

CITY OF HALIFAX

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

1919-20

MINUTES
of the
CITY COUNCIL
Halifax, N.S.
for the
CIVIC YEAR 1919-1920

John Seakons Parker, Mayor.
Edward J. Kelly, Deputy Mayor.
L. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk.

Volume 1
June 5th 1919.
to
October 14th 1919.

THE CITY COUNCIL 1919 - 1920

His Worship the Mayor

John S. Parker, 1920

Deputy Mayor, Alderman E.J. Kelly, 1920

Aldermen

Ward No. 1-	Henry S. Colwell	1922
	Alfred Whitman	1921
	Charles W. Ackhurst	1920
Ward No. 2-	Andrew J. Finlay	1922
	William W. Hoyt	1921
	Frederick W. Bissett	1920
Ward No. 3-	John W. Regan	1922
	Edward J. Kelly	1921
	John B. Douglas	1920
Ward No. 4-	John Murphy	1922
	William P. Buckley	1921
	Samuel Butler	1920
Ward No. 5-	George E. Ritchie	1922
	John J. Power	1921
	Robert D. Guildford	1920
Ward No. 6-	John E. Godwin	1922
	Ernest F. Hubley	1921
	James A. Thompson	1920

City Clerk

L. Fred Monaghan.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Civic Year 1919-1920

JOHN S. PARKER , MAYOR

Office of City Clerk, City Hall, June 2nd, 1919

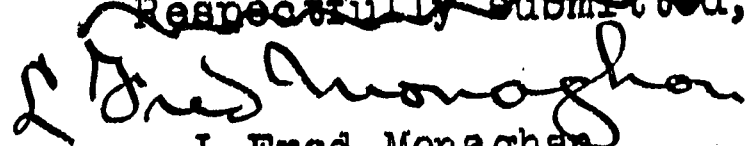
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~~Memorandum~~

In compliance with various enactments of the Province of Nova Scotia in that behalf and more particularly in accordance with Sections of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1919 this memorandum in the Minutes of the City Council is to certify that the City Clerk did at noon on this the 2nd. day of June 1919 in the City Council Chamber, City Hall publicly declare that John S. Parker, Merchant, the candidate having the greatest number of votes for the office of Mayor at the election held on the 28th day of May, 1919 is Mayor for the ensuing year, and that such declaration was made in the presence of a large majority of the Candidates nominated both for the office of Mayor and Aldermen to whom written notices to attend had been forwarded and also in the presence of a number of other Citizens.

And I do also hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor the said John S. Parker was on the 2nd. day of June 1919 sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at Government House by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office of Mayor in the presence of Alderman John E. Godwin Aldermen Elect George E. Ritchie, Ernest F. Hubley, Henry S. Colwell, Robert D. Guildford, Andrew J. Finlay, and John Murphy and Messrs Gordon B. Isnor and Allen J. Tobin and F.H. Bell, K.C. City Solicitor and L. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk.

And that upon the said 2nd day of June 1919 he was sworn as Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

L. Fred Monaghan,

City Clerk in and for the City of
Halifax.

ALDERMEN.

Office of City Clerk, City Hall,
June, 4th, 1919

<u>Candidate Elected.</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Term ends.</u>	<u>Period.</u>
Henry S. Colwell	No. 1	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
Alfred Whitman	"	" " 1921	Two years.
Charles W. Ackhurst	"	" " 1920	One years.
Andrew J. Finlay	No. 2	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
William W. Hoyt	"	" " 1921	Two years.
Frederick W. Bissett	"	" " 1920	One year.
John W. Regan	No. 3	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
Edward J. Kelly	"	" " 1921	Two years.
John B. Douglas	"	" " 1920	One year.
John Murphy	No. 4	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
William P. Buckley	"	" " 1921	Two years.
Samuel Butler	"	" " 1920	One year.
George E. Ritchie	No. 5	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
John J. Power	"	" " 1921	Two years.
Robert D. Guildford	"	" " 1920	One year.
John E. Godwin	No. 6	April 30th, 1922	Three years.
Ernest F. Hubley	"	" " 1921	Two years.
James A. Thompson	"	" " 1920	One year.

In compliance with the various enactments of the Province of Nova Scotia in that behalf and more particularly in accordance with sections of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1919 this memorandum in the Minutes of the City Council is to certify that the City Celrk did at noon on Monday the 2nd. day of June 1919 in themCity Council Chamber, City Hall publicly declare that the above named are the three candidates having the greatest number of votes for Alderman in each Ward and that they are Aldermen for that Ward to hold office for the terms specified in that behalf.

And I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Aldermen they were each and severally sworn before His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the City Clerk by sybscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office of Alderman and of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Aldermen the said John B. douglas on the 4th day of June, 1919 and all the others on the 2nd. day of June 1919.

And I do further record at request of the then Alderman Elect William P. Buckley that immediately prior to the announcement of the returns for election of Aldermen for Ward No. Four, Mr. Buckley protested against any declaration of the election of Samuel Butler as an Alderman for Ward No. Four on the ground of a telegram he said he had received

from the Director of Military Service Branch, Ottawa, and a copy of a letter from said Samuel Butler to Military Tribunal No. 45, Halifax, N.S., which he said he would produce later.

After the return to the City Hall of His Worship the Mayor from Government House from being sworn into office, Alderman Elect Buckley filed with the City Clerk the following telegram and copy of letter -

Ottawa, Ont, May 1919

Wm. P. Buckley,
Halifax, N.S.

Your telegram to Minister of Militia reference Samuel Butler Halifax stop see Mr. E. Hart Nichols Registrar M.S.A.

Producing this telegram and he will give you the information contained in his telegram to me of nineteenth instant.

Director Military Service Branch"

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Halifax, N.S., Nov. 13th, 1917

Military Tribunal #45,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs-

I beg to enclose herewith a certified copy of my Certificate of Naturalization, and as the certificate states, I was born in Mount Lebanon in Syria. Syria is a part of Asiatic Turkey, under the control of the Sultan of Turkey, at present at war with Great Britain and her allies. Under the circumstances I am disfranchised and entitled to exemption of that ground.

This letter can be attached to the letter I have already sent in in connection with my exemption.

Yours truly,
Signed: SAMUEL BUTLER.

Mr. Buckley protested against the administration to Mr. Butler of the oaths of office.

The City Solicitor requests Mr. Butler to refrain for a day or two from demanding to be sworn in and states that he will submit an opinion in writing.

Mr. Butler agrees.

A.W. Jones, Solicitor for Mr. Butler appears and insists upon Mr. Butler's right to be sworn

into office and Alderman Butler is accordingly sworn into office.

The City Solicitor files the following written opinion.-

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S. June 4, 1919

Duty Clerk,
City.

Re Alderman Butler.

Dear Sir:-

Before giving my opinion in reply to the Mayor's request I beg to say, in the first place that I necessarily must give my opinion merely upon the statements made in Mr. Buckley's letter and those contained in Mr. Butler's letter quoted by Alderman Buckley and also that no opinion of mine can be of any practical value, because it is not binding upon Mr. Butler. The question of whether or not he is disqualified can only be settled by a Court, and the Mayor has no power to refuse to swear him in if his election appears regular upon the face of the letters. As, however, I have formed an opinion on the matter I beg to state the same.

