

As the location of the streets shown on the plan depend upon the location of extensions through property owned by others, I would recommend that a public hearing be called and the owners whose property will be affected by the adoption of the location shown on the plan be notified to attend.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the plan submitted herewith, filed in this office as plan No. 2954 showing proposed sub-division of a property which the owners call "Highland Park" north of Lady Hammond Road and east of Robie Street. The plan as first submitted, has been revised and the adjoining owners have been notified and given an opportunity for a hearing.

The plan of sub-division complies with the requirements of the City Charter and the location of streets has been altered where necessary. The north and south streets are located satisfactorily and would suit any division of the City Property which the City might desire to make. The Highland Park property is bounded on the north by City property. The east and west streets Rector, Vestry and Leeds Streets are laid out as a continuation of streets already opened or located between Campbell Road and Gottingen Street. The City Charter provides that all streets must open at each end either on another street or the Harbor. It will therefore be necessary in deciding on the east-and-west-streets to adopt a location from Robie Street to Gottingen Street.

I would recommend that the plan of sub-division submitted be approved and that the City Engineer be authorized and instructed to lay down on the official plan, Agricola Street, Highland Avenue and Rosemead Avenue as shown on the plan submitted; also Rector, Vestry and Leeds Streets as shown on the plan of sub-division and in line with and in extension of existing streets below Gottingen Street—Rector Street, Vestry Street and Leeds Street to be laid down on the Official Plan from Robie Street to Gottingen Street.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday that said reports be adopted and the plan of sub-division approved. Motion passed.

ROSEBANK AVENUE WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Rosebank Avenue.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Rosebank Avenue to Mr. Richardson's house.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I have reported on the request for water extension in the Streets in Rosebank Park. The Council has ordered the extension of the system in Bloomingdale Terrace which will accommodate all the houses under construction except one, that of Mr. Richardson on Rosebank Avenue.

The extension on Bloomingdale Terrace is to be made on a special rate of 5% on the estimated outlay. Mr. Richardson's house must be supplied by a separate extension from Connaught Avenue at or near Jubilee Road.

The length of pipe required is 325 feet on the low service; size of pipe 6 inches; estimated cost \$872.00; interest on the estimated outlay at 5%, \$43.60. I would recommend that the water be extended to Mr. Richardson's house provided he agrees to pay the special rate of \$43.60.

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

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

LAWRENCE STREET WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Lawrence Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the petition of Theodore Lowe asking for the extension of the water system to supply his house on Lawrence Street.

This district is high service; distance, 30 feet; size of pipe, 6-inch; estimated cost \$108.00.

I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

ALMON STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, August 18th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re sewer and water extension Almon Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 18th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition from P. W. Maxner for George Peverill asking for the extension of the sewer and water on Almon Street.

The existing sewer stops about 70 feet east of Mr. Peverill's new house. The sewer is laid to the summit of the street, the roadway falling from the end of the sewer westwardly while the sewer runs eastwardly. The sewer is deep enough to drain Mr. Peverill's house, but I cannot recommend the extension of the sewer at a cost of about six dollars a foot while the sewer is within reach of a drain which can be laid by Mr. Peverill for about one-third of the cost. It would not be a business like policy to recommend the extension of the sewer for one house.

The estimated cost of water extension is \$87.05, and I would recommend that a pipe be extended to supply Mr. Peverill's property.

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

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

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION HALF-HOLIDAY.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that agreeably to request from a number of merchants and from the Exhibition Commission he had decided to proclaim Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst., a public half-holiday.

ACCOUNTS.

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

City Hall, September 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

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

City Health Board.

Morton & Cragg, hardware, \$8.90; Fraser Bros, carriage hire, \$3.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$10.85; Fred Parsons, conveyance of patients, \$42.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$3.29; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, \$91.59; Kelly & Glassey, stimulants, \$2.50; A. & W. Mackinlay, printing books, \$4.00; H. D. McKenzie Co., coal, \$4.60; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$63.45; Halifax Electric Tram. Co., light, \$4.45; Buckley Coal Co., Ltd., coal, \$9.90; Royal Gazette, advertising, \$4.00; Wm. Roche, coal, \$7.70; Royal Print & Litho, directory, \$4.50. Total \$277.13.

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$33.18; W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$52.39; J. A. Leaman & Co, oxheads, \$28.50; Clayton & Sons, cloth, \$34.73; Stroud & Eveleigh, repairs to waggon, \$2.85; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.55; G. Retson, potatoes, \$9.60; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$6.27; Halifax Electric Tram Co, current, \$1.50; Maritime Tel. Co., rental, \$4.50; Halifax Seed Store, seeds, \$.90; Hillis & Son, stove fittings, \$2.70; Coolen & Martin, plumbing, \$3.95; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$3.85; Sarnia Fence Co., fencing, \$27.30; J. & M. Murphy, drygoods, \$1.69; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$9.90. Total \$226.36.

City Home.

I. B. Shaffner & Co., flour, \$270.30; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$398.30; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat, \$376.47; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$129.48; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$97.19; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$82.81; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$19.75; Davis & Fraser, mess pork, \$43.80; F. A. Shaw, forage, \$42.30; Arthur Fordham & Co., leather, \$22.98; The Buckley Coal Co., Ltd., coal, \$45.00; William Roche, coal, \$192.50; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$7.50; Blackadder Bros., advertising, \$1.55; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$8.36; V. G. Hospital, medicine, \$129.84; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$16.40; H. H. Banks potatoes, \$71.50; J. F. Outhit & Son, potatoes, \$23.34; R. J. Whitten & Co., potatoes, \$18.00; H. McFatridge, horseshoeing, \$2.81; Brookfield Bros., lumber, \$24.43; A. E. Boutlier, mowing grass, \$9.75; Alfred Carter, repairs, etc. \$1.25; J. McD. Taylor, paris green, \$3.25; Hillis & Sons Ltd., stove pipe, \$7.80; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$2.40; W. McFatridge, rope, \$27.50; Jas. Simmonds & Co., sundries, \$8.35; Snow & Co., Ltd., coffin fixtures, \$9.55; J. C. Merlin & Co., lumber, \$3.60; W. D. Forrest., M. D., lunacy certificate, \$5.00; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$243.33; Salaries, pay sheet Aug. \$683.39; John McInnes & Son, lumber, \$13.00; County of Pictou, maintenance etc. Geo. Hickey, \$40.95. Total \$3088.00.

Fire Department.

Farquhar Bros., plumbing etc., \$12.86; Recorder, advertising, \$10.85; Charles E. Berry, horse collars, etc., \$86.00; Wm. J. Regan, saddlery, \$16.00; Hfx. Tram Co., light and power, \$24.22; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, \$5.20; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$412.60; J. McD. Taylor, moth balls, 40c; Walsh's Pharmacy, drugs, \$.50; Dr. W. D. Finn, medical attendance, \$5.00; F. W. McNally, plumbing, \$3.00; C. Shipley & Co., clothing, \$294.75; Melvin & Co., hardware,

\$5.46; Geo. A. Perrier, plumbing, \$13.75; Gordon & Keith, furnishings, \$3.70; Hfx. Seed Co., seeds, \$2.10; E. W. Crease & Son, brooms, \$13.00; Jas. Simmonds Ltd, hardware, \$34.84; Dr. H. McFtridge, shoeing, \$.58; David Roche, painting, \$6.94; Michael Day, plumbing, \$3.90; Globe Laundry, work, \$10.98; Hfx. Steam Laundry, work, \$5.49; Henry Cook, lard, \$1.70; L. E. Sievert, pittner lights, \$7.50; S. C. Thompson, 1 brown mare, \$295.00; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$32.20; Thos. Forhan & Co., coal bags, \$50.00; Wm. Roche, coal, \$323.40; Neil Fox, harness work, \$10.75; John McInnes & Son., lumber, \$8.26; T. C. Johnson & Sons, engraving, \$.50; E. B. Eddy Co., paper, \$1.40; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$14.63; National Drug Co., alcohol, \$5.75; Austen Bros., 2 Seagrave waggons, \$1790.00; Macdonald & Co., hinges, \$1.60; A. H. Lamphier, carriage work, \$135.00; A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$9.00; C. L. Newman, repairing hose, \$4.05; Royal Print, directory, \$4.50; Telephone Co., phones, \$58.07; Starr Mfg. Co., nickel plating, \$6.00; John Starr, Son & Co., battery, \$1.25; Burns & Kelleher, brass work, \$1.99; T. C. Allen & Co., memo books, \$.75; Freeman & Co., bedding, \$31.45. Total \$3766.87.

General Accounts.

M. S. Brown & Co., Ltd., engraving, \$1.40; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., City Collector, \$3.00, City Auditor, \$3.50, City Assessor, \$.90, City Clerk, \$89.23. Total 96.63; London Rubber Stamp Co., dater, \$7.50; A. & W. MacKinlay, books, City Assessor \$76.35, City Collector, \$3.50. Total \$79.85; H. H. Marshall, Subscription Herald to July 1st, 1916, \$6.00; Blackadar Bros, advertising, \$4.65; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$71.20; Dr. Finn, certificates of death, Edna M. Burke, \$4.00, S. Walsh, \$4.00, J. B. Mulcahy, \$4.00, John Keeley, \$4.00, L. A. Deal, \$4.00, M. Rice, \$4.00, W. A. McDonald, \$4.00, J. Nickerson, \$4.00, A. H. Washington, \$4.00, Ross Wheaton \$4.00 unknown male infant \$12.00. Total \$52.00. Grand Total \$319.23.

Police Department.

