

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 19th, 1919

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour ; present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, ~~Adams~~ Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :-

Reports (4) Finance Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman viz:  
Purity of Water Supply Account Dr. Kenneth G. Mahabir.  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Account.  
Oiling of Streets Loan \$3000.00  
Temporary Loan \$500,000.00 from Royal Bank  
City Home Monthly report by Alderman Colwell Chairman.  
City Home Tenders for supplies by Alderman Colwell Chairman.  
City Prison, Tenders for meats and groceries by Alderman Ritchie, Chairman  
Fire Department Accounts by Alderman Hoyt, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :-

Report City Engineer covering Financial Statement Street Lighting, letters Tramway Co. and reports City Electrician.  
Hydro Electric Power letter Halifax Power Company covering resolution.  
Police Department accounts.  
Shipping registration letter Halifax Shipyard Ltd.  
Governments compensating City for taxation - Special Committee.

Reports (3) Committee on Works Viz:-

Water Pipe Sackville Street, final payment.  
Connecting Down Spouts Final payment.  
Plumbing in dwelling houses, final payment.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment :-

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The following accounts have been examined found correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

|                         |                    |           |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Frank W Fraser          | Forage             | 19.72     |
| T.J. Whalen & Co.       | Clothing           | 50.00     |
| Nat. Drug & Chem Co.    | Drugs              | .90       |
| City Taxi Service       | Taxi hire          | 4.00      |
| Robinsons Limited       | Gasoline           | 2.25      |
| Cragg Bros.             | Hardware           | 8.51      |
| Robert Taylor Co. Ltd.  | Boots              | 15.75     |
| Blackadar Bros.         | Advertising        | 6.30      |
| Leighton Bros.          | Repairing Car      | 3.00      |
| Nova Motor Co. Ltd.     | do                 | 23.10     |
| H.D. McPatrick          | Horseshoeing       | 2.50      |
| Geo. J. Poley           | Meals              | 2.70      |
| Chittick & Sons         | Ice                | 8.00      |
| Neil Fox                | Repairs to Harness | 2.00      |
| W. & A. Moir            | turning Valves     | 4.38      |
| T.C. Allen & Co.        | Stationery         | 26.10     |
| London Rubber Stamp co. | Badges             | 10.80     |
| W.T. Francis Furn. Co.  | Furniture          | 18.83     |
|                         |                    | \$ 208.84 |

J.S. Parker,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts for payment.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Firewards beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts :-

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|                                   |                    |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Halifax Vulcanizing Works         | Vulcanizing        | 75.25      |
| T.A.S. DeWlofe & Son              | Salt               | 3.00       |
| J.W. Churchill                    | Express charges    | 1.90       |
| Chas. Brister                     | Car supplies       | 1.20       |
| Gordon & Keith                    | Bedding            | 156.00     |
| Howard McFatrige                  | Vet. Services      | 290.00     |
| David Roche                       | Glass and putty    | 8.09       |
| J.L. Wilson & Son.                | Groceries          | 18.00      |
| National Drug & Chem Co.          | Drugs              | 83.80      |
| S.C. Thompson                     | Purchase of horses | 565.00     |
| American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. | Car supplies       | 125.51     |
| John McInnes & Son Ltd.           | Lumber             | 2.50       |
| Brookfield Bros. Ltd.             | Building supplies  | 127.63     |
| Wm. Corkum                        | Carpenter Works    | 249.48     |
| Martin & Moore                    | Glazing etc.       | 60.61      |
| Hillis & Sons                     | Pipe, elbows.      | 2.20       |
| A.J. McNutt                       | Carriage repairs   | 1.00       |
| E. Pullan                         | cotton waste       | 47.30      |
| O.C. Marriott                     | Horseshoeing       | 11.25      |
| Frank Fraser                      | Forage             | 217.48     |
| Ungar's Laundry                   | Laundry            | 15.71      |
|                                   |                    | <hr/>      |
|                                   |                    | \$ 2062.91 |

W.W. Hoyt,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending payment of account for plumbing in dwelling house #12 Fern Lane.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Nov. 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 3rd of November on motion payment to J.T. Hagan & Company of \$193.00 for plumbing done at #12 Fern Lane under Health Rules was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Oct, 29, 1919

His worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to J.T.Hagen & Company of the sum of one hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$193.00) for plumbing work constructed at #12 Fern Lane, in accordance with the contract.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the same be adopted, and the account paid.  
Motion passed.

CONNECTING DOWN SPOUTS -GEORGE SURPRENANT ACCOUNT

Read report Committee on Works recommending payment to George Surprenant of account for connecting downspouts.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
November 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 15th of October on motion final payment to George Surprenant of balance due him for connecting downspouts, amounting to \$101.75 was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A.F.Meservey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

WATER PIPE SACKVILLE STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment Robert Daw et al on contract for trenching for water pipe, Sackville Street.

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Office of Clerk of Works,  
Nov. 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Work Department held on the 22nd of October on motion final certificate to Robt. Daw and H. S. Kaizer for work in connection with water trench was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A. F. Hesservey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Oct. 22, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
Sir:-

Certificate #3 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to Robt. Daw and H. S. Kaizer of the sum of Two thousand three hundred thirty dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2330.85) being the balance in full on their contract for water pipe on Sackville Street from Market Street to the Wanderers Gate.

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Estimated value of work done | \$5,370.85         |
| Paid on certificates 1 and 2 | 3,040.00           |
| Balance recommended in full  | <u>\$ 2,330.85</u> |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

PURITY OF WATER SUPPLY Dr. KENNETH G. MAHABIR.

