

E V E N I N G S E S S I O N.

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber,
City Hall,

February 7th., 1924.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Whitman, Colwell, Munnis, Sanford, Whelan, Drysdale and Daw.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the time of meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.17 o'clock.

Roll called - present the above named together with Aldermen Finlay, Bissett, Gastonguay, H.W.Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, O'Toole, Power and W.O.Cameron.

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

) RECONSIDERATIONS.

NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER CO., LTD.-VALUATION RATE HEARING.

Read Extract from Minutes meeting City Council January 31st. 1924, covering Alderman Bissett's Notice of Reconsideration of the matter of engaging expert assistance to attend the Hearing before the Public Utilities Board to fix the rates and charges by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited for Light, Power and Gas.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the said Resolution passed at the last meeting of Council to engage expert assistance to attend the Hearing before the Public Utilities Board to fix rates and charges of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Ltd., be now

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reconsidered.

Alderman Power asked His Worship the Mayor if he had received any reply from the Government that it would contribute one half of cost for such expert assistance. His Worship informed the Council that there had not been a meeting of the Government to deal with this request.

Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell,
Bissett,
Guildford,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Gastonguay,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Drysdale,
W.O.Cameron.

Alderman Power declines to move his Notice of Re-consideration of the motion passed at the last meeting of the City Council and moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the amount required for expert assistance before the Public Utilities Board be included in the Estimates for the ensuing year.

Read opinion of City Solicitor in reference to the Resolution passed at the last meeting of Council in reference to engaging expert assistance to appear before the Public Utilities Board in the matter of fixing the rates and charges of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited.

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, February 6th., 1924.

His Worship The Mayor,
C I T Y.

Dear Sir,

RE: TRAM COMPANY EXPENDITURES.

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I am of opinion that the Resolution authorizing an expenditure for the purpose of engaging an expert, in connection with the fixing of rates by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, and the procuring of money for that purpose on an authorization from the Provincial Government, coupled with the Resolution providing that the expenditure shall be included in the next Estimates, is not in conflict with Sub-Section 2 of Section 347 of the Charter.

That Section, in my opinion, deals only with an application for Legislation for loans of a more or less permanent character, and not for an authority to deal with matters of temporary emergency. The proposed expenditure does not necessarily involve a loan at all. It may be that the money will not be expended or at least will not be required for payment until after the money has been provided at the Estimates, or it may be that other funds of the City may be available for that purpose to be replaced when provided for in the Estimates.

For these reasons, I am of opinion, as above stated.

F. H. BELL,
City Solicitor.

Filed.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE CITY MANAGER AND RESIGNATION OF
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND CITY OFFICIALS.

Alderman Power submits the following Notice of Motion:-

- (a) THAT in the opinion of this Council legislation should be prepared and presented to the Legislature which will endow the City Council with the power, at its option, of appointing a city manager who would be charged with complete executive authority, with responsibility to the Mayor and City Council, in regard to all matters of city administration.
- (b) THAT this Council is of the opinion that for the purpose of enabling the Council to thoroughly revise and reorganize the administration of city affairs, introduce the reforms and changes recommended by the reports of Price, Waterhouse & Company, and establish an effective system of administration, all city officials should cooperate with the Council by forthwith handing in their resignations so as to give the Council a free hand in the making of readjustments; and the Council hereby requests city officials to comply with this recommendation, and that if legislation be necessary in this matter such legislation be prepared for presentation to the Legislature immediately after its opening.
- (c) THAT this Council is of the opinion that every member thereof should resign his seat for the pur-

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pose of leaving it entirely in the hands of citizen tax payers to elect a new Council that will be charged with the responsibilities of introducing the reform which the reports of Price, Waterhouse & Company recommend; and that whatever legislation may be necessary for this purpose be prepared and presented to the Legislature immediately after its opening.

Council ✓

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Bissett.

WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Work's Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$10,474.64.

