

City Engineer's Office, March 22nd, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—The Plumbing Inspector has made an amended specification for plumbing work to be installed in the Janitor's quarters in the City Market Building. He also estimated that the cost of the same would be about \$360.00.

I asked Mr. Day, who was the lowest tenderer on the original specification, for a tender on the amended one. He tenders to do the work at a reduction of \$205 from his original tender, which would make \$345 for the work under the amended specification.

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

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

OFFICE OF SECRETARY BOARD OF CONTROL.

Read report Board of Control covering draft legislation re the office of Secretary of the Board of Control.

City Hall, March 24th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for approval by the City Council the attached amendment to section 100 of the City Charter re the Office of Secretary of the Board of Control.

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

Section 100 is amended by striking out therefrom in the first and second lines the words "one of the present City Officials," and substituting therefor the words "a person."

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

RATE OF ASSESSMENT ON IMPROVEMENTS.

Read report Board of Control covering legislation re rate of assessment on improvements.

City Hall, March 22nd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control has considered the recommendation of the City Council that the rate of assessment on improvements upon land be rated at a rate of one and one-half per cent on the value of the same instead of at the rate of one and three-fourths per cent as submitted in the original draft act, and now begs to unanimously recommend that the original draft act be amended fixing the rate at one and one-half per cent.

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

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

BILLBOARDS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that fees to be charged for billboards be fixed at 3c per square foot, and the Ordinance relating thereto amended accordingly.

City Hall, March 22nd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control has considered the recommendation of the City Council that the fees to be charged for billboards be fixed at 5c per square foot instead of at 2c per square foot as recommended by the Board in its last report, and now begs to unanimously recommend that the fee be placed at 3c per square foot and the Ordinance amended accordingly.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the fee be fixed at 5c per square foot.

Alderman Foley asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether or not the licenses for billboards are granted by the City Council.

The Solicitor informed Alderman Foley that licenses for billboards are granted by the City Council on the recommendation of the Board of Control.

Alderman Finlay asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether or not this matter required a two-thirds vote of Council to send it back to the Board of Control.

The Solicitor informed Alderman Finlay that as the original report had been changed by the Board of Control, it did not require a two-thirds vote to send this report back to the Board of Control.

Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and one against it as follows. :—

For the Amendment.

Against.

Controllers Halliday
Harris
McKeen
Aldermen H. S. Colwell
Finlay
R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Kelly
Foley
Riordon
Isnor—11

Controller Murphy—1.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS.

Read report Board of Control covering proposition of Ralph P. Bell re the reorganization of the Nova Scotia Car Works.

City Hall, March 24th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith a letter from Ralph P. Bell, proposing on conditions named therein, to endeavor to effect a reorganization of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited.

The Board unanimously recommend that the proposition made by Mr. Bell be favorably considered by the Council, and that any necessary legislation in that behalf be prepared and submitted to the Legislature.

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

Halifax, March 24th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Since the beginning of last December I have spent a large part of my time as a member of a committee of the preferred shareholders of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd., endeavoring to effect a reorganization of this Company in the interests of the shareholders.

The matter finally reached a stage where it was felt that unless an individual would devote practically his entire time to the matter that very little could be accomplished. I agreed to undertake a scheme which involved the formation of a syndicate that would put up sufficient money (approximately \$80,000) to offer the general creditors a cash compromise of fifty cents on the dollar, assuming always that if we were able to raise such a sum and effect a settlement of this nature that the City would renew their mortgage,

consolidating its over-due interest and payments with its present face, and that the owners of the five year gold notes (amounting to \$200,000) would renew their loan.

After a great deal of hard work I was successful in accumulating a fund of \$60,000 and felt justified in approaching the largest creditors, so as to get the thing definitely started. Unfortunately they refused to accept the offer, and as a consequence, from the stand-point of the shareholders generally, the effort for reorganization has failed.

Having spent so much time I feel that it would be a pity to drop the matter without trying to interest outside capitalists to take hold of this plant and make a success of it, and provided I can get the consent of the City to the following proposal I will use my best efforts to negotiate a deal of this kind.

The proposal is as follows:—

That the City of Halifax give me an agreement to the effect that if I can interest a reputable concern, or parties, who are financially able to carry out such an undertaking, to a point where they are willing to purchase this plant, that the City will agree to renew their present mortgage and the franchise that the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited now have, consolidating the overdue interest and installments with the present face of the mortgage.

As I understand it legislation would have to be asked for at this session of the House, so that there might be no delay in bringing to a speedy completion negotiations of this character when once started.

Will you kindly give this matter your careful consideration at today's meeting and, if possible, arrange to have it brought up at tonight's meeting of the Council, so that I may have definite information at the earliest possible moment which will enable me to proceed with the work at once.

RALPH P. BELL.

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

By unanimous consent of Council Ralph P. Bell is permitted to address the Council on the merits of his proposition.

Motion put and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers McKen, Murphy, Halliday and Harris, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Riordon and Isnor.

BOARD OF CITY ASSESSORS.

Read report Board of Control re legislation affecting the Board of City Assessors, covering draft Act.

City Hall, March 24th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for approval by the City Council the attached legislation providing that there shall be but one City Assessor, a Deputy City Assessor and such assistance as may be necessary.

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

Read draft Act providing that there shall be but one City Assessor, a Deputy City Assessor, and such assistance as may be necessary.

1. Hereafter there shall be one assessor for the City with such assistants as are necessary to adequately perform the work of assessment and rating. Such assessor shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Board of Control, shall hold office on the terms specified in Section 134, and shall be paid a yearly salary of _____ dollars.

2. The present holders of the office of assistant assessors shall cease to hold office on the 30th day of April, 1916.

3. The said assessor shall with the help of the said assistants perform and discharge the duties now to be performed by the Board of Assessors, and shall subscribe the rate book in his own name, and the forms of notices of assessment and any other notices from or to the Board of Assessors shall be modified accordingly.

4. The Council may appoint a person to be assistant assessor who shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by the assessor, and in the event of the illness or absence of the assessor, any duty to be performed by him may be performed by such assistant assessor. Such assistant assessor shall be appointed and hold office under section 137 and shall be paid such salary as the Council yearly determines.

City Hall, March 24th, 1916.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted and the draft Act approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Isnor that this report be referred back to the Board of Control and a copy of the same together with the draft Act furnished to each member of the Council.

Amendment put and passed.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COUNCIL.

Read report Board of Control on Alderman Finlay's suggestion re two-thirds vote of Council.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control have considered the suggestion made in Council by Alderman Finlay as follows:—

Resolved that after the word "Board" in the fourth line of Section 109 of the City Charter, the words "by a two-thirds vote of Council" be struck out and the following added:—

"In all such cases when an expenditure of money is involved a two-thirds vote of Council present shall be necessary; otherwise a majority vote of those present shall suffice."

The Board unanimously reports unfavorably on the suggestion.

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

Amendment put and lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of Council, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:—

For the Amendment

Controller Murphy
Aldermen H. S. Colwell
Finlay
R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Foley
Riordon—7

Against.

Controllers Halliday
Harris
McKeen
Aldermen Kelly
Isnor—5

The original motion is put and passed.

SUPERANNUATION FUNDS CITY OFFICIALS AND FIREMEN.

Read report Board of Control re superannuation funds affecting City Officials and Firemen on military duty.

City Hall, March 22nd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to the suggestion of the City Council, the Board of Control has considered the advisability of drafting legislation in connection with Superannuation Funds of the Firemen and City Officials on Military

duty, and begs to report that they have instructed the City Solicitor to draft an Act amending the Act relating to those funds so that employees on active military service who continue to contribute to said Funds will not lose their rights and privileges thereunder.

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

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

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re the appointment of an Assistant Building Inspector, recommending that W. R. Fegan be appointed to the position from May 1st, 1916, providing legislative authority is in the meantime obtained authorizing the furnishing of funds to pay his salary.

City Hall, March 24th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received a number of applications for the Office of Assistant Building Inspector, and reports on same by the City Engineer.

The Board recommends the adoption of the City Engineer's report and that W. R. Fegan be appointed Assistant Building Inspector from May 1st, 1916, provided legislative authority is in the meantime obtained authorizing the furnishing of funds to pay his salary.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 20th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Under the provisions of Section 104, sub-section D of the City Charter, I beg to recommend that Mr. W. R. Fegan be appointed Assistant Building Inspector from the first of May, 1916.

Mr. Fegan is at present in the 63rd Regiment attached to the Canadian Engineers, but can obtain relief from military duty if given sufficient notice. Mr. Fegan, as your Board are probably aware is a man of experience and has been a valued foreman for the firm of Brookfield Ltd. for many years. He can not only bring mature knowledge and experience to the work but is a man in my judgment well qualified to hold the position.

