

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N ,

4.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 10th, 1919

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship Mayor Parker and a quorum of Council but the Committee on Finance being in session it was moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Bissett that the time for meeting be extended until the Finance Committee is prepared to rise or until 4.30 o'clock. The motion passed.

4.20 o'clock, Roll called Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford and Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits :-
Petition Tuberculosis Hospital for additional Grant.

Other Headlines.

Estimates Public Schools 1920-21
Streets Maintenance -Automobile Licenses.

Consideration of Papers &c Before Council.

ESTIMATES PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1920-21

Alderman Whitman verbally reported that the Committee on Finance had met this afternoon for the purpose of considering the Estimates for Public

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Schools for the Financial year 1920-21 which had been submitted at a meeting of the Council, December 4th, 1919 (see Minutes of Council of that date page 61³) and referred to the Committee on Finance for consideration and report. The Committee had not time since its adjournment a moment ago to submit a written report. He was prepared to inform the Council as to the various items of expenditure proposed in the estimates which had been objected to by members of the Finance Committee ; suggested that the School Board Estimates as submitted be taken up item by item and reads the item "Teachers \$274700.00.00"

Read Item - Teachers \$274,700.00

Moved by Aldermen Bissett seconded by Alderman Power that this Council take objection to this item and suggest to the School Board that the total amount of increase in salaries to Teachers be \$25,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00 as recommended.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Ritchie that this Council approve of the item "Teachers \$274,700.00" with the exception of the sum of \$1,200.00 included therein for Physical Instructor.

Amendment put and passed 8 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst,

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Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Guildford, Thompson - 8

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett

Murphy, Power - 5

Alderman Power gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Item - Cadet Instructors and equipment \$1000.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman

Power that exception be taken to items Nos. 14, 19, 21

and 25 under the statutes relating to Public Schools

viz:-

Maintenance	\$21,432.00
General Expenses	2,925.00
Advertising and Printing	1,250.00
Medical Inspection	4,300.00

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Estimates be taken up item by item.

Amendment put and passed 8 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Guildford, Thompson - 8

Against it :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Murphy, Power - 5

Read Item - Cadet Instructors and Equipment	\$1000.00	Not objected to
Read Item - Technical Teachers	2500.00	do
Read Item - Teachers Supervised Playgrounds	2500.00	do
Read Item - Supervisor	3600.00	do

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Bissett that this Council object to the item \$3600.00 for Supervisor.

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By leave of the seconder and the Council the motion is withdrawn,

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Bissett that this item be referred back to the School Board for further information.

o Motion put and ~~passed~~ lost 4 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows :-

For the motion:- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Murphy, Power -4

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Guildford, Thompson -8

Read Item - Secretary \$1840.00

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Power that this item be objected to and that the Council recommend to the School Board that the salary of the Secretary remain at \$1600.00 as at present.

By leave of the seconder and the Council the motion is withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Rower that this item be referred back to the School Board for further consideration.

Motion put and lost 2 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows :-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Murphy, Power -2

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Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Guildford Thompson -9

Read Item - Bookkeeper	\$1400.00	Not objected to
Read Item - Stenographers	1320.00	" " "
Read Item - Messenger	420.00	" " "
Read Item - Truant Officer	1600.00	

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that objection be taken to this item.

Motion put and lost.

Read Item - Mechanical Superintendent \$2600.00 Not Objected to.

Alderman Power dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Power that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Read Item - Inspector of Janitors, Heating and Plumbing	\$1600.00	Not objected to
Read Item - Janitors	21,207.00	" " "
Read Item - Maintenance	21,432.00	" " "

Aldermen Murphy and Power dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the balance of the items be not objected to.

Ruled out of order as the Council had already decided to deal with all the appropriations item by item.

Read Item - Rents	\$9,338.80	Not objected to.
Read Item - Insurance	5,500.00	" " "
Read Item - Fuel	22,000.00	" " "
Read Item - Water	2,000.00	" " "

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Read Item -General Expenses	\$2925.00	Not objected to.
Read Item-Interest on Deb- entures	6950.00	" " 2
Read Item -Advertising and Printing	1250.00	" " "

Aldermen Murphy, Ackhurst and Power dissent-
ing.