City Work's Office,
Halifax,
February 6, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

The Work's Committee beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$10,474.64 chargeable to the following services:-

Permanent Pavement	\$ 11.05	
Sewerage	1093.63	
Marked Improvement	<u>9.48</u>	\$ 1114.16
Streets, Special	636.01	
Market Revenue	91.53	
Fuel	492.50	
City Property	51.52	
Teams & Stables	1157.15	
Internal Health, Special	230.29	
City Hall Lighting	142.48	
Electric Wiring Inspection	3.00	
Street Lighting	5551.53	
Telephones	<u>202.95</u>	8558.96
Water Maintenance		\$ <u>801.52</u>
		\$ <u>10,474.64</u>

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Work's Committee be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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CITY HOME & TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home amounting to \$9,647.91, and to the Tuberculosis Hospital \$5,173.43.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 6, 1924.

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 Gastonguay, Sanford, O'Toole, Daw and McDonald.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, JANUARY 1924, AMOUNT \$9,647.91

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries & Flour	\$880.88
Maritime Market	Meats	359.12
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	78.99
S. C. Thompson	Forage	50.78
Smith & Proctor	Butter	207.30
G. Hutchinson	Ice	14.00
Fleischmann Co	Yeast	4.68
G.E.VanBuskirk Ltd	Coal	463.79
H. Bowman	Fish	82.00
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk	261.56
T.J. Whalen & Co	Dry Goods	234.80
James Donohue	Copper Covers per contract	180.00
Maritime Tel. & Tel.	Exchange Service	16.14
N.S. Tramways & Power	Light & Power (2)	60.50
Globe Laundry Ltd	Marking Ink	4.00
R.J. Hurley	Repairs to Brickwork	38.20
Hillis & Sons Ltd	Oven Grates	34.60
T.O. Allen & Co.	Stationery	3.70
W.W. Hoyt	Repairs	15.75
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	40.62
Evans & Co	Tea Kettle	2.50
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Shoes & Slippers	96.00
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	7.88
H. McFatrige	Prof. Services	1.00
D.A. McCulloch	Horseshoeing	1.00
V.G. Hospital	Medicine	160.91
B.O. Archibald	Dispensing	50.00
J.H. Buchanan	Cash expended	159.38
Salaries	January Pay Sheet	1842.03
		<u>5352.01</u>
N.S. Hospital	Maintenance Insane	4295.90
		<u>\$9647.91</u>

CITY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNT JANUARY 1924 \$5,173.43

M.J. Ritcey Co. Ltd.	Groceries	210.10
Maritime Market	Meats	153.10
H. Bowman	Fish	26.16
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk & Cream	191.68
Smith & Proctor	Butter & Eggs	187.50
N.S. Tramways & Power	Light and Power	94.46

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Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Exchange Service	\$15.27
Globe Laundry Ltd	Laundrywork	51.53
John Fry	Bread	33.51
McLeod, Balcom Ltd	Drugs	86.80
Surgical Supplies Ltd	Instruments	1.65
T. J. Whalen & Co	Dry Goods	86.78
Nickerson & Crease	Fruits & Vegetables	28.65
Webster, Smith & Co Ltd	Crockeryware	26.99
Evans & Co	Sundries	32.65
Richmond Printing Co	Napkins (2)	20.46
W. W. Hoyt	Repairs	10.95
G. Hutchinson	Ice	7.35
City Home	Coal and Flour	2724.27
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	1.68
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.30
Moirs Ltd	Cake	5.50
J.H.Buchanan	Cash expended	26.70
Salaries	January Pay Sheet	1147.39
		<u>\$5173.43</u>

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDIT - PRICE, WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

Read report Committee on Finance recommending for payment account of Price, Waterhouse & Company, \$2,629.48, Expenses of Independent Audit for the month of December 1923.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

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, amounting to \$2,629.48 - expenses independent audit month of December 1923, was submitted, passed and recommended for payment.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report of Committee on Finance recommending accounts amounting to \$857.44 for payment.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following named accounts amounting to \$857.44, were passed as correct and recommended for payment:-

