of salary City Medical Officer 1914-15 \$150.00 and from Contingent Account for that year \$340.00.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

WATER BILL 310 GOTTINGEN STREET—JOSEPH D. BARRY.

Read report Board of Control re water bill Joseph D. Barry, 310 Gottingen Street.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration a complaint by Joseph D. Barry of excessive charge for water 310 Gottingen Street. It is recommended that Mr. Barry's bill be reduced from \$15.59 to \$7.00. A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto for the information of the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 12th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached request from Joseph D. Barry for a reduction in the bill charged for water at No. 310 Gottingen Street.

Mr. Barry claims that the meter card shows no record of readings during several months, and that he has not been furnished with any monthly readings since that date. I have instructed the meter readers that they must mail the readings when they are unable to deliver them in cases where they are required to deliver them elsewhere than at the property. If they reach the meter

they should be able to get the card in every case if it is kept at the property. In this case the meter inspector reports that the tenants were away during July, August and September and out at other times when no reading was made.

The consumption in February and March was 4800 gallons each month; from March to October the average consumption was 15,257 gallons per month; from October to January 1915, the average consumption was 533 gallons per month. The readings following, were—

January.....	1600
February.....	1400
March.....	1600
April.....	700

As the meter has not been touched, it is evident that there was some cause for the extra consumption which has been corrected. I have no evidence except the record of consumption, against which must be placed Mr. Barry's statement that the plumbing has been kept in good order by a plumber.

Under the circumstances, I am not prepared to say that Mr. Barry has not used proper care and precaution, but I think he should be notified that it is his duty to take the necessary steps to prevent larger consumption than the household requires. I would recommend, in this case, that a reduction be made. Mr. Barry states that the previous year's bill is \$3.29. This bill, for the year ending March 1915, is \$15.59.

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

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

INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Board of Control re insurance City property covering account for premiums.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have been notified by Rainnie and Keator, who carry the insurance on City property, that one of their companies, the Lumber Insurance Company is not now writing any business in Canada and asking for the substitution of the North Western National Insurance Company of Milwaukee. It is recommended that the substitution be allowed and that the account for premiums \$479.99 be paid. A report from the Clerk of Works is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Works Office, May 12th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—The fire insurance on City property under the Department of City Works, as per policies attached, was, under tender, awarded for three years to the following companies:—

JUNE 10th, 1915.

(Rainnie & Keator, Agents).

L'Union, Paris	\$30,000.00
National Union, Pittsburg	30,000.00
Provincial, England	20,000.00
Lumber, New York	10,000.00
	<u>\$90,000.00</u>

By subsequent agreement policies for each year were accepted from the Provincial Co., National Union Co., and Lumber Co. The rate is 55 1-3c per year payable each year.

I am now instructed by Rainnie & Keator that the Lumber Insurance Co, is not writing any business in Canada, and they desire to substitute therefor the North Western National Insurance of Milwaukee—a far stronger Company. The statement of Company is attached.

Your instructions are respectfully requested,

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPES AND VALVES.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for water pipe, special castings, and valves.

City Hall, May 19th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re tenders for water pipe, special castings and valves.

Controller Murphy dissents from the recommendation on the ground that tenders for all City services should be advertised in the newspapers.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 19th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Acting under instructions from the Board of Control, I have obtained tenders from the dealers for 10,000 ft. 6-in. cast iron water pipes, 3-15" valves and 50 6-in. valves. The tenders are as follows—

	<i>Water Pipe</i>	<i>Specials.</i>
Drummond, McCall & Co.....	\$38.95	4½c
R. D. Wood & Co.....	40.85	3c
Doane Engineering Co.....	41.40	

	15-inch Valves	6-inch Valves
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	55.90	8.50
Doane Engineering Co.	86.38	16.55
Drummond, McCall & Co.	68.50	12.75
R. D. Wood & Co.	70.00	12.00
D. A. Murphy	87.60	16.80

I would recommend that the tender of Drummond, McCall & Co. for pipe and Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow Ltd. for valves be accepted, provided that the pipes and valves are delivered in accordance with the City Engineer's specification, and all charges, including war tax, paid.

If possible, this contract should be decided at once, as the market is rising and prices will not stand for any time.

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

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

CATTLE POUND.

Read report Board of Control recommending the establishment of a cattle pound at the incinerator property West Young Street, and the appointment of Philip Letson as pound keeper.

City Hall, May 19th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend the establishment of a pound for the impounding of cattle, etc at the incinerator property Young Street and Kempt Road and the appointment of Philip Letson as a pound keeper for the current civic year.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

JITNEY BUSES.

Read opinion City Solicitor reapplication for permission to operate Jitney Omnibusses on the streets of the City.

Office of City Solicitor, June 5th, 1915.