I would recommend that he be appointed on condition that he obtain his release from military services and that the legislation authorizing payment of his salary is passed.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 20th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to submit a supplementary report on the applications for the position of Asst. Building Inspector. The applications received are from

Andrew C. Collings
Mark Barrett
R. L. Evans
Walter Horne
Robt. L. Miller
John Raine

Archibald King.
Ira G. Mason
E. H. Whelpley
F. W. Curtis
R. M. Hughes
Thos. L. Nicoll

W. R. Fegan.

From my knowledge of these men, the experience we have already had with an assistant building inspector and my intimate knowledge of the experience, capacity and character of Mr. Fegan, I believe that he is the most suitable man among the applicants for the position, and I therefore again recommend him.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 24th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control, I can only repeat what I said in my report of the 20th inst., that from my knowledge of the applicants for the position of Assistant Building Inspector and my knowledge of the experience, capacity and character of Mr. Fegan, I believe that he is the most suitable man among the applicants for the position, and I therefore again recommend him.

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

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

NEW BUILDING CODE.

Alderman Kelly asked what was being done with the drafting of a new Building Code.

Controller Murphy explained that Ex-Controller R. V. Harris had taken a great deal of interest in this matter and had gathered a large amount of information on the subject. The Board of Control had recently requested the various bodies interested to appoint representatives to the general committee on revision of the Building Code, and that committee would soon be convened for the purpose of dealing with this important question.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Brennan that the Council do now adjourn until Wednesday evening, 29th inst. at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, March 29th, 1916.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers McKeen and Halliday and Aldermen Brennan, R. B. Colwell, H. S. Colwell and Finlay.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present, or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controller Harris, and Alderman Kelly, Foley, Riordon and Parker.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Papers Submitted.

Reports (4) Board of Control as follows:—

Board of City Assessors (Deferred Report).
Tenders for Works Department Supplies.
Plumbing under Health Rules.
Refund of Liquor License Deposit.

Other Headlines.

Nova Scotia Car Works.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS.

Alderman Finlay asked leave of Council to submit a resolution in respect to Ralph P. Bell's proposal for a re-organization of the Nova Scotia Car Works.

Permission is unanimously granted.

By leave of Council Alderman Finlay submits the following resolution as a supplementary resolution to that passed in respect to this matter at the last session of this meeting.

Resolved that the request of Mr. Bell re Nova Scotia Car Works be granted providing all legal requirements in respect to Sinking Funds and Interest payments are fully safe-guarded by the City Solicitor before the transfer be made.

The resolution is moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman Finlay and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris and McKeen, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Riordon and Parker.

REFUND OF LIQUOR LICENSE DEPOSIT.

Read report Board of Control recommending that Mrs. Margaret McGrath be refunded the sum of \$8.00 out of the sum of \$10.00 deposited by her with her application for a liquor license.

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

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES.

Read report Board of Control covering report and schedule of the Clerk of Works showing cost of plumbing and drainage work done under City Health Board Rules, and recommending that the same be approved and filed according to law.

City Hall, March 13th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith, with the recommendation that the same be filed according to law, a report from the Clerk of Works showing cost of plumbing and drainage work done under City Health Board rules by the City Works Department.

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

City Works Office, Halifax, N. S., February 2nd, 1916.

*His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.*

Gentlemen:—In accordance with Section 864 of the City Charter, I respectfully submit the attached statement showing cost of plumbing and drainage work done under Health Rules by the City Works Department to February 1st, 1916.

In compliance with the City Charter, it is necessary to furnish the City Collector with a statement of cost, and the Mayor as Chairman of the Board of Control may borrow on the credit of the City the amount required for such work from any bank or fund available and the amount so borrowed with any interest payable thereon shall be repaid out of the moneys from time to time collected from the owner of the property on which such work was done, and any balance after such payment shall be paid into the general sinking fund.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Work Under Health Rules.

No.	Street	Contractor Drainage	Contractor Plumbing	Plumbing Contract	Drainage Contract	Proportion Advertising	Total
62	Seymour	City	.....	.....	\$ 79.89	.....	\$ 79.89
	Chas. Metzler	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Gottingen	"	.....	.....	95.31	.....	95.31
	Mrs. Patton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	West	.....	T. J. Healey	\$ 83.00	.....	2.00	85.00
28	West	.....	"	75.00	.....	2.00	77.00
78	Cornwallis	.....	"	93.00	.....	2.00	95.00
51	Bilby	.....	"	75.00	.....	2.00	77.00
18	Preston	R Daw	"	95.00	24.00	2.00	121.00
79	LeMarchant	"	M. F. Burns	110.00	29.90	2.00	141.90
102	Quinpool Rd.	"	.....	.....	34.50	2.00	36.50
250	Creighton	.....	W. S. Craig	194.00	.....	2.00	196.00
54	Cedar	City	"	94.60	82.77	2.00	179.37
271	Agricola	"	"	91.50	27.88	2.00	121.38
56	West	.....	M. F. Burns	96.00	.....	2.00	98.00
58	West	.....	"	100.00	.....	2.00	102.00
17	Gottingen	City	"	96.00	59.02	2.00	157.02
49	Bilby	.....	Coolen & Martin	115.00	.....	2.00	117.00
53	Bloomfield	.....	Coolen & Martin	105.00	.....	2.00	107.00
145	Campbell Rd.	City	G. H. Kinsman	119.00	56.53	2.00	177.53
16	Grafton St	.....	W. S. Craig	72.00	.....	2.00	74.00
182	North	.....	Coolen & Martin	95.00	.....	2.00	97.00
21	May	City	W. S. Craig	90.10	9.50	2.00	101.61
63	East Young	"	G. H. Kinsman	118.00	33.44	2.00	153.44
19	Davison	"	"	121.00	8.87	2.00	131.87
21	"	"	.....	122.00	.....	2.00	124.00
				\$2160.20	\$541.62	\$44.00	\$2745.82

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

TENDERS FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for Works Department supplies, etc.

City Hall, March 29th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that in response to advertisement in the newspapers, tenders for various supplies for the Department of City Works were received as per schedule below.

Portland Cement.—Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd.; The Frank A. Gillis Co., Ltd.; Brookfield Bros. Ltd., and J. C. Calder.

Lumber.—Rhodes Curry Co. Ltd.; Brookfield Bros. Ltd.; and John McInnes & Son, Ltd.

Bricks.—Rhodes Curry Co. Ltd.; the Frank A. Gillis Co. Ltd.; Brookfield Bros. Ltd, and Eagar, Coombs & Co., Ltd.

Purchase of Manure.—C. J. Piercey.

Sand and Gravel.—Rhodes Curry Co. Ltd.; Atlantic Sand and Gravel Co. Ltd.; and the Frank A. Gillis Co. Ltd.

Drain Pipes.—Eagar, Coombs & Co., Ltd.; Brookfield Bros., Ltd.; and the Eastern Portland Cement Co.

Scrap Iron.—William McFatrige, William Grant and John Simon.

Maintenance of City Clocks.—F. C. Ryan.

Explosives.—Canadian Explosives, Ltd.

Hardware.—James Simmonds, Ltd.

Castings.—Douglas & Co.; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., and the Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co.

Veterinary Services.—Howard McFatrige and P. A. Gough.

Granite.—Isaac Yeadon, John Kline, and Andrew W. Yeadon.

Wheels.—A. C. Carnell and Andrew Grant.

Water Meters.—H. B. Clarke & Son, Francis Hankin & Co., and Neptune Meter Co.

Horses and Drivers for Watering Carts.—W. D. Isnor, Harold P. Manuel, Wm. Parsons, Sr., James Nolen and James J. Dawson.

It is recommended that the contracts be awarded as follows:—

Bricks.—Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd.

Sand and Gravel.—Atlantic Sand and Gravel Co.

Granite.—John Kline.

Drain Pipe.—Eastern Portland Cement Co.

Lumber.—Brookfield Bros., Ltd.

Wheels.—A. C. Carnell.

Hardware.—Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., as per schedule excepting lead pipe, which is to be purchased from Messrs. Jas. Simmonds at the current market price at time of purchase, the Fire Department to have the privilege of purchasing its hardware at the prices quoted for the Works Department.

Castings.—Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co.

Explosives.—The Canadian Explosives, Ltd.

Scrap Iron.—Wm. McFatridge.

Meters.—H. B. Clarke & Son.

Veterinary Services.—Dr. P. A. Gough.

City Clocks.—F. C. Ryan.

Purchase and Removal of Manure.—C. J. Piercey.

A detailed report from the Clerk of Works on the said tenders is attached hereto. Also a letter from Eagar, Coombs & Co., Ltd., withdrawing their tender for drain pipe.

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

City Works Office, March 29th, 1916.

*His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.*

Gentlemen:—The comparison of tenders for supplies for the City Works Department for the year 1916-17 is as follows:—

Cement.

The following firms submit tenders, all according to conditions laid down in specification. In all cases an allowance of ten cents is made for all bags returned in good condition to the factory, freight payable by City, subject to factory count, etc. Two of the tenderers state the allowance they will make for bags returned in good order to their Halifax warehouse.

Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd., Halifax, Canada Brand, 45 5-7c per 100 lbs..
Bags 10c each extra.