United Typewriter Coy.	Inspection		\$ 3.75
Soulis Typewriter Coy.	Ribbon		1.00
do	Hire of Typewriter - Assessor's Dept.		18.00
A. Milne Fraser	Ribbon		1.00
Royal Print & Litho	Directory		10.00
F. M. O'Neil	Stationery - Mayor's office		7.65
J. L. Connolly	Stationery - Independent Audit		10.60
T. C. Allen & Co	Stationery & Printing - Inspector N. S.		
	Temperance Act	\$3.90	
	Mayor's Office	13.40	
	City Assessor	3.15	
	City Collector	<u>20.80</u>	40.45
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Books, etc.		
	City Assessor	94.40	
	City Auditor	4.40	
	City Collector	<u>2.50</u>	101.30
Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance of boys three months to January 31st. 1924 -		
	Truants	81.54	
	Delinquents	<u>571.83</u>	653.37
C.P.R. Telegraph	Telegrams		<u>11.32</u>
			<u>\$857.44</u>

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending
accounts amounting to \$1117.90 for payment, also covering

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report of the Governor of the Prison for the month of
January.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on City Prison, held this
afternoon, there being present Aldermen Daw, Munnis,
Guildford and Power, the following named account amounting
to \$1117.90, were passed as correct and recommended to
the City Council for payment:-

D. J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	\$12.50
Howards Ltd	Groceries	125.08
S. C. Thompson	Feed	10.00
Evans & Coy	Hardware	14.85
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co	Slippers	12.60
Union Coal Coy	Soft coal, per contract	150.00
A. L. Melvin & Coy		9.00
Maritime Market	Beef	23.33
Moirs Ltd	Bread	35.45
Maritime Tel. & Tel	Rental	10.68
N.S. Tramways & Power	Current	10.71
Daniel Adams		3.00
McLeod & Baloom	Drugs	4.60
		348.05
Pay Roll - January 15th. 1924		348.05
do 30th.		
		<u>\$ 1117.90</u>

The following report for the month of January 1924 was
submitted by Governor Grant:-

To the Chairman
and Members of City Prison Committee.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the report of City Prison for month end-
ing January 31st. 1924, as follows:-

Number of Prisoners admitted during the month 7 Males;
number discharged 5 Males and 2 Females, leaving in cus-
tody 19 Males and 2 Females - total of 21 Prisoners.

At this date last year the number in custody corresponds
with the number of this year, viz., 19 Males and 2 Females.

George Grant,
Governor.

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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HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment amounting to \$378.77.

Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, February 7, 1924.

His Worship The Mayor
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, February 5, 1924, the following named accounts amounting to \$378.77, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment:-

General Account.

Progressive Print
Ross Print
T. C. Allen & Co.
The Citizen
Cragg Bros
Telephone Company
Halifax Herald
T. J. Whalen & Co

Envelopes	\$3.75
Inspection Slips	10.15
Diary	2.50
Advertising	1.80
Flashlight battery	1.05
Service	12.02
Advertising	1.96
Disinfectant Coat	3.50
	<u>36.73</u>

Isolation Hospital.

Halifax Herald
Union Coal Coy
N. S. Tramways & Power
McLeod & Balcom
N. S. Undertaking Co
P. T. Shea
Michael Day
Maritime Market
Wentzells Ltd

Advertising	2.30
Coal	187.50
Lighting	14.13
Drugs	18.75
Con. Patients	24.00
Butter, Eggs	10.70
Plumbing Work	12.80
Meats	18.00
Groceries	53.86
	<u>342.04</u>

Recapitulation -		
General Account	\$36.73	
Isolation Hospital	342.04	\$ 378.77

ARTHUR C. PETTIPAS,
Secretary C. H. B.

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

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$265.09.

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City Hall,
Halifax, February 6, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this date, the following and attached accounts amounting to \$265.09, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

A. R. Hoben	Repairing Sprayer	. 88
Halifax Vulcanizing Works	Recharging Battery	.40
Wentzells L'td	Merchandise	1.80
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Rubber Boots	5.50
Gutta Percha & Rubber	Inner tube	4.85
Dorey, Greig	Globes	.80
A. R. Cogswell	Films	1.65
T. C. Allen & Co	Merchandise	4.35
Cragg Bros	do	3.17
Dr. Mc'atridge	Destroying dog	1.00
Imperial Oil Co	Mobile Oil	12.67
Telephone Company	Service	15.00
Clayton & Sons	Ulsters for Police	<u>213.02</u>
		\$265.09

JOHN MURPHY,
Mayor and Chairman.