The City Charter defines the qualification for alderman, among other things as being a British subject by birth or naturalization. Mr. Butler states that he is a native of Mount Lebanon in Syria; but has become a British subject by naturalization, and therefore unless his qualification is removed by some other legislation, is qualified to be elected as an alderman. The disqualification is claimed to arise out of a declaration made by Mr. Butler under the War Time Election Act, Chapter 39 of the Dominion Acts of 1917. That statute disfranchised for the Dominion Election any native of an enemy country even though he had been naturalized since 1902, and also entitled any person so disfranchised to be exempted from military service. Under these provisions Mr. Butler claimed his exemption. As a matter of fact he was not entitled to it, because the Syrians and Armenians were excepted as exempted out of the exemption clause, but that in my opinion is quite immaterial. The effect of the Dominion Statute was simply in my opinion to take away the right to vote at the Dominion election and had no further disqualifying or disfranchising effect, and consequently does not affect the provision of the City Charter, even supposing that the Dominion Parliament had power to deal with our Municipal rights. I am therefore clearly of opinion that upon the facts brought to my knowledge Mr. Butler is qualified to be elected.

Respectfully submitted,

F.H.Bell,
City Solicitor.

The declarations and proceedings herein recorded took place in the presence of a majority of the Candidates nominated for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen to whom written notices to attend had been forwarded and also in the presence of a number of other Citizens.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

L. Fred Monaghan
L. Fred Monaghan,

City Clerk in and for the City of Halifax.

EVENING SESSION,

8.05 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

June 5th, 1919

The first meeting of the City Council (since August 26th, 1918) newly constituted under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia passed at its session in the Year 1919 entitled "An Act respecting the form of Government of the City of Halifax" was held this evening at the above named hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Whitman Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley and Thompson.

The meeting 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 Certificate of Oaths of Office of Mayor.
City Clerk's Certificate of Oaths of Office of Aldermen.
City Clerk's general return of elections of Mayor and Aldermen.
City Clerk's Special return of election of Mayor.
City Clerk's special returns of the election of individual Aldermen for each Ward.
City Clerk's returns re Plebiscite as to form of Civic Government August 28th, 1918.
City Clerk's return re Plebiscite as to form of Civic Government April 30th, 1919
City Clerk's report re the Constitution of the City Council.
List of City Officials for reappointment.

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High Cost of Living.
Bonds of Officials.
Explosion - Application School Board
for \$16,654.80
Tenders for Concrete Sidewalks.
Water Pipes and Valves.
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.

Other Headlines.

Half Holiday, Monday June 9th.
Halifax Natal Day - Public Holiday.
Hack and Motor Hack Licenses.
Appointment of City Officials.
Appointment of Boards and Committees.
Circus on the Common.
Deputy Mayor.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

CIVIC ELECTION RETURNS.

o Read return of City Clerk of the election for
Mayor of the City of Halifax, as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 2nd, 1919

To the Voters of the City of Halifax,
To the several Candidates nominated
respectively for the offices of Mayor
and Aldermen for the City of Halifax,
To His Worship the Mayor and Members
of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN :-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax
City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof
and the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia re-
lating to the City of Halifax, in respect to the
election of Mayor for the City of Halifax, I have
the honor to submit herewith the original nom-
ination papers of Arthur C. Hawkins, and John S.
Parker for the office of Mayor for the City of
Halifax together with the Poll Books containing the
returns of the Presiding Officers at the several
Polling Places in the City of Halifax for the
election of Mayor held on the 28th day of May,
1919.

The returns of the presiding Officers in
the several Polling Places show as follows -

June 5th, 1919

Ward:	Arthur C. Hawkins	John S. Parker	Majority	Majority
:	: Total by	: Total by	: for	: for
:	: Wards	: Wards.	: Parker	: Hawkins.
1 A	94	169		
B	110	194		
	204		159	
2 A	194	280		
B	213	239		
	407		112	
3 A	116	110		
B	101	135		
	217		28	
4 A	145	194		
B	157	179		
	302		71	
5 A	227	175		
B	207	149		
	434			110
6 A	170	279		
B	187	240		
	357			
	1921	2343	532	110

Majority for John S. Parker - 422

Having added together the number of votes given for the Candidates for Mayor from the statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers I do now declare that John S. Parker the Candidate having the greatest number of votes for the office of Mayor, is Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

Read return of the city Clerk of the Election of three Aldermen for Ward No. One as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 2nd, 1919

To-
The Voters of the city of Halifax,
To-The Several Candidates nominated for the
office of Mayor and Aldermen for the
City of Halifax,
To-His Worship the Mayor and Members of
the City Council-

GENTLEMEN:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the

June 5th, 1919

Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the City of Halifax in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit herewith the original nomination papers of -

Charles W. Ackhurst,
Merchant.
Henry S. Colwell,
Merchant.

William Munnis,
Merchant.
Alfred Whitman,
Barrister.

respectively for the office of Alderman, Ward No. One, together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on the 28th day of May, 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward show as follows :-

Ward 1	: Ackhurst	: Colwell	: Munnis	: Whitman
1 A	: 177	: 181	: 138	: 169
B	: 188	: 224	: 185	: 199
	365	405	323	368

Having added together the number of votes cast for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said Ward, from statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that -

Henry S. Colwell, Alfred Whitman and Charles W. Ackhurst are Alderman for said Ward to hold office as follows -

The said Henry S. Colwell, having received the highest number of votes, to hold office for three years.

The said Alfred Whitman the next highest, for two years; and the said Charles W. Ackhurst for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

Read return of the City Clerk of the election of three Aldermen for Ward No. Two as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 2nd, 1919

To-The Voters of the City of Halifax,
To-The Several Candidates nominated for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax,
To-His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

June 5th, 1919

GENTLEMEN:—

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the City of Halifax in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit herewith the original nomination papers of —

Frederick W. Bissett Manager	Andrew J. Finlay, Gentleman.
George C. Handley Merchant.	William W. Hoyt, Electrician.
Josiah C. Stredder, Insurance Broker.	

respectively for the office of Alderman, Ward No. Two together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on the 28th day of May, 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward show as follows —

Ward 2:	Bissett :	Finlay :	Handley :	Hoyt :	Stredder
2 A :	250 :	298 :	158 :	254 :	234
B :	250 :	301 :	161 :	247 :	252
	500	599	319	501	486

Having added together the number of votes cast for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said Ward, from statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that —

Andrew J. Finlay, William W. Hoyt and Frederick W. Bissett are Aldermen for said Ward to hold office as follows —

The said Andrew J. Finlay, having received the highest number of votes, to hold office for three years.

The said William Hoyt the next highest, for two years ; and the said Frederick W. Bissett for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

June 5th, 1919

Read return of the City Clerk of the election
of three Aldermen for Ward No. Three as follows -

Office of City Clerk,
June 2nd, 1919

To-The Voters of the City of Halifax,
To-The Several Candidates nominated
for the office of Mayor and
Aldermen for the City of Halifax,
To-His Worship the Mayor and Members of
the City Council.

GENTLEMEN:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax
City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and
Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to
the City of Halifax in respect to the election
of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the
honor to submit herewith the original nomination
papers of -

John B. Douglas,
Merchant.

Edward J. Kelly,
Merchant.

