

EVENING SESSION,

8.15 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 15th, 1920

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, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford and Hubley.

The Council was summoned "To consider report of special Committee on taxation of Government property to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :-

Report Finance Committee re Dry Dock subsidy by Alderman Whitman Chairman.

Report Committee of Fire Wards re Fire Alarm system by Alderman Hoyt, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Billiard Room License, 663 Barrington Street by Alderman Power, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Billiard Room License, 27 Argyle Street, by Alderman Power, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Billiard Room License, 661 Barrington Street by Alderman Power Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers -

City Health Board Accounts.

Report Special Committee re Taxation of Government Property.

Reports (6) Committee on Works, viz:-

Gottingen Street Water Extension.

Water Department Funds.

Works Department Loans.

Windsor and Young Street Sewers.

Argyle Street Water Trench.

Workshops Heating System.

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Other Headlines.

Fire Alarm System.
Electric Wiring Ordinance.
Building Code.
Streets Ordinance.
Letter of Condolence to the City Clerk.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Colwell that the order of business be suspended to allow Alderman Hoyt to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is introduced :-

Resolved that the City Council approve of Legislation being obtained for the purchase of fire alarm apparatus in accordance with the report submitted by the City Electrician and passed by the Board of Fire Wards.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Kelly and passed.

GOTTINGEN STREET WATER TRENCHING.

Read report Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment for Gottingen Street water trenching.

Office of Clerk of Works,
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th., instant final payment to Daw and Kaiser for balance due on water trenching contract Gottingen Street amounting to \$1320.20 was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

*Electrician
and Hoyt
auditor
solicitor
Ald. Power
Asst. City Clerk*

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City Engineer's Office,
January 14th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir :-

Certificate #2 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to Messrs. Daw and Kaiser of the sum of One thousand three hundred twenty dollars and twenty cents (\$1,320.20) balance in full on their contract for trenching on Gottingen Street.

Estimated value of work done	\$4,276.20
Less paid on certificate #1	<u>2,956.00</u>
Bal. recommended in full	\$1,320.20

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts for payment.

Office of City Health Board,

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached accounts from the City Health Board, amounting to \$663.19 1/2 passed at a meeting of the Board held on the 14th inst., are forwarded for your information and necessary action, please.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary, C.H.B.

Isolation Hospital.

G.M. Meagher	Bread	9.24
Leonard Fisheries	Fish	7.49
Hix. Steam Laundry	Laundry	15.60
P. T. Shea	Butter, etc.,	128.47
Kinleys Ltd.	Drugs	.60

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Longards Ltd.	Plumbing	17.15
A.&W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Printing	9.00
S.D. Innes	Milk	32.50
R W. Hemming	Carpenter	55.65
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Meat	60.79
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	66.39
		<u>\$402.88</u>

Smallpox Hospital.

Dr. E. Blackadder	Vaccinating	50.00
G.M. Meagher	Bread	2.41½
Leonard Fisheries	Fish	1.72
Hfx. Steam Laundry	Laundry	6.24
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	10.50
Baldwin & Co.	Lamps	4.00
P. T. Shea	Butter, eggs.	43.96
J. Lycon	Taxi	21.00
S.D. Innes	Milk	16.12
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Meat	22.14
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	38.42
		<u>\$216.51½</u>

General Account.

Croagg Bros.	Batteries	2.45
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	9.95
A.M. Fraser	Type. ribbon	1.00
Morton & Thomson	Battery	.40
		<u>\$ 13.80</u>
		<u>\$633.19½</u>

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

ARGYLE STREET WATER TRENCHING.

Read report Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment for Argyle Street water trenching.

Office of Clerk of Works,
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th inst., final payment to Ralph Burino for

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balance due on water trenching contract Argyle Street, amounting to \$1893.25 was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Jan. 14, 1920

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #5 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to Ralph Burino of the sum of One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,893.25) balance in full on his contract for trenching on Argyle Street.

Estimated value of work done	\$5,799.25
Less paid on certificates 1 to 4	<u>3,906.00</u>
Bal. recommended in full	\$1,893.25

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

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

DRY DOCK REFUND OF SUBSIDY.

Read report Finance Committee re refunding amounts paid by way of subsidy by the City to the Halifax Graving Dock Company.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 6th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following resolution moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Thompson was unanimously adopted.

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RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor make on behalf of the City an application to the Dominion Government for a refund of the amount of all money contributed by the City to the Halifax Dry Dock as a subsidy which has been expropriated by the Dominion Government.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

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

The following resolution is submitted :-

Mayor
Solicitor

WHEREAS the Halifax Dry Dock has been expropriated by the Dominion Government therefore resolved that His worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor make on behalf of the City an application to the Dominion Government for a refund of the amount of all money contributed by the City to the Halifax Dry Dock as a subsidy.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power and passed.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE ,27 ARGYLE STREET.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending the granting of a license to R. Allen to operate a Public Billiard room at #27 Argyle Street.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 29th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the attached application of R. Allen for a license to operate a public billiard room at No. 27 Argyle Street was read.

Your committee recommend that this application if approved by Chief of Police be granted. The report of the Chief of Police is hereto attached.

J. J. Power,
Chairman.

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Office of Chief of Police,
December 30th, 1919

Henry S. Rhind, Esq.,
Asst. City Clerk.

Sir:- Re application of R. Allen for Billiard Parlor.

I wish to inform you that I approve of the application of the above named person. Attached please find application of R. Allen.

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief of Police.

Asst. City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the license granted. Motion passed.

CITY WORKSHOP HEATING.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the purchase of an additional boiler for heating the City Work. Shops.

Office of Clerk of Works,
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the works Department held on the 14th. inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on heating system at City Works Shops, a copy of which is attached hereto. The report was approved and recommended to the Council for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
January 13th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The heating system at the City Workshops, Bell Road has been added to from time to time until there is now about 300 feet of heating surface while the boiler has a capacity of about 2000 feet only.

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This means that the boiler is overloaded and it has resulted in the freezing of some of the heating pipes in consequence of the difficulty in maintaining circulation.

As the condition is serious, I have made enquiry to ascertain the prospect of obtaining a second boiler to carry on with. I find that a boiler can be obtained immediately, which has had about two years use, but is in good condition and could be put in service without delay. It will cost \$655 to make the change, and I would recommend that the work be done with as little delay as possible.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Aokhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Whitman that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works.

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Whitman, Buckley, Butler, Guildford -7

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Aokhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Ritchie, Power, Hubley -8

Another amendment was moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Whitman that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works and that tenders be taken for a new boiler. Amendment lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

LOANS FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending ^{the} borrowing of various sums for different services.

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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on requirements of Works Department for several services and for which it would be necessary to obtain legislation to authorize the borrowing of same. A copy of the report is attached hereto. On motion report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption, except the clause relating to fire alarm quarters, City Hall, was amended to provide that the proposed amount can be expended elsewhere than in City Hall if after conference with the Fire Department it is deemed desirable that this should be done.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Jan. 7th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I would recommend that Legislation be obtained for the following loans -

Sewers. \$250,000

It will be necessary to provide without delay for the drainage of that portion of the City lying west of Connaught Avenue and north of Quinpool Road, by the extension of the trunk sewer from Jubilee Road to Chebucto Road, and farther, if development renders it necessary. There are a number of sewers on the Order Paper now, and a probability that a good many more will be asked for in the immediate future.