Read Item -Books and Station- ery	3000.00	Not objected to
Read Item-School Apparatus	3500.00	" " "
Read Item-Office Expenses	300.00	" " "
Read Item-Medical Inspection	4300.00	" " "

Alderman Murphy dissenting.

Read Item-Dental Inspection	2475.00	Not objected to
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Aldermen Power and Murphy dissenting.

Read Item -Auxiliary Classes	6850.00	Not objected to
Read Item- Pension System	2000.00	" " "
Read Item-Commissioners Allowance	1000.00	" " "

Added by Legislation :-

Read Item-Contingent account	3000.00	" " "
Read Item-Pension John Morris	300.00	" " "

Less :-

Read Item-Probably ^l Provincial Grant in favor of Teachers	24,930.91	" " "
Total Estimate as submitted	\$414,407.80	
Less Bovernment Grant	<u>24,930.91</u>	
	389,476.89	
Less objected to in item Salaries	<u>1,200.00</u>	
	\$ 388,276.89	

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

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STREETS MAINTENANCE - AUTOMOBILE LICENSES.

Alderman Thompson asks the privilege of the Council to file a notice of motion.

The privilege is granted.

Alderman Thompson submits the following notice of motion :-

WHEREAS the present cost of maintenance and permanent improvement of the streets of the City of Halifax is becoming burdensome to the taxpayers of this City ;

AND WHEREAS this increased cost is largely due to the increasing number of automobiles and motor trucks, the revenue from licenses for which all goes to the provincial Treasury;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that a special committee be appointed from this Council to urge upon the Provincial Government the justice of refunding to the City at least fifty per cent of the revenue derived from licenses granted to all automobiles and motor trucks in the City of Halifax.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL CIVIC GRANT.

Read application Tuberculosis Hospital for an increase in the City's grant towards the Tuberculosis Hospital to \$10,000.00 for the Civic Year 1920-21

Halifax, N.S., December 8th, 19

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

Our City has long been known for its generosity in connection with humane and charitable work, and among these charities none are more pressing importance than the care of the tubercular poor. The terrible mortality of this disease, its wide-spread presence and the danger of infection all combine to make its care and control a matter of the utmost need. Up to a few years ago there was nothing for the tubercular poor but to die in their desolation and misery without help and without hope. A short time ago the matter was taken up in earnest by a few public spirited citizens and the Parker property in Dartmouth was procured as a Home for those afflicted with this

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dreadful malady. Private funds however are not sufficient for the purpose and so an appeal for help must now be made to the City's governing body.

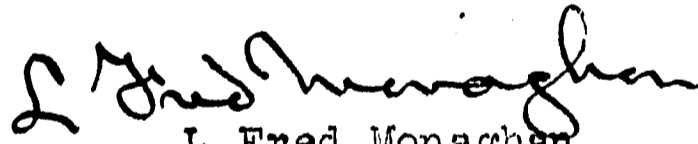
At least five thousand dollars are urgently needed to carry out the general work in the City aiding the unfortunate ones at their homes, which where much good work is done. Besides this, the Tubercular Hospital is tremendously handicapped for money and the minimum sum needed from the City to meet the situation is eight thousand dollars. The estimated cost of running the Hospital next year is \$20,000.00 There are twenty-seven patients being care for at the present time and there is a large waiting list as well which cannot be accommodated on account of lack of space. The necessity being great and the object being a most worthy one, we feel confident that in asking financial assistance from the City Council our case will be given generous consideration and at least ten thousand dollars so greatly needed will be granted by your honorable body, if it is at all possible.

C.C. Blackadar,
President, Halifax County
Anti-Tuberculosis League.

Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

The motion to adjourn is put and passed.

Council adjourns 6 o'clock.


L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.

*add Whitman
and as clerk.*

ADMIRAL JELlicoe CIVIC ADDRESS.

Office of City Clerk, December 12/19.

At the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway Station at 9.25 o'clock this morning Admiral Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa former Commander of the Grand Fleet arrived in Halifax and was welcomed by His Honor McCallum Grant, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Hon. George H. Murray, Premier of the Province, Captain W. H. R.N., Brigadier General Thacker, His Worship Mayor Parker, Alderman George E. Ritchie, City Clerk L. Fred Monaghan, Colonel A. E. Curren Belgian Consul, Frank K. Warren, President of the Halifax Branch of the Navy League and a number of Naval and Military Officers and Citizens.