F. A. Gillis & Co., Ltd., Halifax, Canada Brand, 44c " " "
Bags 10c each extra.

Brookfield Bros., Ltd, Halifax, Canada Brand, 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ c " " "
Bags 10c each extra.

J. C. Calder, Halifax, Canada Brand, 42 6-7c " " "
Bags 10c each extra.

Based on the amount of cement required, viz.—

1,750,000 lbs., the two lowest tenders figure out as follows:—

Brookfield Bros. Ltd., 1,750,000 lbs. 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.....	\$7481.25
20,000 bags at 10c.....	200.00
	<u>7681.25</u>
Less 20,000 bags returned Halifax 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.....	150.00
	<u>\$7531.25</u>
J. C. Calder, 1,750,000 lbs. at 42 6-7c.....	\$7500.00
20,000 bags at 10c.....	200.00
	<u>7700.00</u>
Less 20,000 bags returned Halifax 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.....	170.00
	<u>\$7530.00</u>

Mr. Calder also submits a quotation based on payment in ten days that would make a further reduction in the net amount of his tender of \$125.00.

Should your honorable Board and Council decide that in the interest of the City it is preferable to return the bags to the manufacturers direct, the tender of Brookfield Bros., Ltd., would be the lowest submitted, provided you do not wish to consider Mr. Calder's special offer.

Bricks.

	F.O.B. Cars I. R. C. Station.	F.O.B. Cars Cotton Factory
The Frank A. Gillis Co., Ltd. Halifax.....	\$10.50	\$10.75
Eagar Coombes Co., Ltd. ".....	9.60	9.85
Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd. ".....	9.50	9.75
Brookfield Bros., Ltd. ".....	9.50	

Sand and Gravel.

	<i>Sand.</i>	<i>Gravel.</i>
The Frank A. Gillis Co., Ltd., Halifax.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	7c
Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	
Atlantic Sand & Granite Co., Ltd. ".....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	5c

Lowest tender Atlantic Sand & Granite Co., Ltd.

Granite Stone Work.

Three tenders were received. They figure out as follows, based on the estimate of quantities used last year.

Isaac Yeadon, Spryfield	\$6591.25
A. W. Yeadon, Halifax.....	6194.30
John Kline, Halifax.....	6099.00

Lowest tender John Kline's.

Drain Pipe.

Three tenders received. Quotations given are for delivery as stated.

	I. R. C. Deep Water	Cotton Factory Siding	Wharf.
Brookfield Bros., Ltd., Halifax	\$555.28		
Eastern Portland Cement Co., Halifax	555.00		
Eagar Coombes, Co., Ltd.	412.75	418.75	439.0

The tender of Eagar, Coombes & Co., Ltd., is the lowest.

Since the above tenders were received Eagar Coombes & Co., Ltd., have telephoned that they have been advised by the manufacturers that an error was made in their quotation sent in by wire, and consequently in connection with the item "12" pipe" they would have to amend their price. Their amended tender would therefore be \$562.75, \$568.75, \$589.00 respectively, which would make the Eastern Portland Cement Company's tender the lowest.

Messrs. Eagar Coombes & Co., Ltd., have sent in a letter which it is understood confirms their verbal conversation and which is submitted herewith.

Lumber.

Three tenders received. Only one of same, that of Brookfield Bros., Ltd., covers the complete schedule. In the case of the other tenders two items in each tender are not quoted upon. Adding to said tenders for purposes of comparison the prices quoted by Brookfield Bros., Ltd., for those items, the following results are obtained.—

John MacInnes & Son., Ltd.	\$2245.58
Rhodes, Curry Co., Ltd.	1956.30
Brookfield Bros., Ltd.	1947.78

Figured on above basis, items left out of the tender of Rhodes Curry Co., Ltd., amount to \$48.25 and that of John MacInnes & Son, Ltd., 53c.

The lowest and only tender complying strictly with the specification is that of Brookfield Bros., Ltd.

Wheels.

Two quotations submitted, viz:—

Andrew Grant, Manufacturers' Agent, Halifax, representing The International Harvester Co., Canada.

and

A. C. Carnell, Halifax.

The latter submits his offer in accordance with the specification and on the regular form, with prices as follows:—

Large front wheels, water carts.....	\$18.25	each
Small " " " "	16.75	"
Large hind " " " "	22.25	"
Small " " " "	17.50	"
Front wheels flat waggons	18.25	"
Hind " " " "	19.50	"

Mr. Grant submits by letter a quotation for wheels for which he claims great durability, but they are not according to specification either in diameter or other sizes and therefore a comparison cannot be made in prices. Prices quoted range from \$19.50 to \$21.50 *per pair*. You will know that the specification calls for price for *each wheel*.

Hardware.

Only one tender received. Messrs. Jas. Simmonds, Ltd. in their tender quote "Lead pipe, current prices," and in reference thereto add the following memo:—

"The manufacturers fix the price at which the jobber shall sell lead pipe. We will accept tender from City to supply at these prices from time to time, whatever they may be; or we will accept a straight order to deliver what you require, say 15 tons, at 13½c per lb."

Taking the estimated requirements of the Works Department as set out in the specification (10½ tons) and placing the price at 13½c, the total tender of James Simmonds, Ltd., amounts approximately to \$4657.11.

Castings.

Three tenders received. In the tender of Hillis & Sons, Ltd., they do not quote on the item "All other castings." Leaving out the above, the tenders figure out as follows:—

Douglas & Co., Dartmouth.....	\$1742.81
Hillis & Sons, Ltd., Halifax.....	1695.80
Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co., Dartmouth.....	1299.40

For item "All other castings" Douglas & Co. quote 4c per lb. and the Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co. 2½c per lb.

The lowest tenderer is therefore the Dartmouth Iron Foundry Company.

Explosives.

No tender has been received on the regular form. The Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Halifax, submit a quotation, but as it calls for special conditions and terms, I would respectfully suggest that the said letter be submitted to the City Engineer for report.

Purchase of Scrap Iron.

Wm. McFatrige, Halifax.....	\$13.00	per ton.
Wm. Grant "	12.90	" "
John Simon "	12.50	" "

The tender of William McFatrige is the highest received.

Meters.

Three tenders have been received, and after adding item of duty to those that did not provide for same, they are as follows, and include delivery at Halifax:—

Francis Hankin & Co., Montreal, $\frac{1}{2}$ " Leeds Rotary Type Meters:	\$11.47	each
Neptune Meter Co., Boston 5-8" Trident meters.....	11.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
H. B. Clarke & Son, Halifax 5-8" Lambert meters.....	11.00	"

The tender of H. B. Clarke & Son is the lowest.

Horses for Watering Carts.

The following tenders were received:—

	<i>Per day</i>	<i>Half-day.</i>
W. Parsons, Sr., Two or all horses, one or more drivers.....	\$6.00	\$4.00
Harold P. Manuel Two horses and driver.....	4.50	3.00
W. D. Isnor Two horses and driver.....	4.50	
J. J. Dawson Two horses and driver.....	5.00	3.00
James Nolan Eight horses and four drivers.....	5.00	3.00

Mr. Nolan stipulates that his tender covers supplying horses for use of four south end watering carts only.

Veterinary Services.

Dr. H. McFatrige, Halifax.....	\$6.00	per horse
Dr. P. Gough, ".....	2.90	"

Lowest tender that of Dr. P. Gough.

Clocks.

Only one tender received—

F. C. Ryan, Halifax.....	\$148.00
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Manure and Removal of Same.

Only one tender received—

C. J. Piercey, Halifax.....	\$5.00
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A. F. MESSERVEY, *Clerk of Works.*

Said report is considered item by item and dealt with as follows:—

Bricks, approved; sand and gravel, approved; granite, approved; drain pipe, approved; lumber, approved; wheels, approved.

Hardware.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Parker that the item "lead pipe" in the hardware tender be referred back to the Board of Control for further report. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the balance of the recommendation of the Board of Control re tenders for hardware be approved. Motion passed.

Castings, approved.

Explosives.

Read clause recommending that the contract for explosives be awarded the Canadian Explosives, Ltd.

Also read report Clerk of Works, as follows:—

"No tender has been received on the regular form. The Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Halifax, submit a quotation, but as it calls for special conditions and terms, I would respectfully suggest that the said letter be submitted to the City Engineer for report."

The City Engineer verbally explains that the Company would not make a contract for a year, but would deliver the amount of explosives required at once and store it for the City, and he recommended that this be done.

The Board of Control unanimously concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer, and so report to the Council.

On motion of Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday, the recommendation of the Board is approved.

Scrap iron, approved; meters, approved; veterinary services, approved; City clocks, approved; purchase and removal of manure, approved.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that the tenders for Portland cement are still under consideration by the Board of Control.

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

BOARD OF CITY ASSESSORS.

The report of the Board of Control re Board of City Assessors, submitted at last session of this meeting and deferred, is taken up for consideration.