Secretary Board of Control.

Sir:—In the above matter I beg to report in addition to what I have told in my previous report that the request of the promotors for an exclusive five year privilege cannot be granted, as no authority for such a grant exists in legislation affecting the City. All that the City can do is to give them as many omnibuss licenses as they require upon their complying with the requirements of the omnibuss ordinance. If anything further is required special legislation will have to be obtained.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Referred to the Board of Control for report.

CITY PROPERTY TAKEN BY DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

Alderman Finlay asked that the Board of Control look into the matter of the appropriation by the Dominion Government of Upper Water Street from Cornwallis Street to the Campbell Road Bridge; that they seek to obtain compensation for the property in cash or by the transfer of Government property to the City of equal value.

The matter is referred to the Board of Control.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION.

Alderman Hines asked what progress has been made in the matter of extension of Brunswick Street through Artillery Park to Spring Garden Road.

Alderman Hines is informed that negotiations in respect to this matter have been stopped by the war.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Parker that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, July 2nd, 1915.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Halliday, Harris, Murphy and McKeen, and Aldermen Brown, H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Riordon, Godwin and Parker.

The Council was summoned "to Consider Tenders for Loan."

PRESENTATION OF PAPER.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following named paper:—

Report Board of Control re Tenders for Loan.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPER SUBMITTED.

TENDERS FOR LOAN.

Read report Board of Control re Tenders for Loan.

City Hall, July 2nd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that under authority of a resolution passed by the City Council at a meeting held June 10th, 1915, the City Treasurer published the following advertisement in the newspapers:—

City Treasurer's Office, Halifax, June 11th., 1915.

TENDERS

marked "Tenders for Loan" will be received at this office up to Friday, the 25th day of June next, from parties disposed to purchase debentures or stock of the City of Halifax in whole or in part as below described, sufficient to produce at the price offered the sum of One Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Three Hundred Dollars to be used by the City for the following purposes, viz.—

Sewer Construction	\$60,000.00
Permanent sidewalks	15,000.00
Extension of Water System	25,000.00
Construction of concrete walk Grafton Park	1,000.00
To defray cost City's share heating County Jail	700.00
Lions—Sir Sandford Fleming Park	1,000.00
Construction of night soil plant	2,500.00
Conduits in streets by M. T. & T. Co.	1,000.00
Improvements City Prison	1,000.00

Under authority Chapter 47, Acts 1915.

To redeem School Board debentures due July 1st, 1915..	37,000.00
Public School buildings (new).....	37,100.00
Under Chapter 67, Acts 1907.	
Total.....	<u>\$181,300.00</u>

For which coupon debentures of One Thousand Dollars each, or Inscribed Stock Certificates of multiples of One Hundred Dollars, Payable on 1st of July, 1950, will be given. Interest will be at the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum, payable half-yearly.

Parties loaning the money will be required to pay the accrued interest to the time of paying over the amount loaned. The loan to be paid in Halifax funds and the securities to be delivered in Halifax.

The City does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept from any tenderer such portion of the whole as it deems necessary.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

In response to said advertisement tenders were received as follows:—

J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and H. M. Bradford . . .	93.07	%
The Maritime Trust Corporation	90.30	%
The Dominion Securities Corporation	91.281	%
Eastern Securities Co., Ltd.	91.268	%
C. H. Burgess & Co.	91.03	%
N. W. Harris & Co., inc.	90.657	%
F. B. McCurdy & Co.	90.30	%
The Nova Scotia Trust Co.	89.28	%
Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	87.781	%

The Board of Control recommend to the City Council that the joint tender of J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and H. M. Bradford, being the highest, be accepted. The original tenders are attached hereto.

A formal resolution prepared by the solicitors of J. C. Mackintosh & Co., and H. M. Bradford and approved by the City Solicitor is submitted herewith for adoption by the Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas the Board of Control has recommended to this Council acceptance of tender of J. C. Mackintosh & Co, and H. M. Bradford for loans amounting to \$107,200 for various civic purposes, and also \$74,100 for public Schools, their tender of 93.07% being the highest received in response to the City Treasurer's advertisement authorized by a resolution of the City Council passed June 10th, 1915;

Resolved that the tender of J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and H. M. Bradford to wit, 93.07% for the whole of the said loans aggregating \$181,300, it being the highest tender received, be and it is hereby accepted and that the Mayor, the City Clerk and City Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. and H. M. Bradford

all such stock certificates and debentures as and when payment for the same has been received, as shall be necessary to realize at the said price of \$93.07% the said sum of \$181,300.00 and generally to do and perform all such acts and things as may be essential in order to carry this resolution into effect. X

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris and passed unanimously.

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

Council adjourns 5.22 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, July 6th, 1915.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Halliday, Harris and McKeen, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Brennan, Parker, R. B. Colwell, Godwin, Hines and Finlay.

