

Fire Department.

City Electrician and Electrician's Assistants (2).

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

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

HORSES AND DRIVERS FOR WATERING CARTS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re horses and drivers for watering carts.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re horses and drivers for watering carts.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 17th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report that Walter D. Isnor, who was awarded the contract for supplying one pair of horses and a driver for watering carts, has refused to sign the contract at the figure he submitted.

Mr. H. P. Manuel, the next lowest tenderer has been awarded the contract for the number of teams he is prepared to supply. James J. Dawson is the next lowest tenderer who has tendered in compliance with the specification, and I would recommend that this contract for the extra team be awarded to him.

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

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

PROSPECTIVE LOANS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be sought to enable the City to borrow from its Bankers sums required for necessary works should the state of the money market not warrant the City in accepting tenders upon its next flotation.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that legislation be sought permitting the City to secure, if possible, an overdraft from its Bankers to provide cash for urgent expenditure, should the state of the money

market not warrant the City in accepting such tenders as may be received when the next City loan is placed upon the Market, and providing for the depositing of City Bonds with the Bank as collateral.

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

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

DEFICIT PRINTING AND STATIONERY ACCOUNT.

Read report Board of Control re deficit printing and stationery account 1915-16.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The original Borrowing Bill submitted to the Legislature authorizing the payment of deficit in Printing and Stationery Account provided for the sum of \$828.91, on account of deficit for the year 1914-15. That Bill did not provide for a deficit for the current year, which the Auditor estimates will require about a similar amount, and it is recommended that the item be increased to a total sum of \$1600.00 to cover the deficits for 1914-15 and 1915-16.

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

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

ICE DEALERS' LICENSE FEES.

Read report Board of Control re ice dealers' license fees.

City Hall, April 10th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith an extract from the minutes of a meeting held this day relating to license fee for citizens of Halifax trading in the Town of Dartmouth and citizens of Dartmouth trading in Halifax, and recommend that the action of the Board be concurred in by the Council.

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

Extract from Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, held on the 10th day of April, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor submitted House of Assembly Bill No. 91, entitled "An Act Relating to the Town of Dartmouth," and called attention to Section 6, as follows:—

"6. (1) No person who is not a resident and ratepayer of the Town shall sell, offer to sell, or deliver any carbonated beverages, bread,

cake, pastry, candy or confection within the Town with-out having first taken out a license therefor.

(2) The fee payable for such license shall be Thirty Dollars.

(3) Every person who contravenes this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, and may be arrested on view by any police officer or peace officer, or by any person thereto in writing or verbally authorized by the Stipendiary Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace."

His Worship stated that this Bill was introduced in the Legislature because of a tax of \$30.00 a year imposed by the City of Halifax on Dartmouth ice dealers, the provision of the City Charter in respect to which reads as follows:—

"543. (1) No person shall sell or deliver ice without having first taken out a license therefor.

(2) The fee payable for such license shall be Thirty Dollars.

(3) Every person who contravenes this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month. C. C., s. 504."

His Worship informed the Board that at a hearing before the Committee on Private and Local Bills, it had been practically agreed that if the City repealed the tax on ice dealers, the Town of Dartmouth would withdraw the Act imposing a license fee on Halifax dealers doing business in Dartmouth.

The Board unanimously decides to instruct the City Solicitor to add a clause to the City's legislation repealing Section 543 of the City Charter relating to ice dealers, on condition that the Town of Dartmouth withdraws its proposed Act.

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

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

Read report Board of Control covering letter Dalhousie University offering twelve free scholarships to pupils of City High Schools, divided between the County Academy, Bloomfield High School and St. Patrick's Girls' High School.