Read report Finance Committee and opinion City solicitor on account of Dr. Kenneth G. Mahabir \$100.00 for services in connection with a sanitary survey of the City watershed.

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To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached account of Dr. Kenneth G. Mahabir

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referred to this committee for report was read together with the opinion of the City Solicitor on the subject. Your Committee recommend that the account be not paid in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
Oct 8, 1919

Chairman of the Finance Committee,  
Dear Sir:-

The question upon which you have asked my opinion as I understand it, is whether or not the Board of Health had the power to employ an expert for the purpose of analyzing the City water supply and charging the cost of so doing against the City.

The financial authority of the board of Health is now governed by the section substituted by Section 21, Chapter 60, 1918 for Section 870 of the City Charter. Under that Section, although the Health Board is a separate corporation, the amount at its disposal is required to be estimated in advance in the same way as other City appropriations. I would assume that the item in question was not included in the estimates passed by the Council. The Board must therefore support the expenditure under sub-section 2 of the section, which provides, that, "If the amount appropriated is insufficient for the requirements of the Board for any year, or if any extraordinary expenditure is required by reason of the outbreak or threatened outbreak of any epidemic disease in the City, the City Council is required to grant the additional amount called for."

There is no suggestion that the expenditure was called for by any epidemic or threatened epidemic in any way connected with the water supply, and the claim must therefore be supported, if at all, as a "requirement of the Board". Obviously some limitation must be placed upon a general expression of this character, and "the requirement of the Board" must be confined to the duties specified in the Charter.

The care of the water supply is in no way the duty of the Board of Health; but is expressly placed by the Charter under the Board of Works. The only reference to it in connection with the Health Board is the power to make reports or recommendations in respect to it under clause (c) of Section 859. Undoubtedly the purity of the water supply is a matter of which the Health Board might properly take cognizance; but it appears to me that their duties would not extend further than to make a report or

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Recommendations and to ask the Council in advance for authority to make an expenditure such as that now in question, and I do not think that they were justified in incurring this expenditure without reference to the Council, consequently I do not think the charge is one which the City can be compelled to defray.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that Dr. Mahabir's account be paid.

His Worship the Mayor rules the amendment out of order.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Thompson that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further report.

Alderman Colwell with the consent of the seconder and of Council withdraws the amendment.

Alderman Douglas submits the following amendment:-

"While not recognizing the authority of the Board of Health to order an investigation of this nature yet in view of the fact that the report of Dr. Mahabir is of value to the City and is altogether reasonable the Council hereby orders this account paid."

The amendment is moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Kelly and passed 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the amendment:- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Guildford, Godwin, Hubbley, Thompson-12

*Auditor -  
City Health Board*

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Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Power -5

CITY PRISON TENDERS FOR MEATS AND GROCERIES.

Read report City Prison Committee re tenders for meat and groceries.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
October 30th, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison met this day at 4 o'clock; present Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Colwell, Hoyt and Murphy.

Tenders for Groceries.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers only one tender was received for groceries, from Wentzell's Ltd. at prices as per schedule.

It is recommended that the tender which is for three months supplies commencing November 1st, be accepted.

Tenders for Meats.

Tenders for forequarters of beef were received as follows -

|                    |   |               |                    |              |
|--------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Wentzell's Ltd.    | 3 | months supply | 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ | per lb.      |
| W.A. Maling & Co.  | " | " "           | 16.90              | -per 100 lbs |
| do                 | 6 | " "           | 18.35              | " "          |
| Robt. McLeod & Son | 3 | " "           | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ | per lb.      |
| do                 | 6 | " "           | 15¢                | " "          |
| J.A. Leaman & Co.  | 3 | " "           | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ | " "          |

It is recommended that the tender of J.A. Leaman & Company for three months supply being the lowest be accepted.

George Ritchie,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report City Home re tenders for various supplies.

Halifax, N.S. October 27. 1919

His worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this

*For City Prison*



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day and beg to submit the following report. Members present; the Chairman, Aldermen Hubley, Hoyt and Ritchie.

The meeting was called to open tenders for supplies to the City Home for a period of six months from November 1st, 1919 and the following tenders are recommended for acceptance.

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| Flour      | Wentzell Ltd.          |
| Mess Pork  | Davis & Fraser         |
| Fresh Fish | Leonard Fisheries Ltd. |
| Butter     | Smith & Proctor        |
| Milk       | H. D. Grant            |
| Meats      | J. A. Leaman & Co.     |
| Groceries  | Wentzells Ltd.         |
| Dry Goods  | T. J. Whelan & Co.     |

Tenders were also received for the purchase of the Offal of the institution for a period of three years, from November 1st, 1919 from Heber Hartlin and C. E. Clark. The tender of Heber Hartlin being the highest is recommended for acceptance.

H. S. Colwell,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

SHIPPING REGISTRATION - LETTER HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED.

Read letter Halifax Shipyards Limited requesting the City to request the Dominion Government to order that ships constructed in Canada shall be registered at the ports at which they are built.

Halifax, N.S., November 14, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
City of Halifax  
Dear Sir:-

I am informed that certain ships built for the Canadian Government, and now being operated by the Canadian Mercantile Marine, are not registered in the ports at which they are built.

You are aware that we have contracts with the Canadian Government to build four ships, and I deem it advisable to suggest that you, and the City Council, secure the assurance of the Minister of the Department of Marine that these four ships will be registered in the Port of Halifax.