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Controller Harris that the time for meeting be extended until there is a fuller attendance of members, or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.20 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Controller Murphy and Aldermen Brown, Isnor and Riordon.

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR FRANK C. STEVENS.

The Council was summoned to attend a special meeting agreeably to notice left at the usual place of abode or of business of every member of the Council and of Frank C. Stevens, Assistant City Assessor, as follows:—

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. July 2nd 1915

.....Esquire.

*Sir:—*You are requested to attend a special meeting of the City Council at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th day of July, 1915, at 8 o'clock, p m., to consider a recommendation by the Board of Control for the dismissal of Assistant Assessor F. C. Stevens for refusal to perform the duties of his office as set out in the accompanying statement of Controller McKeen.

By order of the Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

*Office of the Board of Control,
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.*

July 2nd, 1915.

To His Worship Mayor Martin, City of Halifax.

*Dear Sir:—*Referring to case of Assistant Assessor F. C. Stevens I beg to report as follows:—

Whereas owing to alleged pressure of work in the City Assessment Department the Assessors were unable to begin their work as provided by Charter in the month of May, they were finally instructed by Your Worship to begin their annual assessment not later than Monday, 14th day of June. Failing to respond to the request the Chief Assessor, Mr. P. J. McManus, was called before the Board of Control to explain the reason. While ready to proceed himself Mr. McManus stated that the reason for delay was that the Assistant Assessor, Mr. Stevens, refused to go, giving no reasons for his refusal, whereupon Your Worship suspended Mr. Stevens and temporary assistance was furnished—Mr. McManus to go on with his assessment. Being then deputed by the Board of Control to confer with Mr. Stevens on the matter of his refusal, I after discussing the effect of his attitude in relation of the Department and also his example as an old official on the morale of the whole civic staff, he finally agreed to go out as requested and proceed with the assessment in company with Chief Assessor McManus, the order for his suspension to be cancelled. This being done and Mr. Stevens duly notified of the same, it now transpires that he determines to resume his former attitude and again refuses to go out with Mr. McManus. In view of this and the fact that his action is seriously hampering the work of an important department and a menace to the discipline of our whole staff, I beg to state that in my opinion Mr. Stevens has given sufficient cause to call for his dismissal, and would recommend that to overcome the hold-up of an important branch of the Department's work, this course be followed, giving him, as provided in such cases, three months' salary in lieu of notice, and that competent assistance be at once furnished in order that the urgent work of assessment be gone on with.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McKEEN, *Controller.*

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the Board of Control relating to Assistant City Assessor Frank C. Stevens, covering extracts from minutes of meetings of the Board of Control June 9th, June 14th, June 16th, June 25th, June 28th, June 30th and July 2nd, 1915; opinion City Solicitor June 12th; letter City Clerk to Assistant Assessor Stevens, June 28th; report Controller McKeen, July 2nd and copy of notice summoning the meeting. His Worship the Mayor also submits report from Chief Assessor McManus July 3rd, 1915 re Assistant Assessor Frank C. Stevens.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller McKeen recommending that Mr. Stevens be dismissed from his office of Assistant Assessor, that he be paid three months' salary in lieu of notice and that competent assistance be at once furnished for the Assessment Department; also read report Chief Assessor P. J. McManus, July 3rd, 1915.

City Hall, Halifax, July 2nd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that at a meeting held June 9th, the Clerk was instructed by resolution to notify Chief Assessor McManus that he and Assessor Stevens should at once commence the assess-

ment for the next year, Mr. McDonald, the third Assessor and the stenographer to remain in the office attending to the billing, etc., for the current year.

At a meeting held on June 14th, Chief Assessor McManus informed the Board that Mr. Stevens had refused to go out with him assessing, giving no reasons.

At a meeting of the Board held June 16th His Worship the Mayor stated that acting under a resolution of the Board and under instructions from the City Solicitor, he had suspended Assistant Assessor Stevens from duty until further notice in consequence of his refusal to commence assessment for the current year in company with Chief Assessor McManus.

At a meeting on June 25th Controller McKeen verbally reported that if the Board rescinded its resolution suspending Mr. Stevens from office he would resume his duties, conform to the wishes of the Board and His Worship the Mayor, and proceed with the assessment in company with Chief Assessor McManus. Controller McKeen's recommendation was approved, the suspension removed, and Mr. Stevens notified accordingly.

It being reported at a meeting held June 30th that Mr. Stevens had not yet returned to duty, Controller McKeen was requested to submit a report on the matter in writing, which he did, the said report being submitted at a meeting of the Board held July 2nd. This report recommended that Mr. Stevens be dismissed, that he be paid three months' salary in lieu of notice and that competent assistance be at once furnished in order that the urgent work of assessment be gone on with. Controller McKeen's report was un-animously adopted, and is forwarded herewith for adoption by the City Council.