City Hall, April 12th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the City Council held December 28th, 1915, when the annual grant of \$500.00 to Dalhousie University was under consideration in the yearly estimates, the Board of Control was requested to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College, requesting that they offer scholarships to pupils of the Bloomfield High School and St. Patrick's Girls'

High School. The Board placed the matter before the President of the University, and are now pleased to report that the wishes of the City have been fully met by the University, who offer a series of free scholarships whereby twelve pupils will annually receive practically free tuition; the Halifax Academy, Bloomfield High School and St. Patrick's Girls' High School each receiving three free scholarships. A letter from the President of the College is submitted herewith for the approval of the Council, with the recommendation that the Council forward a copy of the same to the Board of School Commissioners for their approval. It is further recommended that the City Clerk communicate to the College authorities, the thanks of this Council for their generous offer.

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

*Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.,
Office of the President, April 6th, 1916.*

Controller Harris.

Dear Sir:—I brought the matter of the resolution of the Council of January 7th, which you presented in company with Messrs. Finlay and MacKay before the Senate and Board of Governors of the University, and have pleasure in sending you the results of our discussion of the matter. Both these bodies have given their hearty approval of the general scheme suggested in the resolution of the Council, and the University gladly takes this opportunity of making some acknowledgment and return of the treatment of the University by the citizens of Halifax in many ways, and especially in contributing so generously to the Campaign Fund for the Forward Movement undertaken in 1912. The Governors and Senate of the University wish to offer, through the City Council, to High School pupils a series of free Scholarships, whereby twelve pupils, who would otherwise be unable to receive the benefits of a college education, will annually receive practically free tuition from the University. Our offer is as follows:—To give one Scholarship each year to each of the three High Schools, Halifax Academy, Bloomfield High School and St. Patrick's Girls' School—tenable for four years, on certain conditions explained below. The holders of these Scholarships will have their tuition fees remitted to a maximum amount of \$55.00 in any one year.

In order to be eligible for one of these scholarships, pupils:

1. Must have reached a high grade of Scholarship as shown by the attainment of the grade of Distinction (55%) in the University Matriculation examinations, if these are taken; or an average of 65, with no subject less than 50, on the Matriculation subjects, if taken at a Grade XI examination.
2. Must, in the judgment of the Nominating Committee, be such as are not of themselves or with the aid of their parents financially able to go to College.
3. Must express their intention of proceeding to the degree of B. A. or B. Sc. in Dalhousie University.

In order to retain a Scholarship during the second, third and fourth years of the course, a student must continue in the course for the B. A. or B. Sc. degree, and must have passed all the examinations of the previous year and have attained Distinction in at least two of the subjects of that year, and also must have a record for good conduct during his previous stay at the University.

The Nominating Committee is to be made up of three members:

1. A representative selected by the Senate of the University.
2. The Supervisor of the City Schools; or, as his deputy, the Principal of the High School in question.
3. A representative citizen, preferably a business man, to be selected by the Supervisor of the City Schools and the University representative.

I hope this offer may prove acceptable to the Council, and hope to hear from you as early as possible so that the matter may be advertised and go in the forthcoming edition of our Calendar.

A. STANLEY MACKENZIE, *President.*

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

POLL TAX.

Read report Board of Control covering proposed amendments to the law relating to Poll Tax.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board for a considerable time has had before it proposed amendments to the present law relating to poll tax, and not expecting that there would be another meeting of the Council in time to deal with the matter, submitted to the Legislature an Act which they had prepared, covering certain amendments. The suggestions of the Board appear in re-printed bill No. 72 entitled "An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the City of Halifax," and are now submitted herewith with the recommendation that they be approved by the Council. Controller Murphy dissents from the recommendation of the Board.

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

The proposed amendments are read.