*Jos. E. Bryan*

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It is unnecessary for me to enlarge on the advertising that this will give this port and City, or to mention the manifest unfairness of ships built here being registered at another port in Canada.

For your information I give you below the Deadweight Tonnage and the names chosen by the Government for these ships:

"Canadian Mariner" - 8,100 - tons.  
"Canadian Explorer" - 8,100 - tons.  
"Canadian Cruiser" - 10,500 - tons.  
"Canadian Construction" - 10,500 - tons.

Halifax Shipyards Limited,  
J.E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Kelly that application be made to the Minister of Marine for the carrying out of the suggestion in the letter of the Halifax Shipyards Limited and with a further suggestion that the name of the City of Halifax be indicated on ships built in this port. Motion passed.

GOVERNMENTS COMPENSATING CITY FOR TAX EX-  
EMPTIONS.- SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor nominating a special committee to formulate a scheme for presentation to the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial Governments for grants to compensate for Government properties exempt from City's taxation.

Mayor's Office,  
November 14th, 1919

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to nominate the following named citizens as a Committee to formulate a scheme for presentation to the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial Governments for grants to compensate for properties belonging to such Governments that are exempt from City Taxation, viz:-

Letter Minister  
to Marine  
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John McKee, Col W.E. Thompson, R.V. Harris, Alderman Kelly, F.H. Bell, City Solicitor, and E.A. Saunders.

J.S. Parker,  
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Murphy that the gentlemen nominated by His Worship the Mayor be added to the City Council's special Committee appointed June 24th, 1919 "Governments Contributing Towards City Taxes" and that the Committee as thus enlarged be approved. Motion passed.

*Should be added to all members of Committee*

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER RIGHT OF WAY.

Read report Finance Committee recommending payment of Solicitor's account for \$36.00 for taking money out of Court in connection with North West Trunk Arm/Sewer Right of Way.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, Nov. 19th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached accounts costs taking money out of Court in expropriation proceedings North West Arm Trunk Sewer were passed for payment viz:-

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Est. B.F. Pearson | \$18.00  |
| G. Fred Pearson   | 18.00    |
|                   | <hr/>    |
|                   | \$ 36.00 |

A. Whitman,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home for the month of October.

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Halifax, N.S., Nov. 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day and  
beg to submit the following report.

Members present : Aldermen Ritchie,  
Murphy and Regan.

In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman  
Murphy was called to the Chair.

The Superintendent's report shows that  
during the month of October 1919, there were 35 per-  
sons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, and 26 dis-  
charged. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable  
to the province and 27 to the City. The total number  
of inmates October 31st, was 269 made up of 140  
men, 123 women and 6 children. On the same date last  
year there were 144 men, 119 women, and 6 children  
a total of 269.

The following accounts are recommended for  
payment.

|   |                         |                   |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Wentzells Ltd.                                  | Groceries               | 1149.86           |
| J.A. Leaman & Co.                               | Meats                   | 774.86            |
| Leonard Fisheries Ltd.                          | Fish                    | 73.15             |
| Kennedy's Limited                               | Dry-goods               | 130.58            |
| Smith & Proctor                                 | Butter                  | 302.12            |
| Nova Scotia Tram & Power Co.                    | Light                   | 50.74             |
| H.D. McKenzie                                   | Coal                    | 261.40            |
| H.D. Grant                                      | Milk                    | 206.43            |
| Frank W. Fraser                                 | Feed                    | 163.40            |
| The Fleischmann Co.                             | Yeast                   | 4.55              |
| T.C. Allen & Co.                                | Stationery              | 1.50              |
| Blackadar Bros.                                 | Advertising             | 6.30              |
| Chronicle Pub. Co.                              | Advertising             | 6.30              |
| Halifax Herald                                  | Advertising             | 7.35              |
| H. McFatridge                                   | Horseshoeing            | 9.75              |
| W.N. Brown                                      | Repairs Waggon          | 24.65             |
| Baldwin & Co.                                   | Crockeryware            | 14.85             |
| Wm. McFatridge                                  | Rope                    | 27.50             |
| Hillis & Sons                                   | Kitchen ware            | 4.20              |
| National Drug & Chem. Co.                       | Powders                 | 2.00              |
| Jas. Simmonds Ltd.                              | Hardware                | 25.00             |
| Nickerson & Crease                              | Potatoes etc            | 162.95            |
| Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.                             | Phone service           | 6.70              |
| W.H. Nagar, M.D.                                | Certificate<br>Insanity | 5.00              |
| W.D. Forrest, M.D.                              | do                      | 16.00             |
| J.H. Buchanan                                   | Cash expended           | 14.50             |
| Salaries  |                         | 1247.98           |
| Nova Scotia Hospital                            | Maintenance             | 2236.70           |
|   | Total                   | <u>\$ 6930.33</u> |
| Also chargeable to Improvement account, 1918-19 |                         |                   |
| Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow                         | Locks                   | 716.50            |
|   |                         | <u>\$7646.80</u>  |

H. S. Colwell, Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

TEMPORARY LOAN FROM ROYAL BANK \$500,000.00

Read report Finance Committee covering report City Treasurer and letter from the Royal Bank of Canada re temporary loan of \$500,000.00 from the Royal Bank for various purposes.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
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To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letters of the City Treasurer and Manager of the Royal Bank with reference to a temporary loan from the Bank of \$500,000.00 to meet City Bonds maturing January 1st, 1920 and other obligations were read. Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Royal Bank be accepted and that the attached resolution prepared by the City Treasurer be adopted.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