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

POLICE ACCOUNT-INSURANCE POLICE PATROL.

Read report of the Police Commission recommending for payment the account of Messrs. Annand & Carten, \$271.93, for Insurance on the Police Patrol.

ANNAND & CARTEN, LIMITED,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 25, 1924.

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

Dear Sir, RE POLICY COVERING POLICE PATROL.

In connection with the conversation which the Writer had with you a short time ago, we may say that we have endeavoured to have the rate of premium reduced on this policy, but were unsuccessful.

As pointed out to you at the time of the interview, these rates are promulgated by the Board of Automobile Underwriter's, and the rates are made for different districts in Canada.

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We might point out, for your information, that the City of Toronto, or, I might say, the Insurance Company insuring the City of Toronto, is at present defending a suit for damages which may amount to a very large amount, owing to an accident to one of the City's patrol waggons. In connection with the amount, \$5000.00., for which the Insurance Company indemnifies the City in case of a law suit, they also pay all legal expenses in connection with said suit.

Upon giving this matter your careful consideration, we think that you will feel it is good business, to have this insurance.

As we pointed out before, in case of a cancellation, we would have to charge a short term rate for at least one month.

Your s very truly,
ANNAND & CARTEN LTD.,
A. S. Carten,
Managing Director.

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Mayor's Office,
City Hall, Halifax,
February 5, 1924.

To Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

re Insurance - Police Patrol.

The payment of premium on policy with Messrs. Annand & Carten was held up at last meeting of Council to enable the Police Commission to check up charge made.

We have since gone into the matter and find that the rates making up this amount are as laid down by the Board of Automobile Underwriters, and are the same as charged by all Companies coming under the Underwriter's Association.

For the information of Council we are attaching a letter received from Messrs. Annand & Carten. Under the circumstances the Commission feels that we have no option than to recommend the payment of this account.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

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

Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1282.92 chargeable to

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the General Account of the Fire Department and \$48.98 to
Fire Alarm Maintenance.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax,
February 6, 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held
this day, there being present Aldermen H. W. Cameron,
Chairman; Munnis, McDonald, O'Toole, and Daw, the fol-
lowing accounts \$48.19 chargeable to Fire Alarm Main-
tenance and \$1282.92 to General Account of the Fire
Department, were passed as correct and recommended for
payment.

Fire Alarm Maintenance.

Northern Electric Co Ltd - Tape	\$3.11	
Batteries	5.89	\$ 9.00
Gutta Percha & Rubber Co	Cross Cord Cover	31.55
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Power for January	4.64
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.	Telephone January	3.00
		<u>\$48.19</u>

General Accounts.

Canadian Oil Companies	Gasoline	99.75
Kellys Ltd	Supplies	14.25
T.C. Allen & Co.	do	24.00
A.J. McNutt	Repairs	.75
O.C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	9.15
Wm. Jakeman & Son	Vet. services	13.00
H. McFatriidge	Horseshoeing	32.76
T. Hogan & Co	Repairs	8.85
A.H. Lamphier	do	22.25
Sculis Typewriter Co Ltd	Supplies	2.00
W.W. Hoyt	do	21.60
Wm. Robertson & Son	do	27.92
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow	do	6.45
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	29.71
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Telephones	26.45
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	554.82
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Lighting	79.18
J.A. Scallion	Horseshoeing	12.00
Frank Reardon Ltd	Glass	17.78
Halifax Automobile Co Ltd	Supplies	10.34
Halifax Vulcanizing Works	Repairs	6.00
New Standard Vulcanizing Works	do	19.50
E.B. Eddy Co Ltd	Supplies	6.76
M.E. Giffen	Uniforms	72.50
Fred. G. Manning	Supplies	21.23
J. & M. Murphy Ltd	Bedding	143.92
		<u>\$ 1282.92</u>

H. W. CAMERON,
Chairman.

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

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LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Citizen's Free Library Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$141.00.