A. M. Bell & Co., scale, \$39.00; Maritime Tel. Co., phones, \$44.06; Kline & Mullins, helmets and caps, \$317.63; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$21.90; Frank Colwell Ltd., cap, \$6.00; Stroud & Eveleigh, tire patrol waggon, \$12.00; Royal Print & Litho, directories, \$13.50; Chronicle Publishing Co., tenders, \$6.27; John, Starr, Son & Co., recharging battery, \$.75; Imperial Oil Co., oil, \$1.00; Chief of Police, \$1.79; Alden Lavers, repairs to motor cycle, \$6.50; M. Scanlan & Son, sheets, \$4.30. Total \$474.70.

Works Department.

City Property, \$103.78; City Hall lighting, \$73.85; Sewerage, \$471.46; Work under Health rules, \$72.90; Street lighting, \$2123.14; Fleming Park, \$.90; Public baths, \$41.25; Teams and stables, \$392.78; Telephones, \$78.38; Internal health, \$131.59; Streets, \$680.26; Sewer maintenance, \$17.50; Cleaning paved streets, \$51.50; Permanent sidewalks, \$3216.07; Water maintenance \$276.17; Water construction, \$584.34. Total \$8315.88.

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

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

MINUTES OF BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the Board of Control furnish each member of the City Council with typewritten copies of the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Control as early as possible after each meeting. Motion passed.

WATER BILLS 2-4 NEEDHAM STREET.—W. Y. GRAY.

Read report Board of Control re water bills 2-4 Needham Street, W. Y. Gray.

City Hall, September 8th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the water bills charged W. Y. Gray for tenement properties 2-4 Needham Street, totalling \$73.40, be reduced by the sum of \$29.97, leaving the amount to be paid by Mr. Gray \$43.43 and that Mr. Gray be informed that this reduction is recommended because it is the first offence of waste of water charged against the premises and that it is the determination of the City to refuse any applications for reduction in cases where water waste has been brought to the attention of the Board of Control more than once. Water takers should be careful to watch the record of meter readings left by the meter reader 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.

Subsequently to the reports of the City Engineer and Controller Murphy which are attached hereto for the information of the Council, the foregoing basis of settlement was arrived at between Controller Murphy and Mr. Gray.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of Mr. Gray for a reduction in the bill charged for water by meter at No. 2-4 Needham Street.

The bill covers the period from March 1913 to Sept. 1914. From Mar. 13-13 to May 14-13, the consumption was 90,700 gals, June 1800 gals., July 1600 gals, Aug., 1400 gals., Sept. 7400, Nov. 7400. From the middle of Jan. to the middle of March 1914 the average consumption was 27,450 a month. In December, 1914 and January and February, 1915 the average consumption was 22,000 gals. The above readings are for No. 2 Needham Street and indicate that there was waste during the cold weather. Under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

At No. 4 the consumption has been moderate except during a period between Mar. 1914 and May 1914, when a broken pipe permitted a waste of 330,000 gals. Unless closer attention is given to the care of the water system in these two properties, the bills will necessarily be large.

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

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

MERKEL STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re Merkel Street.

City Hall, August 23rd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re petition for sewer and water extension Merkel Street, and for improvements to the street. A copy of the City Engineer's report has been forwarded to the petitioners.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 20th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition respecting Merkel Street. I am uncertain whether the petition refers to the whole street or not, but in any case the street is not City property and the City cannot spend any money on it. Further, the petitioners ask for the construction of a sewer between Agricola and Creighton Streets. There are no houses in this block, the street is not graded and even the underbrush is not cut off.

Under the circumstances I cannot recommend any favorable action.

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

Filed.

MAITLAND STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk west side of Maitland Street between Cornwallis Street and Falkland Street.

City Hall, August 13th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the west side of Maitland Street, between Cornwallis Street and Falkland Street.

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

City Engineer's Office August 11th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir—I beg to report on the attached petition from ratepayers and property owners on the west side of Maitland Street between Falkland St. and Cornwallis St.

The petition is not signed by all the property owners, but Maitland St., especially in this block, is usually not in a very sightly condition, and it is difficult, in consequence of the flat grade, to keep it in good order. Further, the residents do not help to keep the street tidy. A concrete sidewalk would make a great improvement.

I would recommend that sidewalks on both sides of Maitland St. be placed in the sidewalk schedule, and a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Maitland Street, between Cornwallis St. and Falkland St. under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

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

FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control covering order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$868.00 for the installing of modern sanitary accomodation in Young Street School.

City Hall, August 16th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that at a meeting of held on the 9th inst. they had before them the following communication from the Provincial Secretary's Department relating to funds for public schools:—

Halifax, 6th August, 1915.

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

Sir:—I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council under Section 893 of the Halifax City Charter to approve of:

A contract with Messrs. Farquhar Bros. for the erection and equipment of a concrete addition to Quinpool Road School to be used as lavatory and toilet rooms according to plans and specifications of Mr. H. E. Gates, Architect for the sum of Four Thousand and Ninety-six Dollars;

A contract with Mr. G. A. Perrier to instal a modern system of water closet accomodation properly ventilated, at Young Street School, according to plans and specifications of Messrs. Harris & Horton, Architects, for the sum of Eight Hundred and Eight Dollars.

I am to request you to be kind enough to inform the Provincial Secretary whether or not the City has any objection to such approval being given, and if so whether a hearing is desired.

Please give this matter attention at your very earliest convenience, as the Board are anxious to have the work as far advanced as possible before the schools reopen on the 30th inst.

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

In reply to the foregoing communication the Board took occasion to forward to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following extract from the minutes of the Board:—

"Extract from minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, held on the 9th day of August 1915.

Read letter Provincial Secretary asking to be informed as to whether or not the City has any objection to approval being given the Board of School Commissioners for the letting of contracts for improvements to school buildings i. e., Quinpool Road School, \$4096.00, Young Street School \$808.00, and as to whether a hearing is desired.

On motion of Controller Murphy the Secretary is directed to reply to the communication from the Provincial Secretary that the City has frequently pointed out to the Board of School Commissioners the advisability from a financial standpoint of including at the proper time in each year the total amount of their undertakings, including all proposed expenditures on capital account and that any other course operates to the disadvantage of the tax payers. As respects the present request, the Board believes the improvements at Young Street School to be essential and though opposed to the system which permits its presentation at this time will not offer any objection to its approval. As to the proposed expenditure of \$4096 for improvements at Quinpool Road School, the Board of Control, for reasons above recited and on other substantial grounds, will oppose the application and will appear before the Governor in Council at such time as the Government may be pleased to fix for a hearing."

Subsequently the following communications were received, including an order of the Governor-in-Council directing the City to issue its debentures to raise the sum of \$868.00 for the purpose of installing sanitary accommodation in the Young Street School.

Halifax, 14th August, 1915.

*His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.*

Sir:—I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council under Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter for an order directing the City to issue its debentures to an amount sufficient to raise the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars (\$868.00) required in connection with the installing of modern sanitary accommodation at Young Street School, namely:—

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| Contract plumbing, G. A. Perrier | \$808 |
| Architect Harris & Horton | 60 |
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| | \$868 |

I am also to inform you that the Governor in Council has appointed Tuesday, the 17th inst. at eleven o'clock a. m. in the Executive Council Room, Provincial Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of such application shall be heard, and that the City Council may appear at the hearing.

FRED F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secty.*

Halifax, 14th August, 1915.

*The City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.*

Sir:—I am directed to inform you that after the hearing on the 11th inst. respecting the contracts for improvements to Quinpool Road School and to Young Street School respectively, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council was on that date pleased to approve of the proposed contract with G. A. Perrier respecting the Young Street School.

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

Halifax, N. S., 23rd August 1915.

*The City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.*

Sir:—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy of an Order in Council of the 18th inst. ordering and directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the sum of \$868, that amount being required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, in connection with the installing of modern sanitary accomodation in the Young Street School.

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

Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council dated the 18th day of August A. D. 1915.

Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Dollars in connection with the installing of modern sanitary accomodation at Young Street School, and applied to the Governor in Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars required as aforesaid.

And Whereas due notice of the sum so required and of the purpose for which the same is required and of the time and place appointed, namely, Tuesday the 17th day of August A. D. 1915, at eleven o'clock a. m. in the Executive Council Room, Provincial Building, City of Halifax, at which the matter of said application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City;

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

Now Therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the amount so required.

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

It is recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to take all necessary steps towards raising the necessary funds.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSES.

Read report Board of Control covering report Controller Halliday and the Chief of the Fire Department re Fire Department horses.

City Hall, August 25th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At the regular August meeting of the City Council the Board of Control recommended the selling of one horse and the purchase of two horses, and said recommendation was referred back to the Board for further report. The Board has given further consideration to this matter, and for the information of the Council submits the attached report of Controller Halliday and Chief of the Fire Department. The original recommendation of the Board is again submitted for the approval of the Council.

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

Halifax, N. S., August 18th, 1915.

To The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with your request re the horses in the Fire Department, we beg to make the following report—

That when the motor fire engine was put in service it put five horses out of commission; three of these horses were used to double up Nos. 1, 3 and 4 waggons. These waggons weigh 2500 pounds each and were too heavy for one horse to haul and to respond quickly to any fire, the load being too heavy in any case for a single horse. The other two horses are kept at West Street Fire Station and are used in the watering cart routes in the summer and for towing the heavy apparatus in the winter season and to cover up the Motor chemical when out of commission which might happen at any time and has happened on some occasions.