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Office of City Treasurer,  
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Ald. Whitman, Chairman  
and Members Finance Committee.  
Gentlemen :-

I herewith hand for your information the original letter from the Royal Bank with in re an advance not exceeding \$500,000.00 to cover city bonds maturing Jan. 1st, 1920 for \$522,490, Sewerage Loan \$50,000 and Water extensions \$25,000 in all \$597,490. In addition to this amount there will be approximately \$150,000 due for interest on the same date. There is to the credit of the City in the Royal Bank on this date \$313,000; on the loan last made \$150,000 is due (and I have notified the Royal Securities Corporation that this will be required on or before Jan. 1st, 1920) so it will be apparent that there should be no difficulty in meeting the obligations of the city provided that the expenditure to Jan. 1st, 1920 is within due bounds. I may also state that taxes and water rates

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will be coming in to meet portions of interest and other expenses. In conversation with Manager Mitchell it is understood that interest is only charged upon cash advanced and that while the date of payment is made April 1st, 1920 still it will be extended provided it becomes necessary.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

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The Royal Bank of Canada,  
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J. J. Hopewell, Esq.,  
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to advise you that your application for a loan up to \$500,000 has been granted. It is understood, of course, that you will lodge with us the \$550,000 debentures, and also the usual resolutions. Rate of interest will be  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  and we understand that the loan will be required probably only until April 1, 1920.

R. L. Mitchell,  
pro Manager.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Power that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :-

WHEREAS<sup>by</sup> the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1905 as Chapter 51 and in 1909 as Chapter 84, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow money and issue debentures or stock for the purpose of paying off outstanding debentures and stock of the said City as the same mature; AND WHEREAS debentures and stock of the said City, amounting to Five Hundred and twenty-two thousand (\$522,000.00) Dollars, mature on the first day of January 1920 and it is necessary to issue debentures or stock of the City of Halifax for the purpose of paying off the said debentures which will mature as aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS the funds for the construction of Public Sewers and Water Extension are exhausted and urgent need exists that the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars for Sewer Construction and Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars for Water

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Extension be borrowed under the authority of Acts of 1919, Chapter 82, in order that the work done by these services shall not be stopped;

AND WHEREAS it is not advisable at this period to float a loan and by the Acts of 1916, (Chapter 36, Section 35) Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1905 is amended by adding there-to the following section :-

"Whenever under the authority of this Act or of any enactment the City is authorized to borrow money and to secure the same by the issue of stock or debentures therefor, the City may, instead of selling such stock or debentures, pledge or hypothecate the same as security for a temporary loan of money to the City."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City do borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada, under the authority conveyed by the Acts of 1916, Chapter 36, Section 35 and the Acts of 1919, Chapter 82, a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars and issue to the said Bank as security for the said loan, a stock certificate of the City of Halifax for 5500 shares of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars each. The said certificate to be under the seal of the City and under the hands of the Mayor, City Treasurer and City Clerk; to be repayable within one year from the date thereof, with interest thereon at the rate of 5½ percent payable half-yearly on the first day of July and January, and to form part of the Consolidated Fund of the City of Halifax.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City all such documents and to do and perform all such matters and things as shall be reasonably required by the Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the said loan and the hypothecation of the said stock or debentures.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Power and passed.

CILING OF STREETS LOAN \$3000.00

Read report Finance Committee covering letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary and report from the City Auditor re loan of \$3000.00 for the ciling of streets.

Office of City Treasurer,  
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His Worship Mayor Parker,  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The attached resolution in re borrowing \$3000.00 for ciling streets was approved by Finance Committee at a meeting held this evening.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

*City Treasurer  
Royal Bank  
Auditor*

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Halifax, N.S., 17th November 1919

The City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 14th instant to the Provincial Secretary requesting the good offices of the Government for the passage of Legislation sanctioning the borrowing of a sum of money, not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) to defray the cost of oiling streets during the civic year 1919-1920, and am to say that the Government will use its good offices to that end.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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Office of City Auditor,  
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Alderman Whitman,  
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

In re Streets and Internal Health Accounts, the order of the Governor-in-Council, authorizes \$3,000.00 for the oiling of streets. How is it proposed to finance this amount, by borrowing from Bank, or out of current account? If the latter, then I must be safeguarded in the payment of same, by a resolution of Council as the Street Account is almost exhausted.

W.W. Foster,  
City Auditor.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Douglas that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :-

Resolved that the letter from the Provincial Government guaranteeing its good offices towards legalizing a loan for \$3000.00 for the purpose of oiling streets be accepted.

Further Resolved that a sum not exceeding Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars be borrowed from the current account balance to the credit of the City in the Royal Bank for this purpose and that the City Auditor and Treasurer are hereby safeguarded in the application of this amount to the credit of the street account from which the money was originally expended.

*Auditor  
Treasurer  
Solicitor*



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Moved by Alderman Power Seconded by Alderman Douglas and passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, REPORT CITY ENGINEER.

Read report City Engineer covering financial statement in connection with Works Department accounts.

City Engineer's Office,  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

In consequence of certain statements made by a member of the council at its last meeting I beg to submit herewith the last monthly financial statement made up by the Clerk of works. It was stated that the custom of furnishing this statement had been abandoned. This is not correct. I have been provided with a similar statement each month and by means of the statement have been enabled to determine approximately how each account stood.