The said report and draft Act submitted therewith are read. (See printed minutes of Council, March 24th, 1916, Page 511).

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report of the Board of Control and said draft act be approved. Motion passed. Alderman R. B. Colwell dissenting.

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

Council adjourns 9.05 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Papers Submitted.

City Clerk's Return of Election for Alderman Ward No. One.

Reports (23) Board of Control, as follows:—

Accounts.
Cash Statement City Treasurer for March.
Tenders for Installation of Water Meters.
Tenders for supplying City Prison Bed Cots.
Clean up Week.
Union Canadian Municipalities Membership Fee.
Longard Road Water Extension.
City Home.
Water Bill, 3 Willow Street, James McGrath.
Tenders for Lead Pipe.
Tenders for Cement.
Tenders for Water Pipe.
Tenders for Police Clothing.
Cherry Street—Taking Over of.
Cherry Street Sidewalks.
Fire Department.
Loans for Sewers and for School Board.
Upper Water Street Concrete Sidewalk.
Horses and Drivers for Street Sprinkling Carts.
Legislation re Fire Hazard.
Street Lights.
Fifteen Per Cent Final Payment on Contracts.
Bill Boards.

Other Headliness

Election for Alderman, Ward No. One.
 Presiding Officers at Mayoralty Election.
 Address to His Worship Mayor Martin.
 Purity of Water Supply.
 Ocean Terminals—Bridge foot of South Street.

ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN WARD NO. ONE.

Read City Clerk's return for election held April 5th inst. to fill casual vacancy in the office of Alderman for Ward No. One caused by the resignation of Alderman William N. Brown, covering the nomination papers of William N. Brown and Hugh E. Macnab, together with the poll-books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several polling places at said election, said returns showing Hugh E. Macnab to have received 238 votes and William N. Brown 132 votes, giving Hugh E. Macnab a majority of 106 votes.

The City Clerk publicly declares Hugh E. Macnab to be duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. One to fill the unexpired term for which ex-Alderman William N. Brown was elected.

ACCOUNTS.

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

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

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

General Accounts.

T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., City Auditor \$.40, City Assessor \$14.95 City Treasurer \$.85 City Collector \$7.80, City Solicitor \$.30, City Clerk \$17.35. Total \$41.65; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., books, etc., City Clerk \$10.74, City Auditor \$1.50. Total \$12.24; Canada Law Book Co., Ltd., Vol. 25 Canada Criminal Codes, \$8.00; E. L. Ruddy Co., posting election bills, \$2.70; C. P. R. Telegraph Co., telegram, \$.50; E. M. Vieth, services for March, \$10.00; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$31.95; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$120.86; Herald Publishing Co., advertising, \$7.52; Dr. Finn, certificates of death, Tondi Quinito et al, \$4.00, G. S. McGrath, \$4.00, Frederick Downey, \$4.00, Jas. Lannan, \$4.00. Total 16.00. Grand Total \$251.42.

Fire Department.

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$28.91; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$36.07; Austen Bros., nozzles, etc., \$200.73; American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., tire, \$125.00; T. C. Allen & Co., file, \$.35; Burns & Kelleher,

supplies, etc., \$13.24; Canadian Rubber Co., hose, etc., \$91.93; Canadian Oil Co., Ltd., gasoline, \$7.46; Coates Electro-Plating Co., nickel plating, \$31.00; Farquhar Bros., fire alarm box and supplies, \$281.69; Thos. Forhan & Co., coal bags, \$37.50; John McInnes & Son, lumber, \$8.93; F. W. McNally, plumbing, \$9.00; E. P. Meagher, badge, \$.70; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$.93; J. C. Merlin & Sons, lumber, \$2.67; Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$5.01; James Myers, repairs rubber boots, \$14.00; Hillis & Sons, strainers, \$2.70; Imperial Oil Co., oil, \$32.35; J. Kirby, lamp, \$.75; R. A. Peart, frame, \$2.25; Geo. E. Smith & Co., paint, \$2.10; J. Starr, Son & Co., batteries, \$1.70; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$24.45; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$314.25; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$19.80; Wm. Roche, coal, \$38.50; David Roche, glaxing, etc., \$18.38; L. E. Sievert, pitner lamps, \$4.55; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stall pan, \$26.50; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$14.63; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$50.91. Total \$1448.94.

Police Department.

Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$39.71; Kline & Mullins, rubber hat, \$.75; Clayton & Sons, ulster coat, \$11.00; Harry K. Martin, handcuffs, \$28.50; Neil Fox, repairs to harness, \$2.50; W. S. Bayer, laundry, \$1.65; Stroud & Eveleigh, repairs, \$5.00. Total \$89.11.

City Prison.

Moir's Ltd., bread, \$17.22; W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$30.60; J. A. Leaman & Co., oxheads, \$16.25; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$5.16; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$30.00; Black & Flinn, lime, \$2.50; Stroud & Eveleigh, repairs, \$15.70; T. J. Egan, repairs, \$1.50; Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$2.30; D. Roche, glass, \$2.10; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$.70; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$6.93; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$4.50; Wm. Roche, coal, \$125.47; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$28.08; Board of Works, cement, \$.92; Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$1.25; Acadian Recorder, advertising, \$4.65. Total \$296.84.

Health Board.

William Roche, coal, \$7.70; Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$6.27; Kinley's Ltd., drugs, \$225.50; John Starr, flash light, \$.35; Morton & Thompson, scissors, \$.75; T. C. Allen & Co., office supplies, \$2.55; Acadian Recorder, advertising, \$4.65; Hillis & Sons, castings, \$3.04; Halifax Tram Co., power, \$16.04; King Edward Stables, conveyance of patients \$35.00; Total \$301.85.

Library.

T. C. Allen & Co., almanac, \$.35; The Book Room, book, \$2.45; Geo. H. Doran Co., subscription, \$2.50; C. D. Cazenove & Son, books, \$4.01; F. P. Dutton & Co., books, \$1.51. Total 10.82.

Works Department.

Fuel City Hall, \$115.50; Electric Wiring Inspection, \$19.00; Permanent sidewalks, \$499.85; Plumbing Under Health Rules, \$132.17; City Property, \$18.58; Streets, \$27.85; City Hall Lighting, \$67.06; Telephones, \$39.19; Street Lighting, \$2386.58; Market Building, \$37.07; Water Construction, \$283.27; Water Maintenance, \$808.78; Internal Health, \$209.00; Teams and stables, \$645.52; Sewerage, \$329.22. Total \$5618.64.

City Home.

Wentzells. Ltd., groceries, \$593.01; J. A. Leaman & Co, meat and pork, \$474.67; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$173.32; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$101.45; W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$102.79; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$10.00; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; The Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$107.89; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$42.85; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$29.83; A. Fordham & Co., leather, \$4.02; V. G. Hospital, medicine, \$133.01; C. E. Putner, dispensing, \$50.00; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., hardware, \$10.81; H. McFatrige, horseshoeing, \$.47; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$3.75; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, \$1.65; W. McFatrige, rope, \$25.00; The Robert Taylor Co., boots, \$50.40; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., Sundries, \$1.85; A. Carter, sundries, \$1.25; Longard Bros, plumbing and repairing, \$36.60; The Robt. Taylor Co, boots, \$20.70; Dr. Thomas, lunacy certificate, \$5.00; Blackadar Bros., newspaper, \$5.00; H. H. Marshall, newspaper, \$6.00; Willis Bros., repairs, \$2.50; Clayton & Sons, men's clothing, \$8.00; Dillon Bros., rye whiskey, \$4.50; J. F. Outhit, cabbage, \$2.25; T. H. & W. T. Francis, mattress, \$3.00; Fraser Bros., hack hire, \$2.00; Brookfield Bros, Ltd, lime, \$2.75; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$77.67; Salaries, Pay sheet March, 1916, \$680.31. Total \$2778.20.

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

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

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER FOR MARCH.

Read report Board of Control, covering cash statement of the City Treasurer for the month of March.

Filed.

INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for the installation of 41 water meters.

City Hall, April 3rd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they did this day receive and open tenders for installation of 41 water meters, as follows:—

Coolen & Martin.....	\$102.50
Geo. H. Kinsman	114.00

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

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

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

TENDERS FOR CITY PRISON BED COTS.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Harris re tenders for 50 bed cots for the City Prison.

City Hall, April 5th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of Controller Harris recommending acceptance of the tender of Gordon & Keith for furnishing 50 bed cots for the City Prison. The tenders received are attached hereto.

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

Halifax, N. S., April 6th, 1916.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—The tenders for bed cots for the City Prison were as follows:—

	<i>White Enamel</i>	<i>Black Enamel</i>
H. B. Clarke & Son.....	\$9.80	\$9.00
Brander & Morris.....		6.00
T. H. & T. Francis.....	6.00	5.60
Zive & Co.....	5.75	5.35
F. Bräger & Co.....	5.58	5.58
W. T. Francis & Co.....	5.25	5.00
N. S. Furnishing Co.....	4.75	4.60
Gordon & Keith.....	4.52	4.38

New Glasgow Machine Co.—not in accordance with plan.
Steel Furnishing Co—tender withdrawn.