The horses in No. 4 Engine are used in the watering cart routes in summer and to take the engine to all second alarms in her district and do all the extra work, trucking, etc., of the Dept. These horses are the heaviest in the Dept. on account of the engine being so very heavy, weighing 11,400 pounds. These horses are also used for towing No. 1 Engine on first alarms in the winter season.

That we in our opinion do not think the number of horses in the Department should be reduced as they are needed in the Department. These horses are worth about \$300 each to the Dept., and if sold would not realize more than \$150 each for them, and then would have to purchase horses in the Fall and if these horses are sold would cost the City \$9.50 per day to replace horses for watering cart service. The Department is at present very short of

horses and has been for some time. No. 5 and No. 4 Engines have been out of first alarm calls for some weeks and have been covered by No. 1 Brunswick Station, and No. 3, Morris Street Station, and in case of a second alarm of fire these engines would have to be sent for after the horses in Nos. 1 and 3 have placed their engines at the fire, which means a very serious loss of time at a big fire.

We would also recommend that the Department have 3 relief horses instead of two, as it very often happens that some pieces of apparatus have to be put out of commission for the want of a horse.

The up-keep of one horse for one year, including everything, is about \$179.00.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Controller Fire Department.*

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control covering report Chief of the Fire Department for August.

City Hall, September 8th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—With the exception of clause 4, in reference to tardiness of call engineers in responding to alarm of fire, Box 17, August 30th, which is withheld for investigation, the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department for August is recommended to the City Council for approval.

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

Halifax, N. S., September 8th, 1915.

The Board of Control.

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

1. That Charles Hillier and John Egan, callmen, have resigned.
2. That Frederick Leahy, acting driver, has resigned.
3. That Cornelius Ryan and Edward Murphy, hosemen on No. 3 Engine were overcome by smoke. William Powell, driver, had his eye injured by sparks. Lewis Johnson, ladder men on No. 1 Truck, had his arm badly jammed at Fire Box 17 on August 30th. All the above named have reported for duty except Callman Lewis Johnson, who went to the Victoria General Hospital.
4. That the Engineers of Nos. 1 and 3 Engines first and second alarm Engine were one hour late responding to third alarm of fire from Box 17, August 30th.

5. That a horse was purchased for \$295.00.

Recommendations.

1. That Walter Hennessy and George Bishop be appointed supernumeraries.

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

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

INCINERATOR LOT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re lot of land on which the garbage incinerator is located proposed to be used as a public park.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re lot of land on which the garbage incinerator is located.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached letter from Alderman Godwin in reference to the lot of land in which the Incinerator is located.

It has been the intention ever since the Incinerator was erected there, to grade the property, grow sod on it, and use it temporarily for the benefit of the public. I do not think it would be wise, however, to reserve it as a public park, as in consequence of its location it may be used for other purposes in the future. For instance, there is little doubt that a pumping station will be erected some day, and the north end low service main goes through the property. A pumping station would have to be erected there as it can be reached from the railway for coal supply. There may be other similar purposes arising for which the City would desire to use the property, and for these reasons I think it would be unwise to tie it up as a public park or recreation ground, but in the meantime, while it is not being used for any of these purposes, the present intention may be carried out and the public allowed to use it.

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

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

SCHOOL STREET SEWER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer extension School Street, from Duffus Street north two blocks.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re sewer extension, School Street, from Duffus Street north two blocks.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition for the construction of a sewer in School Street.

The sewer in this street should drain to Duffus Street. There are houses in two blocks in the street at the present time, and I would recommend that a sewer be placed in the Order Book to be constructed in its turn from Duffus Street north two blocks. The estimated cost is \$6140.00.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

BIRMINGHAM STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of Birmingham Street from Morris Street to Rottenburg Street.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit herewith for adoption by the City Council the attached report from the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of Birmingham Street from Morris Street to Rottenburg Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Before the present Board of Control came into office, a petition was presented asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Birmingham Street from Morris Street to Rottenburg Street.

The petition has been mislaid and consequently has not been reported on. The estimated cost of constructing a sidewalk is \$1776.00. I would recommend that the sidewalks on both sides of Birmingham Street from Morris Street to Rottenburg Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the east side of Birmingham Street from Morris Street to Rottenburg Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

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

CUNARD STREET SIDEWALK.

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

City Hall, August 13th, 1915.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, Cunard Street, both sides, between Moren Street and Robie Street, and the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cunard Street from Agricola Street to Robie Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 9th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cunard Street from Moren Street to Robie Street.

The estimated cost is \$4745.00. The construction of a sidewalk would make a very desirable improvement in this street. It would be contrary to the usual policy of the City to leave out a patch between Agricola Street and Moren Street. There is to be a sidewalk constructed on the north side of Cunard Street from Gottingen Street to Agricola Street.

I would recommend that both sidewalks on Cunard Street between Moren Street and Robie Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the north side of Cunard Street from Agricola Street to Robie Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

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

WATER BILL 94-94½ EDWARD STREET—A. M. McDONALD.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill A. M. McDonald, 94-94½ Edward Street.

City Hall, August 13th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water bill A. M. McDonald, 94-94½ Edward Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 6th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached communication from Mr. A. M. McDonald, asking for reduction in the bill charged for water supplied at 94-94½ Edward Street for 1914-15.

Mr. McDonald states that during the plumbers' strike the tank at No. 94 was broken and it was impossible to get repairs made at that time; consequently the water was running until the strike was over.

From Oct. 1913 to July 1914 the average consumption at this property was 5500 gals; between the reading on July 2-14 and Nov. 1-14 the consumption registered by the meter was 65,700 gals. for the four months. Accepting Mr. McDonald's statement it would not be fair to charge him for waste when he had not been neglecting his plumbing. If the same average had been followed during these months as during the eight months preceding, he would have used 22,000 gals, instead of 65,700 gals, and I would recommend that the quantity charged for be reduced by 43,700 gals., so that for the four months the average would be the same as for the eight months preceding.

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

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

ANNUAL REPORT CITY CLERK.

Read report Board of Control covering annual report City Clerk for 1914-15.

City Hall, August 13th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit herewith for the information of the City Council the annual report of the City Clerk for 1914-15.

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

Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—WORK AT FIRE STATIONS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for work at Fire Stations.

City Hall, August 18th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that at a meeting held August 13th, tenders for work of various kinds at Fire Stations were received and opened as follows:—

Islesville House.

Painting and Whitewashing.

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| B. Mannett..... | \$ 30.00 |
| Walsh Bros..... | 29.00 |
| David Roche..... | 24.00 |
| Alex. Totten..... | 23.50 |
| John Ead..... | 16.50 |

Quinpool Road.

Carpenter Work.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|
| C. E. Smith & Co..... | \$250 extra for sills | \$1.50 per ft. |
| S. C. Hiltz..... | 160 " " | .94 " " |
| Jas. Brodie..... | 150 " " | 1.50 " " |
| J. A. Nicholson..... | 175 " " | 2.50 " " |
| John McInnes & Son, Ltd.. | 150 and probable cost of \$1.00 per ft. extra for new sill. | |

Grafton Street.

Carpenter Work.

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| J. A. Nicholson..... | \$100.00 |
| John McInnes & Son, Ltd..... | 100.00 |
| S. C. Hiltz..... | 98.00 |
| C. E. Smith & Co..... | 72.00 |
| James T. Brodie..... | 50.00 |

Bedford Row.

Mason Work.

| | |
|--|----------|
| R. J. Hurley (this does not include staging, only plank for same)..... | \$437.00 |
| C. E. Smith & Co..... | 415.00 |
| John Foley..... | 225.00 |

Central Engine House.

Painting, etc.

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| David Roche..... | \$174.00 |
| Walsh Bros..... | 155.00 |
| Alex. Totten..... | 137.00 |
| B. Mannett..... | 130.00 |
| John Ead..... | 79.00 |

Mason Work.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| R. J. Hurley..... | \$420 for brick copel under tower \$75 extra. |
| "..... | To coat tower instead of painting, \$75. |
| John Foley..... | \$345. |
| C. E. Smith..... | Mason and carpenter work \$584, extra for brick copel under tower \$48. |

Carpenter Work.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Jas. Brodie | \$260.00. |
| J. A. Nicholson | 375.00. |
| John McInnes & Son | 495.00. |

At a meeting held this day the following report from Controller Halliday was presented, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council, for approval:—

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—The tenders for the several fire stations having been referred for report I recommend acceptance of the following:—

Central.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| C. E. Smith & Co..... | Mason & carpenter work..... | \$584. 50 |
| John Ead..... | Painting..... | 79. 50 |

Quinpool Road.

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| McInnes & Son, Ltd..... | Carpenter work | 50. 00 |
| | Sills per ft..... | 1. 00 |

Grafton Street.

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------|
| James Brodie | Carpenter work | 50. 00 |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------|

Islesville.

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| John Ead..... | Painting, etc..... | 16. 50 |
|---------------|--------------------|--------|

Bedford Row.

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------|
| John Foley | Mason work | 225. 00 |
|------------------|------------------|---------|

This amount to be paid out of balance on hand.

JAMES HALLIDAY.

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

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

STREET LIGHTS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re street lights at the corner of Cedar and Louisburg Streets, Buckingham and Brunswick Streets, Brunswick and George Streets and on Sackville Street between South Park and Summer Streets.

City Hall, August 18th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re street lights at the corner of Cedar and Louisburg Streets, Buckingham and Brunswicks Streets, Brunswick and George Streets, and on Sackville Street between South Park Street and Summer Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 18th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of Alderman Kelly that additional lights are necessary and recommend that they be installed when funds are available at the corner of Cedar and Louisburg Sts., Buckingham and Brunswick Sts., and George and Brunswick Sts., and on Sackville St. between South Park and Summer Sts.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

BILLBOARDS.

