

EVENING SESSION

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 8th, 1921.

8.10 o'clock.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour. Present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Godwin, Ackhurst, Cameron, Regan, Guildford, Mason and Burgess.

Moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Colwell that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.20 o'clock. Roll called; present the above named together with Aldermen Bissett, Murphy, Scanlon, Ritchie Hubley.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES

(For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting).

GARDENS ACCOUNTS

Read report Gardens Commission recommending accounts for payment.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
December 8th, 1921.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Gardens Commission at a meeting held December 8th, 1921 passed the attached accounts and recommended to the City Council for payment.

N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light	\$4.32
Jas. Simmonds & Son.	Supplies	4.31
S.C. Thompson	"	14.70
N.S. Telephone Co,	Rental	3.10
Halifax Seed Co.	Seed	3.50
D.A. McCulloch	Horseshoeing	5.00
		<u>\$ 34.93</u>

J.S. Parker,
Mayor and Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.
Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

✓ Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Firewards Committee held this afternoon; present Aldermen Godwin, Chairman, Colwell, Sanford and Cameron, the following named accounts were examined, found correct and recommended to Council for payment.

Fire Alarm Maintenance

T.C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	\$6.10
John Starr	"	2.85
Guildford & Sons	"	14.46
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	3.00
N.S. Storage Battery	Distilled Water	2.50
K. MacPhee	Repairs	8.00
David Roche	Glass	4.75
A. & W. MacKinlay	Books etc.	9.01
		<u>\$50.67</u>

Fire Alarm Box Loan Account

Canadian General Electric Co.	Supplies	40.76
Northern Electric Co.	Fire Alarm Boxes etc.	377.08
Eugene Phillips	wire etc.	328.80
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Supplies	5.50
Hubley Hardware	"	7.21
Dawson & Co.	Glass Insulators	54.43
John MacInnes	Supplies	7.68
		<u>\$821.46</u>

Fire Damage Account

Northern Electric Co.	Wire etc.	.38
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Fire Department Accounts

Martin & Moore	Supplies	2.50
Canadian General Electric	"	6.54
John MacInnes & Son Ltd.	Lumber	7.20
H. McFtridge	Horseshoeing	46.25
Imperial Oil Ltd.	Gasoline	217.88
E.B. Eddy	Supplies	5.59
A.H. Lamphier	Repairs	4.00
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	8.40
O.C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	24.90
Austen Bros.	Supplies	4.26
James Donohue	Repairs	3.50
Wm. Collings	"	5.40
Fire & Water Engineering	"	5.00
C.H. Jordan	Horseshoeing	17.63
National Drug & Chem. Co.	Supplies	6.09

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Northern Electric Co.	Supplies	45.65
T.O. Allen & Co.	"	8.05
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	"	28.60
Halifax Herald	Advertising	11.76
F.W. McNally	Plumbing	7.40
K. McPhee	Repairs	2.05
Hubley Hardware Co.	Hardware	129.50
Ungar's Laundry	Laundry	51.40
Maritime Tire & Rubber Co.	Supplies	62.53
Pratt & Whitney Co.	"	4.94
Auto Equipment Service Ltd.	"	12.95
Metropolitan Motors Ltd.	"	11.75
James Simmonds	Hardware	7.36
Kellys Ltd.	Supplies	51.80
John Davison & Son Ltd.	"	112.27
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Rental	26.45
S.C. Thompson	Feed	1048.14
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	90.45
Scotia Garage	Repairs	15.00
N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light	1.08
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		\$2094.29

J.E. Godwin,
Chairman.

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

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N.S. December 8th, 1921.

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

I beg to submit for your approval accounts from the City Health Board amounting to \$303.68.

John A. Watters,
Secretary City Health Board.

General Accounts

N.S. Tramway Co.	Light	3.24
N.S. Tel. Co.	Service	21.54
Ross Print	Printing	22.00
Cragg Bros.	Lamp & Hammer	21.05
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	25.60
Prov. Health Dept.	Vaccine	6.60
C. O'Brien	Removal Horse	5.00
National Drug	Thermometer	1.53
T.O. Allen	Office Supplies	23.05
MacLeod & Balcom	Vaccine etc,	42.40

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Kinleys Ltd.
Morton & Thomson

Drugs 3.50
BATTERY etc. 1.90
\$177.61

Isolation Hospital.

Moirs Ltd.
Melville & Co.
F.M. Walker
Hfx. Steam Laundry
Howards
Boutilier Ltd.
Sanford Ltd.
R.B. Colwell

Bread 6.40
Ladder hooks 6.00
Milk 10.29
Washing 10.01
Groceries 29.84
Fish 7.83
Meat 41.79
Butter & Eggs 13.91
\$126.07

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

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report Charities Committee re City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital.

Halifax, N.S. December 7th, 1921

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

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

Members present the Chairman, Aldermen Cameron, Burgess and Sanford.

Superintendents Report, City Home, Number Inmates 323.

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of November 1921 there were 43 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 33 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted 14 were chargeable to the Province and 29 to the City. The total number of inmates November 30th, was 323, made up of 190 men, 121 women and 12 children. On the same date last year there were 170 men, 128 women and 3 children, a total of 301.

Superintendents Report, T.B. Hospital, Number Patients 26

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of November 1921 there were 6 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 3 men and 3 women; 2 men and 1 woman died, leaving in the Hospital November 30th, 12 men, 12 women and 2 children, a total of 26.

Tenders for Bricking T.B. Hospital Elevator Shaft. W.G. Foley \$775.00

Tenders for Brickwork, Elevator shaft, Tuberculosis Hospital were received from the M.E. Keefe Construction Co. Ltd. \$820.00, W.B. Sanford \$780.00, S.A. Marshall & Son \$925.00, R.J. Hurley \$1175.00, John Richardson \$833.00, C. Rosini \$1185.00, Gaughn & Sinnett \$974.00, W.G. Foley \$775.00, J.K. Hunter \$1396.00. The tender of W.G. Foley

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being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.
City Home Accounts, November 1921, Amount \$5482.19

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	899.24
W.A. Maling & Co.	Meats	299.32
R.B. Colwell	Butter	290.38
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	453.66
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.69
City Dairy	Milk	196.20
S.C. Thompson	Forage	92.07
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	62.74
James Watson	Fresh Fish	65.65
G.E. VanBuskirk Ltd.	Coal	257.30
J.J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	87.00
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Exchange Service	17.11
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.Ltd.	Light & Power	66.70
A. Forham & Co.	Leather	19.31
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	9.15
H. McFatridge	Veterinary Services	5.00
James Cook	Repairs to Waggon	1.50
Farquhar Bros.	Electric Lamps	33.00
Lawrence Hardware Co.Ltd.	Hardware	152.20
Kellys Ltd.	Harness	11.50
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Bundries	14.15
Nickerson & Crease	Cabbage	9.00
City Prison	Potatoes	162.50
Piercy Supplt Co.	Lumber	47.36
Hendry Ltd.	Potatoes & Turnips	588.07
J.H. Buchanan	Cash Expended	99.88
Salaries	November Pay Sheet	825.01
		<u>\$5482.19</u>