I would recommend the acceptance of the tender of Gordon & Keith, for 50 cots, white enamel, at \$4.52.

GEORGE F. HARRIS, *Controller.*

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

CLEAN UP WEEK.

Read report Board of Control recommending that His Worship the Mayor announce through the newspapers that a general clean up week of yards, cellars, etc. with the assistance of the City Works Department, will commence on Monday, May 8th.

City Hall, April 3rd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Civic Improvement League having requested the City to lend the usual assistance to citizens desiring a general clean up week, it is recommended that His Worship the Mayor announce to the public through the newspapers that a general clean up week will commence on May 8th, the different Wards being attended as follows:—

Ward One.....	Monday, May 8th
“ Two.....	Tuesday.
“ Three.....	Wednesday.
“ Four.....	Thursday.
“ Five.....	Friday.
“ Six.....	Saturday.

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

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

UNION CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES MEMBERSHIP FEE.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the account of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, \$150.00, for annual membership fee of the City of Halifax be paid.

City Hall, April 3rd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for payment the annual membership fee of the City of Halifax in the Union Canadian Municipalities, \$150.00, being the same amount as last year. A letter from the President and Secretary of the Union is submitted herewith.

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

Montreal, March 25th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor and Council,

Dear Sirs:—The war has been the cause of financial difficulty to all our municipalities and public institutions, and this unfortunately is the case with the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

The list of benefits and advantages, which the Union has obtained for all our municipalities, is a very long one, and a splendid record of the public-spirited municipal men of Canada. Out of the work of the Union have grown all the laws protecting our highways and streets from the encroachments of Railway, Telephone, Electric and other Companies, as well as of irresponsible charter sharks; all of the provincial telephone systems; all the great public hydro-electric plants and commissions; all the provincial municipal unions; innumerable parks and improvements; a great deal of the municipal and expert matter lavishly published in the volumes of the Canadian Municipal Journal; over fifty valuable municipal Conventions, and a constant

stream of correspondence in response to requests for every kind of municipal information and help.

No municipal body in the world has accomplished so much in these fields. Few public bodies of any kind have ever accomplished more. No stain of dishonor or breath of suspicion has ever been cast upon it. We submit that Canadian municipal men have reason to be proud of their union. Yet during the past year some municipalities have dropped their subscriptions to its small and necessary revenue on the mistaken ground of economy. We are thoroughly aware that municipalities must conserve their funds, but there are certain items which to cut off is the worst possible policy.

We wish you to bear in mind that the Union of Canadian Municipalities is the only Dominion-wide organization through which you can co-operate and exert your influence in many of the most vital lines for the benefit of the people. That it has been constantly proved that a municipality no matter how wealthy and strong, is helpless when fighting alone. That the benefits which the people now enjoy have been won only by united action. That the Union is "the people's parliament", and its members represent the direct tax payers.

Therefore we respectfully asked you, gentlemen of the Council, not to cut down the annual subscription. The amount is small when compared with the benefits received.

T. L. CHURCH, *President.*
W. D. LIGHTHALL, *Hon. Sec.-Treas.*

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

LONGARD ROAD WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Longard Road.

The City Council.

City Hall, April 5th, 1916.

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

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

City Engineer's Office, April 5th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board for the extension of the water service in Longard Road south of Duffus Street, that there are two houses at present to be supplied.

The extension would be on the High Service; length about 150 feet; estimated cost \$400.00.

I would recommend that the water pipe be extended on a special rate of \$10.00 for each house.

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

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

CITY HOME.

Read report Board of Control covering report City Home for the month of March, and tenders for ice for 1916.

City Hall, April 5th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the approval of the City Council the accompanying report of the City Home for March.

The Board has received and opened tenders for ice for the City Home, as follows:—

Fred H. Deal	\$25.00
G. & A. Hutchinson	20.00

It is recommended that the tender of G. & A. Hutchinson, being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Halifax, N. S., April 4th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of March, 1916.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 22 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 25 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted, 5 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to the Dominion Government and 16 to the City. The total number of inmates March 31st, 1916 was 324, made up of 198 men, 120 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 230 men, 123 women and 2 children a total of 355. There was one patient admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital during the month, whose maintenance is chargeable to the City.

Contracts for flour and dry goods expire on the 30th inst. It will be necessary to call for tenders for same.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Controller.*

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

WATER BILL 3 WILLOW STREET—JAMES D. McGRATH.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water Bill James D. McGrath, 3 Willow Street.

City Hall, April 3rd, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have had under consideration a water bill of Jas. D. McGrath, 3 Willow Street, \$17.67, claimed to be excessive. It is recommended that the said bill for the period from March 1915 to September 1915 be reduced to \$10.00 and that the City Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. McGrath 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 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.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, December 13th, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached bill and communication respecting charge for water supplied at No. 3 Willow St., owned by James McGrath.

Mr. McGrath states that he received a notice from the Clerk of Works, calling attention to waste of water at his house, and on receipt of notice, sent a plumber at once to make repairs. He further states that on investigation he found that his tenant was duly notified of the amount of water consumed monthly, but that he was not aware of it.

The City is under no obligation to notify either the owner or tenant when water is being wasted; it is the duty of the property owner himself to be familiar with the conditions of his plumbing at all times. It would be admitting responsibility if we were to agree that any such contention were correct. The readings for No. 3 Willow St. are left at the house, and if Mr. McGrath desires it, they can be sent to him.

The inspector not only reported a closet wasting but also reported that the water was allowed to run during winter months. The wasting closet was reported for nearly a year. The law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

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

TENDERS FOR LEAD PIPE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for lead pipe.

City Hall, March 31st, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that agreeably to resolution of the Council, they have given further consideration to the tender of Jas Simmonds, Ltd. for lead pipe, included in that Company's tender for hardware, and beg to recommend that their tender for the supply of fifteen tons, more or less, of lead pipe, immediate delivery, be accepted, the City Engineer before completing the contract to make a close estimate of the probable quantity required.

A report from the City Engineer is attached.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 31st, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the tender for lead pipe referred back from the City Council.

On enquiry and discussion of the question, I find that my off-hand opinion on this question is perhaps not reliable advice. The agent for the manufacturers of the lead pipe, states as his opinion that the price of pipe, which has already doubled since the war began, will probably go higher. Other men in business are of the same opinion. The opinion of men who have to watch the market constantly, is, of course of much more value than that of any man who is not familiar with it. At the same time there is a probability that the termination of the war will bring down the price.

It is a difficult question to decide, as the purchase of 15 tons of pipe means the expenditure of nearly four thousand dollars. While there is a difference of opinion on the question, the weight of opinion seems to favor the purchase of the quantity required for this year at the price quoted. In any case it is a speculation and must be decided by the business judgment of the Board and Council.

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

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

TENDERS FOR CEMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for 1,750,000 pounds of cement.

City Hall, April 5th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the tender of J. C. Calder for 1,750,000 pounds of cement be accepted, it being the lowest.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto, along with all the original tenders received.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 31st, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the tenders referred to me as follows:—

Cement.

The tenders have not been handed to me, but from Mr. Messervey's report they are as follows:—

Rhodes, Curry Co., Ltd.....	45 5-7c	per 100 lbs.
F. A. Gillis & Co., Ltd.....	44	" " "
Brookfield Bros., Ltd.....	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	" " "
J. C. Calder.....	42 6-7	" " "

the City to pay for bags in each case 10c additional.

Based on the amount of cement estimated to be required, 1,750,000 lbs., Brookfield Bros. tender would amount to \$7481.25, Calders, to \$7500.00. Messrs. Brookfield Bros. offer only 7½c for bags returned at Halifax; J. C. Calder 8½c. Estimated on the total number required to hold the cement, Brookfield Bros. will pay \$1500 and J. C. Calder \$1700; a net advantage in Mr. Calder's tender, of \$181.25. Brookfield Bros., however, claim that they have always taken the City's count of bags returned and paid accordingly. It therefore would be fair to offer the contract to J. C. Calder provided he will agree to that condition. If he does not do so, it is not so clear that he has made the lowest tender.

Messrs. Brookfield Bros. have written me a letter since the tenders were opened, stating that if they are awarded the contract they will guarantee to receive the returned bags on the basis of our count as to condition and number, and that such returns will net the City not less than 9c each. As this is not included in their original tender, I have not considered it.

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

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

TENDERS FOR POLICE UNIFORMS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for 50 suits of uniform clothing for the Police Department.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received and opened tenders for 50 police uniforms as follows:—

Crown Tailoring Co., Toronto.....	\$18.50		
Maxwell's Ltd.....	28.00		
".....	32.00		
C. E. Johnston.....	23.00,	23.50,	24.75
	25.75,	26.00,	26.75
	27.00,	27.59,	27.50

It is recommended that the tender of Maxwell's Ltd. at \$28.00 per suit be accepted.