Read reports Board of Control and Assistant City Engineer re billboards.

City Hall, August 23rd, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submits herewith for the information of the Council a list of billboards throughout the City for which licenses are sought by the E. L. Ruddy Co. It is recommended that permits for the use of said billboards be granted as recommended in the report of the Asst. City Engineer with the exception of the four following named:—

- Board No. 41, Hunter Street, east side north east corner at Cunard Street.
- " No. 43, North Park Street, east side near Cornwallis Street.
- " No. 33, Windsor Street, east side, between Cunard and Charles Streets.
- " No. 31, Windsor Street, east side, near Almon Street.

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

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

Controller Murphy,
City.

Sir:—The following is a list of the billboards applied for by the E. L. Ruddy Co. and which have been in use for over a year:—

| No. | Street | Side | Location | Area. |
|-----|----------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 23 | Agricola | West | Between Almon and Bilby | 540 sq. ft. |
| 45 | " | East | Between Cunard & No. 8 Agricola | 665 " |
| 47 | " | West | Between Sarah & West | 225 " |
| 1 | Argyle | East | Opposite No. 16 | 398 " |
| 14 | Artz | South | West of Lockman | 538 " |
| 7 | Barrington | East | Between Hurd & Proctor | 766 " |
| 8 | " | " | Between Cornwallis & Proctor | 600 " |
| 9 | " | West | " " " | 522 " |
| 67 | " | East | Corner Salter | 498 " |
| 24 | Bilby | South | Between Agricola & Robie | 718 " |
| 60 | Brunswick | West | Corner North | 220 " |
| 16 | Campbell Rd. | " | Opposite No. 135 | 516 " |
| 17 | " | East | Opposite No. 152 | 766 " |
| 18 | " | " | Near No. 351 | 345 " |
| 50 | Charles | South | Corner John | 458 " |
| 51 | " | " | Corner Maynard | 774 " |
| 55 | Cornwallis | North | Near Creighton | 182 " |
| 58 | Creighton | East | Near No. 171 | 715 " |
| 39 | Cunard | North | Near Hunter | 1515 " |
| 42 | " | " | N. E. Corner Hunter | 200 " |
| 70 | Dresden Row | " | Corner Rottenburg | 478 " |
| 3 | George | South | Opposite No. 63 | 108 " |
| 4 | " | " | Opposite No. 69½ | 180 " |
| 54 | Gerrish | North | Corner Maynard | 383 " |
| 57 | Gerrish | South | Between Gottingen & Creighton | 363 " |
| 19 | Gottingen | East | At Fort Needham | 207 " |
| 20 | " | West | Between Bloomfield & Almon | 243 " |
| 21 | " | " | Between Bilby & Macara | 466 " |
| 15 | Hanover | North | Corner Campbell Road | 743 " |
| 66 | Hollis | " | Near Bishop | 76 " |
| 40 | Hunter | West | Corner Cunard | 535 " |
| 41 | " | East | N. E. Corner Cunard | 336 " |
| 48 | John | West | Between Charles and West | 210 " |
| 49 | " | East | Corner Charles | 440 " |
| 52 | Maynard | West | " " | 487 " |
| 53 | " | East | Corner Gerrish | 886 " |
| 59 | North | South | Corner Brunswick | 356 " |
| 37 | Oak | " | Corner Oxford | 957 " |
| 36 | Oxford | East | Corner Oak | 185 " |
| 56 | Prince William | North | Between Gottingen & Maitland | 319 " |
| 69 | Rottenburg | " | Corner Dresden Row | 480 " |
| 68 | Salter | North | N. E. Corner, Barrington | 438 " |
| 61 | Water | East | Near W. G. Robertson's | 182 " |
| 62 | " | " | Near No. 199 | 737 " |
| 63 | " | " | Opposite No. 214 | 510 " |
| 64 | " | " | Opposite No. 214 | 443 " |
| 65 | " | " | Near No. 181 | 468 " |
| 46 | Agricola | West | Corner Cunard | 685 " |
| 5 | Albemarle | West | Opposite 219 | 156 " |
| 6 | " | East | Opposite No. 114 | 296 " |

| No. | Street. | Side | Location | Area |
|-----|------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 29 | Almon | South | West of A. B. C. Hall | 1720 sq. ft. |
| 30 | " | " | Opposite Exhibition Grounds | 1720 " |
| 10 | Gerrish | North | Corner Lockman | 268 " |
| 11 | Lockman | East | Corner Gerrish | 569 " |
| 43 | North Park | " | Near Cornwallis | 118 " |
| 27 | Robie | " | Corner Sullivan | 675 " |
| 25 | " | " | Near Sullivan | 915 " |
| 26 | " | " | Between Sullivan & Macara | 405 " |
| 28 | Sullivan | South | Corner Robie | 235 " |
| 31 | Windsor | East | Near Almon | 1073 " |
| 32 | " | " | Between Almon & North | 1189 " |
| 33 | " | " | Between Cunard & Charles | 965 " |

Application has also been made for the following boards which are what are known as double deckers, consisting of two boards, one on top of the other to a height of about 20 feet. There are two of these boards, Nos. 13 and 2, which are unobjectionable and might be allowed to remain as double deckers. I think the other three double deckers should be removed and permits given for single boards instead.

| No. | Street | Side | Location | Area. |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 2 | Grafton | (Side of House) | Near George Street | 587 sq. ft. |
| 12 | Lockman | West | Opposite No. 107 | 499 " |
| 13 | " | " | Near Artz | 420 " |
| 38 | Quinpool Rd. | South | Near Preston | 480 " |
| 44 | Cunard | North | Corner Agricola | 487 " |

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

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

Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Controller Halliday
Harris
McKeen
Murphy
Aldermen Brown
Godwin—6

Against it.

Aldermen H. S. Colwell
Finlay
R. B. Colwell
Brennan.
Kelly.
Foley
Hines.
Riordon.
Isnor.
Parker—10

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Brennan that the matter of billboard licenses be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration, the said Board to take up the matter of seeking legislation with a view to imposing further restrictions as to billboards, or prohibiting them altogether. Motion passed.

**OVERHEAD CONVEYOR ACROSS CAMPBELL ROAD, NOVA SCOTIA
FERTILIZER COMPANY.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re application from the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Company for permission to erect conveyor across Campbell Road at their Works.

City Hall, September 1st, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re application from the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co. for permission to erect a conveyor across Campbell Road at their property.

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

City Engineer's Office, September 1st, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached application from the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co. for permission to erect conveyor across Campbell Road at their property. Special legislation would have to be obtained to permit the Company to erect a conveyor encroaching on and obstructing the road.

The Africville portion of Campbell Road will always be an industrial district and it is desirable that industrial operations should be assisted in any way that is not prejudicial to the interests of the public; in fact, we may be obliged in the future to consider the interest of the industry first.

I would recommend that legislation be obtained to enable the City to grant permission to the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co. to erect a conveyor across Campbell Road on such terms as may be provided in the permit and which the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co. must first agree to.

I have a further communication from the Company giving a brief description of the conveyor, but there would be details to settle which can be determined upon later. The conveyor would be of the chain belt type and would run in a covered wooden casing across the street at such a height that it would not interfere with passing loaded teams, and the casing would have a safety floor to prevent any injury to persons using the street from bags or other articles falling off the conveyor.

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

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

LEMARCHANT STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of LeMarchant Street between Coburg Road and Watt Street.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of LeMarchant Street, between Coburg Road and Watt Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the petition attached hereto asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of LeMarchant Street in the first block north of Coburg Road.

The estimated cost is \$1948. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be laid on the east side of LeMarchant Street between Coburg Road and Watt Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

HENRY STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending that Henry Street from Bliss Street to Binney Street be accepted as a City Street.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit to the City Council for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that Henry Street from Bliss Street to Binney Street be accepted as a City street. A formal resolution in respect to the taking over by the City of the portion of Henry Street named is submitted herewith.

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

His Worship the Mayor.

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

Sir:—Henry Street between Bliss Street and Binney Street has been graded so that it can be accepted and I have prepared a resolution to be passed by the Council.

I would recommend that the street be accepted as a City Street from Bliss Street to Binney Street. It has been accepted already from Coburg Road to Bliss Street.

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

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas Henry Street in the City of Halifax between Bliss Street and Binney Street has now been open to the City for many years and dedicated as a street, and the City desires to take over and accept this part of Henry Street as a City street;

Therefore Resolved that the City Council of the City of Halifax hereby accepts the dedication of that part of Henry Street between Bliss Street and Binney Street for public purposes, and hereafter the said street shall be known as Henry Street and as one of the accepted streets of the said City and as a public street, which said street is described as follows:—

All that lot, piece or parcel of land being sixty feet in width and extending from the prolongation of the south line of Bliss Street to the south line of Binney Street as shown enclosed by blue lines on Section 16 of the Official City Plan and called thereon Henry Street.

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

HENRY STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the West side of Henry Street between Coburg Road and Watt Street.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit herewith for the approval of the City Council (in the event of the Council adopting a recommendation which is also submitted at this meeting for the taking over of a portion of Henry Street) a report from the City Engineer re the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Henry Street between Coburg Road and Watt Street, with the exception of that portion of the report relating to the time at which the work should be undertaken, which is withheld for the present.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Some time ago a petition was received asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Henry Street from Coburg Road to Watt Street. At that time I could not recommend its construction, as the street had not been taken over.

The grading, however has been completed and I have recommended the taking over of the street. If the City Council approves, I beg to recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Henry Street from Coburg Road to Watt Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

The estimated cost is \$1948. I would recommend that this work be carried on at the same time as or immediately following the construction of the sidewalk on the east side between Coburg Road and Bliss Street.