29. Section 400, other than the schedule thereto, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

400. (1) Every male person between the ages of twenty-one and sixty resident in the City on the 1st day of August in any year, and who has so resided for not less than three months previous to that date, and not assessed at the assessment for that year for either real property or personal property or both to the amount of Three Hundred Dollars, and who is in receipt of a yearly salary or income of not less than Five Hundred Dollars, shall pay to the City a poll tax of Three Dollars for the general purposes of the City, and the amount thereof may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as the City rates upon personal property, and in addition thereto a general warrant may be issued for the collection of the same by distress and sale of the goods of the persons named therein, and for want of goods of any such persons whereon to levy he may be committed to jail, and any person so committed shall be entitled to all the privileges of a debtor imprisoned under civil process. Such warrant may be in the form in the schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

When any person is arrested under such warrant it shall not be necessary to deliver the warrant to the keeper of the gaol, but a certificate of the amount due by the person arrested and of the costs and charges of his arrest and conveying to gaol signed by the collector shall be delivered to such keeper, and shall be a sufficient authority for the detention of such person until released by due process of law.

(2) If the poll tax payable by any person is paid on or before the 30th day of September in the year in respect to which it is payable the person so paying the same shall, if he is a British subject, be entitled to a vote at the next ensuing elections for Mayor, controller or alderman in the City; and the names of all persons who have so paid shall be added by the collector to the list of persons entitled to vote.

(3) Every employer of labor in the City shall on or before the 31st day of August in every year furnish to the assessor the name of every person in his employ on the 1st day of August next preceding and who was so employed for three months immediately preceding that date, and who on that date was in the receipt of a salary not less than Five Hundred Dollars a year, and shall together with such return pay to the Treasurer the amount of poll taxes payable by such persons respectively, and any amounts so paid may be deducted from the salary or other compensation paid by such employer to such persons respectively, and every employer failing to make such return or to make such payment shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50.00 and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, and the amounts of such poll tax may be recovered by the City by action.

The expression "employer of labor" shall include the paymaster or other person having charge of the pay rolls of the men employed in any industrial establishment or in connection with any contract being executed within the City and charged with the duty of paying the men so employed.

(4) The assessors shall add to the list of names of persons liable to poll tax on the 1st day of August in each year, the name of every person so liable who takes up his residence within the City between the 31st December and the 1st September next succeeding.

(5) Before fixing the rate of taxation for any year the probable amount which will be yielded by the poll tax for the ensuing year shall be estimated by a committee composed of the Mayor, a member of the Board of Control appointed by that Board, the chief assessor, the collector and the auditor, and the amount so estimated shall be the amount deducted for poll tax by the assessors from the total sum required by the estimates.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the proposed legislation be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Controller Murphy that said proposed legislation be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Finlay
Kelly—3.

Against it.

Controllers Halliday
Harris
McKeen
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell.
R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Foley
Hines
Riordon—10

The original motion is put and passed.

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

Council adjourns 9.15 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, April 27th, 1916.

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

The Council was summoned to receive returns of civic elections, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers were submitted:—

City Clerk's returns of election for Mayor.

Letter City Solicitor covering legislation re N. S. Car Works.

Papers Submitted.

Reports (9) Board of Control, viz:—

Daylight Saving.
Ewen Morrison-Superannuation assessments.
City Home Supplies.
Fire Department Appropriation.
Africville Church.
Expropriation of land for public schools.
Taxing Provincial Government Property.
Automobile License fees.
Accounts.

Other Headlines.

Daylight Saving.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Read report Board of Control covering petition of working men requesting a hearing in opposition to proposed daylight saving scheme.

City Hall, April 27th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith a petition signed by a number of working men, requesting a hearing on the proposed daylight saving scheme. It is recommended that the Council grant such hearing at this evening's meeting.

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

His Worship the Mayor informed the large gathering of citizens present in the Council Chamber that since the publication in the newspapers of a proclamation that the proposed daylight saving scheme would go into effect on May 1st as a voluntary act on the part of the public the petition of the working men had been presented and is now before the meeting for consideration.

By unanimous consent of Council His Worship the Mayor invited any persons present to express their views.

The Council is addressed in favor of the proposed daylight scheme by G. W. C. Hensley, A. J. Davis, W. S. Davidson, Emile Gaboury, Dougald Macgillivray, J. C. Stredder, A. S. Barnstead and H. L. Hart—and against the measure by Sydney Mosher, Daniel Sampson, John T. Joy, W. Stetson Rogers, W. J. Creighton, Chas. Hardy, Stanley Williams and John Keeling.