The following civic address was read by the City Clerk:-

The Right Honorable the Viscount John Rushworth Jellicoe,
G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.

Your Lordship:-

The Mayor and Aldermen on behalf of the Citizens of Halifax desire to extend to your Lordship the heartiest welcome.

Ever since in 1749 this City was established as a place of arms both naval and military to offset the great fortress of Louisbourg it has been connected by the closest ties of every description with the service of which you are so distinguished a member. In peace as in war the ships of the Navy have been familiar visitors. The members of the service have been ever welcome to our homes and associated in all our pastimes; many have connected themselves with us by ties of marriage; many of our own young men have themselves entered the service and no inconsiderable number have acquitted themselves with distinction.

Up to the period within recent years when the growing menace of the German navy compelled a

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centration of naval strength this Port was the headquarters of the North Atlantic Squadron ; and in the great contest now happily ended it naturally took its place as a centre of the manifold naval activities of the war.

We have watched with the keenest interest your Lordship's glorious career throughout the great struggle. We recognize the eminence of your services and rejoice in being able to congratulate you on the triumph which has crowned them.

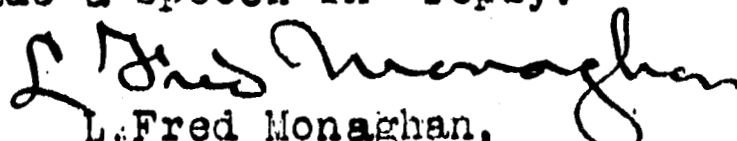
Naturally we are deeply interested in your mission to Canada and feel that we say no more than should be said when we assert our belief that though opinions may differ as to the mode, there is no difference among Canadians as to the policy of the Dominion in some way taking its share in maintaining the service upon which the integrity and safety of the Empire must depend. Whatever policy is adopted this Port must of necessity play a most important part and we trust that now that the considerations which prompted the removal from these waters of the fighting ships are no longer operative we may once more see the white ensign as freely as before and that the ships of the Imperial Navy may serve as examples to be followed by those of the Dominion.

Once more we bid your Lordship welcome and hope you may be long spared to enjoy the fame you have so nobly won and to benefit the Councils of the Empire by an experience so great and a judgment so ripe as those which you have acquired.

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J. S. Parker,
MAYOR.
L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Viscount Jellicoe made a speech in reply.


L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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A 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, Buckley Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley and Thompson.

The Council was summoned to consider Estimates 1920-1921 to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

SCHOOLS ESTIMATES - RECONSIDERATION.

Moved by Alderman Power that agreeably to the notice which he gave at meeting December 10th for the reconsideration in the Estimates for Public Schools of the item "Teachers " \$274,700.00 be now taken up for reconsideration and that said matter be now reconsidered.

His Worship the Mayor acting on the opinion of the City Solicitor rules the motion for reconsideration out of order.

Alderman Power appeals from the ruling of the Chair,

The City Clerk puts to the Council the question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

The vote being taken there appeared :-

To sustain the decision of the Chair :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Kelly, Ritchie, Guildford,

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Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -9

Contrary:- Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett,
Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Butler, Power -9

The City Clerk declares the decision of the
Chair sustained.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :-

Estimates 1920-21 by Alderman Whitman, Chairman
Finance Committee.
Report Finance Committee re V.G. Hospital Accounts
by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
Report Finance Committee re Criminal Prosecu-
tions expenses, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman
Letter School Board re Schools Estimates by
His Worship the Mayor.

Other Headlines.

Camp Hill Cemetery.
Victoria School of Art and Design.
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.
Society for Prevention of Cruelty.

ESTIMATES 1920 -1921

The Council proceeds to the consideration of
the Civic Estimates for 1920-1921 schedule by schedule.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Aldermen
Power that the consideration of the yearly estimates
for 1920-21 be deferred for ten days.

Alderman Murphy with the consent of the
seconder and the Council withdraws the motion.

