

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

September 6th., 1923.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening, at the above named hour. Present Aldermen Colwell, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Whitman, Munnis, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, McDonald, Guildford, Whelan, O'Toole, Power, Drysdale, Hubley, W. O. Cameron and Daw.

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

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT FOR JULY.

Read report Coal Weighers for the Month of July 1923 showing each of the permanent Weighers to have received \$45.61. Filed.

FIRES AND THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read report Committee on Firewards covering report Chief of Fire Department re Fires and their Causes and Losses for the Month of August.

Halifax, N. S.,
September 4, 1923.

The City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Committee on Firewards submit herewith the following report from the Chief of the Fire Department relating to Fires and their causes and losses during the Month of August 1923.

W. J. O'Toole,
Vice-Chairman.

Office of Chief Fire Department,
September 4, 1923.

Board of Fire Wards.
Gentlemen,

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of August during which there were 13 alarms of fire as follows:-

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Sparks from chimney 1, short circuit in elevator 1, unknown 2, chimneys 3, spontaneous combustion 1, boys set fire to electric light pole 1, gasoline fumes coming in contact with open flame 1, boys playing with lanterns 1, defective chimney 1, false 1.

Property at risk \$ 161,700.00

Insurance losses \$ 3,475.00

Losses not insured 215.00
\$ 3,690.00

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

Filed. ✓

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL INMATES.

Read report Charities Committee re number of inmates in the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital August 1923.

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

Halifax, September 5, 1923

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present the Chairman, Aldermen Daw, Sanford, O'Toole, McDonald and Gastonguay.

Superintendents report City Home Number of Inmates
281

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of August 1923 there were 21 persons admitted into the City Home, 16 were discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 2 were chargeable to the Province and 19 to the City. The total number of inmates August 31st. 1923 was 281, made up of 154 men, 120 women and 7 children. On the same date last year there were 156 men, 127 women and 5 children, a total of 288.

Superintendents report T. B. Hospital Number of
Patients 36

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of August 1923 there were 5 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital viz: 1 man and 4 women, 2 men and 1 woman were discharged and 2 men and 2 women died. The total number of patients August 31st. 1923 was 36, made up of 15 men, 19 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 21 men, 13 women and 1 child, a total of 35.

Filed. ✓

Copies / Zita M. Hayes Superannuation Assessment.
Read report City Treasurer re refund of Superannuation

Assessment Miss Zita M. Hayes, Stenographer City Clerk's
Office.

Office of City Treasurer,
August 20th., 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

I am requested to report on the refund of the Superann-

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uation fees paid into the official fund by Miss Zita M. Hayes who is retiring from the position of Stenographer in the City Clerks office.

There has been paid into the fund from the date of the first payment May 31st. 1921, the sum of \$69.57 and Miss Hayes is entitled under Sec. 11. Chap. 74, Acts 1914, to receive one half of that amount, viz. \$34.79.

Respectfully submitted.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

*Acc'd W. Sullivan
and City Clerk.*

9.17 o'clock His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair ~~and~~ the report is referred to the Committee on Finance for report.

COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION.

Read correspondence re the Columbus Day Celebration of October 12th. as the Anniversary by Columbus of the discovery of the New World.

Department Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa, August 13, 1923.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.
Sir,

I enclose for your information copy of a communication dated 29th. June 1923 from Mr. R. L. Lombay, Consul General for Uruguay in France and President of the Panatlantic Union, regarding the celebration of the discovery of the New World on Columbus Day.

(Sgd.) E. Hawken,
Assistant Deputy Minister.

Paris, June 29th., 1923.

The Honorable
The Minister of Marine,
Canada.

Sir,

As you are aware, we are endeavouring to propagate in the Old Continent the world-wide commemoration of the discovery of the New World (Columbus Day), and for this purpose we beg to ask for your co-operation should the idea meet with your sympathy and approval, by giving instructions, that on the 12th. October, all Canadian harbours and ships be adorned with flags in honor of America and Columbus, the great Benefactor of Humanity, and, also, in honor of Isabella of Castille, his august Protectrix.

Hoping that your beautiful and progressive country will thus associate herself in the world-wide and solemn testimonials of veneration and gratitude rendered to the immortal Navigator, who revealed the existence of the Occidental Hemisphere, the grandest and most fertile enterprise of Navig-

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ation in past centuries-, I pray you to accept, Monsieur le Ministre, the assurance of my devoted feelings.

(Sgd.) R.L.Lombay,
Consul General for Uruguay in France.
President of Panatlantic Union.

*E. Hauberg
2 copies
Notice Board
Mayor*

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the suggestion outlined by the President of the Panatlantic Union be approved. Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD AND WINDSOR STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re improving the ^{street} ~~City~~ lines at the north west corner of Windsor Street and Quinpool Road, covering sketch.

City Works Office,
September 6, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 22nd. the City Engineer submitted a report (with plan) on improvement with respect to north west corner of Quinpool Road and Windsor Street. Said report (and plan) which is attached hereto was approved and recommended by the Committee to Council for adoption.

A. Messervey,
Clerk of Works .

City Engineer's Office,
August 23, 1923.

F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,
City Engineer.

Sir,

I have had further correspondence with the Archbishop with regard to the land required for improving conditions in the north west corner of Windsor Street and Quinpool Road, and he now offers to convey the land shown colored "green" on the attached sketch, for the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.) the City to replace the existing fence on the new line.

The curbing has been set to the new curb line and the great improvement in traffic conditions made by this, can be seen.

I would recommend that the offer be accepted.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Engineer

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

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ATLANTIC STREET WATER SERVICE; BOND FOR RATES

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re
Water Rates B. W. Russell, on Bond, Atlantic Street.

Office of City Works,
September 6th., 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on August 29th. the City Engineer submitted a report on application of Mr. B. W. Russell for exemption from payment of Sewer-age Assessment and Water Bond Rate on Atlantic Street, it was recommended to Council by the Works Committee that the Bond rate for water be cancelled and Mr. Russell be charged the regular water rates. Engineer's report and copy of letter from Mr. Russell are attached hereto.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
August 24, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the claim of Mr. B. W. Russell for exemption from the bond water rate on Atlantic Street and asking that he be charged the regular meter and fire protection rates, that some years ago Mr. A. T. Calnen paid the whole cost of laying sewer and water pipe to his property on the south side of Atlantic Street, west of Young Avenue.

In 1917 Mr. Russell built a house adjoining Mr. Calnen's and paid him for the right to connect his drain and water pipe to the drain and water pipe laid and paid for by Mr. Calnen.

In 1922 the City extended the sewer and water pipe along this street from Young Avenue westwardly, to serve other houses that had been built on the street.

It seems, under the circumstances, a reasonable proposition and that both Mr. Calnen and Mr. Russell should be charged only the regular rates for water, as they had an ample supply for their houses and they had paid the total cost of obtaining it, and I would recommend that they be charged the regular meter rates instead of the bond rate.

With regard to the sewer, the law is clear with regard to the liability of abutting owners and the City has no power to relieve them of the sewer rates at their properties.

A copy of Mr. Russell's letter is attached hereto.

H. W. Johnston,
Assistant City Engineer.

Recommended

F. W. W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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Halifax, August 14, 1923.

H.W. Johnston, Esq.,
Asst. City Engineer,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir,

Having reference to claims against me for sewer charges and water rates in respect to my house on Atlantic Street, I beg to place before you the following facts for your consideration.

Previous to the summer of 1922 the residents of Atlantic Street were served as respects sewerage and water by a sewer and water pipe laid some years ago by A. P. Calnen at his own expense with the permission of the City and with, as he informs me, the understanding that when the City laid a sewer of its own it would use his trench and pay him for the benefit which the City received on account of his work. In 1917 I purchased from Mr. Calnen for \$400.00 equal rights with him in the sewer and water pipe in connection with my properties on the street, this with the consent of the City and paying the City as I remember it, \$25.00 for the privilege of using a private drain which connected with the City Sewer at Young Avenue. In 1922 very much against my interests the City put down a sewer and service pipe along the street, and although I had all the facilities I wanted, I was compelled to connect my house therewith. The City, taking into consideration these facts in Mr. Calnen's case has foregone any claim against him for water rates beyond the ordinary meter rates, but in my case I am on a bond to pay \$18.00 annually for ten years having been compelled to sign the same or do without the water.

As I am in the same position as Mr. Calnen, I respectfully request that the above may be considered with a view to extending to me the same exemptions that Mr. Calnen enjoys. I do not know whether Mr. Calnen is charged with the sewer. He should not be so charged under the circumstances. If there is any exemption to him in that regard I am of course asking for that also in my case.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) B.W. Russell.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay,
that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

ALLEN, LAWRENCE, YALE AND YUKON STREETS, ACCEPTANCE.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re
the acceptance of Allen, Lawrence, Yale and Yukon Streets.

Office of City Works,
September 6, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 22nd.
the City Engineer submitted a report, which is attached
hereto recommending that the following named be officially
accepted as City Streets -

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Lawrence St. between Chebucto Lane & Harvard St.			
Allen	"	"	"
Yukon	"	Monastery Lane	"
Yale	"	"	"

The report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
August 14, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Yukon and Yale Streets and part of Lawrence and Allen Streets have not been accepted yet by the City. The reason for non-acceptance being that they were not graded. These streets have now been graded to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and I would recommend that the City Council accept and take over, Lawrence St. between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street, Allen St. between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street, Yukon St. between Monastery Lane and Harvard Street and Yale Street between Monastery Lane and Harvard Street. These streets are more particularly described as follows:-

Lawrence St.

All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street, being more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the east side of Harvard Street 240 feet distant from the official north line of Allen Street; thence eastwardly by a straight line a distance of 607 feet; thence further eastwardly by a straight line to a point 50 feet more or less, west of the west line of Chebucto Lane and 180 feet south of Duncan Street; thence at right angles southwardly a distance of 60 feet; thence in a westwardly direction and parallel to the first above described course to the east line of Harvard Street; thence northwardly along the east line of Harvard Street a distance of 60 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, being all that lot of land marked Lawrence Street and shown enclosed by blue lines on Section 14 of the Official City Plan.

Allen Street

All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being between Chebucto Lane and Harvard Street, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the western line of Chebucto Lane said point being situate 732 feet southwardly, more or less, from the south line of Chebucto Road, as laid down on the official City Plan; thence westwardly until it intersects the eastern boundary of Monastery Lane at a point 240 feet, more or less, northwardly from the north line of Yukon Street thence continuing in a westwardly direction until it comes to the eastern line of Harvard Street at a point 239 feet distant, northwardly, from the north line of Yukon Street; thence northwardly along said eastern line of Harvard Street a distance of 60 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel to the

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first above described course until it comes to the western line of Chebucto Lane, aforesaid; thence southwardly along said western line a distance of 60 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, being all that lot of land marked Allen Street and shown enclosed by blue lines on the Official City Plan.

Yukon Street

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being between Monastery Lane and Harvard Street, being more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the eastern side of Harvard Street 275 feet distant from the north line of Yale Street; thence northwardly a distance of 60 feet, thence eastwardly by a straight line to the eastern side of Monastery Lane at a point 533 feet from the north official line of Quinpool Road; thence southwardly a distance of 60 feet 6 inches more or less to a point 472 feet 6 inches, more or less, from the north line of Quinpool Road; thence westwardly and parallel to the second above described course to the place of beginning, being that lot of land marked Yukon Street and enclosed by blue lines on Section 14 of the Official City Plan.

Yale Street

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being between Harvard Street and Monastery Lane, being more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the eastern side of Harvard Street 176 feet distant from the north official line of Quinpool Road; thence eastwardly by a straight line to the eastern side of Monastery Lane at a point 234 feet north of the north line of Quinpool Road; thence southwardly along the eastern side of Monastery Lane a distance of 60 feet more or less, to a point 174 feet from the north line of Quinpool Road; thence westwardly and parallel to the first above described course to the eastern side of Harvard Street; thence northwardly 60 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, being all that lot marked Yale Street, and shown enclosed by blue lines on Section 14 of the Official City Plan.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Engineer
Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

TAG DAY, G.W.V.A., ARMISTICE DAY

Read letters Ladies Auxiliary G. W. V. A. and also from the Great War Veterans Association requesting permission to conduct a Poppy sale day on Monday, November 12th., following Armistice Day (November 11th.).

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Halifax, N.S.,
August 18, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Murphy,
Mayor, City of Halifax.

Your Worship,

The Ladies Auxiliary Great War Veterans Association would be greatly indebted to you if you could allow them the privilege of selling poppies on the streets of the City on "Armistice Day".

The proceeds of the sale would be used for relief work during the coming winter among the needy dependents of returned men.

Trusting that this request will be granted,

Fraternally,

E. G. Turner,
Pres. L. A. - G. W. V. A
Marian McGrath,
Sec. L. A. - G. W. V. A

August 22nd., 1923.

To His Worship,
John Murphy,
Mayor of Halifax,
Halifax, N.S.

My dear Sir,

On behalf of the Great War Veterans Association I am making application for the privilege of conducting a Poppy day in the City on November 11th. next.

I will assure Your Worship that the thing will be conducted in a legal manner in every respect.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the President and Secretary of our Ladies Auximilary which will speak for itself.

May I hear from you with respect to this application within the next few days, please.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. Cameron,
Sec.-Treas., Great War Veterans Assn.

Moved by Alderman Collwell, Seconded by Alderman Daw, that the request be granted. Motion passed.

TAG DAY FOR MENTALLY DEFICIENT CHILDREN.

Read letter Municipal Chapter of Halifax, I. O. D. E. requesting to hold a Tag Day in the near future in aid of the I. O. D. E. Home for Mentally Deficient Children.

Halifax, August 29, 1923.

To His Worship, the Mayor Halifax,
City.
Sir,

Permission is requested for the Municipal Chapter of Halifax, I. O. D. E., to hold a Tag Day in the near future in aid of the I. O. D. E. Home for Mentally Deficient Children.

In this connection it is pointed out that this is the first occasion upon which the Order has publically solicited funds for their Home, and unless the required money is raised the Home will have to be closed.

*E. G. Turner ✓
A. J. Cameron ✓
Mayor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

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Thanking you in anticipation for your consideration,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Hilda M. May,
Secretary, Municipal Chapter of
Halifax.

*Hilda M. May
Mayor*

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Daw,
that the request be complied with - the date to be arranged
by His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for pay-
ment accounts chargeable to the City Home and Tuberculosis
Hospital.

Halifax, N.S.,
August 5, 1923.