Extracts from the several meetings of the Board of Control relating to this matter are attached hereto, along with other papers on the matter.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR F. C. STEVENS.

*Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S., June 12th, 1915.*

*P. McManus, Esq.,
Chief Assessor,
City.*

Dear Sir:—I do not think there is anything in the Charter requiring all the assessors to personally visit every property valued. If that were so the work of assessment would require to be suspended in the event of one of the Board being ill for any length of time, and I see nothing to prevent either the assessment being made by the assessors separately and simultaneously in different sections of the City, or by two of the assessors while one remains to attend to the duties of the office. At the utmost all that would be required would be that the final determination should represent the judgment of the Board, and this could easily be accomplished by submitting the valuations made by the assessor or assessors who personally inspected the property to any member of the Board who did not, so as to enable him to concur if he thought fit or make a separate inspection for himself in case he refused to accept the valuation of the other members of the Board.

In this matter as in all others I see no reason why ordinary business methods should not be adopted.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Office of Chief Assessor,
Halifax, N. S., July 3rd, 1915.

Peter F. Martin, Esq.,
Mayor City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request, I beg to advise you that upon the receipt of the resolution of the Board instructing Mr. Stevens and myself to proceed with our assessment for the coming year, I placed the letter in Mr. Stevens' hand, who after reading same, informed me "I will not go out."

After making my proposition to begin on Monday I asked Mr. Stevens to meet me at the stables. He again informed me "I have not changed my mind and will not go out."

P. J. McMANUS, Chief Assessor.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control, covering report of Controller McKeen, be received and confirmed.

Alderman R. B. Colwell submits the following amendment:—

That the report of the Board of Control be referred back to it for consideration of the question whether the subject matter of the report is within the sphere of the Board's powers and for the formal opinion of the City Solicitor, this Council being of the opinion that the matter of the dismissal of any appointee of the Council must originate in the Council.

The amendment is not seconded.

Alderman Finlay asks for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Board of Control has power to suspend or dismiss a permanent official.

The City Solicitor in reply states as his opinion that the Board of Control has not power to dismiss or suspend a permanent official.

The following amendment is submitted:—

Resolved that this matter be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration with the recommendation that Mr. Stevens be notified to appear before the Board and state his position and reasons as to why he refused to attend to his duties.

Moved by Alderman Isnor, seconded by Alderman Hines.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that E. P. Allison, solicitor for Mr. Stevens, be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Mr. Allison briefly informed the Council that he is present in behalf of Mr. Stevens, and that it is upon his advice that Mr. Stevens is not present.

Alderman Isnor's amendment being put, is lost, three voting for the same and thirteen against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Hines
Riordon
Isnor—3

Against.

·	Controllers	Halliday
		Harris
		McKeen
		Murphy
·	Aldermen	Brown
		H. S. Colwell
		Finlay
		R. B. Colwell
		Brennan
		Kelly
		Foley
		Godwin
		Parker—13

Alderman R. B. Colwell submits the following amendment:—

That the Board of Control having complained to the Council of certain alleged misconduct of Assessor F. C. Stevens;

Resolved that a committee of five Aldermen be now appointed to investigate the subject matter of the complaint and to report with their recommendation to a future meeting of the Council;

That Mr. Stevens be directed to return to his duties pending the action of the Council, and that the said committee consist of Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Brown, Isnor, Kelly and Godwin.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Riordon.

The amendment is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Against

Aldermen H. S. Colwell R. B. Colwell Hines Isnor Riordon—5	Controllers Aldermen	Halliday Harris McKeen Murphy Brown Finlay Brennan Kelly Foley Godwin Parker.—11
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Controller McKeen's motion for the confirming of the reports is put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion

Against.

Controllers Aldermen	Halliday Harris McKeen Murphy Brown H. S. Colwell Finlay, Parker Brennan, Kelly Foley Godwin—12.	Aldermen R. B. Colwell Hines Isnor Riordon—4
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His Worship the Mayor declares the motion passed.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY COMPANY AND NOVA SCOTIA POWER COMPANY.

Controller Murphy submits the following resolution:—

Whereas there is now before the Board of Public Utilities an application filed by the above company which involves the taking over by them of the company at present known as the Halifax Electric Tram Company with all its undertakings and

Whereas the City of Halifax has vital interests involved in this proposed change which the application as set out will very materially affect

JULY 6th, 1915.

Therefore Resolved that this Council hereby authorizes the Board of Control to take such steps as it deems necessary to safeguard the City's interest in same.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris

The resolution is put and passed unanimously.