In connection with the accounts, a statement was also made that the requisition book for materials had disappeared, was not now in use and could not be found in the office. I desire to contradict this statement most emphatically. The book is in the office of the Clerk of Works every day and has been during the whole season, and an examination of it will show that requisitions for supplies have been made every day. The Clerk of Works uses the book in checking the bills presented.

Referring to the financial statement, there is not a single account really overdrawn, although technically the statement could be twisted into such an interpretation. City Prison Improvement shows a Dr. balance of \$446.56 but there is legislative authority for an expenditure of \$2500. and it is not the fault of the Works Department but of the Finance Department that the Clerk of Works' statement has to show a Dr. balance. For the same reason Catchpit Cleaner shows a Dr. balance of \$14,000; that also is the fault of the Finance Department. Oil, Distributor, \$10,000, the same. Permanent Pavement, \$102,611.23, Sewerage \$136,515.94 and Water Construction \$24,164.28 are in the same category. The appropriation has been authorized by the Legislature and the City Council, but has not been approved by the Finance Department. The work has been carried on in good faith and it is not the fault of the Works Committee that a technical Dr. balance is shown. In reality there is a Cr. balance in

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all these accounts. Loan for Widening Streets shows a Dr. balance of \$169.01, but there is over \$1500. due this account for the sale of a property on Walnut Street, which will be collected before the end of the year and on which the man who has purchased the property is paying interest. While technically there is a Dr. balance in reality there will be a large Cr. balance.

If the Alderman who used the information he got from some person who was not familiar with the facts had enquired from me, he would have received the other side of the story, but no such enquiry was made from me and I did not anticipate any such situation as occurred in the council at its last meeting.

A statement was made particularly that the Sewer and Water Construction appropriation was over-expended. That, too, is not correct or in accordance with the facts. The sewer contracts were let on a lineal foot basis and no sewer work is being done by days work. Every such contract can be chopped off at the end of any foot and consequently there are no obligations ahead in such work, which would embarrass the Department.

Water Construction contracts have been made on the same principle.

It was asserted that I was holding back bills against these two appropriations. There have been bills presented for cast iron pipe and valves which have not been certified because the officials of the Water and Sewer Departments have not yet reported that the material has been received correctly. Even if these bills had been certified for payment, funds are available to cover them. The statement which I believe was shown to the alderman making the assertions, was an account for cast iron pipe. I believe that he and the official who showed him the account or gave him the information, took it for granted that being cast iron pipe it was chargeable to water account. If I had been asked I should have given the information that over one-third of the account was chargeable to the Sewer Department. There is a credit running into the thousands due to Water Construction and Sewer Department for Water Maintenance Account for work done and material supplied during the season, which it was more convenient and cheaper to carry on at the expense of these two accounts, and which can be transferred as soon as my staff can make up the details and totals. With at times sixty separate works going on, I have had no time to put my staff on office work and it can be done only by my staff. Our system is familiar to the officials and should be familiar to the alderman who made the assertions, as it is the same as was in operation during his term of office on the Works Committee.

The City Council has awarded at a former meeting a number of contracts, subject to appropriations available, but the Works Department has not proceeded with

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these contracts until it was absolutely certain that money would be forthcoming to carry them on.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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|                              | <u>Receipts.</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | <u>Dr. Bal.</u> | <u>Cr. Bal.</u> | <u>Authorized/</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Abattoir                     | 12,804.68        | 6,876.96           |                 | 5,927.72        | 20,000.00          |
| Bathing Place                | 5,000.00         |                    |                 | 5,000.00        |                    |
| Public Baths                 | 500.00           | 339.20             |                 | 160.80          |                    |
| City Hall Lighting           | 800.00           | 383.90             |                 | 416.10          |                    |
| Cleaning Paid Streets        | 9,002.69         | 4,979.25           |                 | 4,023.44        |                    |
| City Property                | 4,510.00         | 3,524.73           |                 | 985.27          |                    |
| City Prison Imp.             | 186.92           | 653.48             | 466.56          |                 | 2,500.00           |
| City Prison Fire loss        | 2,124.22         | 2,018.90           |                 | 105.32          |                    |
| Comfort Station              | 8,933.45         |                    |                 | 8,933.45        |                    |
| Charles St. Ext.             | 208.43           |                    |                 | 208.43          |                    |
| Conduits                     | 92.35            |                    |                 | 92.35           |                    |
| Catchpit Cleaner             |                  | 14,000.00          | 14,000.00       |                 | 14,000.00          |
| Dredging Mc Fatridge's Dock  | 231.08           |                    |                 | 231.08          |                    |
| Dep. Private Work            | 1,435.62         | 177.30             |                 | 1,258.32        |                    |
| M.W. Inspection              | 2,397.00         | 895.68             |                 | 1,501.32        |                    |
| Fleming Park                 | 1,300.00         | 1,163.66           |                 | 136.34          |                    |
| Fleming Park Beach           | 1,000.00         | 794.08             |                 | 205.92          |                    |
| Fuel                         | 1,900.00         | 285.00             |                 | 1,615.00        |                    |
| Insurance                    | 700.00           | 700.00             |                 |                 |                    |
| Internal Health              | 37,127.66        | 35,838.87          |                 | 1,288.79        |                    |
| Internal Health (Jan to Apr) | 15,000.00        |                    |                 | 15,000.00       |                    |
| Internal Health (Equipment)  | 2,000.00         | 1,848.00           |                 | 152.00          |                    |
| Oil Distributor              |                  | 10,000.00          | 10,000.00       |                 | 10,000.00          |
| Loan Assessment Improvement  | 3,796.22         | 3,524.25           |                 | 271.97          |                    |