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

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

CONTROLLER MURPHY.

Controller Murphy here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for cast iron water pipe.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that they have received and opened tenders for cast iron water pipe from the following:—

R. D. Wood & Co.....	\$46.00 per net ton.
Drummond, McCall & Co., Ltd.....	46.85 "
Canada Iron Foundries Ltd.....	41.50 "

It is recommended that the tender of Drummond, McCall & Co., Ltd. being the only one complying with the specification, be accepted.

A report of the City Engineer is attached hereto.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 6th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the tenders received for cast iron water pipe that the tender of Drummond, McCall & Co., Ltd. is the only one complying with the specification, and I recommend that their tender be accepted for 5,000 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe with turned and bored joints at \$46.85 per ton of 2,000 pounds.

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

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

CHERRY STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending that Cherry Street be taken over and accepted as a City Street.

City Hall, April 6th, 1919.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that Cherry Street be taken over and accepted as a City Street. A form of resolution for the taking over of the Street is submitted herewith for the approval of the Council.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 5th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached communication asking that Cherry Street be taken over by the City.

When Cherry Street was opened, it was placed on the Official Plan on condition that the property owners should construct a sewer at their own expense and hand it over to the City.

The property owners complied with the condition and since that time the street has been graded so that it is now in satisfactory condition. To be more explicit, the material which would have to be excavated from the sidewalks to lay concrete, would more than make good any irregularities in the grades, and it would be cheaper to take the street as it is, than to have to haul all the material away.

I would recommend, therefore, that the street be taken over by the City and attach a resolution made in the usual form for such taking over.

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

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas Cherry Street in the City of Halifax between Robie Street and Louisburg 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 Cherry Street as a City Street.

Therefore Resolved that the City Council and the City of Halifax hereby accepts the dedication of Cherry Street between Robie Street and Louisburg Street for public purposes, and hereafter the said street shall be known as Cherry 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, situate, lying and being between Robie Street and Louisburg Street in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the west line of Robie Street distant 120 feet more or less from the north line of Cedar Street as laid down on the Official City Plan; thence westerly in a straight line to the east line of Louisburg Street at a point distant 117 feet more or less northerly from the said north line of Cedar Street; thence northerly by the east line of Louisburg Street sixty feet; thence easterly by a line parallel to the first above described course until it meets the west line of Robie Street thence southerly by the said west line of Robie Street sixty feet to the place of beginning; the above described lot being shown enclosed by blue lines and marked Cherry Street on the Official City Plan.

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

CHERRY STREET SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Cherry Street, both sides, between Robie Street and Louisburg Street.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Cherry Street, both sides, between Robie and Louisburg Streets.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 5th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on both sides of Cherry Street between Robie Street and Louisburg Street.

The property owners have been desirous of getting concrete sidewalks on this Street for some time, but the work could not be recommended as the street had not been graded to my satisfaction. I have now recommended that the street be taken over, and I beg to recommend further, that the sidewalks on Cherry Street between Robie Street and Louisburg Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule, and that concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on both sides of Cherry Street between Robie Street and Louisburg Street under the permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Chief Fire Department, for the month of March.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the Chief of the Fire Department for March.

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

Office of Chief Fire Department, April 4th, 1916.

The Board of Control.

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

1. There were 30 alarms of fire during the month of March from the following causes:—

2. Chimneys 12; sparks setting fire to roofs 3; hot ashes 1; drying clothing 1; child with matches 1; furnace 1; coal 1; mice with matches 1; unknown 4; false 1; smoke backing down chimney 1; rubbish 1; recall 2.

3. Insurance at risk.....	\$51,000.00
Insurance losses.....	4,740.00
Losses without insurance.....	60,905.00
Total losses.....	65,545.00

4. Joseph Power, driver No. 4 Waggon, has resigned. Basil Lindsay and Alex. Tout, hosemen on Motor Engine have resigned to go overseas.

Recommendations.

1. That Samuel Smith be appointed Supernumerary.
2. That tenders be asked for 35 suits of uniform clothing and 3 overcoats.

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

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

CONCRETE SIDEWALK NO. 65 UPPER WATER STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk at No 65 Water Street.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re concrete sidewalk at 65 Upper Water Street.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 5th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached petition from Messrs. A. J. Grant & Co., asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Upper Water Street, opposite the property No. 65.

The old brick sidewalk has settled so that it holds the water, and I would recommend that a new concrete sidewalk be laid as soon as the weather is favorable. The work is a small one but is urgent, and as it will not take very long, I would recommend that it be done as soon as possible.

The estimated cost is \$148.00.

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

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

TENDERS FOR HORSES AND DRIVERS FOR STREET SPRINKLING CARTS.

Read report Board of Control covering tenders for horses and drivers for street sprinkling carts.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have considered the offers made by W. D. Isnor, James J. Dawson, Harold P. Manuel, James Nolen and William Parsons Sr. for supplying horses and drivers for the City watering carts, and recommend that tenders be accepted as follows:—

W. D. Isnor, one cart, at \$4.50 per day.
Harold P. Manuel, five carts, at \$4.50 per day, and \$3.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
James J. Dawson, three carts at \$5.00 per day, and \$3.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

The original tenders are attached.

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

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

LOANS FOR SEWERS AND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Treasurer re loans from Sinking Funds for public school purposes and for sewers.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Treasurer re loan from Sinking Funds for sewerage purposes and for an extension to Quinpool Road School.

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

Office of City Treasurer, April 5th, 1916.

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

Gentlemen:—Whereas the City of Halifax will require the sum of \$12,000 for the building of sewers, I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to offer to lend the City of Halifax the said sum of \$12,000, under authority of Chap. 47, Acts 1915, at the rate of 93.07 of par; the same to be of the Consolidated Fund of 1905, and to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July 1950.

And Whereas the City of Halifax pursuant to an order from the Governor-in-Council, is directed to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$4,647.30, required by the Board of School Commissioners for the erection and equipment of an addition to Quinpool Road School, I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to offer to lend the City of Halifax the sum necessary to produce the said amount, \$4,647.30, under authority of Chap. 67, Acts 1907, at the rate of 93.07 of par; the same to be of the Consolidated Fund, 1905, and to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, and to be repayable on the first day of July 1950.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *City Treasurer.*

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas the City of Halifax requires the sum of \$12,000.00 for the building of sewers, and the sum of \$4,647.30 for the erection and equipment of an addition to Quinpool Road School.

And Whereas the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have offered to lend the City of Halifax the above mentioned sums under authority of Chapter 47, Acts of 1915, at the rate of 93.07 of par, the same to be of the Consolidated Fund of 1905, and to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, and to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1950;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the said sums be borrowed for the purposes in this resolution recited, and that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking

Funds be accepted, and that stock of the City of Halifax to the par value of \$16,647.30 be issued and delivered to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds for the said loans. 72.77

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris, and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Hines and Parker.

PRESIDING OFFICERS AT MAYORALTY ELECTION.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Council to nominate Presiding Officers to conduct the polls at the annual election of a Mayor, to be held on Wednesday, April 26th inst.

The following are duly nominated:—

Ward One —Tom G. Dunlap and James H. Dow.
 Ward Two —W. H. Weatherby and William Crowe.
 Ward Three —W. J. Kane and W. A. Monaghan.
 Ward Four —Andrew Hubley and Aubrey R. Grant.
 Ward Five —Alderman Riordon and Alderman Isnor.
 Ward Six —Constant Upham and Dr. P. A. Gough.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the said nominations be approved by the Council.

Motion passed, and His Worship the Mayor declares the persons named to be duly appointed Presiding Officers to conduct the election.

STREET LIGHTS.

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

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

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

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

City Engineer's Office, April 6th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the street lights mentioned in the attached references. Under the contract with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, it will not be possible to increase the number of lights, but as soon as conditions will permit, I would recommend that an additional light be placed:

At the corner of Lawrence and Harvard Streets.

At the corner of Duffus and Agricola Streets.

On Seaforth Street.

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

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

FIFTEEN PERCENT FINAL PAYMENT ON CONTRACTS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re retention of fifteen per cent final payment on contracts.

City Hall, March 31st, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re retention of fifteen per cent final payment on contracts.

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

City Engineer's Office, March 21st, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the proposal of Alderman Isnor to obtain legislation that 15% should be retained as final payment on contracts for a period of sixty days, and which shall not be paid until ordered by the City Council.

I think it would be a mistake to obtain general legislation as it would apply to every contract, and nearly all our contracts are for supplies or for small sums. In either case it should not be necessary to withhold 15%, as competition is keen, prices are cut fine and payment should be made practically on a cash basis as soon as the work is certified to be satisfactory or the quantity of supplies ordered is delivered.

It is our custom to insert a clause in specifications for important work such as the Reservoir and Market Building, to provide for the retention of 15% for thirty days to cover the requirements of the Lien Law, and in all cases the final payment on the contract is sent to the Council to be passed before paying. If we were not following that custom now, it might be desirable to pass a resolution of Council, adopting it, but as it has been the policy of the City ever since I have been in the City's service and is the policy of all architects and engineers, I do not see the necessity for it.