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 Daw, Sanford, O'Toole, McDonald and Gastonguay.
CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, August 1923, Amount \$5061.60

The following accounts are recommended for pay-
ment:-

Wentzells Ltd.	Flour & Groceries	\$1021.05
W.A.Maling & Co.	Meats	373.03
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	80.01
Est. James Watson	Fresh Fish	68.25
Smith & Proctor	Butter	221.76
Ideal Dairy Ltd.	Milk	174.38
S.C.Thompson	Forage	25.28
T.J.Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	172.66
G.E.VanBuskirk Co Ltd	Coal	341.91
G. Hutchinson	Ice	18.50
N.S.Tram & Power Co Ltd	Light & Power (2)	26.86
Mar.Tel.& Tel. Co Ltd	Exchange Service	17.48
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.75
Austin Bros. Ltd.	Engine & Wood Saw	306.34
McLeod Balcom Ltd.	Vico	33.50
Wm.Robertson & Son	Hardware	26.46
Kellys Ltd.	Repairs	1.75
Nickerson & Crease	Potatoes	137.10
Richmond Paper Co	Toilet Paper	4.04
H.McFatfidge	Horseshoeing	6.00
D.A.McCulloch	"	2.00
J.H.Buchanan	Cash Expended	423.88
Salaries	August	1574.61
		<u>\$5061.60</u>

CITY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, August 1923,

	Amount \$2578.73	
Howards Ltd.	Groceries	167.46
Maritime Market	Meats	149.29
John Fry	Bread	35.13
Ideal Dairy Ltd.	Milk & Cream	125.90
Smith & Proctor	Butter	103.50
R.B.Colwell Ltd	Eggs	54.00
Est James Watson	Fish	22.57

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Globe Laundry Ltd.	Laundrywork	\$49.09
N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light & Power	43.63
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Exchange Service	13.38
Geo. Hutchinson	Ice	16.45
McLeod, Balcom Ltd.	Drugs	93.11
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	112.68
Richmond Paper Co.	Napkins	16.87
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	4.85
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables & Fruit	128.85
City Home	Flour & Cheese	12.23
W.W. Hoyt	Repairs	63.70
Surgical Supplies	Sundries	1.50
Wm. Robertson & Son	"	21.33
Evans & Co.	"	15.90
Webster, Smith Ltd.	Crockeryware	30.50
J.H. Buchanan	Cash expended	44.94
Salaries	August 1923	1251.87
		<u>\$2578.73</u>

H.S. Colwell,
Chairman.

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

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

Office City Health Board,
September 6th., 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Health Board.
Gentlemen,

The attached accounts from the City Health Board, amounting to \$109.99, were passed at a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, September 4th., and I was directed to forward same for your concurrence.

Arthur C. Pettipas,
Acting Secretary C.H.B.

Isolation Hospital.

Union Coal Co.	Coal July	\$20.50
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising July	10.08
P.T. Shea	Butter & Eggs, August	17.35
Hfx. Steam Laundry	Washing July	32.11
N.S. Tramways & Power	Lighting July 18-Aug. 16	2.25
		<u>\$82.29</u>

General Account.

Royal Print	Directory July	10.00
Telephone Co.	Service August	17.70
		<u>\$27.70</u>

Recapitulation

Isolation Hospital	82.29
General Account	27.70
	<u>\$109.99</u>

Total

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It was moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the various services of the Works Department.

City Works Office,
September 5, 1923.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Works committee beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$6160.70, chargeable to the following services:-

Electric Wiring Inspection	\$13.00
Streets	955.16
Internal Health	332.90
Cleaning Paved Streets	279.13
Teams & Stables	1040.51
Public Baths	139.98
Sewer Maintenance	73.62
City Hall Lighting	99.15
Market Revenue	24.43
Street Lighting	2.25
City Property	103.47
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Permanent Pavement	\$ 504.30	
City Hall Wiring	.38	
City Hall Furniture	43.29	
Street Lighting Loan	6.36	
Sewerage	<u>1224.19</u>	1778.52
Water Construction	1022.17	
Water Maintenance	<u>296.43</u>	<u>1318.60</u>
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		\$6160.70

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts for payment.

City Hall, September 4, 1923.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Committee of Firewards met this Afternoon at 5 o'clock. Present Aldermen O'Toole, Vice-Chairman, Daw, McDonald and Munnis.

The Committee recommend for payment the following named accounts:-

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CURRENT
ACCOUNT -

O.C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	\$ 7.35
James Taylor	Plastering	9.00
James Simmonds	Hardware	3.16
Frank Reardon	Glass	1.48
E.B. Eddy Co. Ltd.	Stores & Supplies	5.55
N.S. Storage Battery Works	Repairs	1.00
Royal Print & Litho	Directory	10.00
Wentzells Ltd.	Stores & Supplies	14.11
Chronicle Publishing Co.	Advertising	10.08
W.W. Hoyt	Supplies	.60
Charles A. Barnstead	Supplies	2.80
M.E. Giffen	Firemens uniforms	1065.00
Kellys Ltd.	Harness repairs	19.10
American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.	Supplies	13.09
T. Hogan & Co.	Repairs	6.72
S.C. Thompson	Feed	195.02
Canadian Oil Companies	Gasoline	99.89
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd.		26.45
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	35.30
K. MacPhee	Repairs	12.00
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Lighting	35.64
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	26.68
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		\$1600.00

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ACCOUNT.-

Wm. Robertson & Son	Tools	1.54
American La France Fire Engine Co.	Radiator	85.40
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		\$ 86.94

FIRE
ALARM
MAINTENANCE

Northern Electric Co Ltd	Solder & Wire	8.35
Canadian General Elec. Co.	Supplies	7.61
Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd	Rubber coats	19.81
W.W. Hoyt	Brushes	1.20
N.S. Tramways & Power	Power for August	7.80
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.	Telephone August	3.00
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		\$ 47.77

W. J. O'Toole,
Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.
Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report City Prison Committee recommending accounts for payment.

City Hall, September 4, 1923.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Committee on City Prison met at 3.30 o'clock this Afternoon. Present Aldermen Bissett, Chairman, Gastongway, Guildford, Munnis and Daw.

The Committee recommend for payment the following named accounts:-

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S.C.Thompson	Feed	\$ 51.28
A.& W.Mackinlay Ltd	Stationery	2.60
Halifax Seed Co.	Insect Poison	7.90
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	63.36
W.A.Maling & Co.	Beef	46.66
A.L.Melvin	Farm Supplies	6.49
D.J.McIntosh, H	Horseshoeing	12.75
McLeod & Balcom	Drugs	8.40
George Hutchinson	Ice	10.00
Maritime Tel.& Tel.	Rental	9.15
N.S.Tramways & Power	Current	4.86
Neil Fox	Harness Supplies	3.70
O'Malley's Bakery	Bread	38.98
Nickerson & Crease	Potatoes	14.00
D.J.McIntosh	Horseshoeing	15.00
Salaries	Aug. 15th. 1923	348.05
Salaries	Aug. 31st. 1923	348.05
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		\$991.23

F.W.Bissett,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Daw,
that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion
passed.

ACCOUNTS MISCELLANEOUS

Read report Finance Committee recommending for pay-
ment accounts chargeable to various services.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 6, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance beg to recommend for payment
the following named accounts amounting to \$893.68:-

GENERAL ACCOUNTS -	Dr.W.D.Finn, M.E.Certificates of Death of Ellen Fagan	
	\$4., J.H.Balcom 4, A.MacAree \$4, Margaret O'Brien \$4, Hilda M. Brenton \$4, John F. Barry \$4, Bridget Meagher \$4, Elkanah J. Nickerson \$4, and H.W.Ostenburg \$4. -	\$38.00
A.G.Cummings	Prothonotary's fees	3.00
A.& W.MacKinlay	Books etc. City Clerk \$28.47, Aud- itor \$3.00 and Collector \$35.88	67.35
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery, etc. City Collectors \$7.10, Mayor \$12.25, Clerk \$21.25 and Assessor \$2.20	23.80
Chronicle Pub.Co.	Advertising \$7.36 and \$7.56	14.92
Halifax Herald	Advertising	8.82
Connollys	Stationery - Mayor \$6.15, 9.25, and 9.60	25.00
A.M.Fraser	Repairs	1.55

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London Rubber Stamp Co.	Stamp etc.	\$1.20
	do	.95
British Am. Bank Note Co. Ltd.	Certificate	75.78
Royal Print & Litho Ltd.	Directories	
	City Assessors, Collector and Clerk	
	\$20.00 \$10.00 \$10.00	40.00
do	Cards Mayor	2.09
Halifax Herald	Subscription 1 year to Aug. 1 1924 for City Collector	9.00
C.P.R. Telegraph	Telegram	.48
		<u>\$ 309.92</u>

CONTINGENT
ACCOUNT -

H.P. Story	Designing etc.	
do	Address to Gov. Cox	50.00
	Address Gov. General	50.00
Kathleen Ryan	Stenog. Service Mayors Office	
	Jly. 23-31 \$21.77	
	Aug. 1-15 37.50	
	Aug. 15-25 24.19	83.46
Kellys Ltd	1 Seal Tube	9.50
Weagwoltic Ltd	Luncheon	144.25
Royal Print & Litho	Menu cards etc.	11.80
Halifax Hotel		48.50
The Rosery	Flowers & Decorating	50.00
Three Ess Taxi	Taxi hire	55.75
do	do	10.50
Miss Hagarty	Music at Luncheon Gov. Cox	15.00
Edward Hattie	Recovering body John F. Barry	5.00
E.A. Vossnack	6 Prize Cups	50.00
		<u>583.78</u>
	Total.....	\$893.68

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

It was moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT ARTHUR E. SKINNER,
CARLETON STREET

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending the commutation by Arthur E. Skinner of a portion of a common lot on Carleton Street.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 6, 1923.

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 Messrs. Daly, Walker, Phinney & Vair, Solicitors for Mr. A. E. Skinner, with a report of Assistant City Engineer thereon asking for commutation of a lot of land on Carleton Street, said lot being part of common lots 19-20 held under lease by Estate of Charles Barnstead, was read.

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The Assistant City Clerk reported that the arrears of rent on this part lot amount to \$24.36 and the amount required for commutation \$19.14, making a total of \$43.50.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary deed.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

Halifax, August 16, 1923.

The City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir,

Re Arthur E. Skinner Property on Carleton St.

On behalf of our Client, Mr. A. E. Skinner, we hereby apply to the City for a Deed of Commutation covering his property on Carleton Street, description of which is enclosed herewith.

Any fees and charges in connection with obtain this Deed will be paid by Mr. Skinner.

Yours truly,
Daley, Walker, Phinney & Vair,
Per D.

DESCRIPTION of Arthur E. Skinner
Property, 40 Carleton St., City.

ALL that piece, parcel or lot of land described as follows: Commencing at a point on the west side of Carleton Street, distant ninety feet, four inches, to the southward of the Cemetery fence; thence running southerly by the west line of said Carleton Street thirty feet; thence westerly by the fence enclosing the yard and passage belonging to the house standing on the lot directly south of that under description, sixty-six feet; thence northerly parallel with said Carleton Street, thirty feet; thence easterly by a right line sixty-six feet to the place of beginning.

City Engineer's Office,
August 17th., 1923.

Mr. H. S. Rhind,
Assistant City Clerk.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of this date, the lot belonging to A. E. Skinner, described in the description attached to it is a portion of Lot #29 of the Division of the Common Lots. The area of the lot described is 1980 sq. feet and the total area of lot #29 of the Common Lots is 21,780 sq. feet.

Yours faithfully,
H. W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

September 6th., 1923.

Halifax, September 4, 1923

Alderman Power,
Chairman Laws & Privileges Committee, City.

Dear Sir,

I have here for the Laws & Privileges Committee an application of messrs. Daley, Walker, Phinney & Vair, Solicitors for Mr. E. A. Skinner, asking on behalf of their Client for the commutation of a part of lots Number 19 and 20 of the Halifax Common Lots situated on Carleton Street and owned and occupied by Mr. Skinner.

The rental on this part lot is Eighty-seven cents (87¢) per annum and is in arrears for twenty-eight (28) years making a total rental due of Twenty four Dollars and Thirty six cents (\$24.36). The amount necessary for commutation is twenty-two (22) years at eighty seven cents (87¢) per year, making a total of Nineteen Dollars and Fourteen cents (\$19.14.)

I would recommend that this application be granted and it will be necessary for you to call a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee to pass upon and recommend said application to the City Council. Yours faithfully,

H.S. Rhind, Asst. City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell,

that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be approved. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Police Department,
September 5, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor,
And City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date the following accounts amounting to \$126.33 were examined found correct and recommended for payment.

Amherst Boot & Shoe	Boots	\$ 3.93
Clayton & Sons	Coat	28.13
Telephone Co.	Service	15.00
Chief of Police	Laundry	4.00
R.W. Wright	Ledger	6.00
Wentzells	Mdse.	1.25
Royal Print Co.	Directories	30.00
Halifax Vul. Works	Recharging battery	2.25
Can. Gen. Elec. plugs		.72
A. & W. Mackinlay & Co.	Court Book	37.05
		<u>\$ 126.33</u>

John Murphy,
Mayor and Chairman,

*Asst. City Clerk ✓
City Engineer ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

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Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

AUDIT OF CITY FINANCES - ACCOUNT PRICE
WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

Alderman Whitman, Chairman of Finance Committee, submits and recommends for payment an account \$6,786.72 from Price Waterhouse & Company, Montreal, in connection with their investigation of accounts of the City of Halifax.

145 St. James St.,
 Montreal, Aug. 14, 1923

City of Halifax,
 To Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Fee for services rendered to July 31, 1923,
 in connection with our investigation
 of the Accounts of the City of Halifax -

Accountant in Charge:

May	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	working days		
June	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "		
July	23	" "		
	<u>61</u>		@ \$30.00 per day	\$1,830.00

Senior Accountant:

May	14	" "		
June	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "		
July	23	" "		
	<u>60$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		20.00	1,210.00

Accountants assisting:

May	24	" "		
June	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "		
July	46	" "		
	<u>117$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		15.00	<u>1,762.50</u>
				4,802.50

Railroad Fares Montreal to Halifax	\$112.60	
Hotel Expenses	1865.85	
Telegrams, Express on Stationery, &c	<u>5.77</u>	1,984.22

\$ 6,786.72

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax has authority under the Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia Sec. 31, Chap. 69 of Acts 1923 to employ a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants to make a complete audit and investigation of the various departments and finances of the City and also to introduce throughout its different departments, such changes in present methods as are found advisable on such

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investigation, and in keeping with the most modern practice of municipal accounting, and that the cost of such audit may be borrowed from any Bank or fund available and with interest included in the estimates for 1924-5, and that the appointment of the Chartered Accountant or firm of Chartered Accountants provided for in the said Act should not become effective until approved by the Governor in Council.

AND WHEREAS the conditions of the said Act have been complied with by the appointment of Price, Waterhouse & Co. from which firm a progress estimate of \$6,786.72 is now tendered and payment requested,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the attached progress estimate by borrowing the amount from any Bank or fund available.

The Resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, and being put is passed.

GARDENS ACCOUNT.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending for payment an account chargeable to the Public Gardens.

City Hall, September 6, 1923.

The City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Commissioners of Halifax Common present His Worship the Mayor and Commissioners Isnor, Donovan and Garrison, beg to recommend for payment the following named account:-

Southam Press Ltd.-Reels of tickets- \$36.82
John Murphy,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that the report be adopted and the account paid.

LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS UNDER INLAND
REVENUE ACT.

Read message His Worship the Mayor re prosecutions of temperance laws violations under inland revenue act.

City Hall, Halifax, N. S.,
September 6, 1923.

Gentlemen,

The operation of the Inland Revenue Act as it affects this City, is a matter requiring careful consideration. A survey of receipts from fines and fees during the past few years will indicate the extent to which the City's revenue from Liquor Prosecutions has been reduced. The following figures cover the past five years:

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Received from Liquor Fines & Fees	1918-1919	\$18,517.45
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
	(Up to present)	654.00

Considering this matter purely from its financial aspect the falling off of revenue is most remarkable. It can, I think, be charged largely to the fact that wherever possible, prosecutions are now brought under Inland Revenue Act.

