

EVENING SESSION,

7.40 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 27th, 1919

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

OLD HOME SUMMER - PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

The Council was summoned to consider a proposition to be laid before the Council by Horatio C. Crowell, in connection with the holding in Halifax of an Old Home Summer.

His Worship the Mayor calls upon Mr. Crowell to address the Council.

The meeting is addressed by Mr. Crowell.

Read letter His Honor Lieutenant Governor MoC. Grant re holding of a Provincial Industrial Conference in Halifax, December third and fourth.

Government House, Halifax, N.S.,
November 25, 1919

His Worship,
Mayor Parker, C i t y.
Your Worship:-

A provincial Conference under the auspices of the Halifax Board of Trade has been called to convene on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th. This Conference will discuss the industrial development of Nova Scotia and consider methods by which that development can be stimulated. A definite plan will be placed before the Conference by which the people of the province will be urged to direct their attention to the resources of the Province; the hundreds of thousands of Nova

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Scotians living abroad will be appealed to come home to assist, and the resources of the Province to be exhibited through the medium of a world's fair to those foreign countries with whom we have opportunities of developing our trade.

This is the first time in the history of the Province that business men representing all elements of our life have been called together to discuss the industrial development of Nova Scotia's resources.

I appeal to you as Mayor of your town to interest yourself in this vitally important matter and assure a strong delegation being present from your community at the forthcoming conference.

MacCallum Grant,
Lieutenant Governor
of Nova Scotia.

Alderman Ritchie submits the following resolution :-

RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax strongly endorse the Old Home Summer project for a year to be set later.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax support the Province of Nova Scotia in this forward movement and offer its assistance and cooperation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this City Council endorse the proposal to hold an International Exposition in Halifax to run concurrently with the Old Home Summer and as a phase of that celebration.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this City Council be represented at the Provincial Conference held at Halifax December 3rd, and 4th, for the consideration of these two projects, and nominate five delegates to attend said Conference in accordance with Lieutenant Governor Grant's appeal.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Colwell and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman

Hoyt that the following named be a committee to represent the City at the Provincial Conference :-

His Worship the Mayor; Aldermen Ritchie, Douglas, Murphy and Power. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Douglas that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 7.55 o'clock.

J. S. Parker,
MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Mayor ✓
Ald Ritchie ✓
" Douglas ✓
" Murphy ✓
" Power ✓

EVENING SESSION,

8 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

NOVEMBER 27th, 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, Aokhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, 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 :-

Report Charities Committee by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Claim Edward C. Poppstone by Alderman Power Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Commutation of Common Lot by Alderman Power, Chairman.

Reports (4) Committee of Firewards by Alderman Hoyt, Chairman, viz:-
Fire Department Accounts.
Fire Department Explosion Accounts.
Fire Alarm System Accounts.
Fire Department Various Matters.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :-

George Street Catch pit overflow Letter Ferry Commission.

Public Schools 4 new building meeting Executive Council. *By M*

Public Schools 4 new buildings Loan \$817,559.50 Order in Council.

Public Schools Playground s extension letter School Board.

Public Schools Playgrounds extension, Order in Council.

Street Lighting correspondence between the Tram Company and the Mayor.

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Hydro Electric Power

Resolution Council Board of Trade.
Resolution Halifax Members Canadian
Manufacturers Association.
Resolution Halifax Power Company
re contract with the City.

War Trophies letter Minister of Militia.

Transcontinental Air Flight Vancouver B.C.

Vault accomodation City Treasurer's Department.

The "Busy East" advertising Halifax.

Legislation affecting the City, Deputy Provincial
Secretary..

Reports (3) Committee on Works, Namely :-

War Deferred pay of returned soldiers.

Islesville Street Sewer and Water.

Carteret Street Sewer.

Other headlines.

City Home Fire Insurance - Potatoes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Fire Wards recommending
accounts for payment.

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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Firewards beg to report
that they have examined the following accounts and
found them correct and recommend them to the City
Council for payment.

Current Account.

City Taxi Service	Taxi service	10.00
H.S. MacKenzie	Coal	15.50
E.B. Eddy Co.	Paper	6.08
Northern Elec. Co.	Elec. Supplies	1.65
Geo. A. Perrier	Plumbing	91.43
Halifax Vulcanizing Works	Vulcanizing	14.75
C. Pope	Chimney sweeping	10.00
T. Hogan	Tubing etc.	63.45
Imperial Oil Limited	Gasoline	240.16
Hillis & Sons	Stove fittings	4.55
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	6.30
A.H. Lamphier	Repairs	2.00
Cragg Bros.	Blocks	2.25
Arthur & Conn	Generator	115.00
W.H. Donovan	Soda Water	3.80
R.N. McDonald	Soda	31.35
H.D. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	15.65
Robert Horner	do	5.75