Water Construction \$200,000

There is a good deal of construction work already in sight and not less than this amount should be provided for.

Street Sprinkling \$25,000

During the last season we were operating nine sprinklers with horses, by contract. In addition, a portion of the work is still being done by the Fire Department. The work done by contract has been most unsatisfactory for years and war conditions have made it more unsatisfactory with a prospect that it will get worse instead of better. The motor sprinklers have given good satisfaction when used properly, and I would recommend that at least three more be purchased, to be ordered without un-

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necessary delay, so that they may be put in service early in the season. I estimate that with three sprinklers we should be able to cover all the ground that is covered by the hired teams and practically at the same cost per annum.

Fence City Yard \$1000.

The fence around the City Yard is old and badly decayed. A part of it has already fallen and it will be necessary to renew all of it in the coming year. It is too large an expenditure to pay for out of the ordinary City Property appropriation.

Incinerator Approach. \$3000.00

When the Incinerator was erected, the approach was constructed of wood. Part of it had become so badly worn that it was getting dangerous, and I had it filled with ashes so that it is permanent. A retaining wall should be constructed at the end of the embankment and a permanent concrete landing constructed instead of the old wooden landing. This work must be done this year; otherwise there is danger of accident and possibly damage to owners of teams using the approach.

Plumbing City Hall \$2500.00

The condition of the plumbing in the basement of the City Hall has been reported on a number of times by the City Plumbing Inspector. It has been unsatisfactory for a long time and I would recommend that the amount named, be borrowed to place the plumbing in good order.

Heating City Hall \$10,000.00

The heating of the City Hall has never been satisfactory from the first. I am informed that it did not comply with the specifications as to the temperature which must be maintained in the building, at the completion of the original contract. Subsequently a contract was given to a City firm to improve the heating so that it would give satisfactory results. In my opinion, radical changes are necessary in the heating system and a contract should be made with a reliable firm, with a guarantee, that a standard temperature shall be maintained when the thermometer is at zero outside, and that the work shall not be paid for in full until satisfactory completion of tests as may be provided in the contract. At times some of the officials have had to abandon their work in consequence of the low temperature of some of the offices.

Wiring City Hall \$7250.00

The City Electrician reports to me that the wiring in the City Hall is in his opinion, not safe. He states that he was connected with the company which did the wiring in the first place and the material used was the best that could be procured at the

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time, but the class of work is very inferior to present standards. He states that the insulation is now so brittle from age, that a small bend or a jar will break it. He also states that the conductors are not attached to insulators, but simply run along under the laths and joists, without any protection except the old insulation; also that the wiring is probably in contact with gas piping in many places. In face of his report, I feel that it is my duty to add this item.

Fire Alarm Quarters City Hall \$4000

It is proposed to remove the fire alarm apparatus from the room in which it is installed, to a room in the attic, making the attic room as nearly as possible fireproof. It is not practicable to continue the operation of the fire alarm system as at present located.

Market Slip \$1000

The Market Slip has been practically destroyed by storms and it is desirable that this important landing be restored before the beginning of the summer season.

Public Comfort Station \$10,000

If the construction of this convenience is to be proceeded with this year, it will be necessary to provide the amount named. Tenders were taken in 1916 and allowing for the difference in cost now, I estimate that it will require at least \$10,000 more than has been provided, to complete this work.

Furniture, City Hall.

The furniture in the City Hall, especially the upholstered pieces, is in bad condition. The furniture in the offices has not been very creditable to the City for years, and a general overhauling and partial replacement is necessary. The most needy rooms are the City Council Chamber and the Mayor's Office. I would recommend that an amount not exceeding \$2000. be provided for this purpose.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Bissett that a copy of the report be furnished to each Alderman and that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion passed.

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and by clerk ✓*

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SEWER WINDSOR AND YOUNG STREETS.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer in West Young Street and Windsor Street.

City Works Office,
Jan. 8th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 7th., inst., the City Engineer submitted report on petition from residents of Willow Park for construction of sewers to serve that district, a copy of which is attached hereto. The report was approved and recommended to the Council to be placed on the order paper.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Dec. 26, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of sewers at Willow Park.

The petitioners ask that sewers be constructed in the block bounded by Windsor Street, Edinburgh Street, Oxford Street and Young Street. Edinburgh Street already has a sewer, Windsor Street and Young Street from Windsor Street easterly, can be drained into the sewer system emptying into the Harbor, but London, Liverpool and Cork Streets, Young Street west of Windsor Street and Oxford Street from Edinburgh Street to Young Street have a considerable fall towards the Arm and the outfall must/ in that direction.

Until the exact location of the outfall is determined and construction provided for, I shall not be in a position to recommend the construction of sewers in these streets. I would recommend, however, the construction in Young Street from west end of the present sewer at Brandram-Menderson's property to Windsor Street, and along Windsor Street from Young Street to Edinburgh Street; the estimated cost is \$21,850.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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Engineer ✓
Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE ALARM SERVICE.

Read reports Committee of Fire Wards and City Electrician re Fire Alarm Service.

Halifax, N.S., November 6th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Fire Wards beg to submit for the information of the City Council the attached report of the City Electrician re the Fire Alarm System.

W.W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

City Electrician's Office,
November 3rd, 1919

Ald. W.W. Hoyt,
Chairman Committee of Fire Wards.
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of an order from your Board directing me to make daily reports of Fire Alarm Box inspection.

The only objection I have to offer to this method is the extra time it will take to do the same amount of work.

The usual practice is to make a complete inspection once a month, doing the whole work in from two to three days. If however your Board prefers to have this work spread over the whole month, I will try to have the work done as ordered.

With reference to the inspections carried out since my last report, I wish to say that all boxes have been regularly inspected once each month, the only change from the practice that has been carried out for the past twenty years is that every second month, a round of each box is sent through the whole system in order to get a record of the performance on a punch register tape, at the same time serving as a test for all the gongs etc., in the system.

With reference to the Tower Strikers, I am advised by the manufacturers agents that owing to the extreme age of the type in use, there is no possibility of getting parts without going to the expense of making patterns, which could not be supplied except at a cost that would be in excess of a new machine of modern type.

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These machines are over forty years old and have been patched up for the past twenty years to my knowledge. There can therefore be no doubt but that their useful life has been exceeded.

There is in my judgment no alternative but to install new machines if reliable service is to be expected. The cost installed, would be \$1,200.00 for each machine.

P.R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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

ELECTRIC WIRING ORDINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the Council do now take up the consideration of the ordinance read a first time and a second time December 4th, 1919 entitled "An Ordinance re Electric Wiring and the use of electrical energy in or on any building in the City of Halifax." Motion passed.

The said ordinance is now read.

Ordinance No.
Electric Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy
(As amended and finally passed)

Electric Wiring and the use of electrical energy
in or on any building in the City of Halifax.

1. No wiring or apparatus shall be installed or electrical energy used for illumination, decoration, power or heating, except as in this ordinance provided.

Application to install wiring.