The injustice of this whole situation is that where a fine is imposed and paid, and where liquor is seized and sold, the Federal Government receives one-half of the entire proceeds, the other half being divided between the parties making the capture and their informant, the City of Halifax receiving no share whatever of the amount so collected. In the last month two parties were convicted and sentenced to a fine of \$200. or six months each in the City Prison. Being unable to pay the fine, the City is compelled to support both for six months, further, should they happen to have dependents we will probably be called upon to look after them.

Surely where the Federal Government derives such financial benefits from the operation of Inland Revenue Act, provisions should be made where the party is committed to prison, to at least contribute his maintenance as well as some contribution towards the maintenance of any dependents he might leave. I would recommend that our Solicitor be asked to make such representation to the proper Minister or Department as will remedy the conditions outlined above.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) JOHN MURPHY,

Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the suggestions contained in His Worship the Mayor's message be approved and referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor for action. Motion passed.

NEW YORK OUTDOOR BAZAAR COMPANY PERFORMANCE.

Read letter Wanderers Amateur Athletic Club re engagement by them with the New York Outdoor Bazaar Company to conduct performances on the Wanderers Grounds on the Common during the holding of the proposed Wanderers Fair.

Halifax, N.S., September 5, 1923.

John Murphy, Esq.,
Mayor City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir,

The Wanderers Fair Committee has made arrangements with the New York Outdoor Bazaar Company to bring a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, three tents and ten concessions,

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the latter consisting of wheels where the prizes are chocolates, dolls, etc., and fish ponds. These are run by their own operators and a man is put in each tent by the Wanderers Committee to check the business done. Numbers of wheels will be used and operated by members of the Wanderers Fair Committee and the chocolates and dolls given as prizes have been donated by the merchants of the City for this purpose.

Some exception has been taken to the form of the above mentioned show, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding with our citizens, we would like to know our position with the City in reference to the introduction of these attractions at this Fair. The shows proposed to be brought to the City were inspected by Mr. M.F. Hall, W.W.Cahill and the Writer. They were selected from the number shown at St. Joseph's Fair but those to which any objection could be taken were eliminated. We would like to know at once if the City is going to take any exception to these? Please let us have your reply at the earliest possible date.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) A.W.P. Weston,
Chairman, Wanderers Fair Committee.

Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that this Council reply to the Wanderers Fair Committee expressing its disapproval of the return of the so called "Williams' Show" to Halifax in its entirety.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Daw, that this matter be not considered by the Council.

The Amendment being put 8 voted for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment	Against it
Aldermen Colwell,	Aldermen Whitman
Gastonguay	Munnis
McDonald.	Finlay
O'Toole	Sanford
Power.	Bissett
Drysdale	Guildford
Hubley,	Whelan
Daw	W.O.Cameron

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the Amendment and declares it lost.

Alderman Bissett submits following Amendment:

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Council that the Williams Show should be permitted to operate in Halifax during the proposed entertainment by the Wanderers Club. *Free*

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The Amendment is moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Daw. At Alderman Power's request he is excused from voting on the Amendment.

The Amendment is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment
Aldermen Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Guildford,
O'Toole,
Hubley,
W.O.Cameron,
Daw

Against it
Aldermen Colwell,
Gastonguay,
McDonald,
Whelan,
Drysdale.

*Col A & P Weston
Eastern Street Co*

AUDIT OF CITY FINANCES, MESSAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Read message from His Worship the Mayor reporting progress in the matter of the independent audit of City's finances by the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, Montreal.

Mayors Office, Halifax, N.S.,
September 6, 1923.

To Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen,

Re Independent Audit

I desire to inform Council on the progress to date of work under contract with the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company. Work has been conducted by the Auditors in the following Departments:-

City Collectors Office,
City Treasurers Office,
City Clerks Office,
Housing Commission's Office,
City Home,
City Health Department,
City Prison,
Camp Hill Cemetery Commission.

I understand the Auditors have completed all of the above Departments with the exception of the Office of the Housing Commission, Health Department and Office of the City Collector. They hope to finish up the work in the Health and Housing Departments very shortly. There is still considerable work to do in the Office of the City Collector. The Auditors have conducted their work without direction or interference from any source, taking the various Departments in the order they felt would best serve their purposes. They inform me that it is not the policy of their Company to submit Progress Reports on individual Departments as completed, the same is embodied in their final report, the only exception being where conditions are met with in any Department which require to be dealt with immediately.

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Up to the present time three reports have been submitted by them. The first dealing with Office of City Collector, with which the Council is thoroughly familiar. The other reports dealing with Offices of Board of Health and Housing Commission, and as these are bodies entirely separate from Council, the reports were immediately turned over to these Committees for necessary action with which members of Council are also informed. The Auditors advise me that they last week completed their investigation of affairs of Camp Hill Cemetery Commission and expect to submit a report any day on same.

You will have before you this evening, the account rendered by Price, Waterhouse & Co. for their total expenses as to July 31st. which embodies total salaries, hotel, traveling and incidental expenses from the start of their work to that date totalling \$6,786.72. The services of the Price, Waterhouse staff will run to approximately \$2,700. per month, and will so remain for whatever further time is required to complete their work. In keeping with resolution of Council, we have placed at their disposal a staff of eight Bookkeepers to hasten work on books in Office of City Collector with a view of completing the work in this important Office and enable us to have statements rendered to all taxpayers and immediate steps taken for the collection of outstanding accounts. These bookkeepers are employed at \$25.00 per week and are all thoroughly competent for the work entrusted to them.

In submitting this report, I simply wish to say that I am desirous of keeping Council fully informed on the progress of this work. The reason that more frequent reports have not been made, is simply due to the fact that it is against the policy of Price, Waterhouse & Co. to make Progress Reports, except in circumstances as set out above. Should Council desire to have any information on any particular Department, I would be glad to endeavour to obtain it for them. If any member so desires, he is, of course, at perfect liberty to consult with the Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MURPHY,

Mayor.

Filed.

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CITY CHARTER REVISION.

His Worship the Mayor requested that a Committee be appointed to act in co-operation with the City Solicitor to revise the City Charter.

Alderman Whitman informed the Council that in conversation he had had recently with Major H.B. Stairs, D.S.O., and J. MacGregor Stewart, K.C., they had stated that they would be pleased to gratuitously place their services at the disposal of the City Council in assisting in the revision

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of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that the offers of Messrs. Stairs and Stewart to assist with the revision of the City Charter without remuneration be accepted, and that this Council place on record its appreciation of said offers and that His Worship the Mayor nominate a committee on re-vision of the City Charter. Motion passed unanimously.

EXHIBITION

Read letter Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Premier of Nova Scotia, and reply of his Worship the Mayor thereto, in connection with the proposed re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Annual Provincial Exhibition:-

Office of the Premier,
Halifax, N.S., August 27th., 1923.

John Murphy, Esq.,
Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.
Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 9th. The first two paragraphs of your report are in accordance with my understanding of what took place at the conference. I must take exception to the latter two paragraphs. The sole purpose of the conference was to discuss the proposals of Chap. 6 Acts 1923 re City's representation, and what your report intimates in that respect is not open to any objection as far as I am concerned. I did point out that the matter of representation as far as the actual rebuilding was concerned if undertaken by the City and the Province on a fifty-fifty basis was entirely a different question from the management of the Exhibition once its plant was rebuilt. I pointed out further that I was not satisfied, speaking as a member of the Exhibition Commission, and to a limited extent for the Government, with the management of the Exhibition as provided in the legislation at present in force. My sole purpose in advocating that Chap. 6, Acts 1923, was to improve if possible, the management and administration of future Provincial Exhibitions.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) E.H. Armstrong,
Premier.

Mayor's Office,
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.,
September 6, 1923.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong,
Premier, Province of Nova Scotia,
Province Building, City.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 27th. ultimo, the report on Conference held with you on July 31st. to which your letter has reference, has the approval of all four members

*Wm. H. B. Standish
J. S. Salmond - KC
City Solicitor
Mayor*

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of Committee of City Council who were present and is, so far as our recollection serves, an accurate statement of what transpired.

With respect to the question as to the Government's policy of undertaking the re-establishment of Fair on the fifty-fifty basis with the City as in the past, I am perfectly clear on this point. Perhaps it would help if you could recall statement made by me to the effect, that throughout the City Council was under the impression that this was to be financial basis, as likewise in the various discussions which took place at the Meetings of the Exhibition Commission, to which you replied that they had no grounds for so assuming and that the Government had not committed themselves to any such arrangement.

In order, however, to remove any question, it would seem advisable that you inform us definitely what the Government's policy is, so that no further question will arise.

Yours very truly,

John Murphy,
Mayor.

Also read report Special Committee of City Council on Re-establishment of Provincial Exhibition dated June 27th. 1923 and submitted at meeting of City Council July 5th. 1923.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the said report dated June 27th. 1923, be adopted.

At request of Members of Council the report is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 - That while a majority of the Committee are agreed as to the desirability of re-establishing the Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax, they feel the present financial condition of the City does not warrant the work being proceeded with during the present year. The Chairman and Alderman Hubley dissenting from this view, feeling that a start should be made this year.

At request of members of Council Clause 1 is divided in two parts.

Read Clause 1 A as follows:- That while a majority of the Committee are agreed as to the desirability of re-establishing the Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax -

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell that Part 1 of the Clause be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously the following named 15

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Aldermen voting for the same and being present:-

Alderman Colwell,
Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
McDonald,
Guildford,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
W.O.Cameron,
Daw.

Read Part 2 of Clause 1 as follows:

They feel the present financial condition of the City does not warrant the work being proceeded with during the present year. The Chairman and Alderman Hubley dissenting from this view, feeling that a start should be made this year.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that Part 2 of Clause 1 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell that this Council place itself on record as in favor of steps being taken to have the Nova Scotia Annual Provincial Exhibition re-established in 1924 on a fifty-fifty basis as between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax both as to representation and expenditure, without prejudice to the City's rights as to the approval of plans and expenditure involved.

The Amendment is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment
Alderman Colwell
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
McDonald
Whelan
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W.O.Cameron.

Against it
Alderman Whitman
Munnis
Finlay
Guildford
Daw

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*Council
Mayor*

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Clause 2 of the report as follows:-

That under no circumstances could the Committee recommend the City's taking any responsibility in connection with the Exhibition under the legislation as proposed by Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1923. In view of the City having equal financial responsibility with the Province, we feel that our representation should stand as in the past this year.

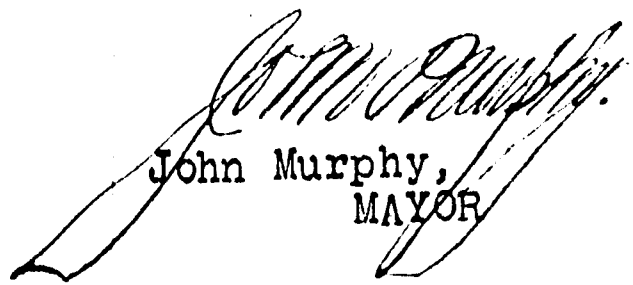
The clause is concurred in.

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

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Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.


John Murphy,
MAYOR

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall,

October 4th., 1923.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour those present being Aldermen Munnis, Sanford, H. W. Cameron, McDonald, Power, Drysdale, Daw and Guildford.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Guildford, 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 His Worship Mayor Murphy and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Finlay, Bissett, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Whelan, O'Toole, Hubley and W. O. Cameron.

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

EXHIBITION

Read extract from Minutes of Meeting of City Council September 6th. 1923, covering Alderman Whitman's notice of motion for reconsideration in the matter of the re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Annual Provincial Exhibition.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the amendment moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell and passed at meeting of City Council, September 6th., 1923, as follows:-

That this Council place itself on record as in favor of steps being taken to have the Nova Scotia Annual Provincial Exhibition re-established in 1924 on a fifty-fifty basis as between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax both as to representation and expenditure, without prejudice to the City's rights.

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as to the approval of plans and expenditure involved,

be now reconsidered.

Alderman Whitman's motion for reconsideration is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against, as follows:-

For reconsideration

Against

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Schaffner,
H.W. Cameron,
Guildford,
O'Toole,
Power,
Daw.

Alderman Colwell,
Gastonguay,
McDonald,
Whelan,
Drysdale,
W.O. Cameron.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the following clause of the report of the special Committee submitted at Council meeting September 6th., 1923, be now adopted, i. e.:-

"They feel the present financial condition
"of the City does not warrant the work be-
"ing proceeded with during the present
"year."

In amendment to Alderman Whitman's motion, it is moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Council place itself on record as in favor of steps being taken to have the Nova Scotia Annual Provincial Exhibition re-established when the financial ability of the City warrants it, on a fifty-fifty basis as between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax both as to representation and expenditure without prejudice to the City's rights as to the approval of plans and expenditure involved.

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*Am E.H. Armstrong
President of the Firemen's
Association - 25 Prospect
St.
His Worship
The Mayor*

With the consent of the Seconder and the Council,
Alderman Whitman withdraws his motion and Alderman Power's
amendment becomes the original question before Council
and the same being put is passed unanimously.

FIREMAN R. MCGRATH SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read reports recommending that Hoseman R. McGrath
of the Fire Department who has resigned be refunded \$78.53
being one half of the amount of assessments paid by him
into the Firemen's Superannuation Fund.

City Hall,
October 4, 1933.

His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a special meeting of the Finance Committee held
this evening the attached report from the City Treasurer
in re refund to Hoseman R. McGrath of one half of
the amount he has paid into the Firemen's Superannuation
Fund of \$78.33, was read and recommended for adoption.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

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Office City Treasurer,
October 4, 1933.

His Worship Mayor Murphy
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

In re retirement of Hoseman R. McGrath from
the Halifax Fire Department.

Under Sub. Sec. 1, Sec. 771, of the Firemen's Super-
annuation Act, "Any official or employee who is permanent-
ly appointed and who has contributed to the fund for not
less than 2 years and who voluntarily retires from employ-
ment by the City without being permitted to receive an
allowance on retirement as hereinbefore provided or is dis-
missed by the Council for cause, shall be entitled to re-
ceive from the fund in one payment one half of the total
amount which he has contributed without interest."

R. McGrath entered the Department December 1920, has
paid into the Fund to September 30th. 1933, the sum of
\$156.67, and is entitled to a refund of one half said am-
ount \$78.33.

James T. Hopewell,
CITY TREASURER.

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October 4th., 1923.

City Hall,
October 3, 1923.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

Hoseman R. McGrath having resigned from the Fire Department, it is recommended that the matter of refund of Superannuation Assessments paid by him into the Firemen's Superannuation Fund be referred to the Finance Committee for report. The amount of refund due is \$78.34.

H.W.Cameron,
CHAIRMAN.

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Office Chief Fire Department,
October 2, 1923.

Board of Firewards.
Gentlemen,

Herewith I report that Hoseman R. McGrath has tendered his resignation and has made application for refund of superannuation assessments. I would recommend that his resignation be accepted and that the matter of superannuation assessments, be referred to the trustees of the Superannuation Fund. The amount due being \$78.34.

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

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Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the reports of the Finance Committee and the Trustees of the Fireman's Superannuation Fund, be adopted.
Motion passed.

OILING OF STREETS - LOAN \$4000.00

Read reports Finance Committee and City Engineer re Oiling of Streets.

City Hall,
October 4, 1923.