City Tuberculosis Accounts, November 1921 Amount \$1770.16

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	215.93
W.A. Maling & Co.	Meats	94.36
Davis & Fraser	Bacon	3.19
Moirs Ltd.	Bread	31.30
R.B. Colwell	Butter	102.30
City Dairy	Milk	111.63
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables	34.96
W.P. Meyer	Sausages	5.20
Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fresh Fish	15.10
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	46.76
Globe Laundry Co. Ltd.	Laundrywork	33.42
Ungars Laundry	Laundrywork	.20
Richmond Paper Co.	Napkins	16.75
Maritime Tel. & Phone Co.	Exchange Service	11.95
N.S. Tram & Power Co.Ltd.	Light & Power	69.92
Halifax Herald	Advertising	7.84
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	6.72
Blackadar Bros.	"	5.60
T.O. Allen & Co.	Stationery	3.60
W.W. Hoyt	Repairs	6.75
McLeod Baloom Ltd.	Drugs	121.67
Salaries	Nov. Pay Sheet	825.01
		<u>\$1770.16</u>

City Tuberculosis Hospital Furnishing Account \$2583.61

Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	65.60
Webster Smith & Co.Ltd.	Crockeryware	6.01
T.H. & T. Francis	Furniture	2431.60
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	"	38.55
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Mitchen Utensels	41.85
		<u>\$2583.61</u>

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for Colwell ✓
The Superintendent was instructed to provide the usual dinner for the inmates on Christmas Day and to carry out the customary arrangements in regard to the Officials and Nurses.

H.S. Colwell,
Chairman.

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report City Prison Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison held this day; present Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Colwell, Hubley, the following named accounts were examined, found correct and recommended to Council for payment:-

Moirs Ltd.	Bread	84.58
M.J. Ritcey & Co.	Groceries	140.00
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Beef	67.04
S.C. Thompson	Feed	64.50
The Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Leather Laces	12.28
J. & M. Murphy	Drygoods	146.73
Evans & Co.	Hardware	13.55
Neil Fox	Harness Supplies	16.45
McLeod & Balcom	Drugs	6.70
N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Current	15.66
Maritime Telephone Co.	Rental	11.25
Fred Johnson	Horseshoeing	21.50
Frank Adams	Horseshoeing	4.00
W.T. Spruin	Electrical Supplies	19.44
Maple Leaf Hal	Services	15.00
Echo Clock Co. Boston Mass	Dials	3.79
George Grant	Duty Paid	1.53
W.H. Isnor & Sons	Taxi Services	8.00
H. McFatriage V.S.	Prof. Services	5.00
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Stationery	2.75
		<u>\$659.75</u>

for Grant ✓
It is recommended that the usual Christmas Dinner be supplied.

Geo. E. Ritchie,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted and the accounts be paid. Motion passed.

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FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION ATLANTA GEORGIA.

Read report Committee of Firewards covering letter
Chief Fire Department re Fire Chiefs' Convention at Atlanta,
Georgia.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held
this afternoon the attached report from the Chief Fire
Department re Fire Chiefs' Convention at Atlanta, Georgia
was submitted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Council
for its information.

J.E. Godwin,
Chairman.

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Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, N.S. December 6th, 1921.

The Chairman and Members of
the Board of Firewards.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report of my trip
to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the 49th annual convention
of the International Association of Fire Engineers, in which
there were eight hundred and thirty delegates present and
was supposed to be the best in the history of the Association
I would say that this gathering in common to men of this
profession was marked by its earnestness of purpose and a
genuine feeling of comradeship among those whose interest
lie in the fight against the enemy who is never conquered.
An elaborate programme was prepared and successfully carried
through and we were given a real genuine welcome to the land
of Dixie.

The opening session was held October 11th, at
10 a.m. in Taft Hall, Auditorium, and after the invocation
the Mayor of Atlanta was introduced by the President, whose
address was responded to by the Chief of the Boston Fire
Department, followed by a memorial service and oration.
The business meetings commenced at 2 p.m. and two sessions
a day were held until Friday noon, October 14th, and business
followed in order.

There was much debate on the revising of the con-
stitution of the Association and the reports of the Chair-
men of the various standing committees, such as "Water
Supply for High Pressure Streams", the report of the Comm-
ittee on "Salvage". A lengthy debate on the "Co-operation
with the Washington Bureau of Standards", The report of
the Committee on assignments and response to alarms.
There was also much discussion on placing asbestos shingles
over wooden shingles which was strongly opposed.
Discussion on automatic sprinklers.
Paper read by the representative of the Underwriters Labor-
atories.

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One of the most important papers read and considered was one on fire prevention by the Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau, Chicago.

Discussion on visable containers for gasoline. This has given considerable trouble to fire departments in other cities.

Resolution was adopted asking all manufacturers and packers of tobacco to provide and enclose with their products fire prevention warnings. This is already being done by one of our largest Canadian Manufacturers of matches, in compliance with resolution of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs. Discussion of advertising signs on tops of buildings.

The exhibits were displayed in the main hall of the Auditorium and was the largest exhibit of fire apparatus and appliances that I have ever had the opportunity of seeing. All the leading makers of fire apparatus being represented by from one to four complete units and some showing in the various stages of construction, showing the latest and most modern improved equipment. Among the exhibits shown were, the Ahrens-Fix Fire Engine Company, American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, Stutz Fire Engine Company, Seagrave Fire Engine Company, The White Company with the Gamewell Fire Alarm & Telegraph Co., U.S. Automatic Fire Alarm Co. and numerous other exhibitors of smaller equipment, fire tools of various kinds, fire hose etc. There was also the regular Underwriters test of pumping engines held at the Water Works Park in which two White pumpers were demonstrated.

On my way home I stopped off at New York and looked over some of the Fire apparatus in that City, including one of the New York fire boats. I also attended a session of the New York training school in which I saw a ladder company and engine compant put through the various drills. This work is carried on in the same manner as actual fire duty is required to be done. Ladders areraised and lines of hose are taken to the roof of the tower, both from the inside and out side and the lines are charged. Rescue work is carried on as though an actual fire was in progress.

I also attended a session of the Fire Chief's College in New York where courses of lectures are carried on and in which the officers of the Department are required to attend. Officers are also sent from other cities to take a course in this college and while there are given the opportunity of answering alarms of fire in the City of New York. The lecture delivered on my visit pretained to tenement building hazards and the method of fire fighting therein.

While in Boston I joined a delegation of Pacific Coast Chiefs who had come to Atlanta to attend the Convention, then proceeded on to New York and Boston, interested as I was myself to see the methods and equipment of other cities. We were taken through the Gamewell Fire Alarm Companys large plant in Newton and from there to several of the fire Stations, including the training school where a special drill was put on with a picked class of some twenty men. This was similar to the New York demonstration with the exception of being picked men for this occasion and put on in a more spectacular way.

We also saw the new high pressure motor trucks which carries 2000 feet of hose, two turret pipes and when operating discharges some 2000 gallons per minute. We were also

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given a trip on the Harbor in one of ^{the} fire boats and the second boat was put in action in mod. steam, discharging 6000 gallons per minute. We were then taken to the Boston City Club and dined as the guests of Mr. Wentworth, Secretary of the National Fire Protection Association.

In all, my trip was a most interesting and educational one. I had the pleasure of meeting many fire Chiefs personally and privately discussed matters pertaining to the fire service, as it is most important that the fire chief as well as other walks of life, should be conversed and study the most modern methods pertaining to his profession and in which this trip has given me much advantage in this respect.

In conclusion I wish to sincerely and gratefully thank my Chairman and Board of Firewards for giving me the opportunity of attending this Convention and seeing the workings of the New York and Boston Fire Departments as I have seen them, including an actual two alarm fire in New York. This all goes without saying that I have improved my knowledge in the fire service and consequently I am in a better position to further the interests of our own City.