2. All persons, firms, or corporations desiring to install wires or other apparatus for transmitting or using electrical energy for any of the purposes mentioned in this ordinance, shall before commencing or doing any electrical construction work of any kind whatever, either installing new electrical apparatus or repairing or altering or adding to any wiring or apparatus already installed, file an application for a permit therefor with the City Electrician, which

*Electrician ✓
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which application shall describe in detail such material and apparatus as it is desired to use, with a full description of the same, and furnish plans and specifications of proposed wiring if required. Said application shall be made upon forms furnished by the City Electrician and upon receipt and approval of such application duly made in accordance herewith, and upon payment of the fee hereafter prescribed such permit shall be given. In case of large manufacturing establishments, or power plants having competent electricians in their own employ, additions or alterations to existing installations on premises owned by them, and maintenance of the same may be undertaken by the owners thereof, under a general permit to be issued by the City Electrician, provided always, that all work done under such general permit shall conform in every way to the rules and regulations of this ordinance.

3. Every person, firm or corporation, who or which, installs electric wiring, fixtures, or apparatus, or alters or adds to any existing wiring, fixtures, or apparatus or causes or permits the same to be done, without first having obtained a permit therefor, shall be liable to a penalty under this ordinance. If the applicant for the permit shall have committed a breach of this ordinance in respect of some other wiring or apparatus, and such breach shall have continued after notice or remedy same, the City Electrician may refuse a permit until such breach shall have been remedied.

4. Electrical contractors desiring to have an installation or portion thereof inspected, or tested, shall notify the City Electrician in writing, and all work must be left uncovered and convenient for examination until inspected and approved. The inspection shall be made within two working days after receipt of notice, and all inspection fees have been paid as prescribed in the "Schedule of Fees", published herein.

A copy of the wiring permit must be posted upon the job in a conspicuous place, and not removed until the completion of the work.

5. No new installation, alterations or additions to electric wiring, fixtures, or apparatus, shall be connected to any service or other source of electrical energy by any supply company or owner of premises, or by any other firm or person, until the work has been duly inspected and a certificate issued authorizing the the supply of electrical energy.

6. The City Electrician may grant a temporary permit for the use of electric energy on any installation required during the course of construction or alterations of

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buildings, or change of occupancy or source of supply, before further inspection or reinspection shall have been made by him, subject to the owner's, occupant's, or tenant's risk, and to all the provisions of this ordinance after such further inspection or reinspection. Such temporary permit shall expire when cancelled by the City Electrician.

7. The City Electrician shall as soon as practicable, after the receipt of an application to use electrical energy due to change of occupancy or source of supply, cause an inspection to be made of the electrical installation, wiring, fixtures and appliances covered by such application and shall, unless he finds any defect or defects therein, rendering the same or part of the same in his opinion unsafe, issue an approval permit to such applicant to make use of the same and to do what is necessary thereto; but should he find any such defects, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the applicant or applicants to remedy such defect or defects and place the same in a safe condition within forty-eight hours, and such applicant or applicants shall comply with such notice accordingly, failing which the City Electrician shall after giving twenty-four hours notice, in writing, cancel the provisional permit, and have the supply service disconnected until such defect or defects shall have been remedied.

8. Any person, firm, or corporation, who shall cover up from view by lathing, boarding, or any other material, any wiring that has not been inspected and accepted by the City Electrician shall be liable to a penalty under this ordinance.

9. As evidence of inspection and approval of any wiring installation, the City Electrician shall cause to be posted upon the job in a conspicuous place a certificate of such inspection and approval.

10. Any person, firm, or corporation, who shall cut, damage, or interfere with any conduit, wiring or apparatus which has been inspected and approved by the City Electrician, or shall bring or lay any pipe or metal, or other work into contact with any electric wires, or leave same in contact therewith, shall be liable to a penalty under this ordinance.

11. If any person, firm or corporation, shall install electric wiring or apparatus, or connect or cause to be connected to any service or supply, any electric wiring or apparatus, or turn on, or use electrical energy in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, or of the rules forming a part thereof, said City Electrician may cause such electrical energy to be cut off and discontinued until the provisions

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of this ordinance and of said rules are fully complied with.

12. It shall be lawful for the City Electrician or his representative to enter at all reasonable hours upon any property or building subject to the provisions of this ordinance, for the purpose of inspecting the wiring or other electrical appliances in the same. No person shall molest, obstruct or interfere with the said City Electrician or his representative or other persons acting in aid of the City Electrician or his representative in the discharge of his or their duties under this ordinance.

13. A list of approved material and appliances shall be kept on file at the office of the City Electrician. All material used and appliances installed must comply with the requirements of the rules forming part of this ordinance, and meet with the approval of the City Electrician.

14. This ordinance shall not be construed to relieve or lessen the responsibility of any person, firm or corporation, owning, operating, controlling installing, or using any electrical equipment, for damages to anyone injured by any defect therein, nor shall the City of Halifax be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized herein, or certificate issued.

15. The words person, firm or corporation wherever occurring in this ordinance shall extend to and include agents, workmen, servants, and employees of the person, firm, or corporation. Notwithstanding anything in this schedule contained in case of re-inspection of any electrical installation for which a permit has previously been issued which the City Electrician may deem proper to have made, no fees shall be charged for such service.

16. The City Electrician shall have power, and it shall be his duty when by him deemed necessary, to carefully inspect any wiring installation previous to or after completion, and it shall be competent for him to remove or have removed any existing obstructions which may prevent a perfect inspection of the entire installation; such as laths, plastering, boarding or partitions, and if such installation shall prove to have been constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations forming part of this ordinance, and after paying of fees, hereinafter prescribed, he shall issue a certificate of such inspection.

17. A preliminary certificate may be issued by the City Electrician in the case of completed wiring to outlets, installation of conduit, or completed

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installation, but upon which no electrical energy, will be used in the immediate future. Such preliminary certificate shall show that at the date of inspection the installation was completed in accordance with the terms of this ordinance. But before a service permit is issued a further inspection shall be made, when, if the completed installation is in accordance with the terms of this ordinance, a final certificate may be issued and service permit granted.

18. In every case of change of occupancy or tenancy of any premise containing electrical installations, the incoming occupant or tenant shall whether or not such installation has been previously inspected by the City Electrician, first make application to the City Electrician for and obtain from him a permit before using electric energy on such installation or installations.

19. No company supplying electrical energy shall connect its service with wires on or in any building, nor shall it transfer the service in the event of a change in occupancy or tenance until a permit is obtained from the City Electrician for such connection or transfer.

20. The following schedule of fees for the services designated.

Schedule of Fees.

Outlets.

1 to 5 outlets	\$0.50		
6 to 50 "	\$0.10	each additional.	
51 to 100 "	\$0.07	"	"
and over 100 "	\$0.05	"	"

Outlets in above includes switches, and other outlets except for cutouts and meter loops.

Electric Signs.

21 Electric signs each \$1.00
More than one sign on same building .50 each additional.

Motors.

22. Electric Motors each \$1.00 Each additional motor in same plant on same inspection each \$0.50
Portable motors under 1/4 h.p., to be charged the same as lighting rates when inspected at same time as lighting installation.

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Heating Appliances.

23. Same charge as for small portable motors, when inspected at same time as lighting installations.

Electric Fixtures in Merchantile and Factory Buildings.