His Worship Mayor Murphy
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a special meeting of the Finance Committee held this evening, the attached resolution in re borrowing \$4000.00 on account of the cost of oiling streets assessable against the property owners as set forth by the letter of the City Engineer under date October 4th. 1923, was read. It is recommended that the resolution be adopted.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

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City Engineer's Office,
October 4, 1923.

The City Treasurer,
City Hall.

Dear Sir,

We have made up roughly the cost of oiling the streets this year and estimate that the total cost is \$11,400. It

*City Treasurer
Chief Fire Dept*

October 4th., 1923.

has been made up hurriedly and I am unable to give you the actual exact cost but do not anticipate very much change from the figure named; one half of the total cost is charged to the abutters.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City Engineer, by letter dated October 4th. 1923, states that it is estimated that the abutter's share of the cost of oiling streets during 1923-4 assessable against the property owners, will be more than \$4000.00,

AND WHEREAS it is now necessary to borrow the said sum of \$4000.00 under the authority of Sec. 12 of Chap. 86 Acts 1920 which reads:- "The amount required to defray the proportion of the cost of such treatment to be borne by the property owners, may be borrowed by the City from any Bank or fund available and repaid when the same has been collected."

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Halifax, through its Treasurer, do borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada or any fund available the sum of \$4000.00 to be repayable as soon as collected with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to do and perform all such matters and things as may be reasonably required by the said Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the said loan.

The Resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, and being put is passed.

✓ COAL WEIGHERS REPORT AUGUST 1923

Read report Coal Weighers for August 1923, showing each of the Permanent Weighers to have received for the month \$82.55. Total fees \$1244.40. Filed.

✓ CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL INMATES.

Read report Charities Committee re the number of Inmates in the City Home and the Tuberculosis Hospital during the Month of September.

Halifax, October 3, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to sub-

City Treasurer ✓
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mit the following report. Members present The Chairman, Aldermen Daw, McDonald and Sanford.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT, CITY HOME, SEPTEMBER 1923, NO. OF INMATES 284.

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of September 1923, there were 16 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 13 discharged and 1 died. The total number of inmates September 30th. 1923 was 284, made up of 152 men, 124 women and 8 children. On the same date last year there were 161 men, 128 women and 5 children, a total of 294.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT, TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, SEPTEMBER 1923, NO. OF PATIENTS 34.

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of September 1923, there were 3 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 2 men and 1 woman, 1 man and 3 women were discharged and 1 man died. The total number of patients September 30th. 1923 was 34, made up of 15 men, 17 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 22 men, 14 women and 1 child, a total of 37.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

Filed.

STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WIRING - PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD.

Read Notification from Board of Public Utilities re hearing in the matter of the wiring of the electric street lighting system of the City of Halifax.

Board of Public Utilities
September 16th., 1923.

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

City of Halifax,
Re wiring street lighting system.
By direction, I enclose herewith copy of order settling the above matter down for hearing.

L. B. Taylor,
Secretary.

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NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT,
IN THE MATTER OF THE WIRING OF THE ELECTRIC STREET
LIGHTING SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

PRESENT:-

John U. Ross, K. C., &
P. R. Colpitt, Member.

To the City of Halifax
To the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited.

October 4th., 1923.

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd. having on the 6th. day of September 1923, filed an answer to the complaint herein,

AND WHEREAS the City of Halifax having on the 7th. day of September, 1923, filed an answer to the complaint herein,

NOW THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that the Board will proceed to hear and investigate the matters referred to in said complaint at a sittings of the Board to be held at its office, Technical College Building, Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday, the third day of October, 1923, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Halifax, N. S., September 7th., 1923.

L.B.Taylor,
Clerk.

Filed.

ZITA M. HAYES SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS

Read report Finance Committee recommending a refund to Miss Zita M. Hayes, a retiring Stenographer from the City Clerk's Department of \$34.79 being one half of the amount of her assessments in the Officials Superannuation Fund.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Treasurer in reference to the application of Zita M. Hayes for refund of Superannuation Assessments, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the report of the City Treasurer be adopted and that he be authorized to pay over the amount of \$34.79 to Miss Hayes.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CHARLES NICHOLSON SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read report Finance Committee re Superannuation Assessments Charles Nicholson, an employee of the Works Department in the Water Service.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the

October 4th., 1923.

attached letter of Charles Nicholson, asking to be reimbursed for expense in connection with sickness and funeral of his Father, the late Charles Nicholson, out of any money that may be due him from the Officials Superannuation Fund, was read. Also the report of City Treasurer on same.

Your Committee recommend that as Mr. Nicholson is not a dependent under the meaning of this Act, the amount claimed be not paid.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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Halifax, September 11, 1923.

F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir,

I have assumed the obligations for the funeral and other expenses in connection with my Father, the late Charles Nicholson, and I would respectfully ask you to reimburse me for the same out of any moneys that may be due my Father from the Superannuation Fund.

The expenses are shown on the attached sheet.

Charles Nicholson,

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STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

From June 15 1906 to May 1 1907 \$ 17.00
For 1907, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 312.00
18 and 18 - 12 years @ \$26.00

1919 - Feb. \$4.00	1920 - Jan. \$2.08
Apr 3.00	Feb. 4.16
May 2.00	Apr. 3.12
June 3.98	May 2.08
Aug. 4.16	June 4.40
Nov. 5.20	Aug 2.40
Dec. 2.08	Sept 3.60
<u>24.42</u>	Oct 2.40
	Nov 3.60
	Dec. <u>2.40</u>
	30.24

1921- Feb. 4.80	1922 Jan. 4.18
Mar 2.40	Mar. 2.72
May 5.34	May 8.84
June 4.87	Jly 4.08
Aug. 6.80	Aug 4.08
Sept. 2.72	Sept 2.72
Oct. 2.72	Oct 5.44
Nov. 2.72	Nov 2.72
Dec. 2.72	Dec <u>2.72</u>
<u>35.09</u>	37.40

1923 - Jan. 4.08
Mar. 2.72
Apr. 2.72
May 6.12
June 2.72
July <u>2.72</u>
31.08

.....	148.23
.....	<u>477.23</u>
.....	72.25
.....	<u>\$404.98</u>

Paid Sept. 1st. 1923 - cheque
BALANCE.....

October 4th., 1923.

September 19th., 1923.

His Worship Mayor Murphy
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

The attached request, with the necessary bills, has been handed to me for report. I have made a statement showing the amount that the deceased Charles Nicholson has paid into the official Superannuation Fund, and the amount that has been paid to him before his death showing a balance of \$404.98.

Sections 302-303 City Charter, as far as I know from inquiry, have no bearing upon this case.

The question of payment of the attached bills for Medical attendance and burial fees has a precedent and seems a just charge.

It is recommended that these bills be paid from the unexpended balance in the fund.

James J. Hopsell,
City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Motion is withdrawn by leave of Council and His Worship the Mayor refers the matter to the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund to deal with.

SCHOOL TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending that the sum of \$675.00 be placed to the credit of the Halifax Teachers' Pension System.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance, held this day, the attached letter of the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners asking that the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00) be placed to their credit to supplement the amount to the credit of the Pension System in the Bank of Montreal required to pay pension due on November 9th. 1923, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the request be granted and the City Treasurer authorized and instructed to pay said amount.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Board of School Commissioners,
October 2, 1923.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly submit to the City Council at its next meeting the following request, submitted at a meeting of the Committee on Teachers this afternoon:-

October 4th., 1923.

I am directed by the Board of Management of the Halifax Teachers Pension System to ask the Board of School Commissioners for the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00). This sum will supplement the amount to the credit of the Pension System in the Bank of Montreal and is needed in order to pay pensions due November 9, 1923.

(Sgd.) S.A. Morton, Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Management, H.T.P.S.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

Read report Committee of Firewards re insurance of Members of the Fire Department recommending acceptance of the offer of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, embracing additional benefits to those covered in the existing Policy.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 28, 1923.

The City Council.
Gentlemen,

For a number of years the City has carried a "group" policy of Insurance on the Members of the Fire Department, which policy terminates in September each year. Each man is covered for \$1000.00, this benefit payable at death from any cause whatever or for the loss of both eyes or both hands or both feet or one hand and one foot or total and permanent disablement from disease.

The Committee of Firewards being of opinion that the covering should comprise a larger list of casualties, invited bids for the next policy year's insurance and received offers from the following named Companies:-

The Canada Accident & Fire Assurance Co.
The Guardian Insurance Company of Canada.
The Employers Liability Assurance Corporation
of London, England.
The Prudential Insurance Company of America,
The Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

The present contract, embracing the risks above enumerated, is with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the Premium costing the City \$1179.70, subject to necessary adjustment from time to time as men sever their connection with or become members of the Department, according to age.

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada offer to continue their present contract at an added cost of \$207.90 for the following supplementary risks:-

(a) Loss of one hand or one foot	\$ 500.
(b) Loss of one foot or one leg	500.
(c) Loss of sight of one eye	500.

The additional cost of this extra \$500. covering, is \$2.10 per man per annum, and no restriction period is imposed during which loss must occur from date of accident.

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The Committee feels that it is the duty of the City to afford the Members of the Fire Department and their families such financial protection as may be legitimate and proper, at the same time giving intimation to the men taking up this hazardous occupation that their continued employment as Firemen depends upon their physical capacity to perform their duties. An unfortunate accident may deprive a Fireman of ability to serve the public in the duty for which he is employed and cause him to be deprived of his situation as a Fireman and the Insurance for which the City pays may possibly be the only recompense he may look forward to from the City.

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada offers to increase the \$500.00 single casualty above outlined at \$1000. at double the premium cost, or \$4.20 per man per annum instead of \$2.10 per man per annum, but this would exceed the appropriation for the current year and is not recommended.

It is recommended that the offer of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for the additional \$2.10 per man be accepted, their written proposition being as follows:-

Benefit No. 3 -

Partial Disability \$500.00
Covering (a) Loss of one hand or one foot
(b) Loss of one foot or one leg
(c) Loss of sight of one eye.

COST

(In addition to the premium payable under present policy.)

Partial Disability \$207.90 per annum
Rate per man per \$500. 2.10 per annum

No restriction period is imposed during which loss must occur from date of injury.

Protection against the above hazards is complete, providing coverage 24 hours in each day.

Benefit No. 3 has been suggested with due regard to keeping the cost within the limits of the appropriation already voted by the Council.

Benefit No. 3 may be underwritten by the General Accident Co., of Canada, or by the Globe Indemnity Co. in conjunction with the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

The actual cost, varying from time to time, is not exactly computable but is within the estimate for current year.

All the offers received together with sample policies submitted therewith, are attached herto.

H.W.CAMERON,
Chairman.

HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT,
98 Employees.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA.

BENEFITS

(1) Death from any cause whatsoever \$1000.
(2) Total and Permanent Disability 1000.
Covering (a) Loss of sight of both eyes.
(b) Loss of both hands or both feet.
(c) Loss of one hand and one foot.
(d) Total and permanent disablement from disease.

These benefits at present in existence cannot be secured at any lower cost from any Company.

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(3) Partial Disability \$ 500.00
Covering (a) Loss of one hand or one foot
(b) Loss of one foot or one leg
(c) Loss of sight of one eye.

C O S T

(In addition to the premium payable under present policy.)

No. 3. (Partial disability) \$207.90 per annum
Rate per man per \$500. 2.10 per annum

No restriction period is imposed during which loss must occur from date of injury.

Protection against the above hazards is complete, providing coverage 24 hours in each day.

Benefit No. 3 has been suggested with due regard to keeping the cost within the limits of the appropriation already voted by the Council.

If the benefit payable for Partial Disability (#3) is only payable provided loss occur within 90 days from the date of injury, the premium would be reduced by \$9.90 per annum.

Rate \$2.00 per annum per man per \$500.

If the benefit payable for Partial Disability (#3) is restricted to accidents during working hours only, and loss occur within 200 weeks of injury, the premium would be reduced by \$49.50 per annum.

Rate \$1.60 per annum per man per \$500.

Benefits #1 and #2 are presently underwritten by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada under Group Policy #104-G in your possession.

Benefit #3 may be underwritten by the General Accident Co. of Canada or by the Globe Indemnity Co. in conjunction with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Committee of Firewards be adopted. Motion passed.

COAL WEIGHERS, SUPERNUMERARY

Read reports Laws and Privileges Committee re Supernumerary Coal Weighers.

*Sun Life Ass Co
Hull
Chief Fire Dept*

October 4th., 1923.

Committee Room, City Hall
June 15, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day it was moved by Alderman Drysdale, seconded by Alderman Guildford and adopted that the report of this Committee of May 18th. last in re to Supernumerary Coal Weighers be amended by striking out the words "The next vacancy."

Your Committee further recommend that Mr. Murphy's name and that of Mr. L. D. Murrans be placed on the waiting list of Supernumerary Coal Weighers.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 25, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to recommend that the name of Mr. J. G. Sutton be placed on the list of Supernumerary Coal Weighers until there is a vacancy on the Permanent staff.

John J. Power,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron that the name of Arthur Pitts be added to the recommendation of the Laws & Privileges Committee.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the name of Arthur Pitts in the matter of employment of him as a Supernumerary Coal Weigher, take precedence over the names of all others recommended by the Laws and Privileges Committee and that the reports of the Laws & Privileges Committee excepting insofar as the same relate to Arthur Pitts, be adopted. Motion passed.

Council ✓

✓ EXHIBITION COMMISSION, AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending that the accounts of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission be audited by Price, Waterhouse & Company.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 3, 1923.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the Chairman reported that he had written a letter to His Worship the Mayor, asking that instructions be given

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to Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company to make an audit of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission accounts, and that he had returned the letter with the request that the matter be dealt with by the Finance Committee.

Your Committee recommend that Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company be requested to make an audit of the Books and Accounts of the Exhibition Commission.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Power, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be approved on condition that the Provincial Government pay one half of the cost of such audit.

Alderman Whitman agrees, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, to add to the recommendation of the Committee that the Provincial Government be asked to pay one half of the expenses of the proposed audit.

The vote being taken on Alderman Colwell's amendment, 9 voted for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment.

Alderman Colwell,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
McDonald,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Hubley,
W.O.Cameron.

Against it.

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Schaffner,
H.W.Cameron,
Guildford,
Drysdale,
Daw.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the Amendment and declares it lost.

Alderman Whitman's motion for the adoption of the report as amended by the Chairman,

Committee Room,
City Hall,
October 3, 1923.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the Chairman reported that he had written a letter to His

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Worship the Mayor, asking that instructions be given to Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company to make an audit of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission accounts and that he had returned the letter with the request that the matter be dealt with by the Finance Committee.

Your Committee recommend that Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company be requested to make an audit of the books and accounts of the Exhibition and that the Provincial Government be asked to pay one half of the expense of this audit.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

is put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

<u>FOR</u>		<u>AGAINST</u>
Alderman Whitman,	Guildford,	Alderman Colwell,
Munnis,	O'Toole,	McDonald,
Finlay,	Power,	Whelan.
Sanford,	Drysdale,	
Bissett,	Hublely,	
Gastonguay,	W.O.Cameron	
Schaffner,	and	
H.W.Cameron,	Daw.	

Alderman Whitman requests that His Worship the Mayor interview Hon. E. H. Armstrong, President of the Exhibition Commission, on the subject.

His Worship the Mayor in answer to Alderman Whitman informed the Council that until Alderman Whitman submits in writing the statements made by him as to Exhibition matters, he would have no justification for a special interview with the Premier of the Province in respect to this subject.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS - ALEXANDRA SCHOOL AND QUINPOOL ROAD SCHOOL.