County of Halifax.....\$34,942.98

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman
Colwell that the item pass. Motion passed 14 vot-
ing for the same and 3 against it as follows :-

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For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson

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

Read report Finance Committee re item "Criminal Prosecutions" in the Estimates for the Municipality of Halifax County as follows :-

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 15th, 1919 "

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day when the Estimates for the Municipality of Halifax were being considered, item Criminal Prosecutions \$7000.00 the following resolution was passed and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

RESOLVED that all Criminal matters arising in the City of Halifax and over which the City Police Force have cognizance be reported to and taken before the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax and not elsewhere and that any prosecution initiated in contravention of this resolution do not form a charge against the City or a share of the Criminal Prosecution estimate.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Douglas.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Public Schools

Alderman Whitman Chairman Finance Committee explained that the School Board for next year asked for the total sum of.....\$389476.89

Chief of Police ✓
Mayor ✓
Auditor ✓
Stipendiary Magistrate ✓
Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate ✓
9 Parks Architect ✓
Solicitor ✓

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The Council objected to the sum recommended for
Physical Instructor viz.....\$1200.00

The School Board subsequently in the following
letter acquiesced in this objection and the original
estimate is thus reduced by said amount
of.....\$1200.00

Thus leaving the Board's appli-
cation at\$388,276.89

To this amount the City adds for Sinking Funds
and Interest..... 69,967.08
\$458,243.97

The letter from the School Board follows :-

Board of School Commissioners,
December 11 1919

L.Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Com-
missioners held this date, a letter of December 10
from the City Clerk was read, regarding the City
Council passing of the board's estimate; and a
resolution unanimously adopted that the Board
acquiesce in the decision of the City Council.

S.J.Wilson,
Secretary.

Schedule Public Schools\$458,243.97 Passed.
City Home.....\$ 64,184.36

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Aldermen
Bissett that the estimate for the City Home be
adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded
by Alderman Ackhurst that the salary of the Super-
intendent and the Assistant Superintendent be placed
at the same figure as at present.

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Amendment put and lost 2 voting for the same
and 15 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Alderman Whitman, Ackhurst -2

Against it :- Alderman Colwell, Finlay, Hoyt,
Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler,
Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -15

The following resolution is submitted :-

That any schedules or statutory increase
of salaries be by way of bonus and not by
way of permanent increases and that the sched-
ules be passed on that understanding.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman
seconded by Alderman Douglas and passed 11 voting
for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the resolution :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst,
Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie,
Power, Guildford, Thompson -11

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Murphy,
Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -6

Victoria General Hospital Accounts

Read report Finance Committee re collection of
Victoria General Hospital accounts for maintenance
of City Patients.

Committee Room City Hall,
December 16th, 1919

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

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held
this day the matter of collecting accounts for main-
tenance of City Patients in the Victoria General Hospi-
tal was under consideration, the following resolution
was passed and recommended to the City Council for
adoption :-

*Auditor -
Treasurer -*

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Resolved that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the City Home be paid a commission of ten per cent on all amounts collected by them for maintenance of patients chargeable to the City of Halifax treated at the Victoria General Hospital out of the collections said commission of ten per cent to be deducted by them when making returns to the City Treasurer this Commission to be paid when collection is made.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Power.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that W.E. Messervey be relieved of his duty looking after the settlement of city patients in the Victoria General Hospital and collecting Hospital accounts for their maintenance and that his salary for such duties cease December 31st, 1919. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the estimate for City Home as amended by the resolution submitted by Alderman Whitman and seconded by Alderman Douglas be now approved. Motion put and passed.

Item City Home.....\$64,184.36 passed.
Public Gardens..... 7,500.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay that said item be adopted subject to resolution just passed relating to salary bonuses. Motion passed.

J. H. Buchanan
W. E. Messervey
W. E. Messervey
City Auditor
City Treasurer
Mayor
J. H. Buchanan
Ald. A. Whitman

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Point Pleasant Park.....\$3000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Aldermen Ackhurst that the said item pass. Motion passed.

Citizens Free Library.....\$5000.00

Moved by Alderman/^{Whitman}seconded by Alderman Kelly that said item pass subject to resolution re salary bonuses. Motion passed.