His Worship the Mayor informed those present that the Council would at a later stage of the meeting consider the arguments presented.

ELECTION FOR MAYOR.

Read returns of City Clerk covering the original nomination papers of Peter F. Martin for the office of Mayor for the City of Halifax, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the civic year 1916-17.

City Hall, April 20th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the acts in amendment thereto and consolidations thereof in respect to the election of Mayor for the City of Halifax, I hereby submit the original nomination papers of Peter F. Martin, Esquire, Painter, for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the other papers required by law to be filed therewith, he being the only candidate duly nominated as required by law for said Office of Mayor for the civic year 1916-17.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

The City Clerk publicly declares Peter F. Martin duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the term for which he was also elected as determined by law.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of Peter F. Martin, Esquire, to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax and to request that he will ascertain from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor a time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the Oaths of Office to the Mayor elect.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKeen.

The resolution is put to the Council by Deputy Mayor Parker and passed.

EWEN MORRISON SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read report Board of Control re superannuation assessments late Ewen Morrison.

City Hall, April 26th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that the widow of Ewen Morrison, late Superintendent of the Water Department is entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, the total amount of assessment paid therein by him, amounting to \$479.34. With the concurrence of the trustees of the Fund, it is recommended that the amount be paid to Mrs. Morrison.

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

Approved, amount \$479.34.

P. F. MARTIN, <i>Mayor</i>	} Trustees.
J. McKEEN, <i>Board of Control</i>	
W. W. FOSTER, <i>Auditor.</i>	
JAS. J. HOPEWELL, <i>Treasurer</i>	

Moved by Controller McKeen seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted and the sum of \$479.34 be refunded from the Officials Superannuation Fund to Mrs. Morrison. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES CITY HOME.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Halliday re tenders for supplies City Home.

City Hall, April 26th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report that they have received and opened tenders for supply of flour and dry goods for the period ending Oct. 31st, 1916 and recommend that the tender of Gunn & Co., Ltd., for flour

and of W. Y. Kennedy for dry goods, be accepted. A report from Controller Halliday, covering the original tenders, is attached hereto.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Halliday re Fire Department appropriation for the current year.

City Hall, April 26th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for approval by the City Council, the accompanying report of Controller Halliday re Fire Department appropriation for current year.

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

Halifax, N. S., April 20th, 1916.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—Pursuing the usual and necessary practice of reserving as large a portion of its appropriation as is possible until towards the close of the financial year, the Fire Department finds that at this time there are funds on hand which will permit of certain long delayed and now urgent expenditures. The Chief of the Fire Department recommends as follows:—

West Street Fire Station.

Repairs to outside of building; new flag pole; vehicle shed on south-east corner of property to be removed to north side and a fence built at southeast corner; new fire alarm gong.

Quinpool Road Fire Station.

Old coal and wood sheds to be torn down and replaced with new ones.

Equipment.

Purchase of one Eastman set; small equipment including belts, spanners, hose beackets, etc.

I concur in the recommendations of the Chief and request that the Fire Department be authorized to carry the same into effect so far as the funds will permit.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Controller.*

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

AFRICVILLE CHURCH—GOTTINGEN STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re Africville Church, Gottingen Street.

City Hall, April 17th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Pastor of the Africville Church having applied for a piece of City Property in the vicinity of the Church near the Intercolonial Railway to which they might move the present building, the matter was referred to the City Engineer for report, and his report, which is attached hereto, is recommended for adoption.

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

City Engineer's Office, April 12th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the request of the Africville Church for a piece of City property in the vicinity of their church on Gottingen Street near the Intercolonial Railway.

It is not desirable that the City should part with any of its property in Africville for any such purpose, as it is probable that in the near future all property in this district will be required for industrial purposes, and it will be abandoned as a residential district.