J.W. Churchill,
Chief Halifax Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Godwin that the report be filed and a copy of the Chief's letter be sent to each member of the City Council. Motion passed.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report Citizens Free Library Commission recommending accounts for payment.

Citizens Free Library,
Halifax, N.S. December 7th, 1921.

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

The Members of the Library Commission beg to submit the following bills for payment:--

T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	\$ 62.32
Canadian Review Co.	Book	8.54
National Geog. Sec.	Subscription	4.50
Royal Print & Litho	Directory	6.00
Leonard Scott Pub. Co.	Subscriptions	26.00
Mutual Subscription Agency	"	148.30
H.W. Wilson Co.	"	12.60
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		\$268.26

L. Barnaby,
Librarian.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted and the accounts be paid. Motion passed.

*members
City Council*

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts for payment.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. December 8th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are accounts amounting to the sum of \$31,109.14 chargeable to the following services:--

City Hall Wiring	\$20.52	
Street Lighting	3319.33	
Rent City Property	10.60	
City Hall Fire Loss	12.94	
City Hall Lighting	154.70	
Telephones	199.72	
Cleaning Paved Streets	23.70	
Baths	15.00	
Fuel, City Hall	417.03	
Market Revenue	81.62	
City Property	672.19	
Permanent Pavement	2659.93	
Sewerage	2795.86	
Permanent Sidewalks	172.79	
Town Clock Maintenance	1.00	
Electric Wiring Inspection	44.00	
Streets	547.65	
Internal Health	632.96	
Teams and Stables	1656.34	\$13,437.88
Water Construction	5,224.78	
Water Maintenance	1,032.81	6,257.59
Hanratty & Robertson (Permanent Sidewalks)	157.70	
Stockley Construction Co. "	10000.00	
Honey & Cooper " Pavements	278.40	
Stockley Construction Co. (Curb & Gutter Loan)	843.61	11,279.71
		\$30,975.18
		133.96
G.W. Cossman Water Construction		\$30,109.14

The Works Committee recommend the same for payment.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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

WATT STREET WIDENING

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re. Widening Watt Street.

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City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 8/21.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 8th. inst. the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Watt Street widening was read and approved and recommended to the Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. November 2/21.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached letter from Mr. A.F. Haliburton.

Mr. Haliburton owns a lot 48 feet wide on the north side of Watt Street between Chestnut and Preston Streets. To make the street the proper width, a strip of land, an average depth of about nine feet, is required from the front of his property to complete the widening in this block.

The property has been purchased between his lot and Preston Street and also between his lot and Chestnut Street. The property of H.A. Roche between Mr. Haliburton's property and Chestnut Street was purchased for 10¢ a square foot, the price fixed by the Assessors as the value in 1909 when the restriction was placed.

The land required from Mr. Haliburton measures about 432 square feet. I would recommend that he be paid the sum of \$43.20 for the land in question.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

WALKER STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension Walker Street.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 8th, 1921

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the attached report of the City Engineer on petition from Farmers, Limited for Sewer and Water Extension, Walker Street; on motion the report was approved and recommended to Council subject further to the approval of the Town Planning Board.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Solicitor ✓
Auditor ✓*

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Nov. 23/21.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached petition from Farmers Limited asking for the extension of the sewer and water service to a brick building in the old Car Works Property; to comply with the request would mean the extension of the sewer and water pipe from North Street to Seaforth Street. The estimated cost to extend the sewer is \$3,950.00; estimated cost to extend the water service \$1325.91.

The portion of the property on which this brick building is located is designated on the Town Planning Plan as available for manufacturing or Industrial purposes. The selling of this building by Dried Bros. changes the situation, affecting the sub-division of the property, as this building is in the middle of Seaforth Street; and therefore if the City is to allow it to remain there and also to extend the public services there should be an understanding from the Fried Bros., that the lots on Seaforth Street between Windsor and Walker Street will not be sold and the street will not be opened until a new sub-division is made or some outlet provided for the east end of Seaforth Street, if such an undertaking can be obtained. I would recommend that the sewer and water services be extended provided the petitioners will pay the special rate for water or \$79.55 which is 6% interest on the estimated cost of the extension.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

Moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Finance Committee be instructed to provide sufficient funds to pay for the work recommended in the report when passed upon by the Town Planning Board.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Guildford that the money for this work be not borrowed until a report is submitted by the City Engineer recommending same.

The Amendment being put 6 voted for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Ackhurst, Bissett, Regan. Cameron, Guildford, Burgess - 6.

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Murphy, Scanlon, Mason, Godwin, Hubley - 6.

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Engineer ✓

The vote being tie, His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of the amendment and declares it passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Office of the Chief of Police,
Halifax, N.S. December 7th, 1921.

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

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this date the attached accounts were examined found correct and recommended for payment.

J.S. Parker,
Mayor and Chairman.

John Starr and Son	Electric Supplies	5.40
Maritime Welders	Welding auto rim	3.00
A.R. Cogswell	Photo Supplies	11.25
W.M. Dixon	Repairing Police Unif.	11.00
Robt. Taylor Co,	Rubber boots	14.22
Telephone Co.	Telephone Service	15.00
T.C. Allen	Office Supplies	2.35
Auto Equipment Service	Choke for car	2.60
Halifax Vul. Works	Recharging Battery	8.00
New. Standard Vul. Wks.	Vulcanizing	2.50
N.S. Storage Battery Wks.	Charging Battery	3.25
Jas. Simmonds	Stock solder	.24
J.S. Kirkwood	Making Police Frock	
	Coats	210.00
C.M. Mosher	Supplies Motor Patrol	17.85
W.F. Page	Overcoat Det. Reyno	45.00
Dr. McFatrige	Destroying horse	3.00
W.H. Paul	Making trousers	150.00
Halifax Auto Co.	Supplies Motor Patrol	6.12
Metropolitan Motors	Supplies C.O.	24.85
Chief of Police	Coat and Scrubbing	48.00
	Total.....	\$583.63

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

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report Finance Committee recommending accounts for payment.

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

The Committee of Finance recommend for payment the following named accounts amounting to \$3,732.66.

Childrens Aid Society	Maintenance of Children to Sept. 30/21.	\$83.14
Maritime Home for Girls	Maintenance of Girls to Oct. 31/21	109.62
Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance of Boys to Nov. 1st, 1921	
	Truants 81.85	
	Delinquents 494.90	576.75
St. Patricks Home	Maintenance of Boys to Nov. 1st, 1921.	
	Truants 738.30	
	Delinquents 526.05	1264.35
A. Milne Fraser	Stencil Paper	
	City Clerk	17.25
A. Milne Fraser	Typewriter Ribbon	
	City Auditor	1.00
The Carswell Co. Ltd.	2 Vol. Municipal Auditing	10.00
C.E. Tyler & Co.	Self Inking Stamps	5.00
Monitary Times	Sub. to June 1922	3.00
C.P.R. Telegraph Co.	Telegrams	.61
United Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
Halifax Herald	Adv. Town Planning	211.68
Blackadar Bros.	" " "	105.04
Chronicle Pub. Co.	" " "	161.28
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	2.10
Halifax Herald	"	2.94
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	10.08
T.O. Allen & Co.	Stationery & Printing	
	City Collector 54.25	
	" Clerk 29.50	
	" Assessor 51.50	
	" Collector 20.00	
	Mayor's Office 4.40	159.65
Ross Print	Cheques City Treasurer	10.25
T.O. Allen & Co.	Printing Annual Report	
1919-20, 500 copies as per contract		997.92
		\$3732.66

Aldermen - Ira. G. Mason,
E.F. Hubley,
John Murphy,

Members Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Mason seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS

Read report Committee of Firewards re tenders for

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Uniform Winter Coats, Winter Caps and Rubber Boots.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this date, tenders for 90 Uniform Winter Coats, 100 Winter Caps, and 24 pairs Rubber Boots were received.