City Health Board.....\$42,145.00

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Whitman that consideration of the City Health Board Estimates be deferred until next meeting of Council. Motion passed 11 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Thompson -11

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley - 5

Superannuations.....\$6,103.52

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoyt that said item pass. Motion passed.

Provincial Exhibition..(none held)

City Grants and Sundries

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Thompson that said schedule pass as submitted.

Camp Hill Cemetery

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that Camp Hill Cemetery appropriation be placed at \$1800.00 instead of \$1500.00 as recommended.

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Amendment put and **passed** 10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly, Murphy, Butler, Ritchie, Guildford, Hubley - 10

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Buckley, Power, Godwin, Thompson -6
Victoria School of Art and Design.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the City Solicitor prepare legislation authorizing the City to increase the grant for the Victoria School of Art and Design from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per annum.

Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Kelly, Ritchie, Guildford, Hubley -6

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Power, Godwin, Thompson-10.

Alderman Finlay gives notice of reconsideration.
Society for Prevention of Cruelty.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the item "Society for Prevention of Cruelty " be placed at \$300.00 instead of \$200.00 as recommended. Amendment passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the schedule of "City Grants and Sundries" as amended ^l by adopted. Motion passed.

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Temporary Loans and Interest.....\$41,884.71

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that said schedule be adopted.

Alderman Murphy asked that the Finance Committee take up the matter of financing interest and progress payments on anticipated borrowings.

Alderman Whitman's motion is put and passed.

11.30 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and lost 3 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Godwin -3

Against it :- Alderman Whitman, Bissett, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Hubley, Thompson -10

Consolidated Fund 1880.....\$47,869.50

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that said schedule pass. Motion passed.

Consolidated Fund 1905.....\$177,569.81

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that said schedule pass. Motion passed.

Sinking Funds.....\$35,552.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that said schedule pass. Motion passed.

Salaries.....\$45,950.00

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman

Ald Whitman & Asst City Clerk

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Whitman that consideration of said schedule be deferred.
Motion passed.

Police.....\$94,444.00

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman

Whitman that consideration of said schedule be deferred.
Motion passed.

City Prison.....\$16,504.14

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman

Whitman that this item be amended by correcting
a clerical error in the item "Income" so as to
make the income read. \$3,500.00. instead of \$2,500.00.
Motion passed.

Works Department.....\$256,975.00

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman

Hubleby that consideration of this schedule be deferred.
Motion passed.

Fire Department.....\$158,757.55

Moved by Alderman whitman seconded by Alderman

Colwell that this meeting do now adjourn until Friday
evening 19th instant at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.40 o'clock.


L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.

EVENING SESSION,

(Adjourned Session)

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 19th, 1919

The City Council met this evening at the above named hour, pursuant to adjournment of the 18th inst., present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Aokhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas Murphy, Bucklley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin and Thompson.

ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1920-21

The Council resumes the consideration of the yearly Estimates for 1920-21 as submitted by Alderman Whitman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, various of the schedules not previously disposed of being taken up.

Fire Department.....\$158,757.55

Two Platoon System

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters re Two Platoon System.

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
December 19th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.
C i t y.

Gentlemen:-

We understand that the suggestion for a Two Platoon System in the Halifax Fire Department is receiving your consideration, and from newspaper reports, we understand the Board of Fire Commissioners has recommended that the continuous service system (as now in vogue) be maintained.

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I am directed to advise you, that we have considered this matter and approve of the Board of Fire Commissioners' recommendation, which we feel provides for the better fire protection service for the City.

We respectfully urge that your Honorable Body adopt the recommendation of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Read minority report Controllers Murphy and Godwin re Two Platoon System.

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To

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Having differed with the recent action of the Board of Firewards in deciding against the introduction of the Two Platoon System in this City we beg to submit for your consideration the following minority report and resolution.

"Resolved That this Council favorably consider the placing of the Fire Department under the Two Platoon System and that necessary provision be made to permit of its introduction during the coming year with an additional 30% of the present force."

The action of the Board of Firewards was guided by two considerations, namely, a report submitted by the Chief of the Fire Department and the additional financial expenditure involved.