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

Council adjourns 9.30 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, July 8th, 1915.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy and Aldermen Brown, H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin, 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 (40) Board of Control, viz.—

- Accounts.
- Ordinance re Illuminated Signs.
- Application Nova Scotia Car Works for Financial Assistance.
- Blowers Street Sidewalk.
- Police Department Motor Cycle.
- George Street Widening.
- Allen, Lawrence and Duncan Streets.
- North Street Roadbed.
- Duffus Street.
- City Prison Tenders.
- Payzant Street.
- Cork Street Water Extension.
- Walnut Street Straightening.
- Bonds of City Officials.
- Water Rates Kieth's Brewery.
- Police Department Tenders.
- Monthly Report City Home.
- Robie Street Sidewalk.
- Robert Burns Monument, Victoria Park.
- Stairs Street Sewer.
- Sullivan Street Water Bill, Oland's Brewery.
- Hollis Street Sidewalk.
- Pleasant Street Sidewalk.
- Fire Department Tenders.
- Street Lights.
- Tenders for Coal.
- Water Bill 185 Maynard Street, Marshall Bros.
- Water Meter Bills.

Shirley Street Sidewalk.
 Superannuation Assessments George Yeadon.
 Robie Street, Flooding of Cellar of H. E. Burgess.
 Quinpool Road Gasoline Tank.
 Water Pipe and Valves Contracts.
 Oxford Street Sewer.
 Underkeeper City Prison.
 Uniacke Street Sidewalk.
 Globe Laundry Water Bill.
 Water Bill, Central Wharf, Joseph Wood & Co.
 Fire Department Tenders for Supplies.
 Commutation Common Lot, Mrs. Annie Roche.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

WATER METER BILLS.

Read report Board of Control re water meter bills (10) as follows:—

- 13 Upper Water Street—C. A. Stayner.
- 5 Kane Street—Milton Hubley.
- 5-7 Annandale Street—Thomas L. Spelman.
- 1-7 Campbell Road—Gunn & Co., Ltd.
- 42 Hollis Street—George Farmer (Thos. Notting).
- 22 Harvey Street—Mrs. Agnes B. Silver.
- 14 Woodill Street—John G. O'Toole.
- 22 Bilby Street—Hugh Rogers.
- 53-57 Maynard Street—Mrs. M. A. Frawley (T. G. Dunlap).
- Y. M. C. A. Building—Barrington Street.

City Hall, Halifax, June 22nd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend with respect to water meter bills as follows:—

No. 13 Upper Water Street—C. A. Stayner.

That the accompanying report of the City Engineer, recommending no reduction, be approved.

No. 5 Kane Street—Milton Hubley.

That the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending an average charge of \$5.74 until a final adjustment is made, be adopted.

No. 5- No. 7 Annandale Street—Thomas L. Spelman.

That the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending no reduction be approved.

No. 1—No. 7 Campbell Road—Gunn & Co., Ltd.

That the attached reports of the City Engineer and the City Solicitor recommending no reduction be approved.

No. 42 Hollis Street—George Farmer. (Thos. Notling).

That the account be reduced from \$35.52 to \$25.00. A report from the City Engineer is attached.

No. 22 Harvey Street—Mrs. Agnes B. Silver.

That the account be reduced from \$34.79 to \$25.00. A report from the City Engineer is attached.

No. 14 Woodill Street—John G. O'Toole.

That the account be reduced from \$25.28 to \$15.00. A report from the City Engineer is attached.

No. 22 Bilby Street—Hugh Rogers.

That the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending a reduction of 21c be approved.

No. 53—No. 57 Maynard Street—Mrs. M. A. Frawley. (T. G. Dunlap).

That no reduction be made in the accounts for No. 53 Maynard Street.

That the account, \$50.10, against No. 57 Maynard Street be reduced to \$25.00.

A report from the City Engineer is attached.

Y. M. C. A. Building, Barrington Street.

That this account be reduced from \$201.26 to \$107.88. A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

In respect to the accounts No. 42 Hollis Street, 22 Harvey Street, 14 Woodill Street, 57 Maynard Street and the Y. M. C. A. Building, it is recommended that the owners be informed that the reductions are made because it is the first offence of waste of water charged against the premises, and that it is the determination of the City not to entertain any applications for reduction in cases where waste has been brought to the attention of the City more than once, and that water takers should be careful to watch the record of meter readings left by the meter readers each month, and either remedy the waste which the meter readings show or report to the Water Department at once if the cause of excessive consumption cannot be ascertained.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

No. 13 Upper Water Street—C. A. Stayner.

City Engineer's Office, June 16th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill for water used at 13, Upper Water Street—Caledonia Hotel—for the period from Sept. 1914 to March 1915—\$37.72.