Alderman Isnor proposed a period of sixty days, but I have heard no reason given or argument made to support a contention that the sixty days is necessary or desirable.

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

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

ALDERMAN RIORDON.

Alderman Riordon here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

LEGISLATION RE FIRE HAZARD.

Read report Board of Control covering a draft Act providing for inspection by the Chief of the Fire Department of premises affecting the fire hazard.

City Hall, April 6th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control submit for the approval of the City Council the accompanying Act providing for inspection by the Chief of the Fire Department of premises affecting the fire hazard.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be authorized to insert amendments in the draft act providing that notices may be served on agents of properties or by registered letter; that the Chief shall not take any action involving penalty on persons disobeying his orders without first submitting a report in writing to the City Solicitor and receiving the City Solicitor's approval in writing.

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

A Bill Entitled An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the City of Halifax.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to inspect or cause to be inspected by Fire Department Officers or members or by an official appointed for the purpose, as often as may be necessary, but not less than twice a year in outlying districts and four times a year in closely built portion of the City all public thoroughfares, buildings and premises, except the interior of private dwellings and any private dwelling may also be entered for a special reason or when complaint is made that dangerous conditions exist, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire or any violation of the provisions or intent of this Act or of any Ordinance of the City relating to the fire hazard.

2. Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department or any Fire Department Officer or member or the official appointed for inspection purposes as aforesaid shall find any building or other structure which, for want of

repairs or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or for any other cause is, in his or their opinion especially liable to fire and which is in his or their opinion so situated as to endanger other property, or shall find in any building or upon any premises or other place any combustible or explosive material or dangerous or unnecessary accumulation of rubbish, waste paper, boxes, shavings or any other highly inflammable materials especially liable to fire, and so situated as to endanger other property in case of fire, or shall find obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, passage-ways, doors, windows or other entrances to or exits from buildings liable to interfere with the operation of the Fire Department or egress of occupants in case of fire, he or they shall by notice in writing to the owner or occupant order the same to be removed or remedied and such order shall forthwith be complied with by such owner or occupant of such premises or buildings.

3. Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall find that the appliances on or in any building, structure or premises for protection against fire are not in proper condition or of insufficient size or number or are otherwise insufficient for the purpose for which the same are designed or intended, or shall find that such appliances are reasonably necessary for the protection of such building, structure or premises and are wholly wanting, he shall order by notice in writing to the owner or occupant of such premises in the case of such improper condition or insufficiency of such appliances that the same be placed in proper condition and rendered reasonably sufficient to afford reasonable protection against fire, and in the case of absence of such appliances where, in his opinion, the same are reasonably necessary for protection against fire, he shall order by similar notice in writing the installation of appliances sufficient to afford such reasonable protection in case of fire in said building, structure or premises and to the occupants thereof or persons rightfully on or in the same.

4. Any owner or occupant failing to comply with any such order within ten days after the service of same shall be liable to a penalty as herein-after stated. The service of any such order or notice in writing upon the occupant of the premises to whom it is directed may be made by either delivering a true copy of same to such occupant personally, or by delivering the same to and leaving it with any person in charge of such premises, or in case no such person is found upon such premises, by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door or entrance of the said premises, and the service of any such order or notice in writing upon the owner of such premises may be made by delivering a true copy of same to such owner personally or if such owner is absent from the City, by mailing such copy addressed to the owner at his last known address or place of abode.

5. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture, transport, use, care for, keep, sell, give away or otherwise dispose of any explosives or inflammables or other substances of like nature or materials, compounds, combinations, or things whatsoever which may tend to increase fire hazard or conduct any hazardous business or operation or perform any service of like dangerous character within the City without first obtaining a license or permit therefor, which license or permit shall set forth and describe the amount or quantity of said explosives, inflammables, or other substances or things which may be manufactured, kept or otherwise dealt with by such licensee and the terms, conditions and restrictions under which the same shall be so manufactured, kept or otherwise dealt with. Application for such license or permit shall be made in writing to the Chief of the Fire Department and shall be accompanied by such particulars or facts as he shall require or deem necessary and the said Chief of the Fire Department shall investigate the facts and circumstances in connection with such application and may either grant or refuse such license or permit, and no fee or charge shall be made for such license or permit.

6. No person shall kindle, maintain, or assist in maintaining any bonfire or other exposed fire within the City except under written permit from the Chief of the Fire Department and any such fire shall be confined within metallic receptacles approved by him and be conducted under such proper safeguards as he may direct as to time and weather and other conditions, and such permit shall carry with it an obligation on the part of the person to whom the same is granted to keep a sufficient safe control of said fire and to be responsible for all damage therefrom and that all resultant embers shall be extinguished and hot ashes removed or wet down after said fire.

7. Any person, firm or corporation violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or of any license or permit issued hereunder shall for each day on which such violation or failure to comply continues be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding sixty days and for a second or any subsequent offence, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months and in addition to the said penalties in case of fire resulting directly or indirectly from any omission or neglect to properly comply with any order or notice in writing of the Chief of the Fire Department, the person, or persons culpable or negligent in respect thereto shall be liable in a civil action at the suit of the City of Halifax to pay all costs and expenses of the Fire Department incurred in and about the use of employees, apparatus and materials in the extinguishment of any such fires. Any such civil action may be commenced and prosecuted by the City of Halifax before either the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax or the County Court Judge at Halifax and the amount of all such costs and expenses when collected shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Halifax.

8. Any person dissatisfied with any order or decision of the Chief of the Fire Department under this Act shall have the right of appeal therefrom to the Judge of the County Court for District No. 1, who upon such appeal, shall determine whether such decision or order was just or reasonable and the decision or order of such Judge upon such appeal shall be final.

The said Act is read.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the said draft Act as proposed to be amended in the report of the Board of Control be adopted, and referred to the City Solicitor to incorporate the amendments suggested, and submit to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

BILL BOARDS.

Read report Board of Control re license fee for bill boards.

City Hall, March 31st, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to request of the City Council, the Board of Control beg to report that they have again considered the question of fixing the license fee for bill boards at a higher rate than now exists, namely $\frac{1}{2}$ c per

square foot. The original recommendation of the Board of Control was that the fee be increased from $\frac{1}{2}c$ per square foot to $2c$ per square foot. The City Council referred the recommendation back to the Board with the suggestion that the fee be increased to $5c$. The Board then recommended that the tax be placed at $3c$. The Council having again referred the matter back to the Board they have given further careful consideration to the matter, and heard the objections of the E. L. Ruddy Co. to the proposed increase. The Company was requested to state their case in writing, which they have done, and their letter, together with a telegram from their head office at Toronto, is submitted herewith.

The Board now again recommends that the fee be fixed at $2c$ per square foot, as recommended in their original report.

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

Halifax, N. S., March 30th, 1916.

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

Gentlemen:—Following your request to put my statements made relative to Bill Board taxation at the Board of Control meeting of March 29th, in writing, as representative of the E. L. Ruddy Co., I take pleasure in placing before you such matters pertaining to the business of this Company in Halifax as will assist you in arriving at a reasonable taxation for the said Company.

I might first bring to your attention the capitalization of this Company in Halifax. The E. L. Ruddy Co., Ltd., have owned the billboards in Halifax for about seven years, and in that time their investment is approximately \$8,000.00—which money has been spent in purchase of the business, and in repair work from year to year. Notwithstanding the fact that they have invested this amount of money in Halifax their capital account is approximately \$3500.00. The reason for this is that they have about 3500 lineal feet of billboards, and in this business one dollar per lineal foot is all that a plant can be valued at. It costs on an average of \$2.50 per lineal foot to construct a billboard but if same were torn down and sold, there would be few cases where you would receive \$1.00 per lineal foot for it; thus we arrive at a value of \$1.00 per lineal foot.

Now, having acquainted you with the capital or value of our business we will take the following figures to show what an increase in taxation would mean. We are paying, according to the existing tax, $\frac{1}{2}c$ per square foot; having 35,000 square feet, we pay the sum of \$175, which means we are paying \$175.00 on a capital of \$3500.00. If this was increased, as suggested, to $2c$, we would pay \$700.00, at $3c$ we would pay \$1050.00; and at $5c$ we would pay \$1750.00. Now we will take the amount of business done and we will take the year 1915, which was an average year for us. In 1915 our total business in Halifax was \$6560.68; the cost of maintaining our plant was \$6167.61, which shows a profit of \$393.07. On this amount of business we are paying \$175.00, and the increases proposed would work out as previously stated on amount of capital.