A careful investigation justifies our differing with a considerable portion of the Chief's report and well-informed authorities consulted lead to the conclusion that it would serve all interests to have this change put into effect.

For the information of the Council up to November 8th of present year, no less than 281 Cities in the United States had adopted this system since which time, at least, a dozen other Cities have been added to this list. In the State of Massachusetts alone it is in force in 32 Cities.

Further, several of the States have put through legislation making the Two Platoon System compulsory throughout their States, among them being Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. At the convention of Canadian Fire Chiefs held at Calgary, a unanimous resolution approving of the Two Platoon System was passed.

In the face of such general support, we are satisfied of the merits of this system and, therefore, take the liberty of submitting the matter

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in the form of a minority report so that this Council as a whole, can take action if they so desire, on same.

John Murphy,
Jno. E. Godwin.

Read report Chief Churchill re the Two Platoon System.

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

Board of Fire Wards,
Gentlemen:-

On your instructions I beg to report on the petition and letter regarding a two platoon system in our Fire Department.

The first and most important question to my mind is; whether a two platoon system would improve the efficiency of our Department? And the next important question to consider would be the cost of maintaining such a system.

As to the first question I might say, that this system of platoon came into practice in some cities of the United States about ten years ago. Since then many cities adopted this plan.

Kingston, Ont. with a population of only twenty three thousand was the first City in Canada to adopt it. The two platoon system both in United States and Canada has been first started in the smaller cities and by persistent agitation has gradually crept into some of the larger cities. We are all familiar with the facts by which the City of Montreal adopted this system last winter, much against their will.

It may be beneficial for your Board to know that the City of Winnipeg made a thorough investigation in 1918, with the view of obtaining all the information possible, for and against the double platoon system.

The Chiefs of Omaha, Neb. Minneapolis, Chicago, New York and other cities reported unfavorably to such a system. Chief Kenlon of New York speaks as follows :- "I am not in favor of the two platoon system for the reason that I do not believe it is a good thing for firemen and I certainly do not believe that the firemen working under a two platoon system give as good protection to the several cities as the men under the so called continuous duty system."

I consider the opinion of such an able man as Chief Kenlon worth considering, if it were only for the mere fact that he is the head of the New York Fire Department, the greatest civic

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service in the world, next to Scotland Yard and where-
as we have to be largely guided by such expert opinion.

Other chiefs expressing their opinion say, that after the twelve hour night off the men do not report for duty in as good a condition as they might and the same applies to the day shift, Again there requires to be different men to have the care of valuable pieces of apparatus with the result of divided responsibility with more or less friction among the men. My own experiences is that the greatest trouble with the men in my Dept. is, "the day after the night before" or the day following their day off.

The National Board of Fire underwriters were also invited to give an expression of opinion on the two platoon system and replied that its introduction involves an extra cost of about forty per cent as compared with the continuous system and owing to the addition of so many new men, the immediate result has been to impair the general efficiency of the departments which have adopted it. That there has been difficulty in getting enough men to provide adequate strength for the agitation for a two platoon system has been accompanied by, and accomplished through influences outside the department, which has had a tendency to adversely effect discipline and the spirit of the department."

The two platoon system leaves much opportunity for abuse. Men might become accustomed to doing work off duty which could not be very well prevented by the Department, as while on their twelve or twenty four hours off duty they would not be under the control of the department.

Extracts from Firemen's Standard for Nov. 1 1919. "One of the principal things which had retarded the adoption of the two platoon system throughout the country has been its abuse by certain firemen of some departments which were operating under it by obtaining other employment when off duty, and which abuse commenced ~~in~~ at Omaha, Neb. when the system was first adopted and has continued to the present time.

The Boston Finance Commission, in a recent report on that system for Boston has the following to say of it:-

"The reason assigned by the firemen in their earlier petition for one day off in three was the need for more time with their families. Still, when granted this additional privilege, many firemen sought and obtained outside employment during their time off duty. Thus, in August 1918 it appeared at a hearing before the War Labor Board in Boston that 50 firemen were employed by the Curtis & Pope Lumber Company on their days off.