Previous bills have been—

September 1912 to	March	1913	.....	\$12.34		
March	1913	"	September	1913	.....	23.68
September	1913	"	March	1914	.....	41.02
March	1914	"	September	1914	.....	21.01
September	1914	"	March	1915	.....	37.72

The consumption varies in this hotel, and I have no information to justify me in recommending a reduction under the Act.

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

No. 5 Kane Street—Milton Hubley.

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached letter from Milton Hubley, asking for a reduction in the bill charged for water at No. 14 Livingston Street.

The water system was extended in this street on a bond under which the petitioners agreed to pay an amount which would nett five per cent interest on the estimated outlay. Mr. Hubley signed the bond with the others and at present is morally and legally liable for the amount charged him, namely, \$7.67. I cannot, therefore, recommend that he be released in any way, as it would effect the whole system of water extensions on this method.

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

City Engineer's Office, May 25th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control, that there is a bond dated the 20th of April 1914 for the extension of the water in Livingston Street, signed by six persons who own eight houses between them. The actual cost of the extension was \$1162.51. The interest at five per cent would amount to \$58.13, which divided among the eight houses, would come to \$7.30 for each house.

Mr. Milton Hubley's letter complains of the rate at No. 5 Kane Street. Mr. Hubley is paying by meter for No. 5 Kane Street and not on a bond.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 16th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to submit a supplementary report on Mr. Milton Hubley's protest against his bill for water at No. 5 Kane St.

I obtained a report on No. 14 Livingstone St. under the impression that that was the property referred to, being misled by the heading of the minutes.

At No. 3 Kane St., which is the property referred to, the cellar was flooded by water so that the meter could not be read, and a bill was rendered for the same amount as was charged during the same period in the previous

year. We have not been able to read the meter and the property owner should be required to drain the cellar. The average bill for the two six-months' periods previously—\$8.10 and \$3.38, is \$5.74, and I would recommend that the bill be reduced to that amount until we can read the meter, when the whole charge should be adjusted up to date, as the meter reads continuously.

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

No. 5-No. 7 Annandale Street—Thomas L. Spelman.

City Engineer's Office, June 7th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached letter from Thos. L. Spelman, respecting the method of charging water rates.

The custom for many years has been to charge a ready-to-serve rate, called in Halifax a pipe rate or fire protection rate. Formerly there was a second rate, called a domestic rate, which applied only to properties in which there was a service pipe, while the pipe rate applied to all properties opposite the water pipes.

Where the meter is installed, the domestic rate is abandoned. The intention of the pipe rate was to cover the cost of maintenance in the first place until the number of water takers had grown sufficiently to produce a revenue large enough to pay the cost of maintenance.

There is no good reason for not having one rate only in any property where water is consumed by meter, but if the pipe rate were abolished, a minimum rate would have to be fixed for such places as the pipe rate operates now as a minimum rate in case no water or very little water is consumed. Further, where there are no buildings, the assessment could not be made by meter, for the very good reason that there is probably no pipe, or no water passes through a pipe.

I have not heard any complaint or criticism of the system before, and I could not recommend upsetting the whole system unless there was some well-founded general demand for it. The fact that one or several water takers allow their plumbing to get in a leaky condition is not an argument in favor of a change, and any person who knows the nature of the flushing system of a closet, knows that the valve is well washed every time flushing takes place. The screens were removed from Mr. Spelman's meters at his own request, and if he is desirous of having them replaced it can be done.

It has not been shown to me that any injustice is being caused by the present system which has worked as at present carried on, for many years. Mr. Spelman is in error in saying that no private firm transacts business on such a system, as we have had three corporations in Halifax which follow the same system, namely the Halifax Gas Co., the Peoples Heat and Light Co., and the Halifax Electric Tramway Co. When the consumption was light on their meters, they charged a ready-to-serve rate.

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

City Engineer's Office, June 16th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill for pipe rate No. 5-7 Annandale Street.

I have already reported on this matter. The bill for the two properties amounts to \$2.88 only, and I cannot recommend any change.

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

JULY 8th, 1915.

No. 1-No. 7 Campbell Road—Gunn & Co., Ltd.*City Engineer's Office, April 16th, 1915.**His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Messrs. Gunn & Company, Ltd., respecting the water bill which they have received from the City Collector. The gist of their letter is, that because the City did not collect the water rates from their tenant, they should not be required to pay them. I have no special information in connection with the matter, except what is contained in their letter. The point raised is one for the City Solicitor to settle, and I am therefore returning it to you for his attention.

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

(See printed Minutes City Council June 19th, 1913, p. 68).