Citizen's Free Library,
Halifax, February 6, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

The Library Commission begs to submit the following bills for payment:-

T.C.Allen & Co.	Books	\$ 2.25	
Phillips & Marshall	Binding	<u>138.75</u>	\$141.00

J. J. POWER,
Chairman.

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

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Read report Committee on Finance recommending for payment the account of the Victoria General Hospital - \$28,873.84, for maintenance of Patients chargeable to the City of Halifax up to December 31st. 1923.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached account of the Victoria General Hospital, \$28,883.74, for maintenance of Patients chargeable to the City of Halifax up to December 1923, was submitted, passed as correct and recommended for payment as far as money is available; any balance remaining to be taken care of by Legislation at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

Your Committee further recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare any Legislation necessary.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw,

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that the report be adopted, that the accounts for the present civic year be paid out of the Appropriation provided for this purpose, that the balance due for the year ending April 30th. 1923 - \$3243.52, be paid out of the Appropriation for the year 1922-23, and that Legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to provide for the balance - \$7939.00. Motion passed, Aldermen Bissett and Power wishing to be recorded against same.

*City Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Secretary ✓
Power ✓*

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital be requested to render accounts for the maintenance of Patients chargeable to the City of Halifax, with full details, monthly. Motion passed.

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CITY HOME & TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL REPORT JANUARY.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of January 1924 covering reports of the Superintendent of the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital and showing the number of Inmates in the Home to be 306, the number of Patients in the Hospital 38.

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Halifax, N. S.,
February 6th., 1924.

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 Gastonguay, Sanford, O'Toole, Daw and McDonald.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, JANUARY 1924, CITY HOME - NUMBER OF INMATES 306.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of January 1924, there were 11 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 6 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to the Department of India Affairs and 6 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st. 1924 was 306, made up of 176 men, 126 women and 4 children. On the same date last year there were 187 men, 124 women and 7 children, a total of 318.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, JANUARY 1924, NUMBER OF PATIENTS 38.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the

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month of January 1924, there were 10 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 6 men and 4 women; 1 woman was discharged and 5 men and 1 woman died. The total number of patients January 31st. 1924 was 38, made up of 20 men and 18 women. On the same date last year there were 19 men, 13 women and 2 children, a total of 34.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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CHARITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairman of the Charities Committee laid on the table the Annual Report of that Committee for the year ending April 30th. 1923 re the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital.

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FIRES, THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read report Committee of Firewards covering report of the Chief of the Fire Department re Fires, their Causes and Losses for the month of January 1924.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, February 6th., 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department, re Fires their causes and losses for the month of January, 1924, was read and ordered to be submitted to the City Council for its information.

H. W. CAMERON,
Chairman.

Office Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of January, during which there were 47 alarms of fire from the following causes:-

Chimneys 28, oil stoves 2, combustion 2, poor construction 1, defective stove pipe 1, hot ashes 1, short circuit in cars 2, lighted candle 1, pan fat in oven 1, thawing water pipes 1, defective fire place 1, careless use matches 1, false 2, unknown 3.

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Property at risk	\$631,350.00	
Insurance losses		\$8,002.00
Losses not insured		<u>4,244.00</u>
Total losses		<u>12,246.00</u>

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

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HOUSING COMMISSION.

His Worship The Mayor informed the Council that a delegation was in waiting composed of Householders under the Housing Act, who wished to present a Resolution against the handing over of the administration of the Housing Commission to a Trust Company.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the representative of the Petitioners be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Mr. A. J. Haliburton, Chairman of the Special Committee representing the Householders under the Housing Act, presented the following Resolution and addressed the Council in support of same:-

RESOLUTION passed unanimously at a meeting of the Householders under the Housing Act, held at the City Hall, Halifax, N.S., February 4th., 1924.