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

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

HENRY STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Board of Control re sewer and water extension Henry Street.

City Hall, September 1st, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—In connection with the proposed sewer and water extension Henry Street, the completion of which at an early date is being urged by Francis C. Stevens, and which the City cannot undertake at the present time, it is recommended that the City Engineer be authorized and instructed to make necessary arrangements with Mr. Stevens to permit him to do the work himself at his own expense, under the supervision of the City Engineer the City to reimburse Mr. Stevens at such time as the work would be done by the City in its regular turn.

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

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

PEPPERELL STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re Pepperell Street sidewalk.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re the placing of both sides of Pepperell

Street in the sidewalk schedule, and recommending that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on the south side of Pepperell Street between Louisburg and Preston Streets.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Pepperell Street between Louisburg Street and Preston Street.

Alderman Kelly states that the petition is signed by a majority of the property owners.

This side of the street is pretty well built up, and I would recommend that the sidewalks on both sides of Pepperell Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the south side of Pepperell Street between Louisburg Street and Preston Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

The estimated cost is \$4633.00.

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

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

MOTT STREET WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension Mott Street.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Council have already ordered the extension of the pipe in Mott Street from Seldon Street west far enough to supply Mr. Theakston's house. The water supply in Seldon Street is high service as the low service main would not rise high enough. Mr. Theakston's house must also be supplied from the high service, but the houses near Oxford Street can be supplied from the low service pipe.

The length of pipe required is 210 feet; size, 6-inches; estimated cost \$598.00. A valve will be required about eighty or one hundred feet west of

Seldon Street. An extension is not necessary to supply the houses now erected or in course of construction, but I would recommend that the pipe be connected when our supply of pipe arrives and when it will not interfere with other work.

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

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

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Cornwallis Street, north side, between Maitland Street and Gottingen Street.

City Hall, August 18th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Cornwallis Street, north side, between Maitland and Gottingen Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, August 18th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached communication from Alderman Isnor respecting the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Cornwallis St. between Maitland St. and Gottingen St.

This sidewalk is in an unsatisfactory condition and there is a great deal of traffic up and down Cornwallis Street. The sidewalk in the block below is being laid and the block above has already been constructed.

The estimated cost of constructing a sidewalk in the block in question is \$1270.00, and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid under the Permanent Sidewalk Act as soon as possible.

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

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

COSTS NOVA SCOTIA CAR COMPANY LITIGATION.

Read report Board of Control re costs of suit Nova Scotia Car Company, Ltd., vs. City of Halifax.

City Hall, August 30th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council the following report from the City Solicitor re costs of suit City vs Nova Scotia Car Co., Ltd.:—

Halifax, August 10th, 1915.

City Auditor.

Sir:—I beg to hand you herewith bill of costs of Messrs. Lumley & Lumley, on which there appears a balance due them of £142. 6. 9. As you were under the impression which I shared that all the costs in this had been paid, I wish to make the following explanation to be laid before the Board of Control:—

I was in England when the bill was sent here by Messrs. Lumley. At the same time that it was presented, as I understand, Mr. Allison presented his bill for the taxed costs of the Car Company. When I returned from England I was informed that all the costs were either settled or in the course of settlement, and that all that was necessary was that some legislation should be obtained legalizing payments that had been made.

Messrs. Lumleys' own bill I never saw and I supposed that everything had been settled except the necessary legislation. I prepared legislation authorizing payment of the amount which I was told was required. After this legislation had passed I received a letter from Messrs. Lumley requesting payment of the balance of their account. I immediately consulted with you, and finding that there was evidently some confusion between the taxed costs on the other side and the amount of our own solicitor's charges I wrote Lumley & Lumley asking for a full statement of their account, which I now hand you, and from which it appears that their bill for which we are liable amounted to £392. 6. 9., of which £250 was paid by us, leaving a balance of £142. 6. 9. above stated.

This amount has now been owing for some time and they are asking me to have it closed as soon as possible. As the bill is undoubtedly due and will have to be paid, I presume the only thing to be done is to follow the practice pursued in respect to the former payments, namely to borrow the money and include it in next year's estimates or cover it by special legislation.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

The Board has requested Controller McKeen to make all arrangements necessary for the providing of funds for settlement of the account, the City Solicitor to prepare any legislation that may be required.

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

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

APPLICATION IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY RE PROPERTY AT AFRICVILLE.

Read report Board of Control re application of the Imperial Oil Company re property at Africville and for concessions from the City.

Halifax, September 9th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Having very carefully considered the proposal as set out in communication of July 27th from above Company, the Board of Control beg to make the following recommendations:—

1. Not feeling justified in recommending to your body to treat with the application of the Company for the entire quantity of land involved, it will therefore be unnecessary to make any recommendation for the diversion of Campbell Road at this time. In the course of discussion it was found unnecessary to treat the closing of Gottingen Street between the Cotton Factory and Campbell Road. For the reason that privileges for public thoroughfares in this vicinity are very limited and at a not distant date it might be found necessary to have more adequate privileges in this neighborhood, we cannot recommend that either Longard Road or Gottingen Street rights of way be given over.

2. We would recommend for your favorable consideration the application for tax exemption on any additional plant erected for a period not to exceed ten years, conditional on this company's making an undertaking to have available at the expiration of three years buildings and plant property to a valuation of at least \$250,000.00 for assessment purposes at the expiration of exemption period.

3. In reference to their request that we assist them in securing from the Department of Marine and from the Provincial Government necessary permission to construct suitable wharves and docks on their property, we would of course hold ourselves ready to render them any such assistance possible.

4. Realizing that the carrying through of the proposals under consideration would have certain advantages for the City, we would recommend that if it were found necessary we exercise the legislation which we now have for the expropriation of part or the whole of the property known as Africville, retaining the right to treat with the application for whatever part of same may in the opinion of the City Council and of this Board be necessary for the proper carrying out of their undertaking, said portion to be disposed of to them at a price to be agreed upon.

In the consideration of this proposal our Board has been very much handicapped due to lack of definite information as to just what this Company purposes to do. They have not at the time available such data on the plant which they hope to erect as would enable us to say just what amount of land would be necessary for the proper placing of same, but if such information were forthcoming we could go into this matter further and recommend just what in our opinion would be adequate for their purpose. No doubt the Imperial Oil Co. would be glad to get together such further information as is necessary for this purpose, pending receipt of which we feel that the above will about cover the points immediately up for consideration.

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

STORAGE OF OILS—IMPERIAL OIL CO. PLANT AFRICVILLE.

Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., Halifax, N. S., July 27th, 1915

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

Dear Sirs:—In the Ordinances and By-Laws of the Halifax City Charter, page 196,—paragraph 658 reads as follows:—

“(1) The City may purchase or expropriate, in the manner provided in this Act, the property situated on Bedford Basin, and described as follows: “Bounded on the Northeast by Gottingen Street, on the Southeast and Southwest by the property of the City, and on the Northwest by Bedford Basin, excepting therefrom so much thereof as is occupied by Campbell Road, the Intercolonial Railway and the Halifax and South Western Railway.”

(2) When the City has obtained the said property it may close up so much of the Campbell Road as passes through the same, and divert the said road to pass to the South of the track of the Intercolonial Railway, and, if need be, expropriate any land required for such diversion. 1907 c. 69, s. 33."

We wish to say that the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, is desirous of requiring this property for the purposes of making new extensions to their business, and under certain conditions are willing to purchase this property, providing the City will expropriate as provided above.

We send herewith a plan which shows our property at present situated on Campbell Road and marked "I. O. Co." The desire of our Company is to acquire the property from the southern side of that line to the southern side of Gottingen Street, and from the Cotton Factory right-of-way to the waterfront, less the rights-of-way owned and controlled by the Intercolonial Railway and the Halifax & South Western Railway, and including the piece of waterfront owned by the City East of Campbell Road. We have drawn off on the enclosed plan in red the amount of property required, on which we anticipate placing large tankage, looking forward to the establishment of an Asphalt and Fuel Oil Refinery.

We understand the area is between ten and twelve acres, and we are willing to pay at the rate of \$1000 per acre for this property, subject to the following conditions, if agreed to by the City of Halifax.

1st: The City Council will agree to the closing up of Longard Road and diverting Campbell Road, also not opening that portion of Gottingen Street between the Cotton Factory and Campbell Road, giving us a title to that portion of property taken by those roads.

2nd: That the City of Halifax should grant us exemption from taxes for a period of twenty years on any increased valuation, or new construction we place there we continuing to pay taxes to the City as per present valuation.

3d: That the City would assist us in securing from the Marine Department and Provincial Government whatever permission is necessary to construct suitable wharves and docks in front of the Africville property.

If the above is agreed to we will at once proceed to erect two 35,000 barrel tanks, as well as proceed with the work of levelling, pipe laying and other work necessary to put the property in condition for our requirements.

The object of acquiring this property is to make Halifax a centre of distribution for the Maritime Provinces. Our products would be received here by steamer, and distributed by steamer and otherwise, to all points in the Maritime Provinces, and probably the River St. Lawrence. This you will see will necessitate the visit to this port of a large number of steam craft.

We also anticipate increasing our Fuel Oil storage on the same property, and as fuel oil is fast becoming in use in many sea-going crafts this will also become a port of call for steamers in that connection.

Under the above proposition the business of this port will be materially increased, and we understand it was the object of the City Council in obtaining power to expropriate Africville that it could at some time be turned over to an industrial enterprise, and on looking over this peninsula it is about the only spot suitable and large enough for our requirements.