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F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Accounts to November 5th, 1919

|                              | <u>Receipts.</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | <u>Dr. Bal.</u> | <u>Cr. Bal.</u> | <u>Authorized/</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Abatt ar                     | 12,804.68        | 6,876.96           |                 | 5,927.72        | 20,000.00          |
| Bathing Place                | 5,000.00         |                    |                 | 5,000.00        |                    |
| Public Baths                 | 500.00           | 339.20             |                 | 160.80          |                    |
| City Hall Lighting           | 300.00           | 383.90             |                 | 416.10          |                    |
| Cleaning Pav-<br>ed Streets  | 9,002.69         | 4,979.25           |                 | 4,023.44        |                    |
| City Property                | 4,510.00         | 3,524.73           |                 | 985.27          |                    |
| City Prison Imp.             | 186.92           | 653.48             | 466.56          |                 | 2,500.00           |
| City Prison Fire loss        | 2,124.22         | 2,018.90           |                 | 105.32          |                    |
| Comfort Station              | 8,933.45         |                    |                 | 8,933.45        |                    |
| Charles St. Ext.             | 208.43           |                    |                 | 208.43          |                    |
| Conduits                     | 92.35            |                    |                 | 92.35           |                    |
| Catchpit Cleaner             |                  | 14,000.00          | 14,000.00       |                 | 14,000.00          |
| Dredging Ho Patridge's Dock  | 231.08           |                    |                 | 231.08          |                    |
| Dep. Private Work            | 1,435.62         | 177.30             |                 | 1,258.32        |                    |
| W. W. Inspection             | 2,397.00         | 895.68             |                 | 1,501.32        |                    |
| Fleming Park                 | 1,300.00         | 1,163.66           |                 | 136.34          |                    |
| Fleming Park Beach           | 1,000.00         | 794.08             |                 | 205.92          |                    |
| Fuel                         | 1,900.00         | 285.00             |                 | 1,615.00        |                    |
| Insurance                    | 700.00           | 700.00             |                 |                 |                    |
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| Oil Distributor              |                  | 10,000.00          | 10,000.00       |                 | 10,000.00          |
| Loan Assessment Improvement  | 3,796.22         | 3,524.25           |                 | 271.97          |                    |

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|                         | <u>Receipts.</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Dr. Bal.</u> | <u>Cr. Bal.</u> | <u>Authorized</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Loan Wid. Sts           | 5,500.00         |                     |                 |                 |                   |
| Morris St.              |                  | 5,669.01            | 169.01          |                 |                   |
| Ext.                    | 352.80           |                     |                 | 352.80          |                   |
| Market Revenue          | 2,592.25         | 3,986.60            | 1,394.35        |                 |                   |
| Night Soil Plant        | 89.41            |                     |                 | 89.41           |                   |
| Parade Wall             | 1,748.69         |                     |                 | 1,748.69        |                   |
| Per. Pavement           | 44,701.25        | 147,312.58          | 102,611.33      |                 | 400,000.00        |
| Per. Sidewalk           | 32,950.16        | 27,951.56           |                 | 4,988.60        | 15,000.00         |
| Plumbers Licenses       | 45.00            |                     |                 | 45.00           |                   |
| Quinpool Rd. Wid.       | 99.00            |                     |                 | 90.00           |                   |
| Rents C. Property       | 1,109.50         |                     |                 | 1,109.50        |                   |
| Sewer Main              | 1,500.00         | 642.13              |                 | 857.87          |                   |
| Sewerage Streets        | 72,516.83        | 209,032.77          | 136,515.94      |                 | 150,000.00        |
| Streets (Jan. to Apr)   | 10,000.00        | 65,188.47           |                 | 547.35          |                   |
| Street Fund             | 8,000.00         |                     |                 | 10,000.00       |                   |
| Street Lighting.        | 41,500.00        | 17,571.89           |                 | 8,000.00        |                   |
| Telephones              | 1,540.00         | 521.74              |                 | 23,928.11       |                   |
| Teams & Stables         | 13,036.15        | 10,744.89           |                 | 1,018.26        |                   |
| Town Clock Main         | 100.00           |                     |                 | 2,291.26        |                   |
| Water Emergency Fd.     | 6,163.01         |                     |                 | 100.00          |                   |
| Work Under Health Rules | 2,203.74         |                     |                 | 6,163.01        | 10,500. (bonds)   |
| Water Construction      | 59,642.76        | 83,807.04           | 24,164.28       |                 | 2,203.74          |
| Water Maintenance       | 104,570.63       | 76,526.59           |                 | 25,000          |                   |
| Wiremen's License       | 81.00            |                     |                 | 28,044.04       |                   |
| Tuberculosis Hosp.      | 28,046.65        | 8.20                |                 | 81.00           |                   |

*all members of Council*

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Whitman that approval of the report be deferred and that in the meantime copies be furnished to each member of the City Council. Motion passed.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY - HALIFAX POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

Read letter Halifax Power Company Limited covering

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extract from minutes of a meeting of the Directors of the company held on Monday 17th November, 1919 with resolution passed at said meeting.

Halifax Power Company Limited,  
Nov. 17th, 1919

F.H. Bell, City Solicitor.  
Dear Mr. Bell.

I herewith hand you copy of the resolution, under seal of the Company, passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Power Company, held this morning.