WHEREAS the Finance Committee of the City Council has recommended to the City Council that the administration of the Housing Act as it affects the City of Halifax be turned over to a Trust Company,

AND WHEREAS the Housing Act was passed as a measure for the benefit of returned soldiers and their dependents, and the working people and people of moderate means, and it was the intention that the rights and interest of these householders as well as those of the City should be safeguarded by the appointment of an independent commission,

AND WHEREAS the Housing Act places in the hands of the Commission all the remedies which a landlord has against a tenant by the laws of Nova Scotia which are not pres-

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ent in the ordinary agreement of sale or law regarding it, and which were only given because the discretion to exercise them rested with such independent commission,

AND WHEREAS a trust company is not by its nature a proper body to exercise the discretions reposed in a housing commission under the Housing Act, and it is feared that in its administration the fate of the householder would rest in the hands of a clerk charged with the responsibility of collecting the instalments who may even be unsympathetic toward the householder,

AND WHEREAS as regards the matter of sale and rental of houses the City interest would frequently be in conflict with those of the Trust Company in its own real estate transactions and would therefore be subordinated thereto,

IT IS RESOLVED that the persons present at the meeting do, both as householders under the Housing Act and as ratepayers of the City of Halifax, strongly protest against any and every move to hand over the administration of the Housing Act to a Trust Company and that this resolution be sent to the City Council and published in the newspapers.

A. J. HALIBURTON,
Chairman of the Special Committee representing
the Householders under the "Housing Act."

Referred to the Finance Committee.

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RESOLUTION passed unanimously at a meeting of the Householders under the Housing Act, held at the City Hall, Halifax, N.S., February 4th., 1924.

WHEREAS the householders under the Housing Act, although they are assessed and pay City taxes on their houses, are not at present entitled to a vote in civic elections, because the Housing Act compels the titles to their houses to remain in the Housing Commission until paid for,

AND WHEREAS in effect the householders' position is really that of an owner of property which is subject to a mortgage to the Housing Commission and as we are paying taxes on personal property it is fair and just that the householders should therefore be entitled to such vote,

IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council be asked to obtain legislation to enable the householders to vote in civic elections by virtue of their assessment and payment of taxes.

A. J. HALIBURTON,
Chairman of the Special Committee representing
the Householders under the "Housing Act."

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Power, that Legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to carry into effect the Provisions of this Resolution. Motion put 17 voting for the same and 1

*As Chairman
City Council
to City*

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against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

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

Alderman Whitman.

*At four
last solicitor*

Read letter R. A. McDonald, 19 Macara Street, re handing over the affairs of the Housing Commission to a Trust Company.

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February 6, 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen,

As I understand that the City Council may discuss at a meeting tonight the proposal to hand over the Housing Commission affairs to a Trust Company, I felt in fairness to the Householders who would be affected as well as the Rate Payers generally, that any change of this nature may involve the City into an undesirable position, and in my opinion would be grossly unfair. It must be remembered that the City is committed to \$750,000. and to pass over the management of the Housing Commission to the Trust Company would not be good business, and if through their handling forced a number of Householders out of their homes, and left empty houses on the hands of the City, it would certainly be a serious matter for the Rate Payers of Halifax and I think that the slogan should be "what we have we hold."

*At Whitman
re City Clerk*

Yours sincerely,
R. A. MACDONALD,
19 Macara Street.

Referred to Finance Committee.

WATER METER BILL - 107-11 MARKET STREET.

Read report of Committee on Works and City Engineer

February 7th., 1924.

in reference to the Water Meter bill of premises #107-11
Market Street owned by Harry Kitz.

City Work's Office,
Halifax, February 7th., 1924.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,

Water Bill #107-11 Market Street.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 30th. 1924, the account attached hereto of Harry Kitz for water consumed at above premises from March 1922 to March 1923, \$91.62, was dealt with, and it was decided to recommend to Council that said bill be reduced one-third, namely, to \$61.28.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, December 6th., 1924.

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

Dear Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #107-111 Market Street and complained of as being excessive, that the period complained of is for the year ending March 1922 and the amount of the bill is \$78.68.

The records show that there was a closet wasting during this period and in February a pipe was burst. These causes would account for the large consumption.