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Wm. J. Regan	Black soap	12.00
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Casing and tubes	161.70
Saml. Marshall & Son	Plastering etc.	137.20
Wm. Collings & Son	Rep. to engine	21.83
F. W. McNally	Plumbing	28.70
Michael Day	Plumbing	13.78
J. R. Gaunt	Clothing	36.00
N. S. Tramways & Power. Co.	Light	73.47
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Telephones	35.99
Wm. Robertson & Son	Southwesters	53.00
Maxwell's Ltd.	Clothing	<u>1739.00</u>

Aerial Ladder Account

American LaFrance Fire Engine		
Co. Ladder		17900.00
Less \$500.00 retained		<u>500.00</u>
		\$ <u>17400.00</u>

W. W. Hoyt,
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman
Godwin that the report be adopted and the account paid.
Motion passed.

EXPLOSION - FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending
payment of accounts chargeable to the explosion.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 25 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Firewards beg to recommend
the following accounts amounting to \$605.40 charge-
able to Explosion Account to the City Council for
payment.

Samuel Marshall & Son.	West Street Station	149.72
	do Central Station	<u>455.68</u>
		\$ <u>605.40</u>

W. W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman
Godwin that the report be adopted and the account
paid out of explosion account. Motion passed.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE ALARM SYSTEM ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts chargeable to the Fire Alarm System.

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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Fire Wards beg to recommend the following named accounts for payment :-

Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Phone	17.25
N S. Tram & Power Co.	Light	33.54
Northern Elec. Co.	Insulators	8.75
Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.	Tapes and covers	82.80
Canadian General Electric	Batteries etc.	18.32
		<u>\$ 160.66</u>
Telephone Co.	Phones 1918/19 a/c	22.00

M.W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

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

COMMON LOT MARY T. URQUHART.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges recommending the commutation of Common Lot #33 Spring Garden Road at request of Mary T. Urquhart.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, Nov. 27th, 1919

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

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the attached letter of Messrs. McInnes, Jenks, Lovett and Company, Solicitors of Mrs. M. T. Urquhart asking for commutation of Common Lot No. 33 was read.

The rental on this lot is \$21.41 per annum.

The City has power under Ordinance No. 32 Sec. 1 to commute on payment in advance by the lease holder of 25 years rental.

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Messrs. McInnes, Jenks & Lovett and Company have deposited a cheque for \$535.25 being the amount required. Your Committee recommend that the request be granted and the City Solicitor instructed to draw the necessary deed to Mrs. Urquhart.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

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Halifax, N S., November 21, 19

The City of Halifax.
Dear Sirs:-

We are acting on behalf of Mrs. Marty T. Urquhart. Mrs. Urquhart is the owner of the following lot of land situate on Spring Garden Road, namely: All that common lot number 33 on the Spring Garden Road bounded on the South by the Spring Garden Road and measuring thereon sixty-six feet, more or less; on the West by another of the lots formerly owned by James W. Johnston, and now owned by Andrew M. Bayne and others, and measuring in depth along the said lot three hundred and thirty feet, more or less; on the North by the Public Cemetery and now known as Camp Hill Cemetery; and on the East by a lot formerly occupied by one Smith and now owned by Sir Malachi Daly and G.A. Wooten, containing one half acre.

We understand this lot of land is part of the old Common Lots, so called. We understand that under Section 72 of the City Charter the rentals may be commuted and the City lease discharged and that the owner of the property upon payment of the commutation amount may receive a deed in fee simple of the lot of land. We notice that the price to be paid for such lots and the terms and conditions of such commutation are determined by an Ordinance of the Council.

On Mrs. Urquhart's behalf we will be obliged if you will let us know with as little delay as possible the amount required to commute the lease and obtain a deed in fee simple of the property; and on Mr. Urquhart's behalf we make application for the commutation of the lease and for a deed in fee simple of the above/property. If there is any information which you require we will be very pleased to give you the same upon request.

McInnes, Jenks, Lovett & Co.

P.S. We attach one cheque for \$535.25 which we now understand is the exact amount required.

McI. J.L. & Co.

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*Asst. City Clerk ✓
Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
McInnes, Jones ✓
Lauett & Co. ✓
Treasurer ✓*

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

VAULT ACCOMMODATION CITY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Read letter City Auditor recommending the installation of better vault accommodation for the City Treasurer's Department.

Office of City Auditor,
Halifax, N.S. Nov. 26th, 1919

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

I wish to call your attention to the lack of proper vault accommodation in the City Treasurer's office.

I feel that if you look into the matter you will agree with me that in case of fire the cash on hand, the Stock Books, Stock Transfer Books, and all the original documents and books in the Treasurer's office would be in danger of being lost and thus the Department would be thrown into a state of chaos, and it would certainly seem to me that we would be negligent in our duty if this matter did not get immediate attention.