24. For certificate covering complete fixture installation, along with wiring, and for same contractor, a charge of \$1.00 over and above the wiring inspection fee will be made.

Residential Fixture Inspections.

25. When fixtures can be inspected along with wiring a charge of \$0.50 over and above wiring inspection fees will be made. When special fixture inspections are requested or necessary, a charge of one-half the wiring inspection fee will be made, rating each fixture as an outlet with a minimum fee of \$0.50

Temporary Installations.

26. For each permit for service on any temporary installation a fee of \$1.00 per hour, or fraction thereof for each inspector engaged shall be paid.

Special Inspections.

27. Where no special fee is provided, or where reinspection is necessary due to improper work or materials, or where inspections are made at the request or owners of installations, there shall be charged the sum of \$1.00 per hour or fraction thereof, for each inspector engaged on the work.

Each conduit installation shall be entitled to one final inspection and insulation test on above schedule of fees upon notification by contractor installing. All other inspections or tests shall be charged for ~~at~~ at the rate of \$1.00 per hour or fraction thereof.

Special Theatre Inspection.

28. A charge of \$1.00 shall be made for the inspection of electrical apparatus and wiring in all theatres and moving picture establishments. These inspections to be made at least once each month and more frequently if apparatus on stage is changed. Notice of such change shall be given to the City Electrician by the owner or manager of the theatre concerned.

Permit Fees.

29. A fee of \$0.10 shall be paid for each and every permit or certificate.

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30. The rules governing the installation of electric wiring and apparatus in buildings, and which are hereby approved, shall be what is known as the "National Electric Code", Edition of 1918, Sections 1 to 11 inclusive and 16 to 38 inclusive, (a copy of which can be obtained from the City Electrician on application) together with the following special local rules. In case of conflict between any local rule and a rule of the "National Electrical Code", the local rule is in every case to govern and apply.

Special Local Rules.
Iron Conduit -- Compulsory Use of.

31. No building situate within the boundaries of the Building District, as defined by the City Charter, or any amendment thereto, of the City of Halifax shall be hereafter wired for electric light, heat or power, unless the conductors are encased throughout in approved metal conduit, or consist of approved armored cables, or, in the case of exposed surface work on walls or ceilings, are encased in approved metal moulding, provided that this rule shall not apply to frame or brick dwelling houses, or private barns or garages in said district.

32. All buildings having basements hereafter wired for electric light or power, and situate within the said building district shall have the main feeders so arranged, that connection can be readily made between the same, and the service wires that may hereafter enter such basements. The said feeders shall run in basement to the front or rear of the basement wall, whichever is selected as the most suitable point for the service to enter from the present aerial lines, from the said basement wall a conduit shall extend in a vertical direction to a suitable point above the ground and terminate in an approved service head. This vertical conduit may be carried on either the interior or exterior surface of the wall. If the former, the main cutout and switch must be placed as close as possible to the point of entrance of service, but not higher than eight feet from the floor and in the latter case the main cutout and switch shall be located at the point where the conduit is brought through the exterior wall into the basement. In either case the cutout and switch must be enclosed in an approved metal cabinet.

In case of minor additions, alterations or repairs to any existing installations, the City Electrician may modify the above requirements.

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33. No building hereinafter designated, situate and being outside the limits of the boundaries of the Building District, as defined by the City Charter of the City of Halifax, shall be hereafter wired for electric light, heat or power, unless the conductors are encased throughout in approved metal conduit, or consist of approved armored cable, or; in the case of exposed surface work upon the surface or walls or ceilings are encased in approved metal moulding, viz:- All churches, schools, colleges, public halls, lodge rooms or dance halls, or places of public assembly seating over one hundred (100) persons whether an admission fee is charged or not; all hotels, apartment or flat buildings wholly or in part used for dwelling purposes and being over two stories in height above ground level; all wood working shops or factories; all public garages, and also the wiring of all basements other than in dwelling houses or private barns.

Electric Services.
Low Potential System.

34. Under this heading are included rules covering the installation of all service wires, either overhead or underground, and the fittings, in connection therewith, brought into or attached to any building for the supply of electrical energy thereto.

In all wiring installations for lighting, heat, or power, the inside wiring must be fitted with approved rubber covered service wires of the same size as the wire used for the main feeder, but in any case not less than no 10 B & S. gauge and run through the building wall in approved single iron conduit terminating in an approved service-head with an insulating bushing enclosing each wire. Such service wires must if possible be brought out at the sides of the buildings above the second story window. Where services are brought out at the front of a building the conduit must be carried up the front wall to clear awnings, signs and other obstructions.

The service conduit must extend into an approved metal service box containing a main cut-out and switch to be located at the nearest accessible point to the place where the service wires enter. The service box must be provided with outside switch control, and equipped with device for locking same in order that the main service cutout may be under the control of the supply company.

In order to prevent the accumulation of moisture in service entrance conduit runs, means must be provided for effectually stopping the travel of warm air in the conduit from heated portions of the

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of the building to the portion of run outside the building or in unheated sections of the same. A junction box shall be placed at the junction point and all spaces around conductor at that point carefully sealed.

Meter Wiring etc.

35. All meter service, cutouts and switches shall, when practicable, be placed in basements or public places where they will be readily accessible to meter readers, inspectors, and trouble men, in order to obviate the necessity of interfering with tenants. Meters in basements must not be located near furnaces. In dwelling houses the kitchen may be used for the purpose. Meter loops must be brought in every installation not over eight feet from the floor and must be so arranged that the wires from the service entrance will come out at the left and go to the load at the right.

A meter board not less than 12 by 12 by 7/8 inches thick, for single meters, and proportionally increased for groups of meters, shall be provided at every meter outlet.

Meter loops and cut-outs must not be located in clothes closets, or in the vicinity of easily ignited material unless enclosed in a suitable fire-proof cabinet. In all cases meters must be thoroughly insulated from ground.

Motor Wiring.

36. The motor main leads, or branch circuits must be designed to carry a current of 25% greater than that for which the motor is rated, of a direct current, and 100% in excess of full load current of all constant speed alternating current motors. In the case of main feeders supplying a number of motors and exceeding three motors, a safe carrying capacity is to be provided based upon the sum of the full load current of all the motors plus 50% of the full load current of the largest motor.

Minimum sizes of Wire that can be Used in Wiring for Single Motors.

Note.- These tables are approximate only, and must be verified by makers stated requirements as given on name plate of motors.

D. C. Motors.

H.P. of Motor.:	250 Volts		500 Volts	
	R.C. Wire	Other	R.C. Wire	Other
		Insulation		Insulation
Up to 1/2	14	14	14	14
" " 3.....	12	12	12	12
" " 5.....	10	12	12	12

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Up to 7 1/2:	6	:	8	:	12	:	12
" 10	6	:	8	:	10	:	12
" 15	3	:	5	:	8	:	10
" 20	2	:	4	:	6	:	8
" 25	0	:	2	:	4	:	6
" 50	000	:	000	:	1	:	3

H.P. of Motor:	110 single Phase	220 volts single Phase
	R.C.Wire : Other : : Insulations :	R.C.Wire : Other : : Insulations.