Uniform Winter Coats - 90

Scotts Toggery	Sample # 8229	\$29.75 ea.
	#7213	26.95 "
Tip Top Tailors	" (2)	20.50 "
Clayton & Sons	#14852	22.75 "
S.D. MacCormack	"	42.00 "
Thos. Brenton	#343	34.00 "
	#312	35.00 "

Your Committee recommend tender of Clayton & Sons \$22.75 each be accepted subject to two tryons.

Winter Caps - 100

Colwell Bros.	#6. Style 91	3.69 each
	#5	1.99 "
Scotts Toggery	To match cloth for coats	2.75 " "

Your Committee recommend Colwell Bros. tender for Cap No. 6 Style 91, \$3.69 each be accepted.

Rubber Boots - 24 Pairs

Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd. \$5.50 per pair.

There being only tender submitted, your Committee would recommend the tender be accepted.

All tenders submitted are attached hereto.

John E. Godwin,
Chairman.

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

VICTORIA SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN--CIVIC GRANT

Read extract minutes of City Council November 24th, 1921 as follows:-

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 24th November 1921.

"Alderman Murphy gives notice that at a future meeting of Council he will move that the action of Council in respect to Civic Grant to Victoria School of Art and Design at meeting November 10th 1921 be rescinded.

L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk".

L.F.M. c.c. Also read the following *Communications*

Catholic Women's League,
Halifax, N.S. 22nd, Nov. 1921.

The Mayor in Council.
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:- At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the

Chief Fire Dept ✓
Clayton & Sons ✓
Colwell Bros ✓
Gutta Percha Co ✓

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"Catholic Women's League", the question of the withdrawal of the annual grant of one thousand dollars to the Victoria School of Art and Design was discussed, and the following resolution unanimously passed, was ordered to be submitted to Your Worship for the consideration the subject deserves.

"Whereas the City Council has decided to withdraw the annual grant from the Victoria School of Art and Design, and,

Whereas the withdrawal of this grant will seriously interfere with the good work now being carried on and retard, if not destroy the development of Arts and Craft education in our City, and

Whereas it is considered that the School, established since 1887, is deserving of the assistance given by the City in the past, and,

Whereas it is possible to provide such assistance without undue expense to the rate payers and prove a material benefit to the Community,

Resolved that the Catholic Women's League do petition the City Council to take into immediate consideration the advisability of continuing the grant in aid to the Victoria School of Art and Design.

M.J. Dence,
Secretary.

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Halifax, December 5th, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

The Executive of the Halifax Canadian Club respectfully petition the City Council to make the usual annual grant of \$1,000.00 to the Victoria School of Art and Design which has always in the past received a grant from the City, and which since 1884 has been doing very useful educational work in Halifax. At the present time 86 pupils are in daily attendance, all but four of whom belong to Halifax. In addition to these there is a class for Halifax teachers. The Provincial Government has also always made a grant which this year has been increased to \$1,000. It follows that if the Halifax City grant is withdrawn that from the Province will automatically cease also, and the School after thirty-seven years' of work will be closed.

We are satisfied the instruction given at the School fulfils the conditions imposed by the City's regulations.

G.G. Laird,
Secretary.

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Board of Trade,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 8th, 1921.

His Worship Mayor Parker,
and Members of the City Council.
City Hall, City.

Gentlemen:- Re Art School.

At meeting of the Council of this Board held on Tuesday afternoon last, the following resolution which

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speaks for itself was unanimously passed:-

WHEREAS, an annual grant has been paid by the City towards the upkeep of the Victoria School of Art and Design and now understood cancelled owing to a misunderstanding in connection with conditions the contract, under which said grant was being paid, are not carried out, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Board of Trade having had written assurance from a member of the Directorate that conditions were being performed, and

WHEREAS it is the unanimous opinion of this Council that the withdrawal of the grant would be a retrograde step and may lead to the closing of said Art School, which, since its established in 1887 has been of material benefit to all classes who wish to attend, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade hereby petition your honourable body for the continuance of said grant believing it to be money well spent".

In discussing the above resolution, it was stated that practically all Cities in Canada maintain schools for the teaching of Art at a cost, in nearly all cases far in excess of the amount the Art School at Halifax has been costing, and in view of the fact that 86 pupils are now enrolled and also in view of the fact that 22 school teachers are taking a course for the benefit of the children under their charge, demands recognition of the importance of the Institution.

Trusting this petition will be favourably considered.

E.A. Saunders,
Secretary.

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Graduate Nurses Association, of
Nova Scotia, Halifax. Dec. 9th, 1921.

Mayor Parker,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

At the regular monthly meeting of the G.N.A.N.S. a unanimous vote was passed to petition the City Council to continue their annual grant of One Thousand Dollars to the Victoria School of Art and Design, as they consider it a great educational asset to the City of Halifax.

Alice M. Godard,
Corresponding Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the delegation of Citizens present be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

Dr. Alexander H. Mackay, Superintendent of Education addresses the Council on the subject.

Miss Elizabeth S. Nutt, Principal Victoria School of Art and Design also addresses the Council.

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Alderman Murphy asked permission to move his motion to rescind the resolution of Council, refusing the grant to the Victoria School of Art and Design.

His Worship the Mayor on the advice of the City Solicitor informed the Council it would require a two-third vote to rescind said resolution.

Alderman Murphy informed the Council he would not move the resolution at this session.

FIRES AND THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report Committee of Firewards covering report of Chief Fire Department re Fires and their causes and losses during the month of November.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this date, the attached report of the Chief Fire Department was read and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its information.

J.E. Godwin,
Chairman.

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Office of Chief Fire Department
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 7th, 1921.

Board of Firewards.
Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to make the following report for the month of November, during which time there were 26 alarms of fire from the following causes; chimneys 5, false 2, tar pot 1, short circuit in car 1, incendiarism 1, careless smoking 2, overheated stove 1, overheated stove pipe 2, defective chimneys 2, unknown 2, sparks from stove 2, stove too near wall 1, drying clothes by stove 1, hot ashes 1, smoke 1, fat burning 1.

Insurance at risk	\$109,950.00	
Loss by Insurance		\$22,025.00
Loss without insurance		<u>3,050.00</u>
		\$25,075.00

J.W. Churchill,
Chief Halifax Fire Department.

Filed.

Aldermen Power and Finlay here arrive and take their seat in Council.

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COAL WEIGHERS FEES

Read extract minutes of City Council re Alderman Ackhursts reconsideration of Coal Weighers Fees. (See minutes City Council November 24th, 1921).

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Burgess that the same be reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

9.45 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Burgess seconded by Alderman Hubley that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

MOTOR TRUCKS ORDINANCE

Read an Ordinance respecting the licensing of Motor Trucks plying for hire.

Ordinance No.....