Read report Finance Committee recommending that the sum of \$1500. be provided for improvements at Alexandra School and Quinpool Road School from any funds available to be repaid from the next loan issued for school purposes.

Committee Room, City Hall, October 3, 23

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached letter of Miss S. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners, asking that funds be provided for following purposes, viz., was read:-

Alexandra School for Fence and Grading,
Alexandra School - Wooden Exit Stairs,
Quinpool Road School - Wooden Exit Stairs.

His Worship the Mayor

October 4th., 1923.

Your Committee recommend that a sum not exceeding Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1500.00) be provided for this purpose from any funds available and be repaid from the next loan issued.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Halifax, September 13, 1923.

His Worship The Mayor
and City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to submit to Your Honored body several items which require immediate attention in the interests of life and safety for the children of the public schools, immediately connected.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL: FENCE AND GRADING.

The plot of ground recently acquired by the City for the extension of playground of this school requires grading, which will cost approximately Eighty-five dollars (\$85.00). It also requires, for the above given reason, a strong fence. This, our Mechanical Superintendent reports, could be erected in various ways. One, is an ornamental iron fence similar to that at St. Patrick's Boys' School, for approximately Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1800.00), or a cyclone fence, approximately Eight Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$850.00), the work being done by the Board's work people.

I need not point out to your Honored body the menace to both vehicles and children by this corner property having such easy access to the street, and not protected.

ALEXANDRA AND QUINPOOL ROAD SCHOOLS; WOODEN EXIT STAIRS.

The Superintendent reports, to place these at the upper floors of these buildings, having a shelter roof, open sides, a strong balustrade four feet (4') high, will cost approximately, for

Alexandra School-Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars
(\$375.00)

Quinpool Rd. School-Four Hundred and Fifteen Dollars
(\$415.00)

As the Board has no apportionment for these expenditures, they are referred to your Honored body for your thoughtful consideration and prompt action.

S. J. WILSON,
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this Council authorize the Board of School Commissioners to proceed with the work necessary to protect the lives of School Children with the understanding that if because of this work there should be a deficit in the appropriation for Schools at the end of the School year, the City Council will take care of it. Motion passed.

*Memo S. J. Wilson
City Auditor*

October 4th., 1923.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Department Committee recommending accounts for payment:-

City Hall,
October 4th., 1923.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this date the following accounts amounting to \$353.91, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

R. Hamilton Pugh	Premium on Chief's car	\$ 77.80
Telephone Co.	Service	15.00
Chief of Police	Goods	3.00
Kellys Ltd.	Dister	1.75
T.C. Allen	1 ream Burmese Bond	4.00
T.J. Whalen	Gloves	6.00
Frank Reardon	Glass etc	.97
A. & W. MacKinlay	Ticket of Leave Book	10.35
Can. General Elec.	Spark Plugs	3.19
A. & W. MacKinlay	Indictable Offence Book	15.78
Dr. McFatriidge	Destroying Dog	1.00
C.A. Barnstead	Cedar Flakes	.40
Auto Equipment	1 Rear Spring	14.85
J.A. Shaw	Cheese Cloth	.90
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Adds	10.08
Coats Electro Plating Co	Plating parts	8.75
Cragg Bros	Supplies	5.50
T. J. Egan,	Revolvers	105.00
Halifax Ignition	Brushes	7.65
Imperial Oil Co	Oil	12.96
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Rubber Boots	16.77
Wm. Robertson & Son	Oil coats	32.31
	Total	\$ 353.91

John Murphy,
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.
Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS, Miscellaneous.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

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

October 4th., 1923.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following named accounts amounting to \$1560.08 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:-

Dr.W.D.Finn	Certificates of Death of Cath. Sullivan \$4.00, J.Ellis Leslie \$4.00, and Gertrude Boner \$4.00	\$12.00
Soulis Typewriter Co.	Repairs	1.00
Financial Post	Subs. to Aug.1, 1924	5.00
Chronicle Publishing	Subs. to Chronicle Mayors Office 3 years to August 17, 1924	18.00
Dominion Express	City Treasurer	1.10
London Rubber Stamp	Stamps	1.35
Western Union Tel. Co.	Telegram	.35
Ross Print	Envelopes - City Assessor	30.30
A. & W. MacKinlay	Books etc. City Collector \$.15 Assessor 17.55 Clerk 21.36 Auditor 1.38 Mayors Off. 1.80	42.14
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery etc. City Collector 2.40 Clerk 14.60	17.00
Halifax Herald	Advertisement	2.94
Blackadar Bros.	Adv. in "Recorder" do	6.30 11.20
The Citizen	Advertisement 4.20 2.40	6.60
Religious of the Good Shepherd	Maintenance of girls from July 1st. to Oct. 1st. 1923	115.82
E.H.Blois, Supt.	Neglected & Delinquent children Maintenance of children 3 months to Sept. 30, 1923	712.61
Childrens Aid Society	Maintenance of children from Jly 1st. to Sept. 30, 1923	576.40
		<u>\$1560.09</u>

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.
Motion passed.

MARKET IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Committee on Works recommending improvement in the operation of the City Market.

City Works Office,
October 4th., 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and Council.

Sirs,
At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 3rd. inst. a Special Committee previously appointed by them to

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make a survey of the Market Building and suggest such changes and improvements as might be necessary in same, in order that a greater revenue might be obtained than is now being received, submitted a report. After some discussion it was decided to send the same to Council for its information without recommendation, but that the Council be asked to give an expression of opinion as to the advisability of calling for tenders from persons willing to operate the same as a private enterprise on a rental basis, under such conditions and restrictions as might be decided, and having in mind also that proper facilities shall be available as heretofore to bona fide Market Gardeners.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

His Worship The Mayor.

Sir,

Your Special Committee regarding the Market Building, beg to report on conditions and proposed improvements, as follows:-

PRESENT OPERATION

At present the Country people come into the Market Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning of each week. They are then allotted to tables in the building from which they sell their produce.

These tables are rather light, not permanently located, but easily moved about. On account of the material of which they are made and the type of construction, they are rather difficult to keep clean.

Horses are housed in stalls at twenty-five cents each, regardless of whether they stay one or more days.

Certain meat dealers have built racks and rough tables in the north east corner of the building. Some of them have meat there at odd times, not only on market days but throughout the week as well. Only one dealer has refrigerator accommodation.

Countrymen bring in fowls, odd portions of meat, etc., in addition to their regular market produce and sell these right off the ordinary table. Some countrymen selling live poultry only, are rather a nuisance to those selling green goods - flowers, etc., on account of the noise and dirt.

POLICY.

Regarding the policy of operating the market, there are two main systems -

(1) Permanent stores or shops with a certain number of tables for countrymen.

(2) No permanent stalls, but simply a country market on tables or in stalls, as at present.

The first system has the advantage of cleanliness, as permanent stalls or shops can be made thoroughly clean.

Also as the same man has the stall all the year round, he can be supervised more easily and would take more pride in his stand, than otherwise.

The system has the disadvantage found by other cities, namely, that the Country market as we now know it, gradually disappears. The men having the permanent stalls collect the produce from the farmers, bring it in and sell it from their shops just as the storekeepers down town, do now. Since the farmer does not have to come to town at all,

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he rather favors this, and the number coming in gradually becomes less and less.

In Halifax with practically no permanent stalls, we have one hundred and seventy-five tables of Country people, whereas in St. John with permanent shops they only have about thirty-six tables, and Charlottetown about twenty-five tables.

Your Committee considers that on account of the location of the present Market Building with reference to the normal shopping districts of Halifax, a man having a permanent stall in the Market would be at a disadvantage compared with the merchant on one of the business streets of the City, and so would have difficulty in making his stall in the market financially profitable.

Also we consider that one of the principal attractions of the present market to the City people is that they go there Friday and Saturday and buy fresh produce directly from the countrymen.

If permanent stalls were built, refrigerators installed and so on, the interest charges on the building would be increased. To offset this, higher rentals must be charged, and considering the location of the building, we do not think that the amount of business which could be done by the merchants from these stalls would net them enough to warrant paying higher rentals to the City.

In the meat business for instance, we do not consider that people would go to the market to buy from a permanent stall, what they could just as well buy from a shop down town.

In Cities where this system is used, practically all meat shops are in the market and there are very few throughout the City.

We do not therefore think that it would be wise, at the present, at any rate, to inaugurate the system of permanent stalls or shops, but we consider the present country market with temporary meat stalls should be retained and improved.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

With this policy in view, we have considered the present system and would recommend that all dealers who sell meat only, be supplied with suitable tables having a glass hood covering, the front and top like a showcase, which would keep off the dust and prevent people from handling the meat.

Meat may be drawn out from under the glass to be cut up and weighed, but must be replaced again afterwards.

No meat should be kept in the building on any day except Friday and Saturday, unless in a refrigerator.

Twenty receptacles of about twenty gallons capacity, might be provided into which all offal and waste should be dumped.

We consider the present system of tables to be fairly satisfactory, except that a certain percentage should have more substantial tops, which may be properly washed. Also about twenty tables might be equipped with suitable racks on which to hang poultry, portions of meat, etc., etc.

All tables might be numbered and placed in the same location each day and those farmers who desire it, might have the same table each week by arranging with the Market Clerk.

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More might be charged for tables in a good location, such as near the door, near isles, etc., than for those in more remote locations.

No produce should be allowed to be sold on the streets adjoining the building as this defeats the object of the market, namely to keep people off the streets out of the dust and dirt. These outsiders have an advantage over those inside, in that they get the purchasers coming and going to the building.

Those who sell live poultry only, should be allotted to a table on the west side of the building away from green groceries, etc.

Three suitable scales might be provided for the convenience of the public.

Screen doors might be provided in order to keep out flies, birds, dogs, etc. A great many panes of glass are being broken from time to time and before these are repaired, birds get in. Even if the doors and ventilators were screened this would still occur.

In order to prevent this condition, fine galvanized chicken wire might be placed over all windows. If it were outside it would perhaps prevent glass being broken but would not last long and would be very unsightly. If it were placed inside the building it is estimated to cost \$250.00 to install, and would be more or less unsightly, even then.

Your Committee hardly believes the results would justify the expenditure.

Wired glass could be used, but the cost \$6000.00 would be prohibitive at present. However, if every pane of glass which is broken is replaced with wired glass, gradually the whole building would be changed over.

The waiting and rest rooms near the Brunswick Street entrance should be kept properly cleaned and open at all times during market hours. At other times these should be kept locked.

The present sanitary arrangements are unsatisfactory and inefficient in a number of instances. The toilets, rooms, troughs, etc., are dirty. They should be reconditioned and altered where necessary, better lighting installed and walls should be scraped and painted. The details are shown in the report from the Plumbing Inspector.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

The cost of running the building varies from year to year, but it is approximately as follows:-

Interest on investment	\$5,672.00	
Sinking Fund	2,000.00	
Int. on old properties removed	<u>2,236.00</u>	\$ 9,908.00
Caretaker, help, upkeep, etc.		<u>3,600.00</u>
Total yearly expenditure		13,508.00
Average income from stalls		<u>4,700.00</u>
Average yearly deficit.		<u>\$ 8,808.00</u>

In St. John, although they show a profit for their market, they obtain their income not only from the market building but also from certain leasehold privileges adjoining the building and from rents of a number of shops and offices. Omitting these sources of revenue, which

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Halifax does not have, the Market would show an annual deficit of \$3,860.29.

Similarly in Charlottetown, omitting certain rents for a theatre, bowling alley, public scales, etc., their market would show a loss of \$3,338.42.

Considering these results we are not very hopeful of wiping out the present deficit for Halifax, but it might be lessened if permanent stalls were established and the market opened every day of the week. However, conditions here are very different from St. John, where the men who have permanent stalls have no other business in the City and where practically all the meat shops are in the Market building.

We consider the conditions might be improved somewhat by some readjustment of tolls, etc.

The Committee thinks that a certain rental should be charged for the building when it is used for various entertainments, shows, etc., and perhaps it might be possible to induce Badminton Clubs or others to make use of the Market for a small charge.

TOLLS.

At present the Country people are charged fifty cents for a table. This is all right for ordinary tables, but those in the better locations and those with racks should pay more.

Stalls for horses might be charged for at the rate of twenty-five cents per day or part thereof, or fifty cents for those who come on Friday and stay till Saturday, instead of a flat rate of twenty-five cents as at present.

If nobody were allowed to sell from the street it would also mean more revenue.

The Market Clerk's book should show what table or stall he received each payment from.

It has been suggested that instead of charging so much a week for space occupied as at present, that each person selling produce should pay a certain amount according to just what he brings to sell, for instance - so much per quart for berries, or per pair of geese, per bushel of potatoes, per quarter of beef, etc., etc. The advantage claimed for this is that the man who sells most pays most and the total revenue to the City is larger.

Where the system of permanent market stalls is used and the actual country market is small, this can be easily handled but your committee feels that with such a large number of people arriving in a short space of time, it would require an Assistant Market Clerk to handle the work and that the increased revenue, if any, would not warrant it.

There are something over one hundred and seventy-five tolls collected each week. Under the system of charging so much per article, if an average of three minutes per person were allowed, it would take eight hours to collect the tolls with one man, and as most of the market people come early Saturday morning, this would be too slow.

An actual test was made with an average case, and, whereas under the present system, fifty cents was collected, under the toll rates used in St. John, the charge would have been only twenty-two cents.

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If the charges to the Country people are raised very much it will make the business unprofitable to them and they will not come, and, of course, we do not desire that condition to exist.

SUMMARY OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee consider that -

1. The present policy of a purely country market is the most suitable under conditions as they now exist.
2. That all purely meat dealers should sell from suitable covered tables supplied by the City, estimated cost \$1250.00. 8 Stalls about 10 feet by 2 feet 6 inches.
3. No meat should be kept in the building on other than market days, except in a refrigerator.
4. Twenty offal or waste receptacles should be provided.
5. Tables should be numbered and placed in the same location each week.
6. Twenty tables should be provided with suitable plank tops and racks, estimated cost \$500.
7. Tables in best locations should pay more.
8. No produce should be sold from the streets adjoining the market.
9. Stalls for horses should be charged for at the rate of twenty-five cents per day or part thereof.
10. Screen doors should be provided and ventilators should be screened. Estimated cost \$125.00.
11. Those who sell live poultry only, should be allotted, by the Market Clerk, to one side of the building.
12. An effort should be made to rent the building for various purposes during the week.
13. Suitable scales should be provided at a cost of \$60.
14. Sanitary arrangements should be improved - cost \$350.
15. Total estimated cost of suggested improvements -
\$2,435.00.

I.E. Sanford,
Chairman Committee.

City Engineers Office,
October 2, 1923.

Chairman of Building
Sites Comm.

Dear Sir,

At your request I beg to submit the following recommendations for repairs and improvements to the plumbing system of the City Market Building.

The lighting system of the toilet rooms is out of order, and I consider that those rooms should be well supplied with artificial light.

The woodwork and stalls are painted a dark color and sanded, which adds to the dinginess of the rooms and is impossible to be kept clean.

I am of the opinion that if this old paint were removed, if walls, woodwork and partitions were painted white, and a good artificial lighting system installed, these rooms would be subject to less abuse, and could be kept in a much more sanitary condition.

John E. Burns,
Plumbing Inspector.