The above proposition will not entail any loss of revenue to the City. If they were able to secure this property for less than \$1000 per acre we presume it would be their desire to charge us merely what it would cost them.

S. S. SHATFORD, *Manager.*

Halifax August 19th, 1915.

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

Dear Sirs:—Not having an opportunity of discussing our proposition with you, I take the liberty of sending you a copy of letter I have to-day written to the Board of Trade Industries Commission and submit contents for your consideration along with the proposition from this Company.

S. S. SHATFORD.

August 18th, 1915.

Wm. R. Powell, Esq.,
Chairman The Board of Trade Industries Commission.

Dear Sir:—I have pleasure in complying with your request to submit what in my opinion are the advantages the City of Halifax would derive by the acceptance of our proposition recently placed before the Board of Control, and submit the following:—

1st. The acceptance of our proposition would level up and change the present part of the City known as Africville and establish in its place an Industry.

2nd. The City would be receiving taxes on present assessment of \$7000.00. Today they do not receive this, so I have been informed.

3rd. The offer to pay the City \$1000.00 per acre will probably reimburse them, in my opinion, for any expenditure they may make, therefore the City has little or nothing to lose in the transaction.

4th. The City will aid in establishing a large industry within its borders, the construction of which alone will entail a very large outlay and work on tanks, foundations, levelling and wharf will be immediately begun after arrangements, if any, are made in the City.

5th. Halifax will become a distributing centre for all Petroleum Products for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, and for the river St. Lawrence ports.

6th. This will necessitate the visit to our port of a large number of steamers with their usual large disbursements.

7th. While the operation of an Oil Refinery may not engage the services of a large number of men, those actually engaged are what may be termed skilled laborers, being Petroleum Experts, Chemists, Engineers, Coopers, etc.

8th. Clearing off the ground, which is exceedingly rough, will entail a large amount of common labor. This money will be spent right in Halifax.

9th. On the installation of the Asphalt and Fuel Oil Refinery, Halifax will have within its own gates the manufacture of the cheapest road making and repairing material known, namely, Asphalt, and Ocean Steamers using Fuel Oil will make this a port of call.

10th. The taxes to be obtained from the assessment of valuable property, equipment and stock, after the period of exemption has passed.

To the enquiry as to the approximate amount of assessable property the Company may have at the end of the exemption period, I wish to say when the Refinery is constructed, they expect to have expended about \$350,000.00 to \$450,000.00.

Some comment has been made to the effect that the Company are asking for a large tract of land and water front. The reply is, that this is a large enterprise, and a smaller property would force the Company to go elsewhere. I am of the opinion the Board of Control will not discriminate against large enterprises.

It has also been stated The Imperial Oil Company, Limited, have asked for an exemption, which the City cannot give. There can be no harm in this as the City can say what they can give and what they cannot. Twenty years was suggested by an offer made to the Company from another Corporation. The whole matter is one of negotiation.

A few extracts from the correspondence I have had with the General Manager and others of the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, will probably be of interest to you.

Letter dated June 21st, Subject, "Proposition Asphalt Plant at Halifax:"—

"In talking with Mr. Teagle this morning, we have got to come to some quick conclusion with regard to putting in an Asphalt Plant for the manufacturing of Asphalt, and I feel if we do anything at Halifax at all, it would have to be done on the property there known as Africville, running from Gottingen Street to our present property. It is important that quick action be taken, so that we can know the particulars and decide on the location of this Asphalt Plant."

Another letter from the General Manager dated July 19th, Subject "Land for Asphalt Plant at Halifax:"—

"If the City would provide the necessary property at \$1000 per acre, or thereabouts, we could go on at once to construct the tankage necessary to accommodate the trade that would be handled through this port. This, it may be well, would be followed in the near future by the construction of a Refinery that would entail the expenditure of quite a large amount of capital and the employment of considerable labor.

You will quite understand the Company has no thought of acquiring a single acre of land, for which it has not some prospect of being able to use. It would only be encumbering themselves with property that would be earning nothing. The Company never buys property in excess of its requirements in its own business. This ought to be of sufficient assurance to the City Council of Halifax in this connection."

Another letter from the Honorable W. J. Hanna, dated July 23rd, Subject, "Asphalt Refinery for Halifax."

"You will appreciate the difficulty of giving an undertaking as to the number of employees. It would in any case be given at the minimum number and would be a poor indication of the value of the plant to the City."

One more reference to Campbell Road diversion. I understand the Intercolonial Railway claims that portion of Campbell Road as their property. If their claim is a good one this road will need to be diverted at some time, and, it might as well be done now as at any other time, and under this proposition, it would be much cheaper for the City to do it now than later.

If, in the opinion of the Board of Control, anything unsubstantial appears to them in the proposition, they can safeguard the interests of the City in their undertaking with the Oil Company.

S. S. SHATFORD.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that each member of the Council be furnished with a copy of the report and that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Motion passed.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER.

Read report Board of Control re proposition of the Halifax Power Company Limited to supply the City of Halifax with hydro electric power developed at the North-East River and Indian River.

Halifax, N. S., September 4th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—With regard to negotiations now being carried on between S. M. Brookfield and associates on behalf of the Halifax Power Company, Limited, and the Board of Control, involving an offer to the City of Halifax to acquire a controlling interest in the proposed water power development of the North East River and Indian River at St. Margaret's Bay, County of Halifax—the outstanding features of the scheme are as follows:—

The said Halifax Power Company, Limited, has a Charter with ample rights to bring into and sell hydro-electric power to the City of Halifax for street lighting and also to the citizens for domestic lighting and commercial purposes.

The capacity and economic value of this proposed water power development is certified to by different reports of hydro-electric engineers of wide experience and undoubted standing, made after careful and thorough surveys. The proposed scheme consists of three units, which, when fully developed, would give an estimated energy of over 8000 H. P. at an estimated cost of about \$1,200,000.

The present proposal is to develop only the first unit meantime, which is estimated to furnish sufficient energy to amply light the City streets, with considerable surplus for both domestic lighting and mechanical power.

The Company has already expended over \$100,000 for surveys, construction and the acquiring of necessary riparian rights and other privileges.

The proposed terms on which the City is to hold its controlling interest is to be on the same basis as the present shareholders, both in respect to the proportion of common stock and bonds.

In order therefore to enable the City, if so disposed, to acquire an interest in an available hydro-electric water power on favorable terms,

Resolved that the Board of Control hereby recommend the City Council to secure an option from S. M. Brookfield and associates on behalf of the Halifax Power Company, Limited, extending over twelve months, granting the City the privilege at any time within the period named of securing a controlling interest in the said Company on the terms and conditions above mentioned when the necessary legislation has been procured. The option to date from the day this resolution is passed by the Council.

It is also recommended that after said option is secured and a satisfactory electric lighting plant is installed, the City Council undertake to enter into a contract with the Halifax Power Company, Limited, for the entire street lighting of the City and also of the Public Buildings, provided that the said Company undertakes on its part to reduce the cost by 33 1-3 per cent, under the present rates paid by the City for this service to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company. The City undertakes at the same time to so extend its street lighting so that the whole sum expended annually by the City on improved lighting shall not be less than the sum expended during the present year.

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

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

STREET RAILWAY.

Alderman Isnor asked that the Board of Control request the Tramway Company to instal distinguishing lighted signs on the Gottingen street car service.

CIVIC ESTIMATES.

Alderman Isnor submitted the following notice of motion:—

That each member of the City Council be provided with a copy of the proposed estimates for the ensuing civic year at least ten days before said estimates are presented to the City Council for consideration.

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

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, September 20th 1915.

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at the above named hour. 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, Riordon, Godwin and Parker.

The Council was summoned

"To consider reports Board of Control re Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, Halifax Power Company propositions and Imperial Oil Company proposition, 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 (3) Board of Control, viz.—

Nova Scotia Car Company, Limited.
Halifax Power Company propositions (See Sept. 9, 1915).
Application Imperial Oil Company re property at Africville.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS, LIMITED.

Read report Board of Control covering letter Nova Scotia Car Works Limited with petition of citizens for the granting of further financial aid to said Company by the City of Halifax.

City Hall, September 18th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that there has been presented to them a letter from the Nova Scotia Car Works Limited, covering a numerously signed petition requesting further municipal assistance by the City of Halifax for the Nova Scotia Car Works Limited.

Referring to above the Board of Control begs to express its concurrence in the views of the large and influential number of citizens signing this petition with regard to the advantages accruing to the community by any action

that would insure the permanent operations of so important an industry as the Nova Scotia Car Works Limited. We still believe, however, that the proposal set forth in the petition is one entirely foreign to the functions of a City in its corporate capacity to deal with, and as a matter of course our Charter provides no financial machinery for dealing with such proposals. In view also of the substantial financial resources represented by the petitioners the Board of Control is under the conviction that it is hardly fair, for the matter of \$135,000.00 which it is alleged will set the industry permanently on its feet, to throw the responsibility of the future of the Company on the civic authorities instead of the Banking and financial resources of the City, where the responsibility properly belongs, both as to control and management.

In view of these facts and for other obvious reasons, and after careful consideration, this Board cannot conscientiously recommend the Council to alter its former decision with regard to the application.

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

To Mayor P. F. Martin and the Board of Control.

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Board.

The accompanying petition from ratepayers of Halifax is self explanatory. There is no need for us to reiterate to you the importance to Halifax of such an industry as the Nova Scotia Car Works. We believe that the assistance we ask is necessary for the continuance of this industry, and we hope you will give the request of the petition your careful consideration. We feel sure that you will do this.