Motor Trucks.

An Ordinance in respect to the licensing of Motor Trucks

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

1. No person shall ply for hire in Halifax with any truck propelled by Motor Power without having first obtained a license therefor.

2. Such license may be granted by the Committee on Cabs on application therefor.

3. Every such license shall expire on the 30th day of April next succeeding the day on which it is issued.

4. The fees payable for such licenses shall be:- For every Motor Truck of a capacity not greater than one ton - \$20.00. For every additional ton or a fraction of a ton of capacity \$5.00.

5. The Committee may refuse a license in respect to any truck which it deems unsuitable for use on the Streets of the City.

6. Every person who operates a motor truck without having first obtained a license under this ordinance shall for each day he so operates be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one week.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Scanlon that said Ordinance having been formally read a first time and a second time on November 24th, 1921 be now read a third time. Motion passed.

Read a third time an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in respect to the licensing of Motor Trucks".

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City Clerk ✓
File Premier ✓
Murray ✓
Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Scanlon that the said ordinance be now adopted and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

CURBS AND GUTTERS LOAN \$4,725.36

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary re loan required to meet abutters share of cost of Curbs and Gutters laid in 1921.

Office of Provincial Secretary,
Halifax, N.S. 24th, November 1921

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

Deputy ✓
I am directed to acknowledge the letter of the City Solicitor dated the 24th instant to the Provincial Secretary requesting an assurance of the good offices of the Government to secure the passage of Legislation at the next Session of the Legislature as will enable the City of Halifax to borrow from a Bank the amounts required to defray the proportion of cost of laying curb and gutter under the authority of Section 616 of the City Charter and Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1918.

I am further directed to say, in the absence of the Provincial Secretary that the good offices of the Government will be available for the purpose requested.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

COAL WEIGHERS SUPERNUMERARY

Read extract City Council covering notice of reconsideration given by Alderman Godwin re Coal Weighers Supernumerary. Filed.

CITY, COUNTY AND DARTMOUTH JOINT EXPENDITURE

Read report Special Committee on City, County and Dartmouth Joint Expenditure.

Halifax, N.S. 14th March, 1921.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Your Special Committee appointed to meet representatives of the County and of the Town of Dartmouth in regard to joint expenditures beg to report that they had two meetings and a full discussion with representatives from these two bodies and your committee have to report they are unable to come to an agreement.

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Your Committee submitted the view that county valuations were very low, probably one third of actual value, while valuations in the City of Halifax were practically full cash value of property. The representatives of the Town of Dartmouth, according to our opinion, advanced a similar view that county valuations were low and that Dartmouth valuations were full cash value of property.

Representatives of the County Council stated that it was proposed this year to employ an expert to survey the whole county and check property valuations and to make sure that all property was assessed and they suggested that the old agreement as to joint expenditures should be continued for another year pending the report of the expert. We do not know whether the reported intention to engage an expert has been acted upon by the County Council.

Your Committee intimated in reply that if the total County assessment could be advanced by agreement to a point nearer to the actual value of county property a new arrangement could probably be reached at once or otherwise the matter could only be settled by arbitration. This seemed to be the opinion also of the Dartmouth representatives.

The representatives of the county later reported they had discussed this proposal with other members of the county council and they were not able to accept the suggestion that the county valuation should be increased.

Your Committee is therefore of the opinion that the subject of joint expenditures as between the City, county and Dartmouth should be referred to a special commission. They are of the further opinion that any new agreement which is made should not exceed a period longer than five years.

In such a case as they where an agreement cannot be reached between town and county, Chapter 73, Section 68, Revised Statutes, provides for an arbitration but this section as originally drawn apparently contemplated there would be only two parties to an arbitration, namely the City and County, the statute directs that a board of arbitration of three be constituted, one to be appointed by such council and the third to be chosen by these two. This would leave out Dartmouth. The same difficulty arose a few years ago in the municipality of Cape Breton where there are several incorporated towns outside the City of Sydney which would have been unrepresented on the arbitration. Accordingly to meet this condition an Act was passed in 1903-4 appointing a special commission to make a valuation upon a uniform standard of the property liable to be rated in the municipality of the county of Cape Breton, City of Sydney, Towns of North Sydney, Glace Bay, Louisburg, Sydney Mines, etc. and this Act provided for each corporation being represented upon the Commission. It is recommended by your Committee that similar legislation be supplied for in regard to the City and County of Halifax and town of Dartmouth for the creation of a special commission to deal with the subject of joint expenditures.

This is all the more important now in view of the surprising notice received from the county clerk calling attention to the fact that Chapter 9, Section 66, Acts of 1918 of the Province of Nova Scotia and amendments being the City of Halifax into the Municipal School Fund on the basis of one dollar per head of population of the County,

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City and Dartmouth but this amount estimated this year at \$80,257 would be collected under the joint expenditure agreement so that Halifax would contribute over four fifths say \$65,000 and probably much more after the impending Dominion census is taken. It is therefore very important that there should be a thorough enquiry to arrive at a uniform standard of valuation of property so that the joint expenditures will be equitably assessed.

Joint expenditures for the current year are estimated by the County Council at \$120,605. This amount has been progressing rapidly to this figure since 1916 when the joint expenditures were \$23,269. In 1916 the City contributed \$18,419 and in 1921 the City's share is estimated at \$97,000 if the past basis of settlement were continued. Over the expenditure of much of this money the City has little or no control and your committee is of the opinion in connection with any new agreement there should also be new regulations giving the City a large measure of control of this expenditure in the future.

To illustrate. The expenditure on criminal prosecutions has risen from \$5,440 in 1916 to \$8,500 estimated for the current year. We find upon examination that these expenditures are not audited and that it has not been the practice to require vouchers for disbursements and yet City tax payers have been called up to pay over four fifths of such outlays.

In respect to this item of criminal prosecutions your Committee would recommend that Chapter 1, section 8, sub section 2 of the Acts of 1912 should be so amended in so far as the City of Halifax is concerned as to require constable accounts to be sworn to and have vouchers for disbursements attached. This will establish better checks but the system of expenses in connection with criminal prosecutions is antiquated and opens the door for extravagance and abuses. It is recommended that the stipendiary magistrate of the City be requested to favour the City Council with a report on the matter of expenses in connection with criminal prosecutions and suggest a new and up-to-date system to govern such expenditures to ensure economy and supervision.

Your Committee summarize their recommendations as follows:-

1. Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor prepare legislation appointing a special commission representing the City, county and Dartmouth to make a valuation upon a uniform standard of property liable to be rated for joint expenditures in the City, County and Dartmouth, the number of representatives in each municipality to be agreed upon in conference.

2. In regard to criminal prosecutions your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to provide that constable accounts are to be sworn to and have vouchers for disbursements attached.

3. Your Committee recommend that the stipendiary magistrates of the City of Halifax be requested to favour the City Council with a report outlining a new system in connection with expenses in regard to criminal prosecutions in City and County of Halifax and Dartmouth whereby such expenses will be better governed and controlled than at present.

4. Your Committee recommend that in any new agreement in regard to joint expenditures between the City, County and

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Dartmouth there should be new regulations giving the City some voice in the control of such expenditures and that all such expenditures should be subject to proper audit.

5. Your Committee recommend that the new matter of the municipal school fund to which the City is now asked to contribute a very large amount should be immediately referred to the City Solicitor for a full report to this Council as to the City's liability.