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Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the recommendations in the report adopted by the Committee on Works be approved at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Motion passed, Aldermen Power, Daw and O'Toole dissenting.

Engineer

SCHOOL FOR DEAF \$450.00 DUE FOR YEAR 1922-23.

Read report Finance Committee recommending payment of \$450.00, balance of account due School for the Deaf for the civic year 1922-23 for maintenance of Pupils chargeable to the City.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of Andrew MacKinlay, Esq., Treasurer of the School for the Deaf, asking for the payment of \$450.00 balance due for maintenance of pupils in the School for the civic year 1922-23, was read.

Your Committee recommend that this balance be paid, the City Auditor reporting that funds are on hand for this purpose.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Auditor

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

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home and the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Halifax, October 3, 1923.

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

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present The Chairman, Aldermen Daw, McDonald and Sanford.

City Home Accounts September 1923 - Amount \$5920.61
The following accounts are recommended for payment,

viz. -		
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries & Flour	\$974.33
W.A.Maling & Co.	Meats	280.86
Ideal Dairy Ltd.	Milk	168.75
Davis & Fraser	Mess Port	65.12
Est. James Watson	Fish	60.98

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Smith & Proctor	Butter	\$140.82
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	152.96
Geo. Hutchinson	Ice	23.00
S.C. Thompson	Forage	25.28
G.E. VanBuskirk Ltd	Coal	1660.19
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.75
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Light & Power	32.87
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Exchange service	15.49
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	12.85
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	6.08
D.A. McCulloch	Horseshoeing	2.00
Farquhar Bros.	Electric Lamps	34.80
Davison Parker Ltd.	Fence Posts	26.00
Canadian Oil Co	Gasoline	30.68
Wm. McFatrige	Iron Wheels	2.30
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.95
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	21.01
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables	96.50
W.W. Hoyt	Repairs	1.00
J.H. Buchanan	Cash expended	514.55
Salaries	September	1564.49
		<u>\$5920.61</u>

City Tuberculosis Hospital Accounts September 1923 -
Amount \$2338.90

Howards Ltd.	Groceries	194.20
Maritime Market	Meats	144.98
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk & Cream	111.72
John Fry	Bread	34.80
Est. James Watson	Fish	11.77
R.B. Colwell Ltd.	Eggs	43.20
Smith & Proctor	Butter	86.25
G. Hutchinson	Ice	16.10
Globe Laundry Co Ltd	Laundrywork	44.12
Surgical Supplies Co Ltd.	Test Tubes	1.50
W.W. Hoyt	Repairs	16.67
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Dry Goods	56.25
Farquhar Bros	Electric lamps	8.64
Hillis & Sons Ltd	Bake Pan	1.25
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Light & Power	54.89
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co	Exchange service	13.42
McLeod Balcom Ltd	Drugs	79.23
Evans & Co.	Pails	5.25
Nickerson & Crease	Fruit & Vegetables	102.95
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	9.66
Richmond Paper Co.	Napkins	21.97
J.H. Buchanan	Cash expended	60.28
Salaries	September	1216.80
		<u>\$2338.90</u>

H. S. Colwell,
Chairman.

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

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HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

Office City Health Board,
October 2nd., 1923.

His Worship The Mayor
and Members City Council.
Gentlemen,

The attached accounts, totalling \$234.60 were passed at a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, October 2nd. 1923, and I am directed to forward same to you for concurrence.

Arthur C. Pettipas,
Acting Secretary C.H.B.

Halifax, N. S.,
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Isolation Hospital.
N.S. Tramways Co.

Kinleys Ltd

Ideal Dairy Ltd
Halifax Steam Laundry
J.J. Scriven & Sons
Evans & Co.
Chronicle Pub. Co.
C.G. Hartlen
J. Lycon
A. & W. MacKinlay
Wentzells Ltd

Lighting		
Aug. 16-Sept. 18		\$ 2.79
Drugs		
1922-23	\$6.70	
1923-24	6.00	12.70
Milk Cream Aug.		7.65
Washing Aug.		15.84
Bread Aug.		2.08
Hardware Sept.		3.16
Advertising April '22-23	8.40	
Meat June July Aug	95.96	
Taxi service July Aug	5.00	
Ptv. Chart Forms Aug	7.21	
Groceries Aug.-Sept.	31.33	
		<u>192.12</u>

General Account
Cragg Bros.

Ross Print
C.P.R. Telegraph
Telephone Co.

Falshlights etc.		
from May to Sept		7.20
Printing Aug.-Sept.		17.76
Telegram Aug.		.96
Service Sept		16.56
		<u>42.48</u>

Recapitulation

Isolation Hospital	\$ 192.12	
General Account	<u>42.48</u>	\$234.60

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services of the Works Department.

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City Works Office,
October 3, 1923.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen, The Works Committee beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$3,773.11, chargeable to the following services:-

Teams & Stables	\$84.38	
Streets	905.34	
Cleaning Paved Streets	83.35	
Telephones	204.59	
City Hall Lighting	85.80	
Electric Wiring Inspection	1.40	
Market Revenue	55.39	
City Property	253.45	
Internal Health	<u>224.08</u>	\$1897.79
Market Floor	3.10	
Permanent Pavement	102.77	
Sewerage	<u>694.39</u>	799.26
Water Maintenance	398.25	
Water Construction	<u>677.81</u>	<u>1076.06</u> \$3773.11

A.F.Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, 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.

City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Committee of Firewards recommend for payment the following named accounts chargeable to Fire Department Current Account and to Fire Alarm Maintenance:-

Current Account.		
Brookfield Bros. Ltd.	Lumber	\$18.69
M.E.Giffen	Firemen's Uniforms	513.00
James Simmonds	Hardware	11.04
W.H.Donvan	Supplies	1.00
Wm.Stairs, Son & Morrow	Supplies	.41
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.	Supplies	8.09
Frank Reardon	Glass	7.69
National Drug & Chemical Co	Supplies	100.58
Robert Merlin	Lumber	4.00
O.C.Marriott	Horseshoeing	8.50
T.J.Whalen	Gloves	12.00
Canadian Oil Companies	Oil	3.37
J.A.Scallion	Horseshoeing	27.00
Wm.Jakeman & Son	Vet. services	8.00
H.McFatriidge	Horseshoeing	12.50
James Donohue	Repairs	1.00

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Wm. Collings & Sons	Repairs	2.55
T. Hogan & Co	Repairs	4.02
American LaFrance	Supplies	5.35
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	23.93
S. C. Thompson	Feed	221.78
N. S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light	47.52
Maritime Telephone Co	Telephones	28.60
Can. General Electric	Supplies	6.14
		<u>\$1074.76</u>
<u>Fire Alarm Maintenance.</u>		
Northern Electric Co Ltd	Batteries	3.07
Can. General Electric Co.	Acme tape	3.56
Eugene F. Phillips Electrical Works Ltd.	Wire	252.81
Fred G. Manning	Supplies & labor on car	8.48
James Simmonds Ltd.	Hack saw blades	.74
Maritime Tel. & Tel.	Telephone for Sept	3.00
N. S. Tramways & Power Co	Power for Sept	5.12
		<u>\$ 276.78</u>

H. W. Cameron,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓ GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens.

Halifax, N.S.,
September 11th. 1923.

To Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held in the Mayors Office, City Hall, this date, the following bills, amounting to \$467.86, were passed and recommended to Council for payment.

Halifax Seed Company	\$16.97
D. A. McCulloch	3.00
D. A. McCulloch	4.50
S. C. Thompson	23.20
Scotia Salvage & Const. Co Ltd	3.40
The Rosery	6.00
N. S. Nursery	6.00
Frank M. O'Neill	1.25
Davison, Parker Co Ltd	9.15
A. H. Lamphier	16.80
Buckley Drug Co	5.25
Canadian General Elec. Co.	3.05
Evans & Co.	32.53
Baldwin & Co.	6.00
Austen Bros Ltd.	.51
Austen Bros Ltd.	3.10
Austen Bros Ltd.	.77
N. S. Tramways & Power Co Ltd	16.14
Willis Piano Co.	12.00

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Rhinneys Ltd.	\$12.00
Farquhar Bros Ltd	34.65
1st. Batt. Halifax Rifles Band	100.00
1st. P.L.F. Band	50.00
Frank M. O'Neill	.85
Blackadar Bros.	6.30
Chronicle Publishing Co.	6.72
Halifax Herald Ltd	7.84
Chronicle Publishing Co.	7.56
Southam Press Ltd. (Tickets)	36.82
The Old Farm Nurseries, Boskoop, Holland	35.50
	<u>\$476.86</u>

H.S. Colwell,
Deputy Mayor and Acting Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.
Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Prison Committee recommending accounts for payment.

City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following named accounts were examined, found correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:-

O'Malleys Bakery	Bread	\$34.19
Wentzells Ltd	Groceries	112.51
W.A. Maling & Co.	Beef	32.41
S.C. Thompson	Feed	49.12
Evans & Co	Hardware	5.50
D.J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	9.75
McLeod Balcom	Drugs	5.65
Geo. Hutchinson	Ice	8.00
Gordon B. Isnor	1 oil coat	7.50
Mar. Telephone Co.	Rental	10.78
N.S. Tramways & Power	Current	8.73
Farquhar Bros.	Electric lamps per contract	11.52
Pay Roll - September 1923, 15th.		373.07
Pay Roll - September 1923, 30th.		373.07
		<u>\$1041.80</u>

F.W. Bissett,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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RALPH S. GATES, ACTING CITY COLLECTOR, SALARY

Read report Finance Committee re amount of salary to be paid Ralph S. Gates for the period during which he occupied the office of Acting City Collector.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached letter of His Worship the Mayor covering copy of a letter F. StC. Harris, Esq., Supervisor of the Royal Bank, in reference to the remuneration to be paid Mr. Ralph S. Gates while employed in the City Collector's Department, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the remuneration to be paid Mr. Gates be at the rate of \$3500.00 per annum, the amount fixed in the Civic Estimates for present year.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Royal Bank of Canada,
Supervisor's Dept.,
Halifax, July 6, 1923.

His Worship,
The Mayor of the City of Halifax,
Halifax.

Dear Sir,

As intimated to you verbally, we have arranged to release Mr. Ralph S. Gates, one of our Inspectors, for temporary service in the City Collector's Department. Please let me know when you wish him to report.

It would be inconvenient for us to let you have Mr. Gates for more than three or four weeks. While the amount of his remuneration is a matter to be arranged between you and Mr. Gates, I would suggest that it be not less than at the rate of \$4,000 per annum.

F. St. C. Harris,
Supervisor.

Mayors Office,
City Hall, August 13, 1923.

Alderman A. Whitman,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
C I T Y.
Dear Sir,

Re: Salary RALPH S. GATES.

So that you will understand the arrangement for Mr. Gates services, I am sending you copy of a letter, bearing date of the 6th inst., in this connection. Upon receipt of this letter, I discussed the matter with Mr. Gates and in view of the circumstances, under which he is loaned us, arranged to pay him for the time involved on the basis suggested in the letter.

Under Council's resolution authorizing the employment of additional help, there have been placed at Mr. McCombe's disposal six bookkeepers. These are competent men but my instructions to Mr. McCombe are that unless entirely satis-

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factory he is to let them out, at once. Two of these men have previously been in the employ of the Commerce and Royal Banks and are highly recommended; while the others are well known in this City. These men are being paid at the rate of \$25.00 per week.

I am sending you the above information in order that your Committee will be kept fully informed.

John Murphy,
Mayor.

*also Whitman
and City Clerk*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Power, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and that Mr. Gates be paid at the rate of \$3500.00 per annum.

His Worship the Mayor refers the matter back to the Finance Committee for further report.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee re accounts \$341.48 charged against the City by the Provincial Inspector of Health on behalf of the Venereal Diseases Clinic at Admiralty House, Gottingen Street (see Minutes City Council September 8th. 1921.)

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of Dr. H. A. Chisholm, Provincial Inspector of Health, asking for the payment of \$341.48 due by the City to the Public Health Clinic since February 1921, was read. Your Committee recommend that this account be paid.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Department of Public Health,
Halifax, N. S.,
September 20, 1923.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to this office's correspondence in connection with the establishment and operation of the venereal disease free treatment clinic for necessitous persons of the City of Halifax.

This office letter, dated Feb. 7, 1921, outlined the agreement entered into by Dr. Doull, then of this Department, whereby your council was to assume responsibility to the extent of \$1500.00. In response to your letter of Feb. 8, 1921, accounts were submitted to the amount of \$308.36 and

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further accounts on Aug. 22, 1921, for \$23.12 - a total of \$331.48. Your letter of Oct. 18, 1921, stated that the matter was referred to the finance committee. As the financial year of the Province is now nearing its close, it will be necessary to have all accounts settled up. Will you, therefore, be good enough to give this matter your early attention?

These free treatment clinics for the care of necessitous persons suffering from venereal disease we established in the Province early in 1920, each city and town agreeing to provide their share of the maintenance of clinic rooms, this Department paying the expenses in connection with doctors' fees, supplying technical equipment and the necessary drugs and special preparations. The other treatment centres have lived up to the agreement and it is expected that Halifax City will likewise do its part.

In this connection I wish to state that over 400 cases of venereal disease have been treated at this clinic, which would otherwise remain to spread the disease in Halifax City.

Up to the present this Department has spent \$4465.14 in connection with the establishment, operation and maintenance of the clinic for the benefit of Halifax City, and it is now again required that your finance committee give this matter early consideration and provide for the settlement of this account.

H. A. Chisholm, M. D.,
Provincial Inspector of Health.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Power, that the report of the Finance Committee October 2nd. 1923 be adopted and the account paid.

His Worship the Mayor, at the request of a number of Aldermen, refers the matter back to the Finance Committee for further report.

AUDIT OF CITY FINANCES - ACCOUNT PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment account \$2748.33 Price, Waterhouse & Company in connection with their audit of the Finances of the City.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 2, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached account of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, covering expenses of the independent audit for the Month of August, Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight dollars and Thirty-Three cents (\$2748.33) was approved and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

*As Whitman
and City Clerk*

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Montreal, Sept. 21, 1923.

City of Halifax

To Price, Waterhouse & Coy.

Fee for services rendered during the month of August 1923 in connection with our investigation of the Accounts of the City of Halifax -

Accountant in charge, 25 working days @ \$30. per day		\$750.00
Senior Accountant, 25 working days @ \$20. per day		500.00
Accountant assisting, 50 working days @ \$15. per day		<u>750.00</u>
		\$2000.00
Hotel expenses	\$744.00	
Postage, Express on Stationery, etc.	<u>4.33</u>	<u>748.33</u>
		<u>\$2748.33</u>

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

VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD - DEATH OF EX MAYOR PARKER

Read letter Board of School Commissioners requesting the Council to make an appointment to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ex-Mayor John S. Parker.

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, September 27, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council,
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners to inform you that the number of this Board has been reduced through the death of Commissioner Parker and to request you to appoint another commissioner to fill his unexpired term of office to November 1924.

S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that Alderman McDonald be appointed a Member of the Board of School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman munnis, that Alderman W. O. Cameron be appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

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The vote being taken 8 voted for Alderman McDonald and 8 for Alderman W. O. Cameron, the two candidates refraining from voting, the division of Council being as follows:-

For McDonald

Alderman Whitman,
Schaffner,
Guildford,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
Daw.