I have given you now a full knowledge of our business in Halifax, and from the above figures (which are taken from our Auditor's annual statement, and sworn correct) you can see that any increase in our present taxation would be unfair, and unreasonable, and would simply legislate us out of business in Halifax. I might further state that our taxes at present in Halifax are higher than that paid by any Bill Posting Co. in any town or city in Canada, and there is not a live town of four or five thousand population and upward

in Canada or United States that has not a billboard business. We are willing to pay any reasonable tax, and co-operate with the City authorities in any way to arrive at a satisfactory arrangement, and we will at any time remove any board to which a reasonable objection is made; we also state that at no time will we post any paper that may be objectionable, and if required by the Authorities, will present our paper for inspection before posting to any person appointed to inspect same.

I have covered everything in connection with this matter that I think would be of interest to you, but if there is any further information that you require, I will be only too pleased to give it, and I now leave the matter in your hands and am confident that you will deal fairly with it.

E. L. RUDDY COMPANY, LIMITED,
Per A. P. Ryan, *Local Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the bill boards on Windsor Street on the Nova Scotia Car Works property be removed, that the E. L. Ruddy Co. be requested to give an undertaking to the City that all bill boards petitioned against will be removed, and that in future no bill boards will be erected until first sanctioned by the City Council. Motion passed, Alderman Kelly dissenting.

ADDRESS TO HIS WORSHIP MAYOR MARTIN.

By unanimous consent of Council Controller Harris reads to the Council and presents to His Worship the Mayor the following address signed by all the members of Council present at the meeting—

City Hall, Halifax, N. S., April 6th, 1916.

*Peter F. Martin, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax.*

Your Worship:—With the closing of your first year as Chief Magistrate of this City, we, the members of the Board of Control and City Council, desire to tender you our best wishes and sincerest felicitations.

We are pleased to do this because:—

(1) Our relations during the term have been of the most pleasant nature. Your genial personality has won our warmest sympathies and your firmness and fairness our sincerest admiration. While on many occasions you have overlooked our shortcomings, we nevertheless realized that you were possessed of a determination to do only that which in your judgment you deemed the right thing to do, and that the citizens had in you one who would to the best of his ability strive to advance their every interest without fear, favor or bias.

(2) Apart from the personal features of your regime, we desire to congratulate you on the marked success which has attended your efforts to promote the well-being of the City at large. As the Chief Magistrate of the City, you have ever been mindful of its diversified interests. All parts and all sections, all classes and all interests have ever found you ready to listen and if need be to act, to remedy injustice and to use your good offices with an impartial and liberal hand. We are specially gratified to record this, feeling that you have set a worthy example which future Mayors can follow with profit to themselves and the Citizens.

(3) The affairs of the City have been carefully and economically conducted under your efficient leadership. Halifax, during the period over which you have served as its Chief Magistrate, has been a very busy and important City. Thousands of troops have lived amongst us, and thousands of others have embarked at this port for the front. Our Harbor has been crowded with shipping, and sailors of many nations have roamed our streets. Yet our people have lived in contentment and without fear. The general department of sailor, soldier and civilian alike has been almost all that could be desired, the police records testifying to the good behaviour of citizen and stranger alike. It has also been a busy year, a prosperous year, the most prosperous perhaps in the history of our City, and it must be a source of gratification to you to feel that as Chief Magistrate you have contributed not a little toward that happy state of affairs.

(4) Questions of more than usual importance have been dealt with by the bodies over which you have had the honor to preside, yet all matters have been considered with a single eye to the general good and future prosperity of the people as a whole.

It is therefore our hope and our earnest desire that you will re-offer your valuable services to the City and we desire to say in all sincerity that we look forward with pleasure to having you preside over the destinies of the City for at least another term.

We have no idea of what your inclinations in this direction are, but we feel sure that the acceptance of another term of office would be a matter of profit and pleasure to the citizens who feel that your experience and ripe judgment will ever be at hand to guide and direct and ensure another year of harmonious and well directed civic government.

Trusting you will favorably consider above suggestion, and pledging ourselves to do all in our power to strengthen your hand, we have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

JAMES HALLIDAY,
Controller.
GEORGE F. HARRIS,
Controller
J. McKEEN,
Controller.
JOHN MURPHY,
Controller.

H. S. COLWELL,
Alderman.
A. J. FINLAY,
Alderman.
R. B. COLWELL,
Alderman.
P. F. BRENNAN,
Alderman.
E. J. KELLY,
Alderman.
W. G. FOLEY,
Alderman.
J. J. HINES,
Alderman.
J. S. PARKER,
Alderman.
C. A. RIORDON,
Alderman.
GORDON B. ISNOR,
Alderman.

His Worship the Mayor thanks the Controllors and Aldermen for their so kindly couched expression of confidence, and states that he will offer for another term as Mayor.

The address is ordered to be engrossed upon the minutes of Council.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY.

Alderman Kelly asked for a report from the City Engineer as to what should be done in connection with preserving the purity of the City's water supply, expropriation of property on the watershed, etc.

OCEAN TERMINALS—BRIDGE FOOT OF SOUTH STREET.

Alderman Finlay asked that the Board of Control take steps to have a bridge placed across the cutting for the Ocean Terminals Railway at the foot of South Street.

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

Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor,

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

CASUAL VACANCY FOR ALDERMAN WARD NO. ONE.

Office of the City Clerk,

Halifax, N. S., April 7th, 1916.

Hugh E. Macnab of the City of Halifax, printer, having been on the 6th day of April, A. D., 1916, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. One, at an election held on the 5th day of April, 1916, to fill the unexpired term for which Ex-Alderman William N. Brown was elected, caused by the resignation of the said Alderman William N. Brown, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office, he was duly sworn on the 10th day of April, 1916, before His Worship the Mayor, by subscribing and taking the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office and of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, and signed the roll of Aldermen.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

A special 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 Macnab, H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Hines and Riordon.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following named papers:—

Papers submitted.

Reports (9) Board of Control, as follows:—

- Poll tax.
- Altering City Bonds.
- Free Transportation of Officials on Street Cars.
- Horses and Drivers for Watering Carts.
- Provincial Exhibition Deficit 1914.
- Prospective Loans.
- Ice Dealers' License Fees.
- Deficit Printing and Stationery.
- Dalhousie College Free Scholarships for High School Pupils.

Other Headlines.

Daylight Saving.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

His Worship the Mayor announced that before proceeding with the general business for which the meeting was called, the Council would be pleased to hear the views of citizens in attendance on the proposed scheme for daylight saving.

Read letter Secretary Board of Trade informing the Council of a resolution passed at a meeting of citizens held April 15th, at which the City Council, the Board of Control,

the School Board, the Board of Trade, the Banks, Wholesale and Retail Merchants, the Commercial Club, the Rotary Club, and other organizations were represented, endorsing the proposal to put forward the clock one hour from the 30th day of April to the 30th day of September.

Also read endorsement of the scheme from the Retail Drug Merchants of Halifax and Dartmouth and from the members of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

The Council is addressed in favor of the proposal by G. W. C. Hensley, President of the Board of Trade, Dougald Macgillivray, Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, McC. Grant, Robert Rosborough and W. E. Schwartz.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that His Worship the Mayor, by advertisement in the newspapers, request that all citizens move their clocks forward one hour at midnight on the 30th day of April and so maintain them until the 30th day of September. Motion passed unanimously.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION DEFICIT 1914.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be procured authorizing the City to pay its share of the Exhibition deficit 1914, during which year no Exhibition was held.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that legislation be procured authorizing the City to pay one-half of the \$2,420.47 shortage in the Provincial Exhibition accounts for the year 1914, during which year no Exhibition was held. The City's proportion amounts to \$1210.24.

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

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

ALTERING CITY BONDS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the City Treasurer be authorized to arrange for necessary alterations in the steel plates from which the City Bonds are printed.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—There is a clause in the City legislation now before the Local Legislature providing that the City's Bonds shall be guaranteed to be paid in gold of the present standard weight and fineness. If this Act is approved by the Legislature it will be necessary when placing our next loan to have this provision engraved upon the steel plates from which the bonds are printed, the probable cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00. In order that there may be no delay in the printing of such Bonds as may be required, it is recommended that the City Treasurer be authorized immediately upon the passing of the Bill to arrange for the necessary alteration in the steel dies.

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

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

FREE TRANSPORTATION OF OFFICIALS ON STREET CARS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be secured to enable the Street Railway Company to furnish free transportation on its street cars of certain City Officials.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of School Commissioners having requested that the City Council seek legislation whereby certain of its employees would secure free transportation on the street railway cars when on their official duties, the Board of Control beg to report that they have considered the matter from a general City standpoint. It appears that under their Charter the street railway Company is not permitted to offer privileges to one corporation not available to other corporations, and that the Board of Public Utilities takes this view. The Board therefore recommends that the City seek legislation directing that the Halifax Electric Tramway Co. shall provide free transportation for the following officials:—

Public Schools.

Inspector of Public School Buildings, Inspector of Janitors, the School Nurse and the Truant Officer.

City Health Board.

Health Inspectors (3).

Works Department.

City Engineer, Assistant City Engineer, Assistant Engineers, Superintendent Water Department, Assistant Superintendent Water Department, City Hall Messenger, Meter Readers, Turn Keys and Assistant Building Inspector.