The present safe is quite inadequate and obsolete and the vault in the Collector's room adjoining is overloaded with his requirements.

I may say that I tried some years ago to get this matter remedied but the state of affairs has now become aggravated by the accumulation of later years' work.

W.W.Foster,
City Auditor.

*Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Engineer ✓
Clerk & Works ✓*

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Power that the report be referred to the Committee on Works for report. The amendment is put and passed.

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LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read acknowledgement Deputy Provincial
Secretary of letter from the City Council relative
to bills introduced in the Legislature relating
to the City of Halifax.

Provincial Secretary, Nova Scotia
Halifax, N.S., 22nd November 19

The City Clerk
Halifax, N.S.,
Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to
acknowledge your letter of the 15th instant forwarding
a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the
City Council held on the 10th of November, rela-
ting to the administration of the affairs of the
City of Halifax.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR FLIGHT HALIFAX TO
VANCOUVER

Read letter Pacific Aerial Services, Vancouver
B.C. asking encouragement from the City in connection
with a transcontinental air flight from Halifax to
the Pacific Coast.

Vancouver, Canada,
Nov. 16th, 1919

To the Mayor,
City of Halifax.
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will please find a small
booklet which gives a little information as to
what has been done to stimulate aviation here. This
work has been done through the Aerial League of
Canada. You will notice the writer has had some
connection with same during the past Summer.

I am now undertaking the organizing of a
TransContinental Flight, the said flight to be
started in Halifax and end in either Vancouver or
Victoria as soon as conditions will permit in the
spring. We would be very pleased to hear from your

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*Also to include
Asst. City Clerk.*

City as to what facilities you can offer in the way of Aerodrome, etc., and also as to whether it would be possible for you to put up a cash prize of some nature to help in this enterprize, that ought to do a great deal to stimulate aviation throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Sincerely hoping that a serious endeavour will be made to assist us in every way possible, we are.

Pacific Aerial Services,
Geo. Taylor.
per.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Colwell that the letter be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report Committee on Fire wards on various matters.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 26th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Firewards beg to report and recommend as follows :-

Spring Garden Road Fire Station Repairs.

1. It is recommended that the tender of Morrissey and Purcell for plumbing work and down spouts at the Spring Garden Road Fire Station \$347.00 be accepted the amount to be temporarily financed out of Fire Department current account and finally paid out of the rental of the building when the same is collected as suggested to the Chairman by the City Auditor and City Treasurer.

Aerial Ladder Truck.

2. The following report of the Chairman and Chief is recommended for adoption.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 17, 1919

Board of Fire Wards.
Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have gone carefully over the specifications of the Motor, 75 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck supplied by the American La France Fire Engine Co. and have compared and checked off same, and found everything in good condition with the exception of two minor matters; the adjusting of the rear steering gear which caused slight damage to rear tire, replace or adjust rear tire,

*Auditor
Chief Fire Dept
Engineer*

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also one set wire cutters which were specified but not delivered. We would therefore, recommend that this account be paid less the sum of \$500.00 until such adjustments as above mentioned are made good and in the meantime the truck be put in commission at Bedford Row Station.

W.W.Hoyt,
Chairman.
J.W.Churchill,
Chief H / F.D.

Islesville Fire Station Rental.

3. The Board beg to report that the Islesville Fire Station was leased to W.I.Hubley and Company as subsequent to the Explosion at \$10.00 per month. They occupied the building for 15 months but claimed that on account of th4 condition of the building and consequent loss of goods they should be relieved from the payment of rental for the last three months. It is recommended that the City accept their cheque for \$120.00 in settlement of the account. Messrs. Hubley's letter was as follows :-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 17th, 1919

To the Chairman and members
of Fire Board.
Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find cheque for amount of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) for rent of the old Islesville Engine house on Gottingen Street which we consider is a good amount owing to the condition of the building as we had a lot of goods damaged by the roof of building leaking. Might say for the last four or five months we had the building it was not fit to store good in, we only kept a motor car there in the nights.

Hoping the above will meet with the approval of your Committee.

W.I.Hubley & Co.

W.W.Hoyt,
Chairman.

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

WAR TROPHIES.

Read letter Minister of Militia re War Trophies.

Minister's Office, Ottawa
20th November, 1919

P.F.Martin, Esq., M.P.,
Halifax, N.S.
Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17th addressed to General Mewburn, en-

Auditor
Chief & works
Chief Fire Dept
W.I.Hubley & Co

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closing a letter addressed to the Officer in charge of War Trophies, which is being forwarded to Brigadier General E.A. Cruikshank, 168 Sparks Street, Secretary of the Commission appointed by the Government for the disposal of trophies captured from the enemy.