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This employment was a violation of the rules of the Department, but the employment persisted until the War Labor Board voted to request the Lumber Company to apply to the United States employment agencies for help. Experience seems to show that with the additional free dom from duty the men would engage in other employment. It is entirely possible that under the two platoon ~~sys~~ arrangement firemen would be able to subordinate their fire fighting job to their other employment and men doing so on re- turning to their fire houses might be in no physical condition to m et the calls ~~s~~ or fire fighting service

The firemen at present sleep in fire houses. If their quarters continue to be maintained for sleeping purposes under a two platoon system, the incentive for obtaining outside employment during the time while they are off duty will be greatly increased, as there are no duties to be performed ~~u~~during night hours, ~~e~~xcept two hour watch of men on the floor, and answering fire alarms".

In one city I have read about in the United States where the two platoon had been agitated for some time and in the end obtained. The chief of this department disposed of all the beds and the night shifts were given sufficient work to occupy their entire twelve hours. On their day shift they did their outside drilling. The result in this case was that in eighteen months the men petitioned their City Council to again go back to the continuous service system, which was granted and gladly welcomed by them. I am not prepared to say whether this parti- cular chief did right or wrong ~~o~~n this case, but after all is said and done, the men were really paid for serivce and perhaps he is justified in adopting those measures.

There are many single men in our Department who are not obliged to keep house. Those men at present board at restaurants or private houses and if the two platoon system were adopted in Halifax they would be put to the additional expense of lodging because of their change of platoon and the twenty four hours off to effect this dchange. Personally, I am not opposed to better conditions for the men. What facts I have ~~e~~ited above are for the purpose of giving your Board some knowledge of what is doing in two platoon cities and the opinion of chiefs working under it. There is much more I might say about two platoon system.

In 1917, our Department was a part paid and part call dept. We had then 35 permanent men and 88 call men, making a total of 123 men. This system of call and permanent did not prove satisfactory as there were not enough permanent men responding with the apparatus to satisfactorily cope with a fire in its incipient stage or to prevent a conflagration where a fire had gained serious proportions, never- theless, we now find promoters of the two platoon who are actually urging the going back to the call system with a much more expensive proposition under

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the heading of two platoon. Then again there is this to be said the petitioners for this platoon system have neither approached the Chief on this matter or submitted this petition to me, and I am surprised to find my First Deputy one of the most prominent for this form of fire protection. Whether I have any judgment in this matter, or not, or whether an interview with me would or would not have changed the views of the petitioners, I feel that such petitions should be first submitted to the Chief, because the practice of encouraging such petitions to be presented, such as this has been (whether or not the petition is granted) leaves a bad effect and tends to demoralize discipline in the Dept.

As stated before I am not against better conditions for the men, for I consider the better the conditions governing the Department the better class of men I am likely to get. I would say, however, that if the promoters of this scheme are desirous of doing something real good for the men and if it is a matter of bettering conditions only, then why not adopt the popular eight hour day? I am strongly of the opinion that you can pay men to work the continuous service with their meal hours off, giving them one day off in, say five or a similar system such as an eight hour day but the twelve hour day will, I fear never be satisfactory.

In going into the financial question of the two platoon system it must always be kept in mind that sufficient men should always be available to properly man the apparatus. We have at present 86 permanent men, rank and file. The appropriation for salaries alone being \$129,549.00 I have already asked for an additional six men ^{due} to the fact of installing additional apparatus.

To adopt a two platoon system would require to add at least 50 more men to the Department and sufficient men to allow each man to allow each man two weeks holidays each year (with no provision being made for sickness) This would mean at least an additional cost of \$64,650.00 or in other words an appropriation of approximately \$200,000.00

In closing permit me to draw your attention to the fact that quite a number of the Department have not signed this petition and whether or not they approve of it, is questionable. I would suggest that the petition be held in abeyance until the views of the entire Department are thoroughly known.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief H.F.D.

Also read report Chief Churchill re the cost of establishing the Two Platoon System.

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Board of Fire Wards.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith beg to submit the following estimate that would be required to operate a two platoon system.

Salaries.