It is suggested that a copy of this report be sent to the town clerk in Dartmouth and to the County Clerk and to members of the Local House representing Halifax County.

Your Committee wish to acknowledge countesy shown them by the County Clerk Mr. Archibald in furnishing them with all possible information and assistance. They also wish to state that their meetings with representatives from the town of Dartmouth and the County Council were characterized by full and frank discussions and a general desire on the part of all representatives to have the matter of joint expenditures placed upon a final and amicable basis.

John W. Regan,
Alfred Whitman, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report be referred back to the Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourns 10. 15 p.m.

L. Fred Monaghan

L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J.S. Parker,

MAYOR.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 15th, 1921.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. Present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Regan, Cameron, Murphy, Guildford, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason, Godwin and Burgess.

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

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(For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting).

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Read report Coal Weighers for November showing each of the permanent weighers to have received \$96.16 for the month. Filed.

SINKING FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

Read report Trustees of the Sinking Funds and Trust Funds giving financial statement to July 31st, 1921.

Office of City Treasurer,
Halifax, N.S. December 8th, 1921.

His Worship Mayor Parker, and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Trustees of the Sinking Funds and the various trusts committed to their care, beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts and the securities connected therewith and found the same in order as required by Section 361, City Charter.

Attached is the list of the accounts above mentioned with balance to July 31, 1921, as per City Treasurer's Annual Report.

W.W. Foster, Auditor. }
J.S. Parker, Mayor. } Trustees.
Alfred Whitman, Chairman }
Finance }

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1902 Sinking Fund	\$632,946.26
School " "	312,905.20
Silliker " "	131,511.91
1901 " "	21,012.83
Water Emergency Fund	23,561.52
Official Superannuation Fund	49,939.83
Police " "	39,569.87
Firemen's " "	16,842.13
Canadian Bit. Pav. Co. Security Trust	15,000.00
Dr. Cogswell, Military Drill	" 5,871.31
Common Commutation Fund	" 5,112.60
Gamp Hill Cemetery	" 2,134.40
Harbor Championship	" 1,131.26
Anderson	" 50.85
Norah Dudley	" 62.06
James Farquhar	" 101.00
Stephen Nichol	" 103.08
G.M. Smith	" 212.27
Sarah Smith	" 517.25
Thomas Hutchings	" 48.80
E. O'Donnell	" 108.03
Phillips	" 387.36
Hannah Phillips	" 51.45
James Smith	" 116.21
Mary A. Sheffield	" 102.57
Chief Engineer Chubb	" 104.64
Sophia Godfrey	" 102.57
Mary Isabel Fraser	" 103.03
Gibson-Anderson	" 200.00
Street Deposits	<u>2,965.22</u>
	\$1,271,875.51

Filed.

TRAMWAY FARES COMMISSION ABOLISHED

Read letter Alex. J. Campbell K.C. Truro, Chairman of the Tramway Fares Commission informing the Council that the Commission has been abolished.

Truro, Nova Scotia,
December 12th, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor, and
City Council,
City of Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that Chapter 181 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia 1921 has repealed Section 3 of Chapter 203 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1920, under which the Commission, of which I have the honour to be Chairman, was appointed. The said Chapter 181, which has recently been brought into force by proclamation has conferred jurisdiction regarding Fares to be charged by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited upon the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. In view of these facts, this Commission assumes that it has no further duties to perform in the premises and of this you will please take due notice.

On behalf of the Commission.

A.J. Campbell,
Chairman.

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Filed.

WALKER STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension Walker Street. (See minutes City Council December 8th, 1921).

Office of Clerk of Works,
Halifax, N.S. December 15/21.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th inst. in response to Minute of Council dated 8th inst. the City Engineer submitted a further report in re Sewer and Water extension, Walker Street, a copy of which is attached hereto, it was approved by the Committee and ordered to Council for its information.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 12th, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I have reported on the sewer and water extension on Walker Street from North Street to the building to be purchased by Farmers Limited, and am submitting a separate report on the financial situation.

The objection to the proposal as first submitted was that the building which Fried Bros. proposed to sell to Farmers Ltd., is located on what would have been the extension of Seaforth from Windsor to Walker Street, if the plan of subdivision approved by the Town Planning Board were adhered to. The plan referred to was submitted by Fried Bros. and approved some time ago.

The City does not require the extension of Seaforth Street for any City purposes.

Fried Bros. now propose to sell 60 feet frontage on Windsor Street opposite Seaforth Street, with a depth of 100 feet eastwardly. They propose to cut out the extension of Seaforth Street entirely and leave a block of land having a frontage of 317 feet on Walker Street and a depth between the rear of Windsor Street lots and Walker Street of about 270 feet. This piece of land would be surrounded on three sides by the lots fronting on North Street, lots fronting on Windsor Street and the lots fronting on Summit Street.

The question which the Works Committee were concerned about was, what would happen to the land in the centre of this block.

If the building which Farmers Ltd., are proposing to buy were removed this block could be subdivided by making

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a quadrangle facing on a court, surrounded by a street, both ends of which would be at Walker Street. This is the only way in which this property should be again subdivided. If however, the brick building remains, no such subdivision could be permitted and the owners must agree to abandon the use of any part of the property for residential purposes except that portion fronting on Walker Street. This is their own proposition and if the City makes a change for their accommodation it should be made clear that they will have no come back, either now or in the future for any loss in consequence of their failure to dispose of the land in the centre of the block for residential purposes.

If the suggested agreement can be made, I donot see any objection to the granting of the request.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

*Engineer
and
City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Aokhurst that the original reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on this matter and the supplementary reports submitted at this meeting be adopted and the work carried out under the supervision of the City Engineer and that the Finance Committee be instructed to make provision for financing the work and report to this Council. Motion passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT--RESOLUTION PASSED BY CARPENTERS UNION

Read letter Carpenters Union covering resolution passed by that body in relation to the Unemployment situation in the City of Halifax.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters &
Joiners of America.
Halifax, N.S. November 22nd, 1921.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.
Dear Sir:-

I am instructed to write you asking what action was taken by the City Council in connection with the Resolution which was mailed to the Mayor on September 15th. Enclosed you will find copy of resolution. Please bring this before the Council as soon as possible and let me know what action is taken.

Walker Bottomly,
Secretary.

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Halifax, N.S. Sept 6th, 1921.

To the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Halifax.
Halifax N.S.

RESOLUTION passed by members of Carpenters Union Local No. 83, at meeting held on September 6th, 1921.

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Gentlemen:-

There being a large number of workmen unemployed at the present time, we know of several Contractors and Employers working nine and more hours per day by reducing the hours to eight and employing an extra workman for every eight or nine now employed they can hold the unemployed situation to a certain extent.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Council take action at once to have the Contractors and Employers conform to this resolution.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay that the same be filed. Motion passed.

GERRISH STREET PAVING

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Gerrish Street Paving.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 14th, 1921.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 30th November the attached report of City Engineer on petition re Gerrish Street Paving, was approved and ordered to Council for its information.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Nov, 17th, 1921

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition from property owners facing Gerrish Street. The petitioners claim that they have no knowledge of the total cost of the paving on Gerrish Street between Barrington and Gottingen Streets. The work cost \$24,041.40. They also object to paying half the cost of the work, and claim that it is for the benefit of the general public and should be charged to the taxpayers generally.