F.H. Ellis, Captain,
For Private Secretary.

Filed.

WAR - DEFERRED PAY OF RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re deferred pay of City Officials on active service during the War.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Oct. 8th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 8th day of October the City Engineer submitted a report on the application of Ewen Morrison and Gordon Durling in re deferred pay while on Military duty overseas, and also on the application of A.L. Smith which had been returned back from Council for further report. He stated that all these officials were not what could be termed temporary employees, but were practically permanent officials; there was however a legal question as to the interpretation of Sec. 5 Chap 36 Acts 1916.

After reading the City Engineer's report (which is attached hereto) the City Solicitor was asked for a ruling on said section, and on hearing his explanation the Committee on motion decided to recommend to Council that said three officials were entitled to receive from the City deferred pay while on Military duty from date of enlistment until their discharge from service, in the several amounts as follows :- A.L. Smith, \$1533.55 Gordon Durling \$1031.00 Ewen Morrison \$661.21

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office
Oct. 8th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report respecting Mr. A.L. Smith's pay, that section 5 chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 provides that "Any official of the City or the City Health Board who may hereafter be engaged in active

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military service shall be entitled to receive from the City only the difference between the amount of his salary as such official and his pay for such military service."

This clause seems to indicate that the official shall be entitled to the difference in pay, but also seems to indicate that it shall only apply from the date of the passing of the Act, which is May 17, 1916. This interpretation should be submitted to the City Solicitor for confirmation.

Mr. Smith was not a transient employee, but was employed practically permanently in an important position. Mr. Smith would be entitled to \$1533.55 calculating from Nov. 8, 1915. Calculating from May 17, 1916 he would be entitled to \$1067.40

Mr. Gordon Durling was employed on wiring inspection and fire alarm work and was practically a permanent employee. He would be entitled to \$1031.10 His military pay at \$1.10 a day from Sep. 24/17 to May 26/19 amounting to \$669.90 and his City pay for the same time \$1701.00

Mr. Ewen Morrison was not a transient employee but was practically a permanent official of the Water Department. His military pay at \$1.10 from Nov. 6/15 to Apr. 30/19 would be \$1397.00 his City pay for the same time would have been \$2058.21 which would give him \$661.21. Calculating from May 17/16 to Apr. 30/19 his military pay would be \$1185.80 and his City pay for the same period \$1746.36. Under the terms of the Act he would be entitled to \$560.56

These three employees are the only ones who would be affected by the Act.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOAN \$817,559.50

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary a hearing before the Governor in Council in connection with application of the Board of School Commissioners for a loan for the construction of four school buildings.

Deputy Provincial Secretary,
Halifax, N.S. 21st, Oct. 1919

His Worship, The Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary

Ewen Morrison
Gordon Durling
A. L. Smith
Engineer
Clark & work
Auditor

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to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council for an order under section 901 of the City Charter, directing the City to issue its debentures or stock to provide money for erecting certain school buildings as set forth in the following resolution of the Board passed the 29th day of September, A. D. 1919:-

RESOLVED that application be made to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City Council to issue debentures to the amount of Nine Hundred and Seventy Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Nine 50/100 (\$972,924.50) Dollars, to pay for the erection of four schools, as follows :-

Bloomfield School	\$193,070.00
Richmond School	236,929.50
St. Joseph's School	245,136.00
St. Patrick's Boys' School	297,294.00

I am also to inform you that the Governor in Council has appointed Friday, the 24th day of October A.D. 1919 at 11.30 o'clock a.m. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, as the time and place at which the matter of the said application should be heard and that the Council may appear at the hearing.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

Also read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary covering copy of an order in council directing the City to issue stock or debentures to the amount of \$817,559.50 for the construction of four school buildings.

Provincial Secretary, Nova
Scotia,
Halifax, 29th, October 1919

The Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of Order in council, dated the 28th instant, directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to the amount of \$817,559.50. required for the erection of Bloomfield School, Richmond School, St. Joseph's School, and St. Patrick's Boys' School.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.
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Certified copy of an Order of His Honour the
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated
the 28th day of October A.D. 1919.

Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax require the sum of Nine Hundred and Seventy-two Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Nine dollars and Fifty Cents (\$972,429.50) for the erection of four schools, as follows :-

Bloomfield School	\$193,070.00
Richmond School	236,929.50
St. Joseph's School	245,136.00
St. Patrick's Boys' School	297,294.00

And Whereas the said Board has applied to the governor in Council for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures or stock to the amount so required :-

And whereas the Governor in Council appointed Friday the 24th day of October A.D. 1919, at eleven thirty o'clock a.m in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of said application should be heard;

And whereas due notice of the amount so required and the purpose for which the same is required, and of the time and place so appointed were given to the Mayor of the said City;

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

And whereas the Halifax Relief Commission is prepared to advance to the said Board the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$154,870.00) the amount of the loss as determined by the said commission for three schools totally destroyed, namely, Richmond, St. Joseph's and Bloomfield Common, and will pay over this money as the work of building progresses;

And whereas the said sum of One Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$154,870.00) is to be used in reduction of the amount for which application for the issue of debentures has been made ;

Now therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of Eight Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$817,559.50) the said latter sum to be applied as may be required for the erection of the four first mentioned schools.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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*Resolved
and agreed*

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Order in Council be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLAY GROUNDS.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary covering copy of Order In Council approving of the contracts entered into by the Board of School Commissioners for the purchase of certain lots of land required for school purposes.

Provincial Secretary, N.S.,
Halifax, 29th, October 19

The Mayor, Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of Order in Council dated the 28th instant, approving the contracts entered into by the Board of School Commissioners with H. McC. Hart and with the Eastern Trust Co. for the purchase of certain lots of land required for school purposes.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Certified copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 28th day of October, A.D., 1919.

The Governor in Council under section 893 of the Halifax City Charter and of every other power and authority vested in him in that behalf under said Chapter is pleased to approve of the contracts proposed to be entered into by the Board of school Commissioners for the City of Halifax, as set forth in the Resolution of said Board passed at a meeting held on Thursday the 3rd day of July A.D. 1919 said contracts being as follows :-

Contract with H. McC. Hart, Secretary of the Real Estate, Ltd. for the purchase of six lots of land next East of the Oxford School property, being lots in Block D. numbers 3, 4, and 5 on North Street, and numbers 32, 33 and 34 on Willow Street Extension, for the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,750)

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Contract with The Eastern Trust Company for the purchase of twelve lots of land between Cambridge Norwood and Beech Streets, being numbered respectively 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112, for the sum of Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars, (\$ 8,364)

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the Order in Council be filed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Kelly that the prices agreed to be paid by the Board of School Commissioners for the lots of land mentioned in the correspondence be referred to the City Assessor and that the Assessor be instructed to assess adjacent properties on the same basis for the incoming year. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Board of School Commissioners be requested to furnish this Council with a detailed statement of the School Boards "Construction Account". Motion passed, Alderman Finlay dissenting.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners covering correspondence relating to the acquisition of various properties for the purpose of public Schools.

Halifax, N.S., October 30, 1919

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

Kindly submit the enclosed correspondence re St. John's Church Property, Brunswick St., to the City Council at its first meeting, in compliance with their request for copies of correspondence.

Auditor ✓
Secy School ✓
Board.

City Assessor ✓
with copy to
letters referred to

Auditor ✓
Secy School ✓
Board.
and City Clerk ✓

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I am directed by the Board of School Commissioner to request the City Council to expropriate this land which is situated immediately South of St. Patrick's Girls' High School on Brunswick St. and is necessary and a recreation ground, to the School.

I am further directed to request the City Council to expropriate land on Cornwallis St. situated between Brunswick St and Alexandra Place, joining immediately north of Alexandra School. Known as Temperance Hall. This land being necessary as an extension to the recreation grounds of Alexandra School.

S.J.Wilson,
Secretary.

August 9, 1919

J.E.Hills, Esq.,
Secretary,
Trustees Temperance Hall Property.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to offer to the Trustees of the Temperance Hall property the sum of \$2500.00 in payment of said property which the Board understands they are willing to dispose of.

The Board will appreciate the favor of an early reply.

S.J.Wilson,
Secretary.

August 19, 1919

Miss S.J.Wilson,
Sec's Board of School Commissioners.

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 9th inst. which only reached me today owing to my absence from the City.

In reply I beg to say that your letter will be laid before the Trustees of S. of T. Hall as soon as possible.

John E.Hills,
Secretary Trustees.

October 21, 1919

Miss S.J.Wilson,
Secretary, Board School Commissioners.

Dear Madam:-

Your favor of August 9th duly to hand and contents noted.

I regret that I have been unable to reply at an earlier date, owing to the absence of some of our Trustees from the City.

I am now instructed to say that the Trustees of S. of T. Hall cannot accept the offer of \$2500.00 made by the Board of School Commissioners for the property.

John E.Hills,
Secretary Trustees

November 27th, 1919

August 26, 1919

H. Kitz, Esq.,
453 Brunswick St,
Dear Sir:-

Understanding that you are, or represent, the owners of the site on Brunswick St., known as St. John's Church property by order of the Board of School Commissioners, I submit to you the resolution adopted at a meeting yesterday stating, "That the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, being desirous of obtaining the site known as St. John's Church, immediately south of St. Patrick's Girls' High School, for school extension purposes, hereby apply to the owners of said site for purchase of same asking them to name the lowest price they will accept and requesting a reply within five days from date."