Up to 1/2	14	:	14	:	14	:	14
" " 1	10	:	12	:	12	:	12
" " 2	6	:	8	:	10	:	12
" " 3	4	:	6	:	8	:	10
" " 5	1	:	3	:	6	:	8
" " 7 1/2	00	:	1	:	3	:	4

H.P. of Motor	220 Volts three phase.	550 volts Three Phase.
	R.C.Wire: Other : : Insulations:	R.C.WIRE : Other : : Insulations

Up to 1/2	14	:	14	:	14	:	14
" " 1	12	:	12	:	12	:	12
" " 2	12	:	12	:	12	:	12
" " 3	10	:	12	:	12	:	12
" " 5	8	:	10	:	12	:	12
" " 7 1/2	6	:	8	:	12	:	12
" " 10	4	:	6	:	10	:	12
" " 15	3 2	:	5	:	8	:	10
" " 20	1	:	3	:	6	:	8
" " 25	0	:	2	:	6	:	8
" " 30	00	:	1	:	4	:	6
" " 40	000	:	00	:	2	:	4
" " 50	--	:	--	:	1	:	3

37. An approved compensator or other device for limiting the current in starting A.D. Motors, must be furnished with all motors over 5 H.P. Metal frames of motors, compensators, and motor starters, must be thoroughly and permanently grounded.

Knife switches for control of motors, except service entrance switches, must be of not less than 50 amperes capacity, in order to secure the necessary strength and rigidity.

Wiring in Basements, Cellars, Bathrooms, etc.

38. In cellars, basements, bathrooms, or over cement or other forms of ground floors, over plumbing or other grounded fixtures, all wiring and fixtures

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with exposed current carrying parts must be out of ordinary reach. All sockets must be W.P., or approved porcelian keyless type, and so constructed that the shell completely protects the lamp base. Switches must not be located near piping or other grounded fittings, when used in basements and cellars and must be tumbler type fitted with insulated extension handles and placed so that the extension handle only can be easily handled. All extension cords in above locations must be P.W.P. type fitted with W.P. or keyless porcelain sockets and provided with substantial lamp guards. Approved pin-plug connectors or equivalent must be used in above installations.

39. In all conduit work excepting in approved cabinets, fixtures and switch outlets, an approved fitting with porcelain separation between each wire must be used at all terminals.

40. Electric cooking and heating circuits to cooking ranges shall be three wire in every case, and each wire to be not less than No. 10 B. & S. guage. The metal work of all cooking ranges must be thoroughly and permanently grounded.

41. Branch circuits to radiators other than mantel luminous type shall not be less than No. 12 B. & S. guage. All branch cut-outs shall be three wire fused with enclosed cartridge fuses only, so that any two wire branch may be connected into a 110 or 220 volt system as desired.

42. All switches shall be snap or enclosed type up to 30 amperes and above that capacity must be located in cabinets.

43. Cutouts must not be located near grounded metal or inflammable material, unless enclosed in cabinets. On special heating services no receptacles or plugs of less than 20 amperes capacity, shall be used.

Wiring of Packing Houses, Abattoirs, Breweries,
Cold Storage Plants.

44. In wiring the above or similar buildings exposed to extreme variation of temperature or dampness, special precautions must be taken so as to prevent leakage through grounded conditions.

All circuits must be enclosed in approved conduit with provision for drainage of any moisture that may accumulate at any point in the conduit.

Special care must be taken when conduit runs from a heated room through a chilled room, to prevent the passage of warm air within the conduit.

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Special care must be taken where conduit runs from a heated room through a chilled room, to prevent the passage of warm air within the conduit. Oakum soaked with a water-proof compound, must be packed into the conduit at the point where conduit leaves the heated room at the outlet of a special junction box to be provided for the purpose. All switches must be of entirely enclosed type with covers grounded. Distribution cabinets must be located in dry places, and control covers grounded. Distribution cabinets must be located in dry places and control must as far as practicable be located outside of damp rooms. All lights must be mounted in W.P. fittings. No drop cords, extension cords, or brass sockets shall be used under any circumstances.

General.

45. Wood moulding will not be approved for any class of work. Concealed wiring where any form of metal lathing is to be used must be encased in approved metal conduit or armoured wire.

Flexible insulating tubing when required at outlets must extend two inches beyond lathing, and in all cases to be rigidly secured so that it cannot be pushed back.

Flexible insulating tubing must not be used for wiring that is imbedded in plaster or cement or similar material, or used for protection in crossing pipes, for enclosing wires in damp locations, or against brick-work or masonry.

Cord pendants must not be hung within reach of gas or other grounded fixtures, unless such fixtures are fitted with approved insulating joints.

No portion of any lamp socket, or lamp base, or attachment plug, exposed to contact with outside objects, shall be allowed to come into electrical contact with other conductors.

Show Window Work.

46. All devices to be used, such as rosettes, sockets, receptacles, lamps, shades, holders, etc., must be so arranged that no live current-carrying parts are exposed to contact with outside objects. No flashes, commutating devices or appliances for automatically lighting or extinguishing more than one 40 watt lamp, shall be used in shop windows.

Service or other switches, outlets, or fused rosettes, shall not be installed in show windows.

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Drop cords, portable lamps or motors, must not be used in show windows containing inflammable material, such as dry goods, clothing, millinery, stationery, etc. In show windows not containing inflammable material, flexible cord type C.B. or C.C. may be used for pendants. Portable signs or lamps, and fan motors, may by special permission of the City Electrician in writing, be used.

Incandescent lamps must not be surrounded by or placed in proximity to any inflammable materials.

Signs and Decorative Lighting.

47. No exposed or open wiring shall be placed or erected to supply any exterior sign, arc lamp, incandescent lamp or decorative lighting, which is to be attached to, or hung from, or mounted upon any building, but all electrical conductors shall be carried from the interior of the building or structure, into the interior of any box sign, or to lamp terminals of any arc lamp, or socket of any incandescent fixture in continuous lengths of approved metal conduit. The outer ends of such conduit shall be securely sealed against entrance of moisture, and the complete conduit system grounded.

The carrying capacity of all mains and sub-mains shall be based on the total number of branch circuits being calculated as carrying 1320 watts.

In the case of separate metal letters supported on open frame-work, the circuits feeding same shall be carried in continuous lengths of metal conduit from the interior of the building to every letter of the sign. The feed wires of each letter shall be taken from the main wires through approved W.P. fittings, and be as short as possible between the point where they come out of the outlet, to where they enter the letter.

All cabinets for sign work etc., must comply with section 70 (f) and (g) of the rules forming part of this ordinance.

Switches for all sign and exterior lighting must be triple or double pole.

For temporary exterior decorative display, the City Electrician may, in writing modify the above requirements, but no such temporary wiring shall remain in service for a period exceeding one month, but shall be absolutely cut off and disconnected, and shall not be put again in service without a written permit from the City Electrician.

All exterior temporary displays requiring more than 1320watts must be fed by independent service wires from Street mains. In no case shall such lighting be fed from the interior wires of any building.

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All temporary lighting must be controlled by suitable switches that will absolutely disconnect all wires of the circuit or circuits fed, and by suitable out-outs, all of which shall be readily accessible and of ample capacity.