All paving laid since 1906 has been paid for under the existing law, which charges one-half the cost to the property owner. Granite paving similar to that on Gerrish Street, has been laid on Cornwallis Street, North Street, Prince Street and Sackville Street, and the cost of the whole work at the same price per square yard; in fact the cost to the property owners on Gerrish Street is not as large per foot frontage as on some other streets where a different kind of pavement is laid.

If one street could be relieved, it would be very unfair not to relieve all streets. If this were done, and the general taxpayer charged with the whole cost of paving, it would mean that the owner of property on streets which

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are not paved at all, would pay a full share whether he lived at Africville, Dutch Village, Tower Road Village, Rosebank Park or Westmount, and it would be many years before he would receive the same value for the pavement laid, as the owner of property fronting on the street in which it is laid. It is recognized in almost all cities that it is a fair division of the cost of such improvements, and that is the reason for our law. The City Works Committee and City Council have no power to relieve the property owners on Gerrish Street from the payment of the charge legally made.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Burgess that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Power that the petition in respect to Gerrish Street paving be referred to the incoming Committee on Legislation to draft legislation for the purpose of relieving the property owners on Cornwallis and Gerrish Streets from street paving assessment and to submit the same to this Council with a report thereon.

The amendment is not seconded.

Alderman Guildford submits the following amendment:-

RESOLVED That when the cost of paving a street exceeds by fifty per cent that of the standard or customary paving because of being a hill or for any other reason then an estimate of what the standard paving would have cost shall be made and the owners of the residence or building abutting shall pay the usual proportion upon this computation and not upon the extra high cost of paving which was actually laid.

The amendment is not seconded.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Scanlon seconded by Alderman Power that the reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer now upon the table with respect to Cornwallis Street Paving be now considered along with the reports now under consideration by the Council relating to Gerrish Street.

Accepting an opinion given by the City Solicitor His Worship the Mayor rules Alderman Power's amendment out of order.

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Alderman Power appeals to the Council from the ruling of the Chair.

The City Clerk put ^{to} the Council the question "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" whereupon the division of Council appeared as follows:-

To sustain the decision of the Chair:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Regan, Cameron, Guildford, Ritchie, Godwin, Burgess - 11.

Contrary:- Aldermen Murphy, Scanlon, Power, Mason - 4.

The City Clerk declared the ruling of the Chair sustained.

His Worship the Mayor accepted the decision of Council.

The original motion of Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Burgess for the adoption of the reports is put and passed 10 voting for the same and 5 against it as

follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Regan, Cameron, Guildford, Godwin, Burgess - 10.

Against it:- Aldermen Murphy, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason - 5.

Aldermen Hubley and Schaffner here arrive and take their seats in Council.

CORNWALLIS STREET AND KEMPT ROAD PAVING.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer and opinion City Solicitor re Paving Assessments Cornwallis Street and Kempt Road.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 15th, 1921.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th December the attached report of the City Engineer in re Cornwallis Street Paving was read and approved and ordered to Council for its information. City Solicitor's report covering the above and other streets asking to be

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relieved from payment of Paving Assessment is also attached hereto.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 14th, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on a protest of the property owners on Cornwallis Street between Brunswick Street and Water Street, against the paving assessment. They claim that they were told by some one that they were not to be charged anything directly for the pavement. This matter was before the Council last on October 13th. when it was referred to the City Solicitor and not to the Works Department. The history of the paving is as follows:--

At a meeting of the Board of Control held on September 10th, 1918, I reported on this. "I would recommend that the two lower blocks on Cornwallis Street and Jacob Street be paved with granite blocks on concrete foundation this year, and that the surplus material which will have to be taken off these blocks be used to repair other streets which are very much in need of it".

The following resolution was moved and passed unanimously, all members being present.

"Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be received and approved and the City Engineer instructed to proceed with the paving recommended and to submit to the Board at its next meeting a formal resolution authorizing the work".

I have a clear recollection of what passed at this meeting and at a subsequent meeting. There was no proposal made exempting the abutters from payment, nor was it intended that the work should be treated as repairs to be charged to the street appropriation. If that had been the intention, no such formal resolution would have been required. It was pointed out at the meeting that it might be impossible to spend all the street appropriation in repair work owing to the scarcity of men, and the balance would go to unexpended balances. To prevent this it was decided to use the street appropriation money for this paving but in order that there should be no question of the legality of the assessment, I was instructed to submit a resolution prepared by the City Solicitor to enable an assessment to be made in accordance with the Charter. At a following meeting a resolution was passed as follows:-

"RESOLVED that Cornwallis Street be paved from Water Street to Barrington Street and Barrington Street to Brunswick Street with granite blocks on concrete foundation; that Jacob Street be paved from Water Street to Barrington Street and Barrington Street to Argyle Street with granite blocks on concrete foundation; and that Duke Street be paved with bituminous macadam using granite blocks at the street intersections where the City Engineer considers it advisable to do so".

"AND FURTHER the City Engineer is authorized and instructed to obtain such materials as are necessary for this work on the best terms available".

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"AND FURTHER that the work be carried out this year if possible, payment to be made from the Street appropriation".

An impression has been given that the decision of the Board of Control was reversed by the City Engineer, but the Minutes of the Board of Control show exactly what was done. Subsequently it was found to be possible to expend all the street appropriation in repair work.

When the facts were reported to the Board through the Controller representing the Works Department, the following resolution was passed, Controller Finlay dissenting, all the other members of the Board except Alderman Taylor being present and supporting the resolution.

"Read requisition City Works Department for the transfer of \$10,000.00 from Permanent pavement account to Streets account for work done in Cornwallis and Jacob Streets. The transfer is ordered to be made".

These extracts from the Minutes show clearly that there was no intention on the part of the Board of Control to deceive property owners on Cornwallis Street in any way, or to evade the provisions of the City Charter and even if the work had been paid for from the street appropriation, the assessment against the abutters was to be made/ If it is true that some man said on the street to some property owner that he would not have to pay, surely the City is not responsible and the general taxpayer should not be required to foot the bill.

There has been a suggestion made in the City Council that Legislation should be obtained to relieve the owners of properties on Cornwallis Street between Brunswick Street and Water Street, of their proportion of the cost. There is no good reason given for such action. The cost during the last three years is higher to the property owner on fourteen other pavements which shows that as far as material or cost is concerned the assessment is not unfair.

As far as traffic goes there are many pavements in the City which carry much heavier traffic, yet owners of property fronting on them have to pay their share. There is no sound argument in favour of making owners of property fronting on earth streets pay the same proportion of the cost as owners who can afford to hold property on streets that are paved. In all fairness there should be no half way measure adopted which would mean that if the owners of property on Cornwallis Street were not obliged to pay their half, all other property owners in the City who have paid or are liable to pay should receive a refund at the expense of the general taxpayer including those referred to who may never see a pavement in their street during their lifetime.

It would mean that the City must borrow well on to \$1,000,000.00 and refund it to the property owners. It would mean a very slow progress if any, in street paving in Halifax in future as it would increase the debt of the City so much more rapidly. It would be most unfair to ask the general taxpayer to pay such a price for the mischief caused by probably one man in defiance of the law.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 1st, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman Committee on Works.

Sir:- Re Street Paving.

I beg to report on the petitions presented by property

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owners on Brunswick and Cornwallis Streets and Kempt Road asking to be relieved from payment of their proportions of the cost of paving on these streets. The only one of these petitions which sets out at any length reasons in support of the claim is that from Kempt Road. The only one of these reasons which is a legal nature is the first, namely, that the paving was done without notice to the petitioners, and without their approval.