S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

September 1, 1919

S.J. Wilson,
Secy, School Comm.
Dear Madam:-

Yours of the 26th inst. at hand re the purchase of St. John's Church property.

I understand at the time we bought the property, that your option had just expired, deciding against purchase of same for school purposes.

I beg to say that we bought the property to erect a Synagogue, The site is a very desirable one for the purpose, as the people of our congregation live in the immediate neighbourhood and Brunswick street being a street of Churches makes it an ideal location for us.

We are at a loss to understand why the School Board has changed their views, after we have purchased the property for the above purposes.

H. Kitz,
Representing the Baron De Hirsch Society.

Mr. H. Kitz,
Secretary,
Baron de Hirsch Society.
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 1 re purchase of St. John's church property.

Your letter was submitted at a meeting of the Board and I am directed to state that, as the Board is desirous of obtaining this property to extend the playgrounds of St. Patrick's Girl's School they offer your Society the sum of Three Thousand (\$3000.00) dollars in full payment of same.

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The Board would appreciate an early reply.

S.J.Wilson,
Secretary.

September 24th, 1919

Mr. Harry Kitz,
487 Barrington St,
Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of September 1 re St. John's Church property, Brunswick St. I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to offer the Society the sum of Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars in payment of the above named property.

Kindly notify us at your earliest convenience of the wishes of the Society in this matter.

S.J.Wilson,
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the letter of the School Board be filed.

The motion is withdrawn by leave of Council .

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Colwell that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee together with Alderman Ritchie for report. Motion passed.

CITY HOME FIRE INSURANCE - POTATOES.

Read report Charities Committee re Fire Insurance and the purchase of potatoes.

Halifax, N.S. November 27th, 19

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 ; the Chairman, Alderman Hubley, Alderman Ritchie and Alderman Murphy.

It was on motion adopted that the Chairman and Superintendent be directed to increase the Fire Insurance on the City Home Main Building from \$50,000.00 as now insured to \$75,000.00. This increase to be made at once. That Your Worship and Council be requested to finance a sum of \$250.00 to cover this extra insurance the amount to be placed in estimates for year 1920-1921.

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*as withdrawn ✓
as Ritchie ✓
as - by - clerk ✓
see School Board ✓*

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The tender of Nickerson & Crease Limited for supplying the institution with Eight (800) hundred bushels of potatoes at \$1.36 1/3 per bushel delivered, is recommended for acceptance.

H. B. Colwell,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be adopted.

By leave of Council the motion is withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the City Home main building be insured with 90% of its replacement value and that the report with this amendment be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Murphy that the City Home main building be insured for \$100,000.00. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report as amended ^{2.} be adopted. Motion passed.

EDWARD C. POPPLESTONE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee re claim of Edward C. Popplestone for damages.

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

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

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the attached letter of F.L. Davidson, Esq., Solicitor for Mr. Edward C. Popplestone claiming compensation for injuries received while walking through the streets of the City was read. Your Committee recommend same to be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion and report.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

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*Jos. W. Bryan
Auditor*

November 27th, 1919

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To his Worship the Mayor

and the City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

I am instructed by my client Mr. Edward G. Popplestone to now formally lodge his claim with you for compensation for the severe injuries he has sustained from an accident to himself while walking through the Streets of Halifax.

This injury was sustained under the following circumstances.

Mr. Popplestone was walking northly on Hollis Street between 8.00 and 8.30 p.m. Monday evening last (a week from today) and while passing in front of the Heslein Building he received a violent blow from a heavy brick which had fallen off this Building. He was felled to the ground by the heavy force of this blow and had to be carried to a Doctor's office, and from there to his home, after receiving restoratives to prevent him from fainting from the severe pain he was suffering.

The bones of one of his feet have been broken and he has received a great shock and probably permanent injury besides great bodily and mental pain and anxiety as well as a heavy consequent financial loss in his business and to his means of livelihood.

I presume this letter will be referred to the City Solicitor and I shall be obliged if you will promptly let me know if you wish further communication on this subject to be addressed to him as the City's representative in this matter.

F.L. Davidson.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Murphy that the report be filed and a copy forwarded to Mr. Popplestone's Solicitor F.L. Davidson. Motion passed.

CARTERET STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Carteret Street Sewer.

City Works Office,
Nov. 19, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held

*Engineer
F.L. Davidson*

November 27th, 1919

this day the City Engineer in compliance with instructions of the City Council at meeting Nov. 6th, submitted a report showing the estimated amount to be received from abutting property owners on Carteret Street and Oakland Road, totalling \$7,530.00
The report was approved and ordered sent to Council for their information.