Robert O. Harris,
Merchant.

John W. Regan,
Broker.

respectively for the office of Alderman Ward No. Three
together with the Poll Books containing the returns
of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places
in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on
the 28th day of May, 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the
Polling Places in said Ward show as follows :-

Ward 3:	Douglas	:	Harris	:	Kelly	:	Regan
3 A	: 161	:	86	:	169	:	176
B	: 172	:	88	:	169	:	189
	<u>333</u>		<u>174</u>		<u>338</u>		<u>365</u>

Having added together the number of votes cast
for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said
Ward, from statements in the Poll Books returned by
the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that -

John W. Regan, Edward J. Kelly, John B.
Douglas are Alderman for said Ward to hold office
as follows -

The said John W. Regan, having received the
highest number of votes, to hold office for three
years.

The said Edward J. Kelly the next highest, for
two years; and the said John B. Douglas for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

June 5th, 1919

Read return of the City Clerk of the election of three Aldermen for Ward No. Four as follows -

Office of City Clerk,
June 2nd, 1919

To-The Voters of the City of Halifax,
To- The several Candidates for the office of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax,
To-His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN :-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the City of Halifax in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit herewith the original nomination papers of -

William P. Buckley,
Coal Merchant.
Charles R. Hancock,
Commission Merchant.

Samuel Butler,
Real Estate Agent.
John Murphy,
Manager.

respectively for the office of Aldermen Ward No. Four, together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on the 28th day of May, 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward show as follows -

Ward 4 :	Buckley	:	Butler	:	Hancock	:	Murphy
4 A :	229	:	199	:	83	:	263
B :	227	:	182	:	98	:	242
	456		381		181		505

Having added together the number of votes cast for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said Ward, from statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that -

John Murphy, William Buckley, Samuel Butler are, Alderman for said Ward to hold office as follows -

The said John Murphy, having received the highest number of votes, to hold office for three years.

The said William P. Buckley, the next highest for two years; and the said Samuel Butler for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

June 5th, 1919

Alderman Buckley protested the right of Alderman Butler to sit or vote in the City Council and requested that the Minutes of Proceedings at the City Clerk's Court held in the City Hall on the 2nd day of June 1919 for the purpose of declaring the result of the Elections and the documents filed with him on that day be read. The same are now severally read-(See introductory pages of these Minutes)

Robert O. Harris one of the Candidates for the office of Alderman for Ward four requested the privilege of addressing the meeting .

Moved by Alderman Guildford seconded by Alderman Bissett that Mr. Harris be permitted to address the meeting for a period not exceeding ten minutes. Motion put and passed 11 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows -

For the motion.

Aldermen Finlay
Bissett
Regan
Murphy
Buckley
Ritchie
Power
Guildford
Godwin
Hubley
Thompson -11

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell
Whitman
Hoyt
Kelly
Douglas
Ackhurst
Butler -7

Mr. Harris addresses the Council protesting against Alderman Butler being permitted to sit or vote in the City Council for the reasons indicated in the correspondence read to the meeting.

June 15th, 1919

The City Clerk's returns are filed.

Read return of the City Clerk of the election of three Aldermen for Ward No. Five as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 2nd, 1919

- To- The voters of the City of Halifax,
- To- The several Candidates nominated for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax.
- To- His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the City of Halifax in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit therewith the original nomination papers of -

Robert D. Guildford,
Merchant.

John J. Mulroney,
Merchant.

Ira G. Mason
Carpenter and Joiner
John J. Power
King's Counsel

George E. Ritchie,
Manufacturer's Agent.

respectively for the office of Alderman Ward No. Five together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on the 28th day of May 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward show as follows -

Ward 5:	Guildford:	Mason :	Mulroney :	Power :	Ritchie
5 A	: 222	: 140	: 144	: 242	: 262
B	: 173	: 116	: 129	: 209	: 220
	395	256	273	451	482

Having added together the number of votes cast for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said Ward, from statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that-

George E. Ritchie, John J. Power, Robert D. Guildford are Aldermen for said Ward to hold office as follows -

June 5th, 1919

The said George E. Ritchie, having received the highest number of votes, to hold office for three years.

The said John J. Power, the next highest, for two years ; and the said Robert D. Guildford for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

Read return of the City Clerk of the election of three Aldermen for Ward No. Six as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 2nd, 1919

To- The voters of the City of Halifax,
To- The several Candidates nominated for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax,
To- His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

GENTLEMEN:—

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof and Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the City of Halifax in respect to the election of Aldermen for the City of Halifax, I have the honor to submit herewith the original nomination papers of -

John E. Godwin,
Merchant.

Ernest F. Hublely,
Merchant

James Rudge,
Machinist.

James A. Thompson,
Engineer.

respectively for the office of Alderman Ward No. Six together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward for the election of Aldermen held on the 28th day of May, 1919.

The returns of the Presiding Officers at the Polling Places in said Ward show as follows -

Ward 6 :	Godwin	Hubley	Rudge	Thompson
6 A :	323	282	211	247
B :	326	279	225	197
	649	561	436	444

Having added together the number of votes cast for the several Candidates for Aldermen for the said Ward, from statements in the Poll Books re-

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turned by the Presiding Officers, I do now declare that -

John. E. Godwin, Ernest F. Hublely, James A. Thompson are Alderman for said Ward to hold office as follows -

The said John E. Godwin , having received the highest number of votes, to hold office for three years.

The said Ernest F. Hublely the next highest, for two years ; and the said James A. Thompson for one year.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

Read City Clerk's general returns of elections for Mayor and Aldermen as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

To-The Voters of the City of Halifax,
To-The several Candidates nominated respectively for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen for the city of Halifax,

To-His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the various statutes of the province of Nova Scotia in respect to the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax I have the honor to submit for the purpose of public record, the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 28th day of May, 1919.

I have made separate returns in respect to the election for Mayor and for the Election of Alderman for each Ward of the City, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers for all the Candidates.

I deem it my duty to report that in compliance with the provisions of Section 50, of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1919 and other statutes in that behalf, that at noon on the Monday following the last Wednesday in May of the present year, to wit: on Monday, the second day of June, 1919 having added together the number of votes given for the Candidates for Mayor and those given for the respective Candi-

June 5th, 1919

dates for Aldermen from the statements in the Poll Books returned by the Presiding Officers, and having prior thereto given due written notice thereof requesting them to attend to the several Candidates nominated respectively for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax and for the office of Aldermen for each of the Wards of the City, I did there and then in the City Council Chamber, City Hall publicly declare that John S. Parker, the Candidate having the greatest number of votes is Mayor for the ensuing year and that the three Candidates having the greatest number of votes for Alderman in each Ward are Aldermen for that Ward to hold office for the term specified by statute in that behalf ; the said public declaration being in accordance with the schedule of votes as given below -

Election for Mayor.