W. I. Macdougall,  
Secretary.

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Extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Directors of the Halifax Power Company Limited held on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1919, at 11 o'clock A.M.

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WHEREAS, for various reasons, the Company deems it desirable to obtain a cancellation of its contract with the City of Halifax,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Company do request the said City to agree to a cancellation of the said contract, and upon the consent of the said City being obtained to the cancellation thereof, that the Company agree to such cancellation and that the President and Secretary be and are hereby authorized to execute/ in the name and on behalf of the Company, and under its corporate seal, all documents or instruments cancelling said contract.

John W. Brookfield,  
President.

W. I. Macdougall,  
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Douglas that approval of the communication from the Halifax Power Company Limited be deferred to a future meeting of the council to be held at the call of the Chair. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING.

Read letters (4) Nova Scotia Tramway and Power Company and reports (2) City Electrician re Street

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Lighting.

Halifax, N.S., November 13, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

Mr. Collins, our Lighting Superintendent has forwarded me your letter of November 5th relative to certain street lights which have been out more or less continuously .

Mr. Collins advises that some of the lights mentioned in your letter are now burning but unfortunately it will not be possible to have them all burning until we receive some inner globes. The situation in connection with inner globes is particularly serious at this time because of the recent storm which caused very heavy breakage of the globes in use.

W.L.Weston.  
Manager.

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November 15th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.  
Dear Sir:-

We understand that the Halifax Power Company is asking to be relieved of its contract with the City of Halifax. It is therefore, perhaps in order for Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited to state its position in connection with the street lighting situation in Halifax, which at the present time is very unsatisfactory.

This Company stands ready to start immediate negotiations with the City of Halifax for the installation of a modern street lighting system, in accordance with recommendations of the City's Engineers. We are suggesting that a ten year contract be entered into, containing a clause, that, if before the expiration of such a contract the City of Halifax is able to procure electrical energy for street lighting purposes from a Hydro Electric Power Development, it may purchase the wires, cross arms, lamps, fixtures, transformers and switching apparatus, etc., used solely for street lighting purposes at the price at cost to make the installation less reasonable depreciation. In the event there is a disagreement relative to the matter of depreciation, we are prepared to agree that the matter be left to arbitration either by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities or by a special arbitration board.

We are also suggest that such a contract contain a clause relative to pole rentals in the event the City takes over the street lighting system.

We stand ready to negotiate such a contract

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directly with the City Officials or to put the matter of a suitable rate directly in the hands of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

W.L. Weston,  
Manager.

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Halifax, N.S., November  
19th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
Dear Sir:-

In connection with the street lighting situation in Halifax, you will recall that sometime ago I advised that we should have the present lamps in fair condition by the middle of November. Unfortunately owing to conditions beyond our control we were not able to fulfil this promise. The storm early in November created a serious situation because most of the inner globes on the lamps were broken and we had none in stock with which to replace them. Since the storm a few globes have been received and these have been installed and the lamps so equipped are giving fair service, but, until we receive about 300 more globes the remaining lamps cannot be put in service.

On September 3rd, we placed our first order for inner globes but at that time we had \$66 on hand and believed we were ordering in sufficient time to meet our requirements. This order was placed with the Canadian General Electric Company and other orders were placed with the same Company, October 8th, October 18th and October 30th. On October 31st, we attempted to place an order with the MacBeth, Evans Glass Company of Boston but received a wire advising that the Company was not in a position to cover <sup>any</sup> orders for materials of this kind.

On November 5th we wired Stone & Webster's office in Boston for 6 gross of inner globes to be shipped at once by Express. We were advised by Stone & Webster that the shipment of some of the order had been promised at once by the shippers but so far nothing has arrived. On November 17th we also placed an order with the General Electric Company in Boston for three gross of globes to be shipped by express but they also have not arrived.

Other repair parts for arc lamps which are somewhat less important under present circumstances were ordered from the Canadian General Electric Company on September 25th, and the shipment has been promised by Express on November 24th.

Since we have disappointed you and ourselves in not being able to improve the situation on November 15th because of circumstances beyond our control we do not feel like making a definite promise for the



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future. You can rest assured, however, that as soon as the inner globes arrive they will be installed without delay and when this is done we feel certain the street lighting situation can reasonably be expected to give a fair degree of satisfaction - probably a greater degree of satisfaction than has been the case for some years although as stated before the existing system can never be put in first class condition.

W. L. Weston,  
Manager.

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Halifax, N.S. November 19, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions Mr. Colpitt, City Electrician, and Mr. J.L. Collings, our Lighting Superintendent, have carefully looked over the situation in the north part of the City with the view of determining the best method of securing adequate street illumination in that part of the City without unreasonable delay. It was reported that approximately 23 additional lights should be installed in this section and for this purpose we are prepared to suggest that an incandescent lamp with suitable fixtures be installed. This installation would be modern in every respect, and the lamp which would be of 600 candle power capacity, will give more light than the present arc lamps. A lamp of the kind we believe will give the most satisfaction, was installed in front of the City Hall yesterday afternoon and lighted for the first time last night.

We immediately took up with the Canadian General Electric Company the question of prices and deliveries of the material needed in order that we could make a definite proposition to the City. Unfortunately all the information we have been seeking has not yet been received by the Company and we are therefore not in a position at this writing to advise definitely concerning the cost. The Canadian General Electric Company advises that delivery of material can be made in from six to eight weeks and although this ~~seems~~ seems rather a long time to wait, it will doubtless be necessary to stand such a delay if a really adequate system is to be installed in the district mentioned. If a temporary system of multiple lighting is installed it could be done in very much less time but the lamps will be very small and in our opinion will not prove at all satisfactory.