A.F. Messervey,
Cler of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Nov. 17, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In compliance with instructions of the City Council at the meeting of Nov. 6th, I beg to report that the estimated amount to be received from abutting property owners on Carteret Street and Oakland Road is \$7530.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Murphy that Carteret Street sewer be placed on the order book for construction in its turn.

Amendment put and passed 12 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Alderman Colwell, Ackhurst, Finally, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson-12

Against it :- Aldermen Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas -3

Alderman Whitman excused from voting on the ground of personal interest.

STREET LIGHTING.

Read correspondence between His Worship the Mayor

Engineer

November 27th, 1919

and the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company
Limited re the installation of temporary street
lighting.

Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co.
November 20th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.
Dear Sir:-

In connection with the matter of temporary
street lighting in Halifax, we have investigated the
cost of installation as well as the cost of opera-
ting such a system and are giving this information
below.

<u>Installation cost.</u>	
100 Watt Tungsten Lights	-Price of each installed \$5.15
200 " " " " " "	" " " " " " 6.05
<u>Cost of operating system.</u>	
100 Watt Tungsten each per year	\$30.20
200c " " " " " "	50.60

It is understood that the City is to bear the
entire cost of the installation reimbursing this Com-
pany for the expenditure in accordance with the above
quotation. It is further more understood that if the
cost of installation is less than above indicated,
the actual cost of the installation only will be
charged to the City.

A careful canvas of the situation convinces
that no suitable reflectors can be procured in the City
and for this reason it is planned simply to suspend
the light from the wires on the pole near a cross
arm with wire extending down the pole to a cut out
device. We respectfully call your attention to at this
time to the fact that the system above described will
probably give sufficient light although it will always
have to be considered as a temporary affair not at
all suitable for continued or long service.

This Company agrees to install lights at points
indicated by the City Officials at the above price
providing the Company's secondary wires are located
on the pole from which the light is to be suspended.

The Company is in a position to start on the
installation of this equipment immediately and barring
unforeseen occurrences we consider it perfectly safe
to make the statement that at least 50 lights a week
can be installed.

W.L. Weston,
Manager.

November 27th, 1919

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
November 20th, 1919

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.,
C i t y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th inst. quoting price for installation of temporary lighting system.

		<u>Installation cost.</u>	
100 watt Tungsten	lights	price of each installed	\$5.15
200c	"	"	6.05
		<u>Cost of Operating System</u>	
100 watt tungsten	each	per year.	30.20
200 "	"	"	50.60

The City accepts your offer and you are hereby authorized to instal one hundred lamps in such locations and of such wattage as the City Electrician shall specify, provided they can be obtained in the City, the work of installation to be done to his satisfaction. It is understood that the price quoted for operation is to be per month at the rate per year quoted in your letter.

I must urge upon you the necessity for making this installation as rapidly as possible, as I am desirous of having the lights on at the very earliest possible moment.

It is also understood that as the City has to pay for the installation, the material used shall be the property of the City of Halifax at the expiration of this arrangement and may be removed by the City when the lamps are no longer required.

J. S. Parker,
MAYOR.

Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co. Ltd,
November 22nd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge your letter of November 20th. relative to the matter of temporary street lighting and note that you have accepted our proposition.

It is understood that the price quoted for the operation of the system is to be per month at the rate of 1/12 the yearly price quoted in our letter. It is also understood that the City does not obligate itself to continue the system for more than a month. It is also understood that the fixtures installed for this temporary system are to be the property of the City and may be removed by the City at any time.

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We note the importance of getting lamps installed at the earliest possible moment and for your information desire to advise you that Friday approximately 25 lamps were installed and burning by night.

W. L. Weston,
Manager.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Murphy that the action of His Worship and the City Engineer in contracting with the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company for temporary street lighting be approved and confirmed by this Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to make a contract with the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company to instal 100 to 150 temporary lights in the Devastated Area and other sections of the City in which there had previously been no lights. Motion passed.

ADVERTISING HALIFAX, LETTER "THE BUSY EAST."

Read letter "The Busy East" Sackville, N.B., re advertising Halifax in that journal.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Hubley that the letter be filed. Motion passed.

GEORGE STREET CATCH PIT OVERFLOW.

Read complaint Dartmouth Ferry Commission re overflow of catchpit at the foot of George Street near the entrance to the ferry station house.

Dartmouth Ferry Commission,
Dartmouth N. S. November 14/19

To His Worship the Mayor
and Alderman City of Halifax.
Gentlemen:-

I have been instructed to call attention to

Mayor ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Club & works ✓

Engineer ✓
Mayor ✓
Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Club & works ✓

The Busy East ✓

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the inconvenience our Ferry Patrons are suffering from the overflow from the catch pit at the foot of George Street, after every rainstorm the water backs and overflows the entrance to our Station House, several times we have been obliged to lay boards so that our passengers could cross over. The attention of your Board of Works has been called to the situation, but nothing has been done except on one occasion when it was cleaned out. We are under the impression that the catch pit is too small to carry off the water, besides the pipe leading to the harbor has a bend in it which makes matters worse. We would appreciate it very much if you would direct that the matter be looked into and remedied.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Prescott Johnston,

Referred to the Committee on Works for attention.