No inspection or acceptance of any installation for exterior signs by the City Electrician, shall be construed as an acceptance of or acquiescence in the placing or erection, use or continuance of any signs or lighting devices overhanging any streets, and the owners of premises to which such signs are affixed shall be liable in respect of same, and for all damages of every nature and kind resulting therefrom.

48. A Board of Wiring Examiners is hereby constituted to consist of the City Engineer (who shall be chairman of the Board) the City Electrician, a licensed wireman and a journeyman wireman, the two latter to be appointed by the Works Committee. The Board shall be called together by the City Engineer at such times as he considers necessary.

49 No person shall carry on the business of interior wiring for electric light, heat or power, unless he is duly licensed to carry on the same, and is registered as such in the office of the City Electrician. The person obtaining such license shall pay to the City Electrician the sum of Twenty-five dollars for the same.

50. To entitle any person to a license under the next preceding section of this ordinance, he shall be of the full age of twenty-one years, and have a place of business as an electric wireman in the City of Halifax, and shall agree as a condition of obtaining such license to carry on business in compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of this ordinance.

51. Every person before doing any interior wiring for, or on account of himself or any licensed wireman, shall be practical and experienced wireman and furnish the Board of Wiring Examiners sufficient evidence that he has had at least three years experience at wiring work and is capable of properly doing and performing interior wiring work and if the Board is satisfied of his competency to perform such work it shall cause his name to be registered in the office of the City Electrician, and the City Electrician shall give him a certificate of competency as a journeyman, wireman, together with a wireman's badge on payment of a fee of \$5.00 after which he shall be at liberty to do such wiring work, but not before. Wireman's badges shall not be transferable, and must be worn by the owner in a conspicuous place at all times when doing wiring work.

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52. Every person desiring a license as a licensed wireman, or a certificate as a journeyman wireman shall file a petition in writing with the City Electrician, giving the name of the applicant and if the applicant is applying for a licensed wireman's license, he shall state in his petition his age and place of business in the City, and such petition shall be accompanied with the bond hereinafter mentioned.

53. Any change in the location of the business of any licensed wireman shall be promptly reported to the City Electrician.

54. Any journeyman wireman desiring to become a licensed wireman shall first comply with these rules and regulations as to licensed wireman, and no journeyman wireman shall do business as a licensed wireman until he has obtained a license, notwithstanding anything in this ordinance.

55. Every licensed wireman shall be held responsible for everything done by any person in this employ in connection with the wiring work in respect to which a license is granted.

56. Every licensed wireman shall employ only certified journeyman wiremen to do wiring work, but work may be done and performed by a practical wireman as helper under the guidance and direction of a certified journeyman then present directing the work.

57. Every person applying for examination under this ordinance shall pay a fee of \$1.00 for such examination.

58. Every wireman before obtaining a license shall file a bond with the City Electrician in the penal sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty as a licensed wireman, and for his not permitting any wiring work that he is called to do, to be performed by any person in his employ, except by such persons as are authorized to do wiring work under this ordinance, and for his not violating any of the terms and conditions thereof, or any amendment from time to time made thereto.

59. No person shall carry on business as a licensed wireman unless he is the holder of the license herein mentioned, nor shall any journeyman wireman do or perform any wiring construction work or repairs to wiring installations until he has obtained his certificate under this ordinance.

60. The Board of Wiring Examiners shall have the power at any time to cancel any wireman's license or any journeyman wireman's certificate for cause, and there-

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upon all rights of such wireman or journeyman wireman to do any wiring work under this ordinance shall cease and determine.

61. The license to licensed wireman shall expire on the 30th day of April in each and every year, but it may be renewed on application to the Board of Wiring Examiners, and every licensed wireman shall pay a fee of five dollars for such renewal.

62. The Committee on Works shall from time to time, as occasion requires, on the nomination of the Board of Wiring Examiners, appoint such inspectors of wiring as are found necessary but no person shall be eligible for such appointment who has not passed a satisfactory examination for proficiency in both practice and theory of electric wiring before the Board of Wiring Examiners as herein provided.

63. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance or rules forming a part thereof, shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days.

It was moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the Ordinance as amended be now read a third time. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the said Ordinance having been duly read a third time in Council be adopted and engrossed and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

BUILDING CODE.

Alderman Kelly asks if any progress has been made in the revision of the Building Act. The Mayor informs the Council that he will call a meeting of the Committee appointed to revise the Act.

*Letter ✓
Provincial
Secretary*

*ad Whitman ✓
Mayor ✓*

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STREETS ORDINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the Council do now take up the further consideration of an ordinance read a first time and a second time October 2nd, 1919 entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance number four "Of Streets". Motion passed .

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that said Ordinance be now read a third time. Motion passed.

Read a third time an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number four 'Of Streets'".

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number
Four of Streets.

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Halifax as follows :-

Section 18 Ordinance number 4 of the City of Halifax entitled "Of Streets" is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "ten!"

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the said Ordinance having been duly read a third time in Council be now adopted and engrossed and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

BILLIARD ROOM -661 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that a license be not granted for a Billiard Room at the premises 661 Barrington Street.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 5th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the attached application of

*Letter Forwarded
Secretary*

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Mr. H.L.Ferguson for a license to conduct a Public Billiard Room at No. 661 Barrington Street with the report of Chief of Police thereon was read. Your Committee recommend that the report of the Chief of Police be concurred in and no license be granted.

J.J.Power,
Chairman.

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 20/1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

Will ask you to kindly grant me a permit for 3 billiard tables at 661 Barrington Street. By doing the above you will greatly oblige.

H.L.Ferguson.

Not approved.

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief of Police.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further consideration. Amendment put and passed 10 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Bissett, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Hubley -10

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly -5

BILLIARD ROOM 663 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read report of Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that a license to conduct a public billiard room at #663 Barrington Street be not granted.

*Asst. City
Clerk.
Ald. Power ✓*

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

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

At a meeting of the Laws Privileges Committee held this day the attached application of Louis Razza for a license to conduct a public billiard room at No. 663 Barrington Street was read together with report of Chief of Police on same. It is recommended that the report of the Chief of Police be concurred in.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 28th, 1919

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of Laws and Privileges Committee of the City of Halifax, held on the 28th day of October 1919.

Read application of Louis Razza for Billiard room license No. 633 Barrington Street.

Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

A true extract,
H.S. Rhind,
Sect'y to Committee.

Not approved.
Nov. 5/1919

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief of Police.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further report. Amendment being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Colwell, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Guildford, Hubble -7

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Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Butler, Power -8

The original motion is put and passed 9 voting for the motion and 6 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Butler, Power -9

Against it :- Aldermen Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Guildford, Hopley -6

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO THE CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the order of business be suspended to allow Alderman Colwell to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and send a letter of condolence to the City Clerk and the members of his family on the loss sustained by him through the death of his brother. Motion passed unanimously.

TAXATION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

Read Memorial to the Dominion Government submitted by the Special Committee appointed in connection with the taxation of Government property.

To His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

The Council of the City of Halifax begs to present the following condensed statement of the reasons why the Dominion Government should contribute to the cost of maintaining the civic services of that City.