Ward	Polling Place	for Arthur C. Hawkins	: Total by	For John S. Parker	: Total by
			: Wards		: Wards
1	A to K	94	:	169	:
	L to Z	110	:	194	:
			: 204		: 363
2	A to K	194	:	280	:
	L to Z	213	:	239	:
			: 407		: 519
3	A to K	116	:	110	:
	L to Z	101	:	135	:
			: 217		: 245
4	A to K	145	:	194	:
	L to Z	157	:	179	:
			: 302		: 373
5	A to K	227	:	175	:
	L to Z	207	:	149	:
			: 434		: 324
6	A to K	170	:	279	:
	L to Z	187	:	240	:
			: 357		: 519
Totals			: <u>1921</u>		: <u>2343</u>
					2343
					<u>1921</u>
					422

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Election for Aldermen

Ward		Polling Place		Totals.
		A to K	L to Z	
1	Charles W. Ackhurst	177	188	365
	Henry S. Colwell	181	224	405
	William S. Munnis	138	185	323
	Alfred Whitman	169	199	368
2	Frederick W. Bissett	250	250	500
	Andrew J. Finlay	298	301	599
	George G. Handley	158	161	319
	William W. Hoyt	254	247	501
	Josiah C. Stredder	234	252	486
3	John B. Douglas	161	172	333
	Robert O. Harris	86	88	174
	Edward J. Kelly	169	169	338
	John W. Regan	176	189	365
4	William P. Buckley	229	227	456
	Samuel Butler	199	182	381
	Charles R. Hancock	83	98	181
	John Murphy	263	242	505
5	Robert D. Guildford	222	173	395
	Ira G. Mason	140	116	256
	John J. Mulroney	144	129	273
	John J. Power	242	209	451
	George E. Ritchie	262	220	482
6	John E. Godwin	323	326	649
	Ernest F. Hubley	282	279	561
	James Rudge	211	225	436
	James A. Thompson	247	197	444

Concisely stated the declaration in each case was of the election of the various candidates for the terms ending as set opposite their names below -

MAYOR

Candidate Elected.

Term Ends.

John S. Parker

April 30th, 1920 (one year)

ALDERMEN

Candidate Elected.

Term Ends.

Ward No. 1

Henry S. Colwell

April 30th, 1922 (Three years)

Alfred Whitman

" 1921 (Two years)

Charles W. Ackhurst

" 1920 (One year)

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Ward No. 2	Andrew J. Finlay William W. Hoyt Frederick W. Bissett	April 30th, 1922 (Three years) " 1921 (Two years) " 1920 (One year)
Ward No. 3	John W. Regan Edward J. Kelly John B. Douglas	" 1922 (Three years) " 1921 (Two years) " 1920 (One year)
Ward No. 4	John Murphy William P. Buckley Samuel, Butler	" 1922 (Three years) " 1921 (Two years) " 1920 (One year)
Ward No. 5	George E. Ritchie John J. Power Robert D. Guildford	" 1922 (Three years) " 1921 (Two years) " 1920 (One year)
Ward No. 6	John E. Godwin Ernest F. Hublely James A. Thompson	" 1922 (Three years) " 1921 (Two years) " 1920 (One year)

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

PLEBISCITE RE FORM OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT-
AUGUST 28th, 1918

Read report of City Clerk re the Plebiscite
as to form of Civic Government held August 28th,
1918 as follows -

City Hall, August 28th, 1918

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to report that agreeably
to the provisions of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1918
a Poll of the electors of the City of Halifax was
taken this day to ascertain their wishes as to -

- (a) retaining a Board of Control, or
- (b) returning to a Council of eighteen
Aldermen as formerly, or
- (c) Government of the City by a Commission
appointed by the Governor-in-Council

The Presiding Officers duly appointed have
made returns to me of the result of the polling
as follows -

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	: Question No. One: : Retaining Board: : of Control.	: Question No. Two: : Return to a : Council of : Eighteen Alder : men	: Question No. Three: : Commission appoin: : ted by Gov-in-Coun: : cil.	: Total num- : ber of : Ballots : Cast.			
	: For	: Against	: For	: Against	: For	: Against	:
Ward 1	: 7	: 51	: 143	: 9	: 32	: 33	: 192
2	: 12	: 68	: 147	: 12	: 39	: 59	: 257
3	: 7	: 47	: 90	: 5	: 21	: 26	: 120
4	: 4	: 46	: 79	: 5	: 10	: 33	: 100
5	: 11	: 48	: 92	: 19	: 38	: 36	: 127
6	: 14	: 38	: 103	: 7	: 6	: 32	: 135
Totals:	55	: 298	: 654	: 57	: 116	: 219	: 931

The total number of qualified voters was 7422. The returns show that the total number of ballots cast was 931.

The Act provided that no action should be taken upon the poll unless one third of the voters qualified voted and as one third of the voters did not vote, I have notified the Honorable, the Provincial Secretary accordingly.

L. Fred Monaghan,
~~Secretary Board of Control.~~
City Clerk.

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PLEBISCITE AS TO FORM OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT
APRIL 30th, 1919

Read report of ^{30th} City Clerk re Plebiscite as
to Form of Divic Government held April 30th, 1919
as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. 30th April, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to report that under an Act passed at the present session of the Legislature and assented to by His Honor the Governor

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of Nova Scotia April 11th, 1919 entitled "An Act Respecting the Form of Government of the City of Halifax " a poll of the electors of the City of Halifax held before duly appointed Presiding Officers was taken this day to ascertain their wishes as to retaining a Board of Control or returning to a Council of eighteen Aldermen.

The form of Ballot Paper submitted to the voters was as follows -

BALLOT PAPER.

Plebiscite, Halifax, N.S., April 30th, 1919

	: Yes	: No
Are you in favor of doing away with the Board of Control and returning to a Council of eighteen Aldermen ?	::	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:

If in favor mark a cross "X" in the column "YES". If against in the column "NO" as shown by the returns in the Poll Books submitted to me by the Presiding Officers was as follows -

	Yes.	No.	Spoiled	Total
Ward No. one	<u>360</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>1</u>	388
Ward No. Two	456	50	7	513
Ward No. Three	274	43	.	317
Ward No. Four	186	36	3	225
Ward No. Five	270	54	.	324
Ward No. Six	214	40	7	261
Totals -	<u>1760</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>18</u>	2028

The Act speaks for itself as to the alternative effects of the voting on the basis of a fifteen per cent vote.

The figures given above show that 2010 ballots cast were counted by the Presiding Officers as properly marked votes; to which add 18 spoiled ballots making the total vote cast 2028.

As returned to me by the City Collector the total number of voters was	8058
To-which number City Collector's certificates added	<u>11</u>
Totals	8069

2028 votes polled out of 8069 voters gives a percentage of 25.16

Over fifteen per cent of the persons qualified to vote having voted and the majority of those voting having expressed themselves as in favor of a return to a Council of eighteen Aldermen it is my duty under the Act to direct the

The result of the Poll 27/20

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holding of elections for a Mayor of the City and three Aldermen for each Ward of the City as provided by the City Charter of 1907 upon the last wednesday in May of the present year.

The Act provides that the present Mayor and Controllers shall hold office until the election of a Mayor and Aldermen.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

CONSTITUTION OF CITY COUNCIL.