ISLESVILLE STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer and water Islesville Street.

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

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on this day the City Engineer submitted a report, a copy of which is attached hereto, on a petition for sewer and water service on Islesville Street, and recommending that the sewer be extended from Cabot Street northwardly to Duffus Street and that water pipe be laid in the same trench, if possible. The estimated cost is \$6780.00

On motion report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 29, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the extension of the sewer and water service on Islesville Street north of Cabot Street.

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There are three houses which would be supplied by this extension, but while the work is being done, it would be better to extend the sewer and water system along Islesville Street northwardly to accommodate the rest of that portion of the street between Cabot and Duffus Streets.

I would recommend that the sewer be extended from Cabot Street northwardly to Duffud Street and that the water pipe be laid in the same trench, if possible. The estimated cost is \$6780.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Read resolution Halifax Members Canadian Manufacturers Association re Hydro Electric Power.

Resolved That this meeting of the Halifax Members of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, assembled at Halifax, Tuesday morning, November 25th, 1919 strongly endorses the proposed development as relating to the City of Halifax, of Hydro-Electric Power by the Nova Scotia Power Commission.

Further Resolved that this meeting strongly recommends to the Halifax City Council their endorsement and co-operation in bringing about, at the earliest possible date, this most desirable development.

Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be submitted to the Provincial Government and City Officials concerned.

Also read resolution Council of Board of Trade re Hydro Electric Power.

Halifax, Board of Trade,
November 26th, 1919

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

At a meeting of the Council of this Board held yesterday, the matter of Hydro-Electric Power was discussed and the conditions under which it can be obtained from the Water Power Commission as contained in the Nova Scotia Water

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Act of 1919, passed by the Local Legislature in May last, thoroughly gone into and the following resolution unanimously passed :-

RESOLVED that the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade endorses the proposed development of power by the Nova Scotia Power Commission as relating to the City of Halifax, and respectfully urges upon the members of the City Council the working out of some scheme of co-operation with said Nova Scotia Power Commission that will give the City of Halifax adequate and economic Hydro-Electric Power.

The above resolution speaks for itself. The necessity and desirability of giving cheap power to the factories located in this City need not be elaborated on by me.

The Council also named a small committee in connection with this matter, which if desirable to your Honorable Body, will attend your meeting on Thursday evening.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

Read extract from minutes of a meeting of the Directors of the Halifax Power Company Limited re contract between said Company and the City of Halifax in respect to Hydro Electric Power,

Halifax Power Company Limited.

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Directors of the Halifax Power Company Limited held on Monday the 24th day of November at 3 p.m. 1919

Whereas owing to various causes this Company is unable to proceed further with the development of its water power at the North East River, St. Margarets Bay, and in order to comply with the conditions under which it would be entitled to benefit under Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916, Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917 and Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1919. of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Therefore Resolved that this Company do not proceed further with the said development and do notify the City of Halifax of its intention not to proceed further with the same, and do request the said City to agree to release the Company from all further obligations under said legis-

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lation and any agreements made between the Company and the City under the authority thereof or any other authority in consideration of which the Company agrees to release the City from all further obligations under the said legislation and any said agreements made between the Company and the City under authority thereof or any other authority, and that a copy of this resolution under the hand of the President and Secretary and the seal of the Company be transmitted to the Mayor of the said City"

John ~~M.~~ Brookfield,
President.

W. I. Macdougall,
Secretary.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the Halifax Power Company has informed this Council of its inability to further proceed with the development of Hydro Electric Power at the North East River, St. Margaret's Bay and so to enable itself to require of the City the benefits of the contracts and agreements authorized by Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917 and Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1919.

AND WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance to the City that it should at once obtain the introduction into the City of electric energy at the lowest possible cost.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council do favor the acquisition by the Nova Scotia Power Commission of the water power situated at St. Margaret's Bay and the development of the same by that Commission and the introduction of the electric energy so generated into the City at the lowest possible cost and requests that Commission to proceed at the earliest possible moment, to take such measures as may be required in that behalf.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Power.

After discussion it is moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the question be now put. Motion passed 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows :-

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For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Hubley, Thompson -12

Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin -4

The resolution being put is passed 13 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows :-

For the Resolution:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie Power, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -13

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Murphy, Buckley -3

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock


L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J.S.Parker,

MAYOR.

*sent to:-
Mayor ✓
Engineer ✓
Club & works ✓
Solicitor ✓*