The petition is signed by some 350 ratepayers of Halifax. It may be stated that more than ninety per cent. of those who were asked for their signature readily gave it and only a very few—much fewer than the remaining ten per cent.—were opposed to the proposal. Time made it impossible to longer continue the circulation of the petition, but we believe that had all the rate payers of Halifax been asked, the same proportion of signatures could readily have been obtained throughout the whole City.

We may add, that should this additional civic assistance be granted the directors would be glad to have the City fully represented on the board.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS, LIMITED.

O. E. SMITH, *President.*
WM. CLAYTON, *Vice President.*

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

Moved by Aldermen R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that this matter be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration jointly with a committee to be appointed by this Council.

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

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Foley
Riordon
Isnor—5.

Controllers Halliday.
Harris.
McKeen.
Murphy.
Aldermen Brown
H. S. Colwell
Finlay
Kelly.
Hines.
Godwin
Parker—11.

The original motion is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Against it.

Controllers Halliday
Harris
McKeen
Murphy
Aldermen Brown
H. S. Colwell.
Finlay
Kelly
Hines
Godwin
Parker—11.

Aldermen R. B. Colwell.
Brennan.
Foley
Riordon
Isnor—5.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Read report Board of Control covering letter Halifax Power Company Limited re the furnishing of hydro electric power to the City of Halifax. (Note.—This matter was submitted by the Board of Control at Council meeting Sept. 9th, and being practically withdrawn by the Board, was referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration and is at this meeting re-submitted as originally drawn).

Halifax, N. S., July 7th, 1915.

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

Gentlemen:—We beg to submit for your consideration the following proposal:—

The Halifax Power Company own the nearest and best water power for the supply of hydro electric power to the City, in fact, the only one adjacent that in their opinion would be profitable to develop. Capacity about 8000 Horse Power.

It is eighteen miles from the City and combines the waters of the Indian and North East Rivers with large reservoirs, one river being diverted into the other, there being three units, operated from two power houses, each unit could be developed separately as the demand warrants.

The Company has paid for all engineering required to prove the extent and cost of the proposed development and has secured and paid for many of the properties; also has a charter with ample powers and has not spent any cash for promotion of any kind. They now offer the City one-half of the undertaking at the same price as it has cost them. They have made a large expenditure and are prepared to show their books to any auditor appointed.

The Halifax Power Company has now the right to supply light and power in the City, so that if the City acquired the Power Company's property or joined them in the development of the undertaking, the street lighting could be done and fifty per cent. more light supplied for the price than is now paid. The private lights and small power users could also be supplied at a saving of at least 25 per cent.

As regards cost of each unit, this depends entirely upon the construction of the dams required—This matter can be determined upon investigation with your engineers and ours, and alternative prices submitted.

The first unit would provide more than sufficient power for street lighting, now costing the City \$28,600 and for private lighting, and small power users, costing \$203,884 per annum.

The net profits from these two sources, as will be seen by the Public Utilities Reports, is \$123,482.32. Any reduction in rates would be speedily made up by an increased consumption and a lower cost of operation.

As regards the capacity and economic value of this power to supply the City, we have reports by the very best hydro electric engineers in Canada, made after the most careful surveys and we are thoroughly convinced that it is absolutely sound and the estimates of cost are largely made up from actual tenders.

The Water Power Branch of the Canadian Conservation Commission in preparing for their exhibit at the Panama Exposition of the Water Power possibilities of Canada, selected our proposed development as typical of Nova Scotia water powers and a model of it made by them is on exhibition.

We are quite satisfied that the City procure the services of a first class hydro electric engineer of experience, who has been connected with some of the large hydro electric developments in the upper provinces, have him come to Halifax and go into all the particulars with the Board of Control and the City Engineer and if they are not fully satisfied that our proposal would be a profitable undertaking for the City, we will pay the Engineer's charge.

If this matter is taken up at once, and if found to be most advantageous to the City and accepted by them, the first unit should be in operation early in the new year.

HALIFAX POWER COMPANY, LIMITED,

SAM'L. M. BROOKFIELD, *President.*

Halifax, N. S., July 20th, 1915.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq., City Clerk.

Dear Sir:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th inst with extract from minutes of meeting of the Board of Control re our proposal of the 7th.

You will appreciate that while we are most anxious to give you the fullest information, there are so many details that it seems to us the best plan to bring the matter to finality would be to have a first class Hydro-electric Engineer go fully into particulars with yourselves and the City Engineer and in this particular we will be very pleased to meet you at any time.

Speaking generally I may say that we have acquired by purchase or by expropriation all the properties required for our whole three developments. In regard to a number of these on the Indian River, the value has not been as yet fixed by the arbitrators but these properties are vested in us by the Lieutenant Governor in Council free from all encumbrances, subject to payment of damages to be fixed by arbitrators.

We enclose you a copy of our charter and its amendments from which you will at once see that we have all the legal rights to generate, sell and deliver power and light in the City of Halifax and to put up poles and also to expropriate lands and to dam and divert lakes, rivers and streams, more particularly the North East and Indian Rivers.

An endeavor was made to have our Act disallowed by the Federal Government but the Minister of Justice stated that the Legislature of Nova Scotia was within its rights in granting us power to expropriate lands on Indian and North East Rivers.

Practically every point that could be raised against the exercise of our powers has already been brought fully before the Court and where there was apparently any weakness the Act has been amended by the Nova Scotia Legislature and it has now the approval of the Federal Government as well, the Minister of Justice having stated that it was *intra vires*.

As to the details of our legal position, we have the written opinion of our solicitors, Messrs. McInnes, Mellish & Co. that we have power under our Charter as amended to carry out our undertaking.

Our development is to consist of three units. The first which will give 2500 Horse Power, sufficient for street and private lighting including distribution throughout the City, will cost about \$500,000; the second, which will add sufficient power to supply most of the manufacturers, will cost about \$300,000 additional and the third which will give a total of over 8000 Horse Power—\$300,000 more. The three units would, when completed, give sufficient power to supply all the light, manufactories, tram and proposed new terminals.

As to rates, we have no hesitation in saying that you will get at least fifty per cent. more street lights, or over 150 additional, for the price you are now paying and the rates to private consumers will be decreased twenty-five per cent.

May we say that we are ready to deal with the whole matter as we have indicated above at the earliest moment possible.

HALIFAX POWER CO., LIMITED.

Halifax, N. S., 24th July, 1915.

Halifax Power Co., Halifax.

Dear Sirs:—It is our opinion that under the Act incorporating your company and the Amending Acts, you have power to expropriate lands on the Indian and North East Rivers, and to do all things necessary for the purpose of carrying out your undertaking.

McINNES, MELLISH, FULTON & KENNY.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration, and that copies of all data in the possession of the Board relating to hydro electric power be furnished each member of the Council, and that this Council recommend to the Board that the last sentence of the report, viz.—

“The City undertakes at the same time to so extend its street lighting so that the whole sum expended annually by the City on improved lighting shall not be less than the sum expended during the present year.”

be expunged therefrom.

With the consent of the mover and seconded and the Council the original motion is withdrawn.

The amendment is put and passed.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY RE PROPERTY AT AFRICVILLE AND MUNICIPAL CONCESSIONS.

Read report Board of Control re application of the Imperial Oil Company Limited for certain municipal concessions and in re properties at Africville, covering letter Imperial Oil Company requesting postponement pending the furnishing of further information by the Company.

City Hall, September 20th 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Since the last meeting of the City Council at which a report from the Board of Control was submitted relating to the application of the Imperial Oil Co. respecting the acquisition of certain properties at Africville and for concessions from the City of Halifax which report was referred back by the City Council to the Board for further consideration the Board begs to report that they have had the matter before them for further consideration on several occasions and had several interviews with S. S. Shatford the local Manager of the Company.

Agreeably to the wish of the Council it was the intention of the Board to submit a further report at this meeting of the Council but having received from Mr. Shatford the subjoined letter stating that he is endeavoring to secure further information it is deemed advisable that the question be again handed over to the Board for further inquiry and report.

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

Halifax, N. S., September 20th, 1915.

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

Dear Sirs:—On taking this matter up with our people, and imparting to them as near as possible I was able to judge your views on the matter, I have this morning a reply from the General Manager, from which I beg to submit the following extract:—

“The amount of ground on the waterfront available for the construction we would have to put up is small, and we would probably have to do considerable filling in there to get sufficient ground for the erection of such construction as we figure we would need, providing the plant is put up in Halifax. When Mr. Montgomery reaches Halifax and looks the matter over, he can then advise you fully as to just what the ground requirements would be.”

It may be your wish to suspend further action in this matter until our Mr. Montgomery arrives.

S. S. SHATFORD.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the report and the Company's request be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Motion passed.

WAR—QUARTERING OF TROOPS IN HALIFAX.

Alderman R. B. Colwell suggested that every effort should be made by the Board of Control to secure the quartering of proposed overseas contingents in the City of Halifax, and that if necessary, the Mayor or other delegate should proceed to Ottawa to that end. He did not desire to submit a formal resolution, preferring that the Board of

Control should have a free hand to act as they deem in the best interests of the City.

STEEL SHIP BUILDING.

Alderman Hines informed the Council it had been intimated to him that the Dominion Government had determined to abandon during the continuance of the present war, any further activities in respect to steel ship building at the port of Halifax. He thought the Government should be approached with the view of formulating propositions for active operations in respect to the building of ships upon the cessation of the war.