Read report City Clerk re various changes in the system of Civic administration as follows -

Office of the City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

When the City was first incorporated and until April 12th, 1849 the Corporation consisted of a Mayor, six Aldermen and twelve common Councillors, the Mayor being elected by the Aldermen and Common Councillors from among the Aldermen. In 1849, the office of Common Councillor was abolished. From 1850 to 1853 the Mayors were elected by the citizens from the members of the City Council, or from gentlemen who had previously served as Aldermen or Common Councillors. In 1854 the Act in relation to the election of Mayor was further amended by providing that the people should not be restricted to persons who had served in the City Council in their choice for Mayor. From 1841 to 1882 the general civic elections were held in October of each year. From April 1883 to April 1912 the general elections for a Mayor and six Aldermen were held annually in April, The Board of Control system which came into effect in 1913 made no changes in the election or term of office of the Mayor.

The Act of Incorporation of the City of Halifax passed the House of Assembly April 10th 1841. On May 12th, 1841, an election was held in each of the wards of the City for three Common Councillors for each ward. The first meeting of the City Council was held in the County Court House May 13th, 1841. The Council from 1841 to 1849 consisted of six Aldermen and twelve

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Common Councillors. The first Common Councillors were elected by the citizens. Subsequently the Common Councillors were elected, by the ratepayers. The Common Councillors from among themselves chose the Aldermen; and the Aldermen and Common Councilmen from out of the Aldermen elected the Mayors. Each year six senior Common Councilmen and three senior Aldermen retired, the order of seniority being fixed by the council.

On April 12th, 1849, Common Councillors were sworn into office as Aldermen, agreeably to the Act passed in April of that year, the office of Common Councillor having been by said Act abolished.

From 1849 to April 30th, 1913 the City Council consisted of a Mayor and three Aldermen from each of the six Wards.

Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1912, the Board of Control Act, brought into force April 2nd, 1913 by proclamation of the Governor in Council, retired all the then members of the City Council from April 30th, 1913 and provided for the election biennially of four Controllers by the whole electorate of the City and of twelve Aldermen, two from each of the Wards, by the electors of each Ward.

The last meeting of the City Council held under the dual Board of Control and Aldermanic system was held on August 26th, 1918. Between that date and September 3rd, 1918 ten of the Aldermen resigned leaving the City Council without a sufficient number of members to form a quorum to do business.

From August 26th, 1918, until June 2nd, 1919 the Board of Control carried on the business of the Corporation and various clauses of Chapter 79 of the Nova Scotia Laws of 1919, gave legal effect to their action during the interim.

Under Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1918 a Poll of the Electors was taken on August 28th, 1918 to ascertain their wishes as to :

- (a) retaining a Board of Control, or
- (b) returning to a Council of eighteen Aldermen as formerly, or
- (c) Government of the City by a Commission appointed by the Governor in Council.

The Act provided that no action should be taken upon the Poll unless one third of the voters voted, and the total vote polled fell below that aggregate.

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In compliance with an Act passed by the Provincial Legislature during the session of 1919 another plebiscite was taken, the question put to the electorate being :

BALLOT PAPER

PLEBISCITE, HALIFAX, N.S., April 30th, 1919

:YES : NO

Are you in favor of doing : :
away with the Board of Control and : :
returning to a Council of eighteen : :
Aldermen ? : :

If in favor mark a cross "X" in the Column
"YES"
If against in the column "NO".

The result was a vote of 1760 for the abolition of the Board of control system and 250 in favor of retaining it .

In conformity with the last mentioned Act, and as the result of elections held on the 28th day of May, 1919, the City Council now returns to a body consisting of a Mayor, ~~and three Aldermen~~ ^{elected by the whole City} each of the six Wards, elected by the voters of each of the respective Wards, the Mayor and one Alderman from each Ward to retire each year, but eligible for re election.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Filed.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read telegram from Clerk of Committee of House of Commons, Ottawa re high cost of living as follows -

Ottawa, Ont. June 4-5-19

His Worship the Mayor of
Halifax, N.S.

Resolution adopted by Parliamentary Committee
Mr. G.B. Nicholson M.P. Chairman re inquiry into
prices charged for foodstuffs clothing, fuel
said Committee would appreciate your co-operation

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in conjunction with presidents of Great War Veterans Association Trades and Labour Council, Two representatives of womens organizations and such other bodies as you may determine if you could furnish this committee with reliable data re any abnormal spread of prices between producers charges and purchase price paid by consumers respecting boots and shoes ordinary articles of clothing meats and meat products of packing companies fresh and cured flour and cereals coal milk and bread if so please send signed statements as soon as possible.

V. Cloutier,
Clerk of Committee House of Commons
Ottawa.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Whitman that the same be referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges. Motion passed.

HALF HOLIDAY, MONDAY JUNE 9th.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he had been requested by the Citizen's Committee on Returned Soldiers to proclaim a public half holiday for the afternoon of June 9th instant in celebration of the return home of the 85th. Nova Scotia Battalion.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hoyt that Monday afternoon next be proclaimed a public half holiday. Motion passed.

HALIFAX NATAL DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Power that His Worship the Mayor be requested to proclaim Monday, June 23rd a public holiday in celebration of Halifax Natal Day, instead of June 21st, the latter day this year falling on a Saturday

as Power ✓

Recorder ✓
Clerk ✓
Alderman ✓

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the holiday in celebration of Natal Day be observed on its proper date namely June 21st.

Amendment put and lost 5 voting for the same and 13 against it, as follows -

For the Amendment

Aldermen Whitman
Ackhurst
Bissett
Kelly
Guildford -5

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell
Finlay
Hoyt
Regan
Douglas
Murphy
Buckley
Butler
Ritchie
Power
Godwin
Hubley
Thompson -13

The original motion is put and passed.

HACK AND MOTOR HACK LICENSES.

Read report Assistant City Clerk covering applications for licenses for hacks, motor hacks and motor trucks, as follows -

Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for your information and action the attached lists of applications for Hacks, Motor Hacks and Motor Truck Licenses, viz:-

Hacks	21
Motor Hacks	168
Motor Trucks	6
Motor Busses	3

The Council has power by Ordinance to grant 70 horse-drawn Hack Licenses and 80 Motor Propelled Hack Licenses.

Recorder ✓
mail ✓
Echo ✓

Committee on
Cabs. ✓

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With reference to Motor Trucks it will be necessary to pass an Ordinance fixing the amount of fees to be charged for this class of vehicle.

H.S.Rhind,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee of Cabs.

TENDERS FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Read reports City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer, ^{re tenders for concrete sidewalks} the list of sidewalks upon which tenders were invited being below - L7m
cc

Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

In accordance with the resolution of the Board of Control tenders were invited for the construction of the sidewalks where most urgently needed, principally where paving is to be done.. The lowest tender is that of Victor Bianco, and I would recommend that the contract for the work be awarded to him, so that he may proceed with at once.

An additional list can be prepared by the Works Committee from the thirty sidewalks that are on the Order paer, and further tenders advertised for, but it is important that this contract should be decided today if possible.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

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

Sir -

I beg to report on the tenders received and opened by his Worship the Mayor for the construction of concrete sidewalks curbs and gutters, as follows -

	<u>Sodding</u>	<u>Sidewalk</u>	<u>Curb & Gutter</u>	<u>Overhaul</u>
Victor Bianco	\$1.15	\$3.33	1.30	1.00
W.E.Landry	27	4.92	2.57	1.00
Stockley Construction	Col.80	3.85	1.42	no price
N.S.Construction Co.	no price.	3.63	2.00	60
V.Tomarelli	" "	various rates	no price	no price

These tenders are all accompanied by the certified cheques in accordance with the advertisement calling for tenders.