*Office of the City Solicitor, April 29th, 1915.**Secretary Board of Control.*

Sir:—By the Charter water rates are assessed against the owner of real estate only, and not against the tenant, and there is no provision enabling the City to collect from the tenant. I am therefore of opinion that there is no foundation in the contention that Messrs. Gunn & Company are entitled to be relieved from payment on the ground that the City has failed to collect them from their tenant.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.***No. 42 Hollis Street—George Farmer. (Thos. Notting).***City Engineer's Office, March. 7th, 1914.**His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Mr. Thos. Notting asking for a reduction in the bill for water charged for the premises No. 42 Hollis Street.

Mr. Notting states that he is instructed that the consumption of water in the years 1912 and 1913 was not greater than during previous years, and that his clients are satisfied that there is something wrong with the meter. I had the meter tested and find that it is registering correctly.

The consumption in Sept., Oct. and Nov. 1911, was 1800, 1500 and 1800 gallons respectively; in Dec. it was 12,700 gals., Jan. 1912, 26,400, Feb. 12,500, March 14,300, April 17,800. Then it began to reduce, until October when it was 1,400 gallons. These readings are very significant and I am unable to find any reason other than that the water was allowed to run during the cold weather. In Nov. 1912 the readings showed 2700 gallons, in December 2900; Jan. and Feb. the register showed 50,000 each month and in March 73,100 gallons. In these months the meter inspector reported a water closet wasting.

Under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction, as I feel compelled to believe that if proper care and precaution had been used, the consumption would not have been as registered; in fact the inspector reports a W. C. leaking now, at the rate of 84 gals. per hour or 2016 gals. per day.

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

No. 22 Harvey Street—Mrs. Agnes B. Silver.

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached request from Mrs. Agnes B. Silver for a reduction in the amount charged for water supplied at her property No. 22 Harvey Street.

The consumption in this house from the first reading, June 26, 1913, to the present, has been too large. It is difficult at this date to determine exactly the cause. Judging from such evidence as I have been able to collect, the plumbing cannot have been in first-class order, or the use of water has been unintentionally careless. In the face of Mrs. Silver's letter, I have to assume that the plumbing was not kept in good condition, as I agree with her that the quantity of water registered could not be used legitimately.

The meter readers reported a water closet wasting in November and December 1913 and January 1914. It was during that period that the heaviest consumption passed through the meter. From December 5 to Jan. 9, the consumption was 57,100 gallons, while from Jan. 9 to Feb. 9 it was only 5400 gallons, the leak apparently having been stopped. If the consumption had been low since that time, I would assume that proper care and precaution had been taken, but as it has not, I cannot reach that conclusion, and the law does not allow me to recommend a reduction.

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

No. 14 Woodill Street—John G. O'Toole.

City Engineer's Office, May 12th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of John G. O'Toole for a reduction in the amount charged for water at No. 14 Woodill Street.

The bill is for the period from Sept. 1914 to March 1915. The bills show 2900 gals. the first month, an average of 19,100 for the next four months, 101,300 gallons for March and 2700 gallons for April.

It is reported to me that the water was allowed to run and the records bear out this report. Under the circumstances, I cannot report that proper care and precaution has been taken to prevent waste, and the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

JULY 8th, 1915.

No. 22 Bilby Street—Hugh Rogers.*City Engineer's Office, May 22nd, 1915.**His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied at No. 22 Bilby Street.

The meter was put on in Dec. 1913. The first meter bill was made out from March to September 1914, but the tenant had paid the flat rate up to May 1, 1914. Consequently, he could not be charged a second time for the consumption between Mar. 10 and May 1st. This amounted to 1399 gallons, which at 14½c makes 21c. I would recommend that his bill be reduced by 21c.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.***No. 53-No. 57 Maynard Street—Mrs. M. A. Frawley. (T. G. Dunlap).***City Engineer's Office, May 19th, 1915.**His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—I beg to report on the bills charged for water supplied at No. 53 and No. 57 Maynard Street.

The water is supplied through a domestic hydrant at No. 53 and evidently the hydrant is out of order at times, the agent in his statement showing that it is in consequence of the carelessness of the tenants and their children. This is a matter for which the City cannot be responsible and the property owner must take steps to protect himself. The unpaid bills are

May 1912 to	Sep. 1912	.....	\$17.87
Sep. " "	Mar. 1913	.....	25.91
Mar. 1913 "	Sep. 1913	.....	5.22
Sept. " "	Mar. 1914	.....	31.66
Mar. 1914 "	June 1914	.....	3.66

The two smaller bills show what can be done with care.

At No. 57 there are two water closets which evidently have been allowed to use a lot of water in the winter of 1913-14, while during the next six months the bill was only \$2.03.