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We shall advise you definitely concerning the situation just as soon as we receive the necessary data from the Canadian General Electric Company.

W.L. Weston,  
Manager.

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City Electrician's Office,  
Nov. 19th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your instructions, I patrolled a number of the street lights Saturday night making a record of the street lights out. On the following day I covered the same ground, and found that in at least nine cases out of ten the inner globe broken. And it is fair to assume that, in that percentage of cases the lights are out due to that cause.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

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City Electrician's Office  
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F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to enquiries to telegram for inner globes I had a reply this morning stating that sufficient information was not given, notwithstanding that I gave the type, size and make of lamp. In the ~~time~~ <sup>mean</sup> I found a McBeth catalog listing the globe required, and immediately wired back the trade number to the factory, and Montreal, asking for immediate reply.

Up to now 6 o'clock, I have not heard from them but will keep in touch with the Telegraph Office and if anything arrives by 8 o'clock will see that you get it.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

The following resolution is submitted :-

Resolved that a committee composed of His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer be appointed to provide immediate means and ways to remedy at once the deplorable condition of darkness in which this City is now enshrouded at night by providing temporary lights for the City Streets at the City's expense and for this action of said committee in that behalf this Council pledges to the said committee

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Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Mayor ✓

*Credit*

the ~~credit~~ of this City and authorizes it to expend all necessary monies therefor and to do all necessary things to carry this resolution into effect.

Moved by Alderman Pover seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Pover seconded by Alderman Douglas that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

The Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.

H R H PRINCE OF WALES.

City Hall, November 25th, 1919

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales returned to the City of Halifax on H. M.S Renown on Monday morning November 24th, 1919.

On Tuesday morning November 25th His Royal Highness landed at the Dockyard at 10.40 o'clock where he was met by His Honor Lieutenant Governor McC. Grant, Brig. General Thacker and others.

THE TOWN CLOCK

The party drove in Motor Cars to the Town Clock on the eastern slope of Citadel Hill facing the western end of George Street. Upon the stage erected at the approach to the Town Clock there were in attendance His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kaly, Douglas, Whitman, Ackhurst, Colwell, Ritchie, Finlay, Hoyt, <sup>Hubley</sup> City Clerk Monaghan, City Engineer Doane, W.R. Fegan, Assistant Building Inspector, James Downie Superintendent of City Works, the Mayors of St. John, N.B, Moncton N.B, and Truro N.S. and a large number of ladies and other gentlemen and the party accompanying His Royal Highness including His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Brigadier General Thacker.

His Worship the Mayor received His Royal Highness on the stage and requested him to lay the corner stone of the approach to the Town Clock the beautifying of which is about to be developed

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His Worship the Mayor spoke as follows :-

Your Royal Highness :

Upwards of one hundred years ago the early inhabitants of Halifax assembled on this spot to witness the dedication of what may be termed, in the language of today, a civic centre. The tower and clock were erected at the expense and under the direct supervision of your royal progenitor, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, who we are happy in recalling, played a dominating part in the architectural beginnings of Halifax. The site selected, and upon which we now stand, topped a street, which bisecting the then struggling town, was one of its main thoroughfares. Facing this street were some of the more important administrative offices of the colony and in its immediate vicinity many of the principal inhabitants erected their homes. It led directly from the then chief point on the waterfront to the town's chief centre of defence. It witnessed the comings and goings of the students who attended our first university. Within the memory of many of us here today it was selected as the site for the Victoria School of Art and Design, erected to commemorate the jubilee of an illustrious sovereign. Your Royal Highness' great grandmother, Victoria the Great and Good. For these reasons we think it altogether fitting that Your Royal Highness should officiate at the laying of the corner stone of a development by means of which we hope to perpetuate all that this early civic centre has stood for in the history of Halifax and especially the peculiar significance it bears, as evidencing the deep attachment this city has ever shown for the Throne and Empire. At the same time we wish to express our profound satisfaction in the privilege that has been accorded us of witnessing the closing chapter of a royal tour, which following closely upon the unifying influence of a great war has served in so striking a manner to demonstrate the abiding relation existing between throne and people. In bidding Your Royal Highness farewell, on behalf of the City of Halifax, May I also express the heartfelt wish of all our citizens that you may be pleased to visit us soon again.

The stone was then lowered onto its base by Mr. Downie. His Royal Highness levelled and trued it, tapped it with a silver trowel and said "I declare this stone well and truly laid".

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The silver trowel was engraved as follows :-

"Presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales November 25th, 1919 on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new approach built by the City of Halifax to the Town Clock erected by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent A.D. 1803" His Worship

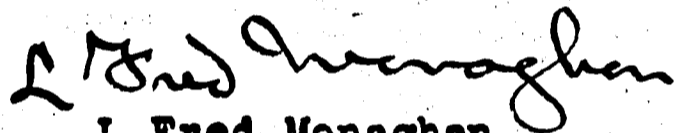
the Mayor presented the trowel to His Royal Highness.

The corner stone, a block of freestone, bears the following inscription :-

"This clock was erected by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent A.D 1803."

This corner stone of the new foundation, built by the City of Halifax was laid by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, November 25th, 1919 "

His Royal Highness and party proceeded by motor car to visit various institutions throughout the City.

  
L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.