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Tenders were asked for fifteen sidewalks. The Stockley Construction Company tender for six, and Nova Scotia Construction Company ten and V. Tomarelli nine. W.E. Landry and Victor Bianco tender for all the work. The latter's prices are contingent on his getting the whole of it.

A comparison of the tenders shows that the tender of Victor Bianco is the lowest, and it is recommended that the contract be awarded to him.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Cunard St.	N.	Side	Agricola to Robie
South Park	W.	"	Spr. Garden to Sackville
Preston	"	"	At West End Baptist Ch.)
Quinpool Rd.)	S	"	" " " " ")
Robie	W.	"	North Street.northerly.
Gerrish	both	"	Brunswick to Gottingen.
Prince	S	"	Argyle to Brunswick
"	N.	"	" to Market
Buckingham	N.	"	" to Brunswick
"	S.	"	Barrington to Market.
Jacob	"	"	Argyle to Brunswick
Hollis	E	"	Morris to Fawson
"	W	"	Morris to South
South	N	"	Hollis to Barrington
Cornwallis	"	"	Creighton to Park
N. Park	#	"	Cogswell to Armouries.

Engineer

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPE AND VALVES.

Read reports City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer re tenders for Water pipe and Valves as follows -

Halifax, N. S. June 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to submit herewith, analysis of tenders received for cast iron water pipe and valves made by Mr Johnston, and beg to recommend the acceptance of T. McAvity & Sons tender for valves and the Canada Iron Foundries Company's tender for water pipe.

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We require these supplies at once so that we may complete the preliminary work necessary before paving, with as little delay as possible. In both cases the price named in the tender is a very substantial reduction on the last quotation.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I have asked for tenders for cast iron pipe and valves required, from Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow Canada Iron Foundries Limited, Drummond McCall & Co Ltd., Watson Jack & Co, Ltd., T. McAvity & Sons Limited, James Robertson Limited, Jenkins Valve Company and R.D. Wood & Company, and have received the following prices -

<u>VALVES</u>	<u>T. McAvity & Sons</u>	<u>Drummond McCall & Co</u>
6 -inch	\$22.00	\$40.00
9 -inch	56.00	66.50
12-inch	90.00	126.50
15-inch	175.00	197.50

McAvity & Son's quotation is for valves with spindles and nuts made for the City of Halifax specification, and they agree to deliver the 6-inch and 12-inch valves within a week or ten days and the other sizes within three to four weeks. Their price is f.o.b St. John with freight allowed to Halifax.

Drummond McCall & Company tender for Blakeborough valves with nuts and spindles to our specification, and promise shipment promptly after receipt of order. Their prices are ex-ship at wharves Halifax

Jenkins Bros. write that they are unable to supply 9" and 15" valves and can only supply 6" and 12" of their type "K" and cannot quote on their valves applied with our nuts and spindles. We shall require about one hundred 6-inch, sixty 9-inch twenty-five 12-inch and one 15-inch valve.

<u>CAST IRON PIPE</u>	<u>Watson Jack & Co.</u>	<u>R.D. Wood & Co.</u>	<u>Canada Iron Foundries.</u>
Plain pipe	\$80 per ton	\$69.50 per ton	\$67.50 for 6" & 12" 59.50 for 9" & 15"

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specials

8.18 per 100 lbs.	7.92 " 100 lbs.	7.30 per 100 lbs.
f.o.b cars Halifax	lbs.	f.o.b cars Halifax-
duty paid-shipment in		6" and 12"
two weeks.		immediate
		shipment 9"
		& 15" within
		4 weeks.

R.D.Wood & Company's prices are f.o.b cars Philadelphia, with freight allowed to Halifax, their price including duty and war tax. They quote on 6", 8", 10" and 12" and 16" pipe, but not on 9" and 15". They can ship any of these sizes from stock. They also state that if immediate shipment was not required it might be possible for them to get freight on a returning schooner, in which case there would be a saving of about \$4.00 per ton.

We require for immediate use about 40 tons of 15-inch pipe, 160 tons of 12-inch, 85 tons of 9-inch, 40 tons of 6-inch, or a total of about 325 tons of plain pipe and about 25 tons of specials.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Engineer

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion passed.

BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS.

Read report His Worship the Mayor and City Auditor re Bonds of City Officials as follows -

Halifax, N.S. June 5th, 1919

To the City Council;
Gentlemen:-

We beg to hand you herewith receipt for guarantee renewal bonds of City Officials for the year 1919-20, as follows -

London Guarantee & Accident Co.	J.J. Hopewell, City Treasurer.	\$8,000.00
do	Robert Theakston City Collector.	10,000.00
United States Fidelity & Co Guarantee Company	A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works	2,000.00
do	J.W. Churchill Chief of Fire Dept.,	1,500.00

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United States Fidelity & Guar-
antee Company.

	L. Fred Monaghan City Clerk	1,000.00
do	Chas. W. Nickerson, City Marshal.	1,000.00
do	Henry S. Rhind Asst. City Clerk	1,000.00
do	Frank Hanrahan Chief of Police	2,000.00
do	J. H. Buchanan Sup't City Home	1,000.00

Also receipt from the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company for four sub-Collectors at \$1,000.00 each, as required by the Acts of 1911.

J. S. Parker, MAYOR
W. W. Foster, CITY AUDITOR.

Filed.

EXPLOSION REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Read application Board of School Commissioners for the sum of \$16,654.80 for the payment of accounts for explosion repairs to school buildings as follows -

Halifax, N.S. June 5, 1919

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk.
Dear Sir -

ZI am directed by the Chairman of the Committee on School Sites and Buildings to apply to the City for the amount of \$16,654.80 on Explosion Accounts, as follows -

Messrs. W. T. Harris & Son	\$14,499.71
Messrs. Falconer & McDonald	1,821.09
Mr. W. J. Busch	334.00
	<u>\$16,654.80</u>

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the application be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read reports from, His Worship the Mayor and

*Alderman
W. Whitman*

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from the City Auditor re Victoria General Hospital
accounts as follows -

Halifax, N.S., June 2nd, 1919

To

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control some time ago referred the accounts of the Victoria General Hospital for the maintenance of patients of this City to me for report. Previous to this I had declined to pay the Victoria General Hospital bills, and endeavored to meet some member of the Government, to discuss these accounts. I did meet the Hon. Minister of Public Works, Mr. Armstrong, but he refused to discuss the accounts, or any matter pertaining to the Hospital, except from an academic standpoint.

Subsequently, during the session of the Legislature, I gave Mr. McInnes, M.P.P. member for this constituency, and facts and data, that in my opinion justified me in with-holding the payment of the Government's claim. He acknowledged that I was perfectly justified in my action, and stated that he would use his good offices in an endeavor to have the matter adjusted on a basis more equitable to the City. Although the House has prorogued some time, I have never received any communication from Mr. McInnes as to what he did, or have I seen any mention of the matter in the public press.

The reasons for which I refused to pay the Victoria General Hospital bills for the maintenance of City patients, are, viz -

The City never received any compensation from the Province for the present Hospital and grounds which, in the year 1886, were valued at \$83,000.00. Of this amount \$38,000.00 was in City debentures, for which the City is still paying interest.