Ord. City Clerk

Solicitor ✓

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No claim is intended for any contribution in respect to properties which may be considered as solely or chiefly for the benefit of the citizens of Halifax, such as the post office, or custom house, although it is obvious that some of these are maintained for the benefit of the whole Dominion as well as that of this City. But the same would often be true of similar properties in other cities and it would be difficult if not impossible to adjust the extent to which they should be considered of local or national importance.

Your memorialists rest their claim on what appears to them the solid ground that large areas of what would otherwise be taxable property in the City are withdrawn from assessment for purposes of almost exclusively national benefit, and in consequence not only do these very valuable properties receive the benefit of all the civic services without any appreciable corresponding return, but by their very presence largely increase the cost of these services.

The properties thus employed may be grouped under three heads :-

Those connected with the Military Service;
 Those connected with the Naval Department, both Imperial and Canadian;
 The terminal works of the Canadian National Railway.

1. The Military Properties

Because of its strategic location Halifax was originally selected as a Military as well as a Naval Station. As a consequence large areas were selected as sites for forts, barracks, exercising grounds and other Military uses. These were selected without reference to their suitability for residential or business purposes, and without consideration as to their effect of the lay out of the future city. As occasion required they have been added to from time to time, also without any definite or coordinate plan. They are scattered throughout the City and now occupy some of the most valuable portions of the City. As the City grew it was sometimes necessary in consequence of these large areas which could not be infringed upon to deflect the thoroughfares, and as population and business increased the City was forced to extend into territory beyond these areas. In these ways our street mileage has been increased inordinately. It is today approximately 110 miles or sufficient for a City double our present population of between sixty and seventy thousand. The excessive mileage involves not only the cost of maintaining the surface of the streets but also all the other incidental charges such as sewers, lighting, paving and policing. The value of properties thus exclusively devoted to military purposes are

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estimated by the City's Assessment Department at One Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,460,000.)

11. The Naval Properties.

For even more manifest reasons Halifax was from the outset selected as the principal station of the Navy in the North Atlantic Waters. Necessarily large and valuable areas of the water front were required. The Dockyard comprises 45 acres and has Twenty Eight Hundred feet of frontage on the harbour and with its land and buildings is valued at One Million Dollars and the Admiralty House and grounds at One Hundred Thousand Dollars. To this should be added the adjoining properties known as the Naval Hospital property and the Magazine property comprising the whole water front between the north end railway terminals and the drydock, a distance of approximately 3600 feet.

In addition to the Dockyard there is the property known as the Ordnance with 350 feet of water front and covering $3 \frac{1}{2}$ acres valued at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and the Kings Wharf with 200 feet of water front valued at One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars both situated directly in the best and business parts of the harbour frontage. Recently the Dominion Government has acquired the property known as Mitchell's Wharf the estimated value of which is Sixty Thousand Dollars.

It should be added that both in respect to the Military and Naval properties many of the persons connected with them (in the case of the Military 75 per cent) are given residential accommodation within the reserved areas. These enjoy the benefit of all the civic services, including schools, but pay no taxes.

III. The Railway Terminals

The geographical and strategic location that made the city with its commodious harbour an important military and Naval station in its early history, constitutes it now the winter port and eastern gateway of Canada. Never was this claim more firmly established than during the years of the great war, when the largest ocean liners afloat entered the harbour and docked under their own steam, their cargoes of munitions and troops being promptly loaded and despatched at the different ocean terminals. In 1917 over seventeen millions (17,000,000) ocean tonnage passed through this port.

The following extract from a report made by D.O.C. of the District may be of interest :

"The matter of the embarkation of troops for overseas has also been one of the important war duties placed on Halifax.

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"Records show that at least 298,332 officers and other ranks (Canadian) embarked on ships from this port.

"There were also 50,000 Chinese troops embarked here and thousands of horses. Transports with troops from New Zealand and Australia, United States and Canadian embarked from St. Lawrence ports assembled in Halifax Harbour till their convoys were ready to accompany them. It was a comparatively common sight to see twenty to forty ships leave this harbour in one convoy."

About 400,000 of our returning troops must have disembarked here.

At the height of the submarine menace when all trans-Atlantic shipping was obliged to report at Halifax, from ninety to one hundred ships might be seen at one time in the head waters of the harbour at Bedford Basin, and here safely guarded by submarine nets at the narrow entrance to the Basin. Incidentally, it may be pointed out the enormous risk to which our city was subjected by being to so large an extent the Atlantic war munition port of the Empire, so tragically demonstrated in the memorable explosion, which wiped out a large portion of the city and killed 1635 of its citizens.

The extensive preparations now in progress to receive the anticipated flow of immigration only goes further to prove the supreme national importance of our location.

In order to provide room for the expanding business of the government railway successive encroachments have been made on the taxable area of the City. Beginning a half century ago in the unpretentious station at Richmond the first large extension carried the road to the station (now abandoned) at North Street. Thence it was extended to the north end terminals, taking over numerous wharves and other properties, tow hich has recently been added the valuable Cunard wharf and warehouses. The location of the Round House at Willow Park involved the taking of more valuable property. Finally the extension to the Ocean Terminals at the south end of the City involved the expropriation for right of way and terminals of taxable property worth at present values not less than One Million Dollars. It should be added that in all these cases not only has the City been deprived of property previously subject to taxation, but adjoining properties have been materially decreased in value by the proximity of the railway. The value of the property thus taken by the Crown for railway purposes is estimated at \$9,736,200.00

12 The property within the City now liable to assessment is valued at \$45,514,177.00 The combined values of the properties is ~~\$12,838,200.00~~, making a total of \$58,352,377. of which the portion comprised in the areas mentioned is 22 per cent., a proportion exceeding

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that of any other City in Canada, not excepting even Ottawa. The cost of administering the City in the current civic year is \$1,291,317.00. If the current rates were applied to the properties referred to they would have yielded \$366,889.00

The extent to which the taxable area of the City has been taken away may be stated in another way. The total area of the City is approximately 4400 acres of which no less than 707 are exempt as the property of the Imperial or Dominion Government. The water front from the Ocean Terminals in the south to Leeds Street in the North is 4.17 miles of which 3.33 is the property of the Imperial or Dominion Government and only .84 the property of private owners.

In respect to all these properties the Dominion Government enjoys the same benefit of all the civic services as the other properties in the City upon which taxation is levied. Speaking generally your memorialists feel that it can safely be said that property shares in the benefit of these services in proportion to its value. Consequently the exemption of these properties is equivalent to a forced contribution from the ratepayers of the City for the benefit of the rest of Canada of the amount of the taxes properly payable in respect to these properties.

To prevent misunderstanding a word of explanation should be added in respect to our civic service of which the government buildings enjoy the full benefit - The City's fire department. The "fire protection rate" which is taken into account in the contracts between the City and various Governmental departments for a supply of water has no relation to the maintenance of the fire department, but is only toward defraying the expense of maintaining a supply of water for use at fires. The cost of maintaining the fire department is defrayed entirely out of the civic taxation.

Two other points of minor and yet considerable importance may be noted.