This objection is disposed of by Section 610 which authorizes the Council on the recommendation of the Works Committee to direct that a street may be paved without any petition asking for paving to be done. The other objections all relate to the necessity for the paving and the severity and unfairness of the assessment with which as matters not of a legal nature, I have nothing to do except to so that they do not authorize the Council to grant any exemption.

If the law is wrong or unjust, it is for the Legislature to change it.

F.H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Godwin that said reports be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Power that all persons present interested in the petition for the exemption of property owners on Cornwallis Street from street paving assessment be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

The Council is now addressed by Mr. Thomas Mulcahy and Mr. John J. Mulroney on behalf of the petitioners.

In amendment to Alderman Ackhursts' motion it is moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Scanlon that legislation be sought permitting the City to comply with the resolution re paving Cornwallis Street, Jacob Street and Duke Street passed by the Board of Control September 17th. 1918, referred to in the report of the City Engineer submitted at the present meeting of Council.

Alderman Colwell here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Alderman Murphy's amendment is put and lost 6 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

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For the Amendment:- Aldermen Schaffner, Murphy, Scanlon, Power, Mason, Hubley - 6.

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Guildford, Ritchie, Godwin, Burgess - 10.

Aldermen Regan and Cameron are excused from voting on the ground of personal interest.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Power that legislation be sought permitting the City to comply with the resolution passed by the Board of Control September 17th, 1918 in respect to street paving in so far as the same relates to the Paving of Cornwallis Street only.

The amendment is put and lost 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Bissett, Schaffner, Murphy, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason, Burgess - 8.

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Cameron, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley - 9.

Alderman Regan is excused from voting on the ground of personal interest.

The original motion is put and passed 9 voting for for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst Finlay, Sanford, Cameron, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, - 9

Against it:- Aldermen Bissett, Schaffner, Murphy, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason, Burgess - 8.

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

VICTORIA SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN--CIVIC GRANT

Read extracts minutes of meetings of City Council November 10th, November 16th, November 24th and December

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

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10th, 1921 re Civic Grant of \$1,000.00 to Victoria School of Art and Design covering Alderman Murphy's notice of motion to rescind the action of the Council at meeting November 10th which defeated a motion for the payment of the Grant.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that Alderman Murphy be now permitted to move the resolution to rescind of which he had given notice.

Motion put and passed 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Regan, Schaffner, Cameron, Murphy, Guildford, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason, Godwin, Burgess - 15.

Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Hubley - 2.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that the action of the Council at meeting November 10th 1921 by which a motion to pay the Victoria School of Art and Design the Civic Grant of \$1,000.00 for the financial year 1921-22 be now rescinded.

Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Sanford that the Civic Grant of \$1,000.00 for the fiscal year 1921-22 for the Victoria School of Art and Design be paid upon the City Clerk receiving an undertaking in writing from Hon. George H. Murray, Premier of the Province that the Government will use its good offices at the next session of the Legislature to procure legislation legalizing the payment of the grant notwithstanding the Victoria School of Art and Design is not fully complying with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter in respect to the said grant.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman that this matter be referred to a Special Committee for report. The amendment is not seconded.

Alderman Murphy's motion is put and passed 13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Regan, Schaffner, Murphy, Guildford, Scanlon, Ritchie, Power, Mason, Burgess - 13.

Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Cameron, Godwin, Hubley - 4.

*Letter
Hon. Sec. Q.
Murray*

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 15th, 1921.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th inst. the undermentioned accounts were approved and recommended to Council for payment:-
City Hall Heating Loan, Payable to Farquhar Bros. \$4,081.00
Streets " " Musgrave & Co. 250.55
Water Construction " " C.J. Craig 603.63

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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

WATER AND SEWER APPROPRIATIONS

Read report City Engineer re funds for sewer and water services.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 15th, 1921.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

Estimating as closely as conditions will permit we shall require for Water Construction account to meet obligations in the near future as follows:-

Water pipe.....	\$21,000.
Trenching under contract.....	4,500.
Pipe laying.....	500.
Hydrants.....	2,000.
Service Pipes.....	3,000.
Valves.....	7,000.
Truckage.....	625.

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Venturi Meter.....	1,600.
6" Protector Meter.....	850.
Lead Pipe.....	300.
Pumping Station.....	<u>10,000.</u>
Total....	\$51,375.

We have available in the Water Account now \$42,000. so that we should have a further credit of about \$10,000 to carry us through the winter. If we are to do any additional work in water extension, an additional sum of \$10,000. should be provided or a total sum in Water Construction of \$20,000.

In Sewerage we estimate the following obligations:-

Trenching under contract.....	\$8,000.
Sewer Pipe.....	500.
Pipe laying.....	400.
Catchpits.....	25,000.
Arm Sewer Expropriation.....	9,000.
48" Sewer pipe.....	<u>20,000.</u>
	\$62,900.
Oxford St. Sewer.....	10,500.
Supervision & General Expenses	<u>5,600</u>
A total of.....	\$ 79,000.

The balance to the credit of the Sewer Account is \$79,000.

The foregoing items do not provide for any additional sewer work nor for the construction of the Arm Sewer, but they do provide for payment for the pipe for the Arm Sewer.

If we are to proceed with further sewer extension at the Arm or elsewhere, we shall require the remainder of the amount authorized viz:- \$29,000. and that amount will not be sufficient to pay for the Arm Sewer if that work is started.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for report and recommendation as to how this expenditure may be financed.

The amendment is put and passed.

PRINTING ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT 1920-21.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the matter of taking tenders for printing the Annual Civic report 1920-21 be referred to the Tenders Committee. Motion passed.

*Ald. Whitman
Asst City Clerk
Treasurer*

*Ald. Guildford
Ald. Bissett
Ald. Mason
Ald. Regan
Ald. Scanlon
Ald. Hubley
City Auditor
Ald. Colwell
Ald. Burgess*

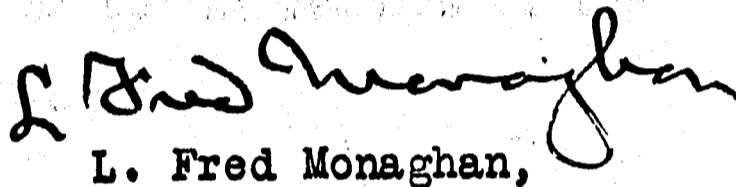
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Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Colwell
that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.



L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J.S. Parker,

MAYOR.

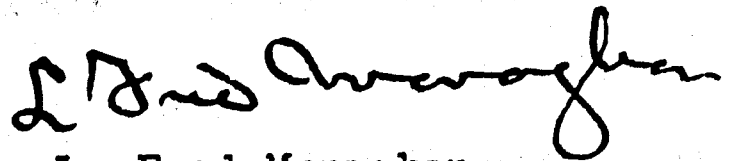
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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N.S. December 31st, 1921

On Tuesday December 27th, 1921 His Worship the Mayor ordered a meeting of the City Council summoned for Tuesday evening January 3rd, 1922 at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering matters in connection with Hydro-Electric Power. The notices calling said meeting were sent out on Thursday December 29th 1921. On Saturday December 31st, His Worship the Mayor ordered said meeting cancelled and notices to that effect were sent out by me to the members of the Council on said 31st day of December.



L. Fred Monaghan.

CITY CLERK.