I can see no objection, however, to leasing a piece of property large enough to accommodate the church at a nominal figure so long as the members of the church are located at Africville, the lease to be drawn on such conditions as may be considered necessary to enable the City to cancel it and have the building removed promptly. If the Board are favorable, I would recommend that the exact location be made by the City Engineer and with the conditions of the lease subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

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

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

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control recommending the securing of legislation authorizing the expropriation of land necessary for purposes of public schools.

City Hall, April 26th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control having received a request from the Board of School Commissioners that legislation be sought whereby either the Board of School Commissioners or the City may be authorized to expropriate

land for school purposes, it is recommended that the City Solicitor be authorized to draft and submit to the Legislature at its present session an Act to that effect.

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

Halifax, N. S., April 26th, 1916.

*His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.*

Gentlemen:—I am instructed by the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners to request that the Board of Control ask for legislation whereby your body or the Board of School Commissioners may be authorized to expropriate land for school purposes, should such a measure become at any time necessary.

S. J. WILSON, *Secretary.*

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

TAXING PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

Read report Board of Control recommending legislation be sought enabling the City to rate and assess real property in the City of Halifax owned by the Provincial Government at the sum of \$1,500,000 annually or in the alternative that the Province contribute to the City annually the sum of \$30,000 for general municipal purposes.

City Hall, April 19th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an Act amending Section 371 of the City Charter so as to provide that the real property in the City of Halifax owned by the Provincial Government, shall be rated and assessed by the City of Halifax annually, at the sum of \$1,500,000 or in the alternative that the Province contribute to the City of Halifax annually, the sum of \$30,000 for general municipal purposes.

The Board, not having anticipated another meeting of Council during the present month, have already instructed the Solicitor to prepare this Act and desire the concurrence of the Council.

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

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell and passed.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE FEES.

Read report Board of Control that the Provincial Government be requested to secure legislation requiring the Province to pay to the City for the purpose of maintenance of streets one-half of the revenue derived by the Province from automobiles owned in the City.

City Hall, April 19th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control desire to inform the Council that at a meeting held this day the City Clerk was directed to request the Hon. Provincial Secretary, on behalf of the City, to have passed at the present session of the Legislature, such amendments to Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1914, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1907 entitled 'The Motor Vehicle Act' and Acts in amendment thereof," as will require the Province to pay over to the City of Halifax for the purpose of maintenance of streets, one-half of the revenue derived by the Province from automobiles owned in the City. The Board desires concurrence by the Council in its action.

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

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

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control covering accounts.

City Hall, April 26th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control recommend for payment the following accounts:—

Provincial Legislature for Bill No. 73 introduced subsequent to elapsed time, \$20.00.

City Health Board.

Royal Gazette, advertising, \$4.00; Halifax Wet Laundry, washing, \$12.60; Wm. Roche, coal, \$7.70; Wm. Roche, coal, \$23.10; A. E. Carnell, new whippetree, \$1.75; H. F. P. Cross, rent, \$30.00; Kelly & Glassey, whiskey, \$2.50; Hillis & Sons, stove fittings, \$1.15; King Edward Stables, conv. patients Feb. 2-26, \$19.25; Geo. E. Mumford & Son, stove fittings, \$4.30; Buckley, coal, March 1 to 27th, \$61.61; Car tickets inspectors for April \$2.00. Total \$169.96.

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

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

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS.

Read letter City Solicitor re Nova Scotia Car Works, Ltd. Covering letter W. H. Covert and also covering a proposed amendment to Section 16 of House of Assembly Bill No. 72, entitled "An Act to Amend the law in relation to the City of Halifax."

Halifax, N. S., April 26th, 1916.

*F. H. Bell, K. C.,
City Solicitor.*

Dear Sir:—Referring to Paragraph 16 of the City Bill now in Committee of the House, I would suggest that this clause does not help very much, for there is nothing certain about it. The property of the Nova Scotia Car Works is to be sold by tender. It is of importance to many citizens and I think to the City at large that as large a price should be obtained as possible. If the City is going to continue the franchise it might as well do this at once by positive enactment. I am sure it will not help in any way to induce prospective purchasers to bid a higher sum if they are informed that the City has power to extend the franchise. The answer would be that they may not do it or they may do it with restrictions and after long negotiations. I would suggest that the section be modified.