For Cameron

Alderman Colwell,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
H.W. Cameron,
Hubley.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote in favor of Alderman W. O. Cameron and declares him duly appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

TAG DAY - A. O. H. - October 13th.

Read application Ladies Auxiliary of Division One of the Ancient Order of Hiberians for permission to hold a Tag Day on the streets of the City on Saturday, October 13th., for the benefit of the Poor.

41 Creighton St.,
September 24, 1923.

To John Murphy, Mayor.
Your Worship,

The Ladies Auxiliary Division One A. O. H., extend sincere and grateful thanks for past favors, and ask your permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, October 13th., for their poor fund.

Last year more than two hundred boxes containing Christmas dinner, fruit, candy and clothing for little children, were delivered to the poor of our City.

Trusting you will grant this favor and thanking you in anticipation.

Alice M. Sullivan,
Recording Secretary.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Whelan, that the request be granted. Motion passed.

MILITARY PROPERTIES - CITY OF HALIFAX

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re transfer of Government Properties to the City of Halifax.

*Sullivan
Miss S. J. Wilson ✓*

*Alice Sullivan ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

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Mayors Office,
City Hall, October 4, 1923.

Members of City Council.
Gentlemen,

Re Military Properties - City of Halifax

In conference with the Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence, to-day, the question of concentration of Military Properties in this City was fully gone into.

Mr. MacDonald advised me that they are prepared to make a start on this matter and are considering placing on the market the building known as Headquarters, immediately south of the Majestic Theatre on Barrington Street; "Bellevue" on Spring Garden Road, immediately west of the N. S. Technical College; also the Kings Wharf Property on Lower Water Street, and to proceed with the extension of Brunswick Street, through their Sackville Street property.

They will also discuss with us the concentration of their Military Buildings on the west side of the Citadel Hill. This might make necessary their approaching the City for some small portion of the South Common in order to give them the space required. Plans will be submitted us to show the proposed lay-out, on receipt of which they will be gone into fully by the City Engineer, after which a full report will be made Council.

What I particularly impressed on Mr. MacDonald was that the City desires that, as far as possible, all property now occupied for Military purposes be made available so that it may be brought into use and placed on a revenue earning basis for this City. He assures me of his desire and the desire of the Government to have this done at the earliest possible date, and after they have gone fully into the matter, the question of the Wellington Barracks, Admiralty Grounds; Cogswell and Sackville Street properties will be taken up with the City, to see how the situation can be handled to the best advantage of all concerned.

John Murphy,
M A Y O R.

*Mayor and
Members Council*
The message from His Worship the Mayor is referred to the special Committee re transfer of Government properties to the City appointed May 10th. 1923, consisting of His Worship Mayor Murphy, Chairman, and Aldermen Whitman, Finlay and W. O. Cameron (see Minutes City Council June 15, 1920).

Copies of His Worship's message are ordered to be sent to each member of the City Council.

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REVENUES FROM MOTOR CARS, THEATRES, ETC.,
APPROPRIATED BY PROVINCE.

His Worship the Mayor verbally informed the Council that he has in course of preparation a report to be submitted to the Council relating to the amount of moneys which the City of Halifax would be in position to derive from the licensing of Automobiles, theatres and other amusements and like matters of municipal revenue, had not the Province by Statute taken these sources of revenue from the City and appropriated them to their own use.

His Worship further intimated that it is his intention to take this matter up with the representatives of the City and County of Halifax in the Legislative Assembly and the Members of the Provincial Government at an early date with the object of endeavouring to have the whole or at least a large portion of these revenues paid into the City funds where they legitimately belong.

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TRAMWAYS & POWER COMPANY VALUATION OF ASSETS,
RATES, LIGHTING, POWER, ETC.

Read message His Worship the Mayor in relation to the valuation of the Assets of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd., and its rates for lighting, power, etc.

Mayors Office,
City Hall, October 4, 1923.

To Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen,

Re: The Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.
Valuation of Assets, new Rates Lighting, Power, etc.

It is generally understood that the Board of Public Utilities will shortly bring down their findings respecting the valuation made of assets of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. and as this is a matter of special importance to the City, and one to which I have given careful thought, I desire to place the matter fully before Council with a view of having such steps taken as will, as far as possible, safeguard the City's interests.

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There seems to be some question as to the purpose of this valuation. A Committee named by the Board of Trade to take up with the Board of Utilities as to when their decision on this valuation would be made, reported that the Board of Utilities had informed them that up to the present time no application has been filed with them with regard to the question of rates. Such a statement can only be made on the most technical ground, as everything bearing on this valuation clearly indicates that its purpose was to enable the Board to decide what rates this Company should charge.

It will be of interest to Council to know that the making of this valuation has cost the Citizens of Halifax about \$60,000.—over \$56,000. of which is to cover experts from the firm of Jackson & Moreland of Boston, and the experts who gave evidence on behalf of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.,—the City as you are aware had \$3000. at its disposal to make the best case possible, on its behalf, which amount was entirely used up, making a total expenditure of about \$60,000. as set out above.

To say that the work involved in this valuation was undertaken for any other purpose than that of laying down new rates for these services would simply mean that our citizens would have been put to this expense with no useful purpose to serve. The circumstances leading up to the valuation are as follows:—

The Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company filed an application with the Board of Public Utilities for the privilege of increasing their rates on Light and Power, and submitted values in support of this application on the portions of their Plant involved, which the Board of Public Utilities declined to entertain giving the following reason for their refusal:—

"Evidence was given in support of the application
"by the Manager and other officials of the company.
"This evidence the Board has carefully considered
"and has come to the conclusion that it is not of
"such a satisfactory character as to enable it to
"reach a decision on a rate application."

Under date of August 19th., 1921, the Board issued an Order that a valuation of this Company's assets be made by the firm of Jackson & Moreland. To show further the purpose of the valuation, it is only necessary to refer to a letter of Mr. Westons, Manager of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., to the Hon. G. H. Murray, then Premier, of June 24th., 1921, in which they asked that the Act placing their rates under Public Utilities to deal with, be proclaimed, in order that rates might be set which would satisfy the public that they were based on the fair value of their properties. The following paragraph from Mr. Weston's letter deals directly with the Proclamation:—

"Preferably however, we would suggest that the Com-
"pany be placed under the Public Utilities Board
"by proclamation of the Act of last session, and
"that a valuation of its property be promptly made.
"The rates charged to the public being thereafter
"based on the fair value of the properties of the
"Company as found by an independent judicial tribu-
"nal, there would thus be eliminated the charge that
"prices paid by the consumer are affected by the am-
"ount of the capital stock of the Company. This
"would forever preclude the idea that the issued cap-
"ital stock of this utility is a factor in fixing
"rates."

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In addition to the above, Members of Council will recall that when the question of the control of the St. Margaret's Bay Hydro Development was before this City, the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company was asked, in the event of their securing this power in the quantity and at the price claimed, what rates they could extend the users of light and power in this City, to which question they made reply that until the Board of Public Utilities had handed down the valuation of their Light and Power Departments, it would be impossible for them to discuss rates. I quote the following from their reply to the City on that occasion:-

"At the present time no value has been determined by the Public Utility Board for the Light & Power Department of this Company. Without such a valuation it is impossible to determine the interest charges and depreciation applicable to the Light & Power Department. This, of course, has a direct bearing on the rates the Company will be permitted to charge. The Public Utility Board has intimated that it will undertake a valuation of the Company's property and will appoint its experts to do this work."

In the face of the above evidence, it seems unbelievable that any question should be raised as to the purpose for which this valuation was ordered and to further claim that no application is before the Board of Public Utilities respecting rates.

In order, however, to remove any technical question that might be raised, I would ask the Council to pass to-night, the following Resolution:-

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

RE: RATES VARIOUS SERVICE - N.S. TRAMWAYS & POWER CO.

Inasmuch as your Board in an Order bearing date of August 19th., 1921, did order that a valuation be made of the physical assets of the above Public Utility and that you are now or will shortly be in a position to hand down your Findings as to these values;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council, acting on behalf of the City of Halifax do hereby petition your Board to immediately take up the question of the Revision of Rates for all these various services, so that whatever benefits are to come to the City can be put into force at the earliest possible date.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the report and the resolution subjoined there-
to be approved. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

To the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities:-

Re: Rates various services - N.S. Tramways & Power Co.

Inasmuch as your Board in an Order bearing date of August 19th., 1921, did order that a valuation be made of

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the physical assets of the above Public Utility and that you are now or will shortly be in a position to hand down your Findings as to these values:

*Miss I. B. Taylor
Public Utility*

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council, acting on behalf of the City of Halifax do hereby petition your Board to immediately take up the question of the Revision of Rates for all these various services, so that whatever benefits are to come to the City can be put into force at the earliest possible date.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron and being put is passed.

TRAMWAYS AND POWER COMPANY RATES.

10.15 o'clock. His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor Colwell to the Chair and from the floors of the Council Chamber reads and submits the following Message.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
October 4, 1923.

To the Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen,

In re petition to the Board of Public Utilities in reference to rates of Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, and a separate report asking Council to file petition with the Board of Public Utilities, and have the matter of rates now charged by the N. S. Tramways & Power Company for the various services investigated with a view of having whatever reductions are now possible through the introduction of hydro electric and other changes put into effect as early as possible - I have given this matter careful consideration and desire to place before Council the following suggestions with respect to this question of rates:-

1. That inasmuch as some doubt exists as to what benefits our citizens are to receive through the control by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company of hydro-electric power, until the question of rates is definitely disposed of and we know exactly what rates are to be charged in the future that this Council petition the Provincial Government to hold in reserve and not commit to any corporation or individual the undeveloped portion of the St. Margaret's Bay power located on the Indian River and having a capacity of ten million kwh. hours per year.

The Provincial Power Commission have estimated that this third unit can be brought to this city at an expenditure in the neighborhood of four hundred thousand dollars, costing delivered here about three-quarters of a cent per kwh. hour.

Should it be found that the N. S. Tramways & Power Company cannot give the users of these various services in the city the benefits possible through hydro development, then the City would be protected to the extent of having this third unit to fall back upon. This request should be readily complied with, for the reason that unless the public benefits claimed for hydro development and on which an investment of something over two million dollars has been made at St.

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Margaret's Bay are forthcoming, then there would be no grounds whatever to justify any further investment of public monies so far as this development is concerned, as such a course would be simply using the credit of this province in the interests of a private corporation and its shareholders, instead of serving the public interest as intended.

2. That the Board of Public Utilities be asked to follow strictly the lines laid down in their order of August 19th., 1921, wherein the physical assets of each department of the N. S. Tramways & Power Company was to be valued separately, as follows:-
 - (a) Electrical Department.
 - (b) Tramways Department.
 - (c) Gas Department.
 - (d) Steam Heating Department.

The purpose of this order was that each of the above departments could be entirely separate and rates based accordingly, instead of intermingling their earnings so that one would be compelled to contribute to the other.

3. That in laying down these rates the Board follow the system now in force, viz., set rates per kwh. hour with varying discounts, depending on the quantity used.

Some suggestion has been made for the introduction of what is termed "a more scientific system", namely, on a basis of cubic foot contents.

The City of Halifax has had its experience with a more scientific method of charging in connection with the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., whereby most users are called on to pay from two to three times their previous rates for this service.

We understand the system now in force for light and power and other services and will be able to make a more intelligent comparison if this system is followed out than by the introduction of another system which will make it impossible for us to know just what it all means. Let the Board of Public Utilities lay down their rates for these services as now in effect and tell us definitely just what the benefits are under changed conditions.

4. That the Board take into consideration the cancellation of the contract in existence with the Stone and Webster Company of Boston, whereby these people take from the citizens of Halifax the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars per year or upwards for a long distance supervision.

The salaries paid to the local executives and officials of this Company are more than sufficient to ensure its proper management. While the services of Messrs. Stone & Webster were no doubt desirable at the time they were called in, there would appear no justification for their further continuance.

5. That in connection with the hearings on this question of rates the Board under its powers authorize this

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City to retain whatever expert advice it deems necessary, and any expense involved to be charged and paid in the same manner as those of Moreland and Jackson and the Tramway Company's experts on the valuation hearings.

The City has no money available from which to pay for expert advice, nor have we any means of obtaining funds for this purpose without legitimate authority. Inasmuch, however, as the citizens have to pay all expenses involved whether incurred by the Board of Public Utilities or the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company it is quite in order to ask the Board of Public Utilities to make the provision suggested above and along the lines indicated.

If we were to be guided by past experience in matters of our public utilities, the City would likely sit down and take no part in this question. It is necessary in this case, however, that we make a final stand, as whatever findings are handed down by the Board of Public Utilities as a result of the valuation made and the new rates to be charged dispose for all time of the question as to what benefits this City is to receive from the hydro-electric development; and for this reason we are justified in putting forth every effort and in incurring whatever expense it involves in seeing that the City's case is presented in the best possible manner.

I have probably given this matter more thought than many members of Council, having followed it through its various stages, and in submitting the recommendations set out above I ask the careful consideration of this Council, and feel that they should have your full support.

JOHN MURPHY,
MAYOR.

10.25 o'clock. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair and Deputy Mayor Colwell his seat in Council.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the recommendations made in the message from His Worship the Mayor, be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the City Council and that in the meantime each member of the Council be furnished with a copy of His Worship's message.

The Amendment is put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 15 against it, as follows:-

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For the Amendment.
Alderman Whitman,
Eissett,
Guildford.

Against it.
Alderman Colwell,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Castonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W. Cameron,
McDonald,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
Hubley,
W.O. Cameron,
Daw.

The original Motion is put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 3 against it, the division of Council being as follows:-

For the Motion.
Alderman Colwell,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Castonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W. Cameron,
McDonald,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
Hubley,
W.O. Cameron,
Daw.

Against it.
Alderman Whitman,
Eissett,
Guildford.

*Miss F.B. Taylor
Ald. Public Health
City Council
Ald. Edwin Armstrong*

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS -
AUDITORS' REPORT.

Read report Price, Waterhouse & Company, Independent Auditors, re accounts of the City Health Board.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
October 4, 1923.

To Members of the City Council.
Gentlemen,

Report Price, Waterhouse & Co.-Board of Health Dept.

I am submitting for your information the final report made by Price, Waterhouse & Company, on their investigation of the Board of Health.

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This report, as you are aware no doubt, was turned over to the Board of Health, so that its contents and recommendations could be gone into fully by them.

John Murphy,
M A Y O R.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
October 1st. 1923.

Chairman & Members
Board of Health,
City Hall,
City.

Dear Sirs,

Re Final Report Price, Waterhouse
& Company, Board of Health.

I am enclosing herewith copy of report just received through the Montreal Office of Price, Waterhouse & Company, covering investigation made of your Department.

After going carefully into this report, if there are any questions or further information desired, I would appreciate your taking the matter up promptly with Mr. McCombe who will be glad to prepare it for you.

I would respectfully suggest that your Board give this report early consideration, as it no doubt contains recommendations which may require to be put into effect at once.

John Murphy,
M A Y O R.

Price, Waterhouse & Company,
Montreal,
September 25, 1923.

The Corporation of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs,

Attention of the Mayor or
Deputy Mayor.

We have the pleasure to enclose herewith, in duplicate, a Report covering our examination of the Accounts of the Board of Health, and shall be glad to furnish you with any further information in regard thereto that you may desire.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

Price, Waterhouse & Company,
Montreal,
September 24, 1923.