Mar. 1912 "	Sep. 1912	.....	\$ 1.10
Sep. " "	Mar. 1913	.....	7.06
Mar. 1913 "	Sept. 1913	.....	4.28
Sep. " "	Mar. 1914	.....	50.10
Mar. 1914 "	Sep. 1914	.....	2.03

Mr. Dunlap, the agent, claims that he has found a 3-in. nail in the flusher chain of the closet to keep it running. That is a matter also for the agent, and under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend a reduction, as proper care and precaution have not been taken. Further, I do not think under section 508 of the City Charter, that the Board can make a reduction, because the time fixed by the law within which the claim should be made, has expired long ago.

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

Y. M. C. A. Building, Barrington Street.

City Engineer's Office, Feb. 22nd, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying request from the Y. M. C. A. for a reduction in the bill for water supplied for the period from March 1913 to Sept. 1913.

The inspectors have not reported any waste at this property, but the record of consumption has been somewhat irregular. After registering about 600,000 gallons from March 6 to April 15, it dropped to 46,000 gallons from August 12 to Sept. 3rd; then increased again to 110,000, 295,000, 347,000 gallons in 1914. The consumption at the reading in

March was	.....	245,000	gals.
April 27	.....	201,000	"
May 25	.....	100,000	"
June 17	.....	80,000	"
July 24	.....	70,000	"

It is pretty clear, therefore, that the meter has not been the cause of the high registration, as it could not have corrected itself. As I am not familiar with the use of the water in the building, I am unable to account for the high consumption at certain times unless there has been waste or leaks. I have no information to justify me in recommending a reduction under the law.

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

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

Motion passed.

WATER BILL CENTRAL WHARF—JOSEPH WOOD & CO.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Joseph Wood & Company, Central Wharf.

City Hall, May 12th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water bill Joseph Wood & Co., Central Wharf.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, May 11th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Messrs. Joseph Wood & Company have asked for a reduction in the bill charged them for water used at Central Wharf.

The water is supplied through a long pipe down the wharf and the meter is underground. The meter cannot be read during the winter without danger of causing the pipe to freeze. There was a break in the pipe some time

ago between the last reading in the Fall of 1913 and May or June 1914. The break was repaired by City workmen at the expense of Joseph Wood & Company, and Messrs. Wood & Co. asked for a reduction in consequence of a consumption of water over which they claim they could not have control.

The meter reader, Mr. R. F. Clancey, has given me the particulars, and concludes his report with the statement "This meter has been tampered with—dial partly broken." This is a serious charge and demands explanation.

I cannot make any further comment on it at present.

Regarding the amount of the bill, it is not the duty of the City to notify the owner that there is waste, but it is their duty to take every precaution to prevent waste, and it should be impressed upon them that they must be responsible in future. The reading was not marked on the card in June, but the meter reader states that his reason for not recording it was that the office was locked and he could not get at the card on several occasions. Under such circumstances the record of the reading should have been mailed to them.

The facts in connection with this matter are unsatisfactory from both points of view, and under the circumstances I would recommend that a charge of \$175 be made for the year ending September 1914. The bill for the preceding year was \$212.63 and for the year before that \$88.01. At the same time, Messrs. Wood & Company should receive a copy of this report if your Board approves of it, so that they should have notice that they cannot expect lenient treatment unless they do their share.

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

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

WATER BILL GLOBE LAUNDRY—50 BUCKINGHAM STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Globe Laundry, 50 Buckingham Street.

City Hall, Halifax, July 8th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that one rate be charged the Laundry for two meters on the property.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, July 5th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bills for water supplied at the Globe Laundry Buckingham Street.

There is no record of waste at this property, and the consumption varies from month to month, I presume, according to the work done. I can see no reason for recommending any change, except that there are two meters on this property and the charge is made up at different rates; it was decided a

short time ago in such cases that one rate should be charged, and I would recommend that the two meters on this property receive the same treatment.

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

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

WALNUT STREET STRAIGHTENING.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re straightening of Walnut Street at corner of Jubilee Road.

City Hall, Halifax, June 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer relating to the reacquisition from C. A. Prescott of property at the corner of Walnut Street and Jubilee Road, recently sold to him by the City, for the straightening of said street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, June 28th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Some time ago the City exchanged properties with Mr. C. A. Prescott at the junction of Jubilee Road and Walnut Street. Subsequently it developed that there might be a possibility of an action for damages from Mr. Churchill, who owns the property at the south-east corner of Walnut Street and Jubilee Road. An effort was made to adjust the differences with Mr. Prescott and Mr. Churchill, but without success.

At that time, Mr. Prescott gave a three months' option which expires on the 8th of July, in which he offered to deed to the City for the sum of 15c per square foot the portion of the property in front of Mr. Churchill's property which was deeded to Mr. Prescott, or the portion of the property in front of the lot on Walnut Street for 10c per square foot.

There will be about 5652 square feet at 15c which means a payment of \$847.80. I think the City will have to recover this lot in any case to avoid further loss, and it should be settled at once or the option will expire.

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

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

ACCOUNTS.

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