The City in addition, never received its equitable proportion of the insurance money collected after the Poor House was burned, in 1885. Or for the sale of Bridewell, on which the Province realized \$20,066.00.

Section 3, Chap. 48 of the Acts of 1888 reads as follows:

"In the event of any legislation hereafter, by which the different municipalities of the Province and the City of Halifax may be compellable to pay for the maintenance of sick persons in the Victoria General Hospital, the annual proceeds of the bequest of the late William Murdoch, referred to in the preamble to this Act, shall be credited to the City of Halifax."

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In conclusion I wish to point out that Halifax is in a different position from any other municipality in the Province. It has a large interest in the Hospital for which it never received any compensation, and while its sick were being looked after without charge by the Province, the same as other municipalities, where could, perhaps, be little reason to complain. Halifax is also on a different basis from other municipalities, for the Government was receiving annually all these years the interest on the Murdoch bequest, that is, the City was paying directly, an amount equal to \$1,200.00 from this source, for the maintenance of its sick, while no other municipality was paying anything, directly.

My position is that if the Corporation of Halifax has been properly compensated for its interest, money invested and land, that the Province took without consideration, and if this amount were capitalized, the interest, with the interest on the Murdoch Bequest, which we are clearly entitled to, would more than pay for the maintenance of our sick in the Victoria General Hospital for all time.

A.D. Hawkins,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Halifax, N.S. May 14th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

As directed by your Board, under date of April 29th, I have taken up the disputed Victoria General Hospital accounts with the Superintendent and Commissioners and report -

The amount of \$747.50 balance standing to 31st, December, 1917, the Commission agrees to leave this to an independent committee consisting of Mr. W.E. Messervey, who has been looking after this matter for the City, and Mr. F.W. Smith, King's Printer.

In case they cannot agree, they are at liberty to appoint a third person: failing that, the Commissioners ask that Mr. Justice Chisholm make an appointment.

The accounts from January 31st, 1918 to April 30th, 1919, show as per bills rendered-\$16,107.00
Against this item has been paid voluntarily
by patients at the hospital \$251.30
Disclaimed accounts, as report-)
ed in full, because of resi-)
dence less than on year 1953.60
Interest on Murdoch bequest... 394.76 2,599.66
\$ 13,507.34

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On the matter of interest I may say that no interest is charged on overdue accounts by the Province, and the proportion of interest allowed by the Province on the Murdoch bequest, which for the term of one year is \$811.76 the Commissioner allows the City on the same proportion as the charge per day to the City of \$1.00 is to the average daily cost, which for nine months of the time is \$2.57 and for seven months of the time 3.00

As the City has now on hand \$7,394.00, this amount could be paid at once, thus leaving \$6,113.34 to be provided by Legislation, which Legislation is already introduced.

As the matter will stand after settlement, the City of Halifax will have paid over on this service \$14,713.34 and no effort has been made by the City to return this amount to the taxpayers, further than the amount of \$251.30, voluntarily paid to the Hospital by patients : and an examination of the accounts shows me that the greater portion of this was collectable, providing the matter had been taken up systematically at the time.

I would suggest that the City Home, being in close touch with this Institution, are the proper ones to take charge of this matter.

W.W.Foster,
CITY AUDITOR.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS.

The Council proceeds to the appointment of City Officials as follows :-

Assistant City Clerk	H.S.Rhind	Appointed.
Assistant City Engineer	H.W.Johnston	"
Clerk of Works	A.E.Messervey	"
Assistant Clerk of Works	Minnie Hunter	"
Supt. Streets and Sewers	Jas. Downie	"
Supt. Water Department	D.J.McLean	"
Water Department Clerk, Collector's Office	James A.Laidlaw	"
Clerk Collector's Office	Margaret Hopewell	"
Deputy Assessor	C.R.Rosborough	"
Assessor's Clerk	Chester G. Corbett	"
Clerk Assessor's Office	Hattie Doyle	"
City Electrician	P.R.Colpitt	"
Acting City Medical Officer	Dr. W.B.Almon	"

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman

Alderman Whitlock

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North Board

Hoyt that the appointment of a City Medical Officer be referred to the City Health Board for report.

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Weights of Coal (Supervisor)	Simon Cummings	Appointed.
	John J. Selig	"
	D. J. Sullivan	"
	A. H. Cullymore	"
	Robt. P. Burns	"
	J. P. O'Connor	"
	D. J. Sampson	"
	Patrick Leahy	"
	Chris. Davison	"
	D. McDonald	"
	H. C. Morris	"
	R. L. Power	"
Supt. Public Gardens		
Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery	Jacob Conrad	"
	George Grant	"
Governor of City Prison	Mrs. Martha Grant	"
Matron City Prison	Ira J. Ingraham	"
Underkeepers City Prison	George S. Grant	"
	W. J. Hanebury	"
	John McDonald	"
	Samuel F. Taylor	"
	James E. Lynch	"
Janitor City Hall	Mrs. James Lynch	"
Matron Police Station	John H. Buchanan	"
Superintendent City Home	Mrs. Mary McDonald	"
Matron City Home	James O'Bryan	"
Secretary City Home	W. A. MacKenzie	"
Surveyor's of Lumber	Edward Gibson	"
	Carl Fox	"
Fence Viewer	Wm. T. Horton	"
Inspectors of Painters' Work	Frank Reardon	"
	Jas. Harrison	"
Inspectors of Masons' Work	Jas. A. Marshall	"
	Jas Taylor	"
Pound Keepers-At City Stables		
Bell Road	City Stableman	"
Pound Keepers-Incinerator	Engineer of Incinerator	"
Weigher of Bundle Hay and Loose Hay	L. E. Goodwin	"
Librarian Citizen's Free Library	Lizzie Barnaby	"
Asst. " " "	Mary Durney	"
" " "	Lillian Dunn	"
Gauger of Malasses	Maurice Kavanagh	"

clerk of works

Alderman Hoyt asked when the appointment of a store keeper at the City Works yard, Bell Road would be dealt with.

Referred to the Committee on Works.

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Alderman Hoyt asked the intention of the Council in relation to the appointment of a clerk of the City Market.

Clerk of Works.

Referred to the Committee on Works.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Finlay that E.S. Tracey be appointed Inspector under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

His Worship the Mayor nominates members of various Boards and Committees as follows:-

POLICE COMMITTEE - His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kelly and Ackhurst.

CABS COMMITTEE - His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Douglas and Power.

WORKS-Committee on City Works - His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Douglas and Finlay

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Butler Power, Thompson, Guildford.

PRISON COMMITTEE-Aldermen Colwell, Hoyt, Regan, Murphy, Ritchie and Hubley.

LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE-Aldermen Ackhurst, Bissett, Butler, Power, Douglas Thompson.

TENDERS COMMITTEE-Aldermen Bissett, Butler, Ritchie Douglas, Godwin and Ackhurst.

LIBRARY COMMISSION-Aldermen Kelly, Bissett, Power Hubley, Butler, Ackhurst, Judge Wallace, G.W.T. Irving

CHARITIES COMMITTEE-Aldermen Colwell, Ritchie, Hubley Murphy, Regan and Hoyt.

FIREWARDS COMMITTEE-Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Kelly Murphy, Ritchie and Godwin.