Moved by Alderman Brennan, seconded by Alderman Hines that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.07 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, October 7th, 1915.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. 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, Riordon, Godwin and Parker.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Read reports (21) Board of Control, as follows:—

Contracts for supplies.
Agricola Street Sewer.
Accounts.
Barrington Street Coal Hole.
Recruiting Station on Grand Parade.
School Street Sewer Extension.
War—Leave of Absence R. J. McCarthy.
Dundonald Street Water Extension.
Halifax Electric Tramway Company's Gas Plant.
List of Concrete Sidewalks.
City Market Paving.
Albemarle and Buckingham Streets Sidewalks.
Prince Street Sidewalk.
Pepperell Street Sidewalk.
Cunard Street Sidewalk.
Jubilee Road Water Extension.
Rhuland Street Sidewalks.
Morris Street Sidewalk.
Billboards.
Fire Department—Repairs No. 3 Steam Engine.
Jennings Street Water Extension.

IMPERIAL OIL CO.—PROPERTY AT AFRICVILLE AND MUNICIPAL CONCESSIONS.

Moved by Alderman Finlay that the Minutes of Council, September 20th re the proposition of the Imperial Oil Co. respecting properties at Africville and applying for municipal concessions, be amended to read "that after considerable discussion of the proposals of the Imperial Oil Co., the same are withdrawn on request of said Company."

The motion for amendment of the minutes is seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell and passed.

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR F. C. STEVENS.

Alderman R. B. Colwell requested that he be recorded in the minutes of Council (see printed minutes pp. 138-140) in the matter of the resolution for the dismissal of Assistant Assessor F. C. Stevens that he had voted against the dismissal of Mr. Stevens.

The Council acquiesces in the request of Alderman Colwell.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS FOR ALDERMEN.

Alderman Finlay asked why the minutes of the Board of Control meetings were not being furnished to the Aldermen as ordered by the City Council September 9th, 1915. (See printed minutes p. 195).

Controller McKeen in reply stated that arrangements had been made with one of the stenographers in the City Hall to supply the copies of the minutes.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the lady typewriter referred to had informed him that she had not been supplied with a copy of the minutes of the Board of Control from which to make copies for the Aldermen, and that so far as he was concerned he had consented with Controller McKeen to pay the expenses involved out of the Contingent Account.

At a suggestion of His Worship the Mayor the matter is referred to the Board of Control to take up at its next meeting.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re contracts for supplies for the City Home and for fodder for various Departments.

City Hall, October 6th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that tenders for supplies for the various civic Departments be advertised for as follows:—

City Home, separate tenders for flour for three months and for six months.

City Home, groceries, meats, and other supplies, six months and twelve months.

Fodder for various Departments, six months and twelve months.

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

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

AGRICOLA STREET SEWER.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re construction of a sewer to drain that portion of Agricola Street between Merkel and Cabot Streets.

City Hall, October 1st, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re construction of a sewer to drain that portion of Agricola Street between Merkel Street and Cabot Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, October 1st, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a sewer to drain that portion of Agricola Street between Merkel and Cabot Streets. The slope of the ground makes it improbable that the drainage can be south. The alternative is to drain to the sewer in Cabot Street.

I would recommend that the construction of a sewer be ordered to drain this block and that the exact route to be followed be left until we work out the grades for the sewer already ordered for Agricola Street south of Merkel Street, and that the sewer be constructed then north to Cabot Street or to drain south on Agricola Street as the City Engineer may determine.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman R. B. Colwell dissenting.

ACCOUNTS.

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

City Hall, October 6th, 1915.

The City Council.

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

City Home.

I. B. Shaffner & Co., flour, \$270.30; J. A. Leaman & Co., meats, \$333.40; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$306.62; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$124.82; W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$105.46; F. A. Shaw, forage, \$40.80; Davis & Fraser, pork, \$42.61; A. Wilson & Son, fish, \$16.63; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$135.00; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light, \$23.50; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.30; A. Fordham & Co., laces, \$1.10; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$3.75; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$94.05; E. B. Eddy Co., cuspidors, \$2.25; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$3.50; Malcolm & Johnson, plaster, \$2.00; J. Wonnacott, lock, \$1.50; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., sundries, \$3.75; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$251.51; Pay sheet, Sept., \$681.84. Total \$2450.59.

Police Department.

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$14.67; Morton & Cragg, scrubber, \$.75; Alex. Frizzle, batons, \$9.60; W. B. Williams, repairing badge, \$.35; Alden S. Lavers, repairing motor cycle, \$9.80; Stroud & Eveleigh, patrol waggon repairs, \$18.10; John Starr, Son & Co., storage battery, \$1.45; Neil Fox, breeching, \$1.00. Total \$55.72.

Fire Department.

Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$27.61; Austen Bros., glass tubes, \$5.85; Burns & Kelleher, bushings, \$1.50; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$4.95; E. W. Crease & Co., groceries, \$10.05; Michael Day, plumbing, \$14.15; Jas. Donohue, metal baskets, \$52.40; Neil Fox, saddlery, \$6.00; Farquhar Bros., tinsmithing, \$.75; John Foley, mason work, \$6.60; C. C. Hansen, lye, \$.40; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, etc., \$28.59; National Drug Co., polish, etc., \$7.25; Wm. Robertson & Son, clippers, \$5.70; Wm. J. Regan, harness supplies, \$44.15; John Starr Son & Co., battery, \$1.25; L. E. Seivert, pitner lights, \$6.50; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$494.48; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., supplies, \$14.70; C. W. Wickwire, auto hire, \$5.00. Total \$737.88.

City Prison.

Moir's Ltd., bread, \$33.41; W. I. Hubley, groceries, \$43.15; J. A. Leaman & Co., oxheads, \$25.00; J. & M. Murphy, dry goods, \$22.02; Robt. Taylor & Co., boots and leather, \$23.80; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$7.99; Stroud & Eveleigh, repairs, \$11.45; Coolen & Martin, repairs to roof, \$5.50; D. Roche, glass, \$.91; Hfx. Electric Tram Co., current, \$2.10; Maritime Tel. Co., rental, \$4.50; D. J. MacIntosh, horseshoeing, \$8.76; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$24.75; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$1.70. Total \$215.04.

Works Department.

Streets, \$649.56; Public baths, \$32.15; Telephones, \$39.12; Street lighting, \$2069.38; Fuel City Hall, \$560.70; City Hall lighting, \$70.11; Teams and stables, \$558.41; Water maintenance, \$199.82; Internal health, \$263.59; Fleming Park, \$300.00; Plumbing under health rules, \$94.00; Sewerage, \$573.16; City property, \$52.63; Permanent sidewalks, \$1572.95; Water construction, \$441.10. Total \$7576.68.

General Accounts.

A. & W. MacKinlay, book, City Clerk, \$90; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, City Assessor, \$.85, City Clerk, \$74.32, City Collector, \$7.00. Total \$82.17; Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death, C. C. Rance, \$4.00, L. C. Baker, \$4.00, Jas. Kennedy, \$4.00, R. Cooke, \$4.00, H. Clarke, \$4.00, Wm. Anderson, \$4.00, Arthur L. Walker, \$12.00. Total \$36.00; Hfx. Industrial School, maintenance boys for quarter ending July 31st, Juvenile offenders, \$253.79, truants, \$137.32, neglected children \$104.00. Total \$495.11; London Rubber Stamp Co., rubber stamps, \$4.05; H. H. Marshall, subscription to Herald. City Collector to July 1, 1914, \$6.00, City Collector to July 1, 1916, \$6.00. Total \$12.00; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$5.00; Chronicle, advertising, \$6.27; Chronicle, City Clerk, subscription to Dec. 31, 1915, \$6.00, City Collector, subscription to Dec. 31, 1915, \$6.00. Total \$12.00; Hazlewood Cottage Hospital, maintenance of patients for quarter ending July 31, 1915, \$416.44; British American Bank Note Co., lettering steel plates for City bonds, \$302.50. Grand total \$1372.44.

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

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

DUNDONALD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

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

City Hall, September 29th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re water extension, Dundonald Street, the water to be extended upon the petitioners signing a bond for the payment to the City of interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the cost of the outlay.

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

City Engineer's Office, September 24th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition from Messrs. Falconer & McDonald, Ltd., asking for the extension of the water system to the garage which they are erecting on Dundonald Street.

The district is low service; size of pipe required, 4-in.; length 170 feet, estimated cost \$163.40. I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners agree to pay a special rate of \$8.17.

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

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

COAL HOLE NO. 104 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re the construction of a coal hole in the sidewalk at No. 104 Barrington Street by H. W. Cameron.

City Hall, October 1st, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re encroachment on the sidewalk at No. 104 Barrington Street by H. W. Cameron.

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

City Engineer's Office, September 30th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to submit application from H. W. Cameron for permission to construct a coal hole in the sidewalk in front of his premises. He has signed the usual agreement, and I would recommend that a permit be granted.

F. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

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

WAR—RECRUITING STATION ON GRAND PARADE.

Read report Board of Control recommending that permission be given for the erection of a temporary building on the Grand Parade for recruiting of soldiers for war, said structure to be removed in the Spring.

City Hall, October 5th, 1915.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Deputy Mayor Parker and C. J. Burchell, Secretary of the Executive of the Halifax Recruiting Committee, having called the attention of the Board to the fact that the weather will soon be unsuitable for using the canvas tent on the Grand Parade for the purposes of recruiting for the Overseas Contingents, and sought permission for the erection of a temporary building for that purpose, which could be removed in the Spring.

The Board of Control begs to recommend that permission be given the Recruiting Committee to erect a temporary building at the southern end of the Grand Parade for said purposes, the structure to be erected under the supervision of the City Engineer and to be removed in the Spring of 1916.

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

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