The Mayor and Members of the City Council,
The City of Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs,

We have completed our examination of the books and accounts of the City Health Board, and in connection therewith submit the following report:

The Board consists of six members, two of whom are appointed by the Provincial Government and four by the Council. One of the members appointed by the Provincial Government is a medical practitioner, and, at the present time, three of the members appointed by the Council are al-

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so members of the Council. The members appointed by the Provincial Government each receive a remuneration of \$100.00 per annum; no remuneration is paid to members appointed by the Council.

The duties and powers of the Board are fully described in the city charter and the by-laws of the Board.

The Isolation Hospital at Rockhead is managed and controlled by the Board, and in the past, when other civic hospitals were established during epidemics, they were also placed under the control of the Board.

The city charter does not provide for any revenue to be derived from services rendered by officials of the Health Board, and the only income received is for board of patients at the Isolation Hospital.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES:

We have made an investigation into the income credited to the Hospital since 1915 to which we refer more fully below, and have made a detailed examination of all expenditures of the Board for the two years ending April 30 1923. The revenues and expenditures for these two years were as follows:-

	Year ending April 30	
	1923	1922
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Appropriation (exclusive of \$10,000. in each year for previous over-expenditures)	\$33,960.00	\$35,155.00
Less: Salaries of Plumbing Inspector and Assistant transferred to Salaries	3,300.00	3,300.00
	<u>\$30,660.00</u>	<u>\$31,955.00</u>
Revenue - Isolation Hospital	384.89	68.70
	<u>\$31,044.89</u>	<u>\$32,023.70</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Services of members of Board	200.00	200.00
Salaries - Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Inspectors	17,900.16	17,608.50
Isolation Hospital staff	4,306.17	5,031.77
Expenses of Dairy Inspector	500.00	-
Maintenance of Isolation Hospital-		
Provisions, Lighting and Laundry	1,620.65	1,722.90
Conveyance of Patients	202.00	141.00
Coal	798.29	1,020.93
Printing, Plumbing, etc.	898.25	387.60
Office and other expenses-		
Advertising	261.88	952.89
Examination of milk and water	548.00	515.00
Drugs, Vaccine, etc.	683.12	443.38
Telephone and Telegrams	237.77	285.65
Stationery and Printing	375.41	254.65
Sundries, car fares, postage, etc.	376.87	567.80
	<u>\$28,908.57</u>	<u>\$29,132.07</u>
Unexpended balance	3,136.32	2891.63

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The records kept by the Secretary of the Board relating to the income from patients in the various civic hospitals were not in a satisfactory condition, and we have met with considerable difficulty in attempting to verify the revenue. We have examined the records in existence since 1915, but as no trace can be found of the book relating to patients in the Small Pox Hospital during the years 1918-19 and 1919-20, we have been unable to make any verification of the Revenues received from that Hospital for these two years. We are informed that the Institution has been destroyed by fire.

From the records produced we have in a measure substantiated the amounts recorded to the credit of the Board in the books of the City Treasurer, but we would point out that there are certain items of receipts in the Treasurer's books, particularly in the year 1919-20 which cannot be traced to the books of the Health Board. A number of these items could in all probability be explained if the missing record of small pox patients could be found.

On the record of accounts kept by the Health Board we find numerous balances marked as having been received for which no corresponding credits can be found in the books of the City Treasurer, and it would seem that these have any connection with the unexplained items on the Treasurer's books which are referred to above. A statement of the balances totalling \$1,803.38 is appended hereto (Exhibit "A").

Amongst the balances shown on Exhibit "A" is one of \$162.40 against T. A. S. DeWolfe which the Secretary admitted to us that he had received (it being marked as having been received in August 1921) but had not turned over to the City Treasurer. We may state that the list only covers those accounts marked as having been received, and does not include various accounts shown by the record as outstanding, which we were informed cannot be collected. The outstanding accounts which are considered uncollectible consist of numerous small balances and it does not seem to us that the time which it would take to trace them would be commensurate with the results which might be obtained.

METHOD OF ACCOUNTING:

The method of billing has been to give those patients from whom payment was expected, in whole or in part, a bill on their discharge from the hospital. A copy of this bill was sent to the office of the Board, and, in the case of the naval and military authorities and steamship companies, proper accounts were sent out from that office. The only record of bills rendered is the copy of the bill pasted into the account book, and we were informed that it was the custom to destroy the statements sent in by the hospitals from which bills were made. We were, however, able to get the admission and discharge record from the present Isolation Hospital through means of which we could check some of the charges. Payment of the accounts is made at the office of the Board but no cash book is kept and the only record of payment is a notation on the copy of the bill.

We would recommend that in future a statement of account should be made out against every patient irrespective of whether payment is likely to be recovered or not.

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The statements should be made out in triplicate on numbered stationery, the original to be handed to the patient on discharge, the second copy sent to the office of the Board, and the third kept on file at the hospital.

A list of all statements of account should be made up each month and come before the Board for consideration, and they should indicate those to be cancelled on satisfactory evidence that they are uncollectible, effect being given to such cancellation in the minutes. A small ledger and cash book should be kept by the Secretary of the Board for the purpose of recording the accounts, and numbered receipts should be given for all monies received, a duplicate being retained for purpose of audit. Cash should be turned over to the City Treasurer on the day it is received, and his receipt therefor should be taken on the face of the cash book.

A visit was paid to the Isolation Hospital at Rockhead where we found the records, which are kept by the matron, in good order. The supplies and equipment, including linen and blankets, etc., appeared to be carefully looked after. No record of supplies and equipment has been kept in the past, but at our request an inventory was taken at July 31st. and we would suggest that this be taken as a basis for opening a record of equipment on hand which should be kept up to date.

PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES:

An order book is kept in the office of the Board of Health but it is not in numbered form and many blank duplicates were noticed, the originals being missing. We would recommend that numbered order forms be used for all purchases made by the Health Board and the Isolation Hospital. These should be in triplicate, the original to be sent to the merchant, the duplicate to be signed by the person receiving the goods and attached to the invoice received from the merchant, and the triplicate kept on file. It is important that those responsible for the ordering of supplies should see that bills are received promptly at the close of each month and that no delay occurs in approving them and in sending them to the Auditor.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

The larger part of the City's appropriation is expended on salaries. Those for the year 1922-23 were as follows:-

<u>Health Board.</u>		
Secretary		\$2,400.00
Assistant Secretary		1,800.00
6 Inspectors ●	\$1,700.00 ea.	10,200.16
Milk Inspector		3,500.00
		<u>\$17,900.16</u>
 <u>Isolation.</u>		
Matron		1,350.00
Nurse		709.92
Nurse (part of year)		446.25
Maid		450.00
Cook		450.00
Fireman		900.00
		<u>4,306.17</u>
		<u>\$22,206.33</u>

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An item of \$500.00 in the appropriation for the year 1922-23 for expenses of the Food and Dairy Inspector has been paid in monthly instalments, and no statement showing the nature of the expenses is obtained. We are informed it is for various travelling expenses on inspection trips for which the Inspector uses his own car.

In January 1922 an amount of \$3,907.00 raised by the issue of bonds was set aside to defray the cost of installing heating equipment at the Isolation Hospital and has been carried on the books as a credit since that date. Our investigation disclosed that this amount had been expended and erroneously charged against appropriations as follows:-

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1920-21	\$2,930.25
1921-22	976.75
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	\$3,907.00

We have had this error corrected and the over-expenditure of the Health Board to which we refer later has thereby been reduced.

Authority is given by the city charter and its amendments for the Board to have at its disposal such money over and above the yearly appropriation as may be needed to meet any extraordinary expenditure due to an epidemic or other reason. If the amount is not in excess of \$10,000.00 the sum so needed may be included in the estimates of the following year, but if more than \$10,000.00, may be pro-rated over succeeding years in instalments of \$10,000.00. Authority is given to borrow from bank the amount over-expended, but this practice has not been followed and the additional expenditures have been paid out of such funds as were available. We will deal with this matter more fully in our final report.

The over-expenditure at April 30 1923, after giving effect to the reduction of \$3,907.00 to which we referred above, is \$53,656.04, and we have attached hereto a condensed statement (Exhibit B) showing the financial transactions of the Board since 1908-09 which have resulted in this over-expenditure. From this statement it will be seen that the amount appropriated during the fifteen years has been \$167,444.00, to which should be added revenues of \$36,041.10, making a total of \$203,485.10. This amount has fallen short of the expenses of \$390,584.14 by \$187,099.04 which, after deduction of the special appropriations of \$133,443.00 results in the over-expenditure of \$53,656.04. It should be noted that for the years 1909-10 to 1912-13 inclusive and the years 1914-15 to 1917-18 inclusive, during which there was no epidemic of any kind, the yearly appropriation was not sufficient to cover the expenditures, and that it was necessary to draw on the special provision of \$10,000.00 per annum to meet the ordinary expenditures in each of those years. During the year 1917-18 it was also necessary to have recourse to the special appropriation, but this may have been due to additional expense caused by the explosion. Only in the last three years have there been under-expenditures, the improvement in those three years being due to a considerable increase in the appropriations. It should also

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be noted that the special appropriation of \$10,000.00 has been provided in each year from 1909-10 to 1922-23 inclusive except in the year 1918-19 when only \$3,443.00 was provided.

It has not been the practice of the Auditor or Treasurer to keep a separate account for expenses of an extraordinary nature not provided for in the yearly appropriation, and we have not therefore been able to segregate such expenditures in our statement. We would recommend that in future such expenditures should be kept separate.

We shall be glad to furnish you wish any further information you may require.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

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Exhibit A

Account Book Page	Name	Amount	Stamped Paid date.
146	McGinnis, J.	\$28.00	April 15 1919
148	Mitchell, A.S.	32.86	" 23 "
154	Eastwood, R.	62.00	May 19 "
154	Hiscox, Miss E	19.00	" 28 "
156	Wight, Miss	55.00	June 12 "
166	A.D. of M. S.	37.28	Nov 1 "
174	Tooke, A.,	32.00	Dec 19 1920
174	Grenough, Miss V.,	15.56	" " "
176	Manning, Miss F.,	17.56	Mar 1 "
184	Walsh, Chas	9.14	" 17 "
190	Riggs, Clyde	6.60	" 29 "
190	McIntyre, James	21.25	" 31 "
190	Parker, E.,	11.00	" 19 "
194	Clattenburg, Miss	14.42	" 20 "
196	Penman	12.00	" 22 "
198	Vaughan, Sydney	23.55	" 27 "
198	Barrett, Chas.	8.00	" 24 "
198	Sampson, W. M.,	12.00	" 31 "
198	Rousseau, Jas.,	40.70	Apr 2 "
198	Ronaine, Mr.,	23.56	" 3 "
200	Redden, Miss B.,	21.28	Mar 31 "
202	Rogers, Mrs.,	45.05	Apr 20 "
202	Tibbo, Geo.,	16.70	Apr 26 "
8	Hunter, Roy	10.30	June 10 "
18	Canter, Philip	5.00	Mar 15 "
20	Simon, David	10.00	Oct 12 "
34	Baker, Miss E. N.,	43.00	Jan 19 1921
46	Campbell, Fred	23.00	May 7 "
50	Green, Mr.,	8.14	Apr 11 "
50	DeWolfe, T.A.S.,	162.40	Aug 12 "
138	Col. Jacques, A.D.M.S.	234.58	Mar 8 1919
152	Accounting Dept MD 6	132.78	Apr 25 "
158	Marine Dept	18.00	Jly 2 "
160	do do	287.45	Aug 29 "
168	A.D.M.S., M.D.#6	25.72	Nov 17 "
176	S.C.Re-Establishment	35.28	May 7 1920
178	Collector of Customs	8.60	Apr 10 "
180	S.C.Re-Establishment	89.98	" 15 "
186	Marine Dept. D'mouth	50.98	" 10 "
58	Military Hospital, Cogswell St.	68.56	Sept 25 1922
64	Halifax Hotel (Halliecrooks)	25.00	Apr. 22 "
		<u>\$1,803.28</u>	

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STATEMENT SHOWING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH YEARS 1908-09 to 1922-23 INCLUSIVE

YEAR	APPROPRIATION	REVENUE FROM HOSPITALS	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE OVER OR UNDER EXPENDED	SPECIAL APPROPRIATION	NET BALANCE	BALANCE AT END YEAR
1908-09	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 306.71	\$ 3,556.71	A \$ 32,286.47	\$28,729.76		\$28,729.76	\$28,729.76
1909-10	4,750.00	787.44	5,537.44	14,705.74	9,168.30	\$10,000.00	831.70	27,898.06
1910-11	4,800.00	393.00	5,193.00	16,902.50	11,709.50	10,000.00	1,709.50	29,607.56
1911-12	4,750.00	798.54	5,548.54	15,180.97	9,632.43	10,000.00	367.57	29,239.99
1912-13	4,500.00	223.49	4,723.49	14,960.95	10,237.46	10,000.00	237.46	29,477.45
1913-14	4,000.00	27.33	4,027.33	B 19,655.35	15,628.02	10,000.00	5,628.02	35,105.47
1914-15	4,450.00	3,784.24	8,234.24	20,244.77	12,010.53	10,000.00	2,010.53	37,116.00
1915-16	4,300.00	9,863.49	14,163.49	21,329.99	7,166.50	10,000.00	2,833.50	34,282.50
1916-17	6,800.00	6,030.05	12,830.05	15,982.22	3,152.17	10,000.00	6,847.83	27,434.67
1917-18	3,650.00	7,220.25	10,870.25	15,172.18	4,301.93	10,000.00	5,698.07	21,736.60
1918-19	10,979.00	4,571.36	15,550.36	C 59,922.80	44,372.44	3,443.00	40,929.44	62,666.04
1919-20	17,960.00	1,049.47	19,009.47	D 57,784.54	38,775.07	10,000.00	28,775.07	91,441.11
1920-21	30,640.00	532.14	31,172.14	28,415.02	2,757.12	10,000.00	12,757.12	78,683.99
1921-22	31,955.00	68.70	32,023.70	29,132.07	2,891.63	10,000.00	12,891.63	65,792.36
1922-23	30,660.00	384.89	31,044.89	28,908.57	2,136.32	10,000.00	12,136.32	53,656.04
	<u>\$167,444.00</u>	<u>\$36,041.10</u>	<u>\$ 203,485.10</u>	<u>\$ 390,584.14</u>	<u>\$ 187,099.04</u>	<u>\$ 133,443.00</u>	<u>\$53,656.04</u>	

Note "A" Small Pox and Diphtheria Epidemics
 "B" Typhoid Fever Epidemic
 "C" Influenza Epidemic
 "D" Influenza and Small Pox Epidemics.

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DEATH OF EX-MAYOR JOHN S. PARKER.

Alderman Power submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that this Council having learned with deep regret of the death since its last meeting of John S. Parker, late Mayor of this City, desires to place on public record its appreciation of his untiring services to this City as Mayor, Alderman and School Commissioner for the last eight years which labors led to a breakdown of his health that conduced to his untimely decease, and wishes to convey to his Widow and Family this expression of its sorrow that one who has done so much for this Community and gave such promise, if spared, of further public usefulness should have been cut off by a Wise Providence in the midst of his splendid manhood and noble citizenship.

The Resolution is moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell and being put is passed un-animously, the Members of Council solemnly rising to record their votes.

The City Clerk is instructed to convey a copy of the resolution to Mrs. Parker.

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

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Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.


John Murphy
Mayor.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.