50 men	57,200.00
suits and Uniforms	2,500.00
overcoats	2,000.00
rubber boots	300.00
rubber coats	700.00
oil hats	50.00
uniform caps	150.00
badges	50.00
belts and spanners	1.00.00
helmets	200.00
miscellaneous	100.00
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	\$ 63,350.00
Amount of present salaries submitted	111,720.00
" " maintenance	25,300.00
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	\$200,370.00

J.W.Churchill,
Chief H.F.D.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Whitman that the schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee be adopted.

in amendment

Moved/ by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Godwin that the resolution embodied in the minority report of Aldermen Murphy and Godwin be adopted.

The amendment is withdrawn by leave of Council.
in amendment

Moved by/ Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman

Power that the recommendation of the Finance Committee as submitted in the Estimates be approved and the schedule adopted and that the Committee of Fire Wards report at a future meeting as to the Two Platoon system.

Amendment put and passed 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows :-

*Chief Fire
Dept
as requested*

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For the Amentment:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Bissett, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Thompson -14

Against it:-Alderman Hoyt -1

Police Department.....\$94,444.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the appropriation as reported on by the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

Works Department.....\$256,975.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Douglas that the schedule for Works Department as recommended be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the ~~the~~ estimates provide that a minimum wage scale of 40 cents instead of 35 cents per hour be put into force and that the City undertake to comply with the then prevailing rate should it exceed that amount.

Amendment put and lost 5 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Finlay, Murphy, Buckley, ~~Guildford~~^{Power}, Godwin -5

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie, Guildford, Thompson -10

The original motion is put and passed.

Miscellaneous.....\$75,000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that this schedule be approved. Motion passed.

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cc

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Probable Income.....\$72,000.00

c Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that said schedule be approved. Motion passed.

Salaries.....\$45,950.00

*ES Tracey ✓
City Auditor ✓*

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Power that the salary of Temperance Act Inspector

Tracey for the Civic Year 1920-21 be placed at

\$2500.00 and enumerated under schedule "O" the

"Salaries" List. Motion put and passed 10 voting

for the same and 3 against it as follows :-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Butler, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Thompson-10

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay that the schedule "Salaries" be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Colwell that schedule "Salaries" be considered item by item. Amendment passed.

The items in the schedule are dealt with as follows :-

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$2,000.00	passed.
City Solicitor.....	3,000.00	passed.
City Treasurer.....	2,200.00	passed.
Stenographer.....	1,000.00	passed.
City Auditor.....	2,500.00	passed.
City Clerk(to cover all ser- vices including Registrar of Vot- ers).....	3,500.00	

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Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Bissett that this item be placed at \$3600.00. Motion put and passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, ~~Hoyt~~, Bissett, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford,

*BTM
CC*

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Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Douglas, Murphy ~~Shompson~~ - 6

*BTM
CC*

Assistant City Clerk.....\$2,400.00 passed.

Alderman Murphy dissents.

Increases of Salaries by way of Bonus

Alderman Finlay gives notice that he will move for the reconsideration of resolution passed at session December 18th declaring that increases in salaries shall be understood to be by way of bonus and not by way of permanent increases.

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Stenographer.....\$ 800.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that this item pass.

in amendment
Moved/by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Buckley that this item be placed at \$900.00. Amendment put and lost 3 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the amendment :- Aldermen Finlay, Murphy, Buckley -3

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -10

The original motion is put and passed.

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Stenographer.....\$ 600.00

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Buckley that this item be placed at \$700.00. Motion put and lost 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Finlay, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Guildford -6

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas, Power, Thompson -8

11.35 o'clock

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the Council do now adjourn.

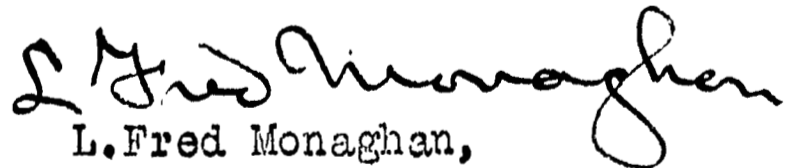
The vote being taken there appeared:-

For Adjournment :- Aldermen Whitman Ackhurst, Hoyt, Douglas, Butler, Power, Guildford -7

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Bissett, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Thompson -7

His Worship the Mayor votes for adjournment and declares the motion carried.

Council adjourns 11.37 o'clock.


L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.