W. H. COVERT.

Office of City Solicitor, April 27th, 1916.

Secretary Board of Control.

Re N. S. Car Works.

Dear Sir:—I beg to hand you herewith a communication from Mr. Covert, Solicitor for the liquidator of the above Company.

Mr. Covert called upon me and explained that it was the intention of the liquidator to sell the property of the Company en bloc if possible, and that several prospective purchasers were in view and that they had expressed a wish that the continuation of the privileges and exemptions of the Company and of the existing mortgage to any purchaser of the property should be made absolute in place of being conditional at the pleasure of the Council. He explained the reason for this to be that purchasers were unfamiliar with the conditions of the City and wished to have an absolute assurance on this point in advance, and stated his belief that the effect would very considerably add to the price that could be obtained. I informed him that I could give no assurance upon the matter, although personally I believed the Council to be favorable; but that the Council were very desirous of having the arrears of interest and sinking fund paid at once if possible. He asserted his belief that this could be arranged, and suggested that the legislation might be made conditional upon that being done. I have accordingly drafted a section to be substituted for Section 16 of Bill No. 72 now before the House, which I beg herewith to submit, also a draft of a resolution in respect of the same.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

To go on Halifax City Bill No. 72, in substitution for Clause 16.

16. Any company acquiring the lands of Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited, situated in the City of Halifax, with the buildings, plant, machinery and fixtures erected or placed thereon, shall be entitled to a continuance of the privileges and exemption from taxation granted to the Silliker Car Company, Limited by Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1907 and continued to the said Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited by Chapter 41 of the acts of 1911 for the remainder of the term for which the same were originally granted and also to a continuance of the mortgage to the City of Halifax originally made by the said the Silliker Car Company, Limited,—Provided:

- (a) That any arrears of interest and other yearly payments provided for in and by the said mortgage are paid in full to the City.
- (b) That the company so acquiring the said property carries on effective manufacturing operations in the City of Halifax and
- (c) It is understood and declared that the amount from time to time due from the said mortgage shall be deemed a debt by the said acquiring company in like manner and to the like extent as if the said mortgage had been made by it originally.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas representations have been made to the Council that it would greatly facilitate the sale of the Nova Scotia Car Works if legislation were obtained assuring a purchaser of a continuance of the existing exemptions and mortgage, and that by so doing the City would probably be enabled to obtain payment of the arrears of interest and sinking fund;

Therefore Resolved that Council approve of the legislation to that effect as submitted in the report of the City Solicitor and request the legislature to substitute the same for Section 16 of Bill No. 72.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKen and passed, 12 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:—

For the Resolution.

Against.

Controllers Halliday
McKen
Murphy

Aldermen Isnor
Godwin—2

Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Finlay
R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Kelly
Foley
Riordon
Parker—12

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

His Worship the Mayor desired to know the wishes of the Council in respect to the daylight saving scheme.

Alderman Riordon gives notice that he will at the next meeting of the City Council move that the Resolution passed this Council April 17th, 1916 requesting that His Worship the Mayor by advertisement in the newspapers call upon citizens to move their clocks forward one hour at midnight on the 30th day of April and so maintain them until the 30th day of September, be rescinded.

Alderman Riordon's notice of motion is supported by Alderman Godwin.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman Riordon that the time for the going into effect of the proposed daylight saving scheme be delayed for a period of fifteen days beyond the date fixed at the last meeting of this Council. Motion put and lost 4 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:—

For the Motion.

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Riordon
Godwin
Parker—4.

Against it

Controllers Halliday
McKeen
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Finlay
R. B. Colwell
Brennan
Kelly
Foley
Isnor—10

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

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.