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- GARDENS -Commissioners of Halifax Common-
His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Colwell
Finlay, Regan, Power, Hubley, Gordon B.
Isnor, George A. MacKenzie.
- PARK -Directors of Point Pleasant Park-Chap. 12,
1873, City Charter -His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen Buckley, Guildford, Kelly,
Godwin, Colwell and Whitman.
- CEMETERY-Commissioners of Camp Hill Cemetery.
Alderman Bissett, Buckley, Whitman
Thompson, C.H. Mitchell, O.E. Smith,
F. A. Marr
- FIRE ESCAPES -Sec. 18, Chap. 60 Acts, 1918.
Alderman Hoyt, City Engineer, Chief Fire
Department.
- HEALTH- City Health Board -Aldermen Finlay, Guildford
Thompson, Dr. M. A. MacAulay.
- ARBITRATION-Board of Arbitration between the City
County and Dartmouth, Sec. 67, Chap. 73
R.S. 1900. His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen
Whitman, Hoyt, Regan and Buckley.
- TOWN PLANNING BOARD Sub Sec (3) Sec. 3 Chap. 3
Acts. 1915
His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kelly,
Butler, George A. MacKenzie and R.M. Hattie
- RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEES His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen Ackhurst, Guildford and Power.
- ANNUAL REPORT, PRINTING OF- Aldermen Regan, Buckley
and Hubley.
- BUILDING LAWS REVISING COMMITTEE-Aldermen Whitman
Power and Godwin.
- COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE - Aldermen Colwell, Regan and
Thompson.
- COURT HOUSE, Commissioners of the Court House at
Halifax. Chap. 53 Acts 1905.
His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hoyt
Colwell, Godwin.
- HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE-Aldermen Buckley, Hoyt
Godwin.
- JURIES LISTS REVISERS -Chap. 162 R.S. 1900
Aldermen Finlay, Butler, Ritchie and Hubley.
- SHIPBUILDING COMMISSION-His Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen Regan, Colwell and Ritchie.

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES-Sub Sec. (2)
Sec. 27, Chap. 74, Acts 1914.
Aldermen Finlay, Guildford, Thompson,
Dr. M.A. McAulay, J.F. Fraser, M.E. Keefe
Mrs. A.I. Mader, Mrs. Wm. Schon.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations made by His Worship the Mayor be typewritten and furnished each member and that the Council adjourn until Friday evening 6th. inst to consider the same.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Kelly that the nominations made by His Worship the Mayor be confirmed by this Council.

Alderman Regan with the consent of Council and of the seconded of his motion withdraws his motion.

In amendment to Alderman Bissett's motion it is moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the nominations be taken up separately Committee by Committee .

Amendment put and passed 12 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

<u>For the Amendment.</u>	<u>Against it.</u>
Aldermen Colwell	Aldermen Ackhurst
Whitman	Finlay
Hoyt	Bissett
Regan	Kelly
Douglas	Power
Murphy	Thompson -6
Buckley	
Butler	
Ritchie	
Guildford	
Godwin	
Hubley -12	

The Council proceeds to the appointment of Committees.

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Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations made by His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

Cabs Committee - Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Committee as nominated be approved. Motion passed.

Works Committee - Moved by Alderman Guildford seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the Committee as nominated be approved. Motion passed.

Finance Committee - Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the Committee as nominated be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Colwell that Alderman Douglas be substituted for Alderman Guildford as a member of this Committee. Amendment put and passed.

Prison Committee - Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Colwell that Alderman Buckley be substituted for Alderman Regan as a member of the Prison Committee. Motion passed and the Committee appointed as amended.

Laws and Privileges Committee - Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Committee be approved as nominated. Motion passed.

Tenders Committee - Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Douglas that Alderman Guildford be substituted for Alderman Douglas as a member of the Tenders Committee and that the Committee as amended be approved. Motion passed.

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Library Commission.- Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Kelly that the Committee as nominated be approved. Motion passed.

Charities Committee- Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Guildford that the Committee as nominated be approved. Motion passed.

Firewards Committee - On motion of Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Godwin the nominations are approved.

Gardens-Commissioners of Halifax Common -

Moved by Alderman Murphy that J. F. O'Connell be appointed a Commissioner of Halifax Commons.

Moved by Alderman Regan that Joseph F. Smith be appointed a member of this Commission.

Moved by Alderman Power that William Healy be appointed a member of the Commission.

Mr. Healy declines to serve.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the nominations of His Worship be concurred in by the Council. Motion passed.

Point Pleasant Park-Directors of-Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations be approved.

Cemetery Commission- On motion of Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Whitman the nominations are approved.

Board of Fire Escapes- Approved as nominated.

City Health Board- Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

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Town Planning Board - Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

Relief Advisory Committee - The following are severally nominated as members of this Committee in addition to those named by His Worship the Mayor viz -Alderman Finlay, Godwin, Murphy, Buckley, and Thompson, other nominations being withdrawn with consent of Council. It is moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Committee consist of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Finlay, Godwin, Power and Guildford . Motion passed.

Annual Report -Printing of- Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that Alderman Kelly's name be substituted for that of Alderman Buckley on this Committee. Motion passed and the Committee approved as amended.

Building Laws Revising Committee- Approved as nominated.

Commercial Committee - At suggestion of Alderman Whitman this Committee is deleted from the list.

Court House Commission- Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Douglas that Alderman Power be substituted for Alderman Hoyt as a member of the Commission. Motion passed.

Harbor Championship Committee- Approved as amended.

Juries Lists-Revisers - Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ritchie that Alderman Whitman's name be substituted for that of Alderman Ritchie.

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Motion passed and the Committee approved as amended.
Shipbuilding Commission- At suggestion of Alderman Whitman the Council decided not to reappoint this Committee.

Tuberculosis Hospital Board of Trustees- Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

CIRCUS ON THE COMMON.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the John Robinsons Shows Company be permitted the use of the Common for two days June 26th and 27th at a ground rent of \$250.00 per day.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Kelly that the Circus Company be not permitted the use of the Commons for show purposes this year. Ruled out of order.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Hoyt that permission be given the John Robinsons Shows Company to occupy the Commons for show purposes on June 26th and 27th at a ground rental of \$1000.00 for the two days.

Amendment put and passed, Controller Murphy dissenting.

DEPUTY MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Alderman Kelly is nominated by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Guildford.

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Alderman Regan is nominated by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power.

Alderman Murphy is nominated by Alderman Hubley.

The vote being taken there appeared for Alderman Kelly 9 and for Alderman Regan 7, as follows -

For Alderman Kelly

For Alderman Regan.

Aldermen Colwell
Ackhurst
Finlay
Hoyt
Bissett
Douglas
Butler
Ritchie
Guildford -9

Aldermen Whitman
Murphy
Buckely
Power
Godwin
Hubley
Thompson -7

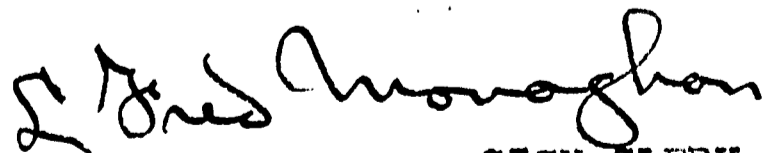
Aldermen Regan and Kelly are excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Kelly elected Deputy Mayor for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Colwell that the council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

MAYOR.


CITY CLERK.