First. The government when taking land for the extension of the C.N.R. to the Ocean Terminals took a number of properties some 20 or 25 both business and residential which are not immediately required for governmental purposes. These, it is at present renting but pays no taxes upon them. Second The change of the railway station from the north to the south end of the City, coupled with the enormous traffic in the war done largely in heavy motor lorries completely destroyed the paving at the south end, originally intended only for light traffic. The claim of the City is strengthened by precedents of the Dominion Government of Great Britain and of the United States. These are :-

(1) The treatment accorded the City of Ottawa which in respect to the extent of property occupied for national as distinguished from local purposes is quite similar to Halifax. For eighteen years past

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the justice of a claim by that city for compensation has been recognized by substantial grants of Federal money in aid of the City. For the first eight years of this period the Government granted \$60,000 to the Ottawa Improvement Commission, to be spent on drive-ways and parks the city agreeing to exempt government buildings from taxation, also civil servants incomes and to make no charge for water supplied to government buildings, street sprinkling or snow cleaning in front of said buildings. For the next three years the grant to the Ottawa Improvement Commission was increased to \$100,000 and in addition the Government paid the city directly the sum of \$15,000 for fire protection.

The annual grants have recently been further increased to \$300,000 to the Improvement Commission and \$220,000 to the City Treasury in return for municipal benefits.

(2). The taxation agreed to be paid in Montreal and other cities upon properties forming part of the Grand Trunk Railway and taken over by the Government.

In October last (1919) the Minister of Railways, in reply to a delegation from Montreal and other municipalities urging that the Government should compensate them for the imminent loss of revenue due to the exemption from municipal taxation of Grand Trunk Railway properties taken over by the Canadian National System, stated in effect, that the Government would pay municipal taxes on these properties as the Grand Trunk Railway had in the past so that the municipalities would not lose through the expropriation.

We submit that no distinction should be made between one part of the Canadian National Railway system and another, nor between the property forming part of the Grand Trunk or Canadian Northern Systems and ~~Colonial~~ a property forming part of the International Railway System. The inference to be drawn from the words of the Minister of Railways was that the Government would make good the loss, whether or not the property in question was for merely local benefit or of a national character. We submit that very little, if any of the railway property taken from the Grand Trunk was of such national character and importance as that located at Halifax and used for ocean terminals, immigration piers, etc.

(3) The justice of a similar claim has long been recognized in Great Britain. Years ago the Treasury recognized that it was inequitable that property such as barracks, post offices, etc., should enjoy benefits of local expenditure, without contributing and as a result a system was established under which the government pays a "contribution in lieu of rates". There is a sub department of the Treasury called the "Rating of Government property Department" whose Inspectors of Ratings appraise the value of government properties in the various municipalities

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and the amount consequently contributed.

Such grants or contributions are altogether apart from grants ~~is~~ made for specific purposes such as education. The total raised in 1909-10 for instance by local rates was £ 63,000,000 the Government added to this £21,000,000 by Exchequer grants of which £13,000,000 was expressly for education.

(4) In the United States the necessity of assisting the Federal Capital at Washington to maintain its civic services has for long past been fully realized.

For these various reasons your memorialists submit that the City is entitled to a substantial contribution from the Federal Government to enable it to maintain the services of which that government enjoys the benefit, and in our opinion that contribution should at least be a sum equal to that which would be produced yearly by the ordinary rates of taxation on properties used and occupied for national and distinguished from local objects.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Halifax, N.S., 22nd January 1920.

J.S. Parker,
MAYOR
L.Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Colwell that the draft memorial as submitted be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Regan that the following clause be added to the memorial.

" Your Memorialists also further submit that "the City should be willing to accept any tracts of land within the City limits and owned by the Government as part payment on account of payment or payments of any contribution which may be agreed upon, any such land to be valued by one appraiser appointed by the Government and one by the City. The particular tracts of land your Memorialists have in mind being that known as Wellington Barracks and Ordnance property."

After discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the original motion passed.

*Government General
in Council ✓
Mayor ✓
and Regan ✓
John McKeen ✓*

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Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Power that a delegation of six members be sent to Ottawa to present the memorial to the Government, the said delegation to be composed of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Douglas, Ex Controller McKeen, Aldermen Regan, Kelly and Murphy.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the delegation consist of His Worship the Mayor, the City Solicitor and Mr. John McKeen. Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Ritchie, Guildford -6

Against it :-, Aldermen Colwell, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Power, Hubley, -9

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the number of delegates be limited to three. Amendment put and passed 9 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Hubley -9

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley -6

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hubley that the delegation consist of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Douglas and Regan.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Buckley that the delegation be Aldermen Regan, Murphy and Ritchie.

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Amendment not seconded.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Bissett that the delegates be appointed one at a time. Amendment put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Bissett that His Worship the Mayor be appointed as a delegate. Motion passed.

Nominations for second place on the delegation were made as follows :- Alderman Regan, Douglas, Murphy Kelly, Mr. John McKeen. The vote being taken there appeared:-

For Ex Controller McKeen :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Kelly, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford -7

For Alderman Regan :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Godwin -3

For Alderman Douglas :- Aldermen Hoyt, Murphy -2

For Alderman Murphy :- Aldermen Bissett, Regan, Buckley -3

For Alderman Kelly :- nil.

There was no majority and another vote was taken Alderman Kelly's name being dropped.

The second vote being taken there appeared :-

~~Mr. McKeen was declared elected second member of the delegation~~

For Alderman Regan :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Hubley -3

For Ex Controller McKeen :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford -8

For Alderman Douglas :- Alderman Murphy -1

For Alderman Murphy :- Aldermen Bissett, Regan -2

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Mr. McKeen was declared elected second member of the delegation.

Nominations for the third member were Aldermen Regan, Douglas, Murphy, a vote being taken there appeared :-

For Alderman Regan :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Murphy, Butler, Guildford, Hubley -6

For Alderman Douglas :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay Hoyt, Regan, Kelly, Ritchie, Power -7

For Alderman Murphy :- Alderman Bissett -1

There being no majority a third vote was taken, Alderman Murphy's name being dropped. The vote was :-

For Alderman Regan :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Bissett, Murphy, Butler, Power, Guildford, Hubley -8

For Alderman Douglas :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly, Ritchie -5

Alderman Regan excused from voting.

Alderman Regan was declared to be elected as the third member of the delegation.

WATER DEPARTMENT FUNDS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending that the City Treasurer be authorized to transfer a surplus of \$16,000 now temporarily invested in Dominion of Canada War Loan to the credit of Water Construction Account.

City Works Office,
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council :-

At a meeting of the Works Committee

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held this day the following resolution was submitted and adopted and ordered sent to Council for approval viz:-

Whereas Sec 669 Sub Sec 2 of the City Charter relating to Water supply reads ; The cost of such management, supervision, and maintenance, shall be defrayed out of the income derived from the Water Supply, and any surplus of such income may from time to time on the recommendation of the Committee on Works approved by the Council be ;

- (a) Applied to improving and extending the water supply.
- (b) or invested in the general sinking fund.

And whereas, it is necessary to provide funds to carry on the work of Water Extensions.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Treasurer be and is herewith authorized to transfer the surplus of (\$16,000) Sixteen thousand dollars now temporarily invested in Dominion of Canada War Loan, to the credit of Water Construction for the purpose above recited.

(A true extract)

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and that the City treasurer be instructed to transfer the said amount to Water, Construction Account. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

H. S. Rhind,
Asst. City Clerk.

J. S. Parker,
Mayor.