The recent history of these premises would tend to show that the plumbing must have been in a bad condition throughout the period covered by the bill, as I find from the records that a closet was reported as wasting very badly in June 1922 and the water and all the pipes on the property were frozen and thawed twice in March 1923 and the plumbing was in so bad a condition that the water had to be turned off immediately.

I can see no justification for making any reduction in the bill complained of.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman

Hubley, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER CO. LTD. - VALUATION
RATE HEARING.

His Worship The Mayor brought up the matter of engaging expert assistance to represent the City at the

*City Engineer
City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

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Hearing before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities in the matter of the fixing of the rates of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited for Light, Power and Gas.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the firm of Walter J. Francis & Company, Consulting Engineers, #260 St. James Street, Montreal, be retained to act on behalf of the City.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that Mr. Murray MacNeill, Professor of Mathematics at Dalhousie University, be retained to act on behalf of the City in this matter.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Colwell,
Bissett,
Guildford,
Hubley.

Against it:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Whelan,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
W.O.Cameron,
Daw.

The original Motion is put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Gastonguay
Schaffner
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Whelan
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W.O.Cameron.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Bissett
Guildford
Hubley,
Daw.

*Authorship
The Mayor*

February 7th., 1924.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN SUPERANNUATION.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance submits report on the Resolution submitted at a meeting of the Council on the 10th. of January last, in reference to granting a Superannuation allowance to L. Fred. Monaghan, late City Clerk.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Halifax, February 5, 1924.

To the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the City Council, held on February 5th. 1924, at Four o'clock P. M., the reference to this Committee by the City Council of the motion to superannuate L. Fred. Monaghan, was considered. Alderman Whitman and Alderman W. H. Cameron and Alderman W. O. Cameron report as follows:-

The Finance Committee unanimously, on the 10th. day of October 1923, recommended to Council, the dismissal of L. Fred. Monaghan, on the grounds set out in their report, and in the reports of Price, Waterhouse & Co., and W. W. Foster, all attached to said report.

The said report of the Finance Committee was adopted by two thirds vote by the Council, on the 25th. day of October 1923.

The charges against said L. Fred. Monaghan, set out in said report of Finance Committee, were never challenged or disapproved.

The said L. Fred. Monaghan has applied to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for a prerogative writ of Mandamus, directing and commanding the City of Halifax, and the Mayor and Council, to restore him to the said office of City Clerk. This application for a Mandamus has not been heard, and is still outstanding, and will probably be heard in the month of March next.

At a meeting of the City Council, held on the 10th. day of January, 1924, Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Guildford, submitted a resolution that the Council grant to said Monaghan, a superannuation equal to thirty-fiftieths of his salary, as said City Clerk, and Registrar of Voters, and that legislation be applied for to legalize same.

If this resolution became effective, said L. Fred. Monaghan would receive about the sum of Two Thousand, One

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Hundred and Sixty dollars, per year, for the rest of his days.

I attach hereto a letter from J. McG. Stewart, acting Counsel for the City in this matter. His opinion is that the City will succeed. He says that the proposed resolution would prejudice the City's case.

In this application to grant full superannuation to said Monaghan, the facts on which his dismissal was based, and the way he has performed his duties, and his whole record, must be carefully considered by the Council, and the Council must duly weigh the consequence of giving him full superannuation, this giving him an advantage over all other city officials who being in the same position would only be permitted, under the Charter, to get one-half of what they had paid in. Monaghan has paid in a total of \$1514.00.

Alderman H. W. Cameron, Alderman W. O. Cameron and myself support the above report, and are against the proposed superannuation. The other member of the committee present, namely Alderman Finlay, pronounced in favor of granting full superannuation but thought this application should not be considered until after the hearing of the case now pending before the Supreme Court in banco.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this
5th. day of February, A. D. 1924.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Alderman Finlay objected to the Report and asked that the last Paragraph referring to his action at the meeting of the Committee be eliminated from the report.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration and report. Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell
Finlay
Bissett
Gastonguay
Schaffner
Guildford
Whelan
Hibley

Against it:-

Alderman Whitman
Munnis
Sanford
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W.O.Cameron
Daw.

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Alderman Bissett submits in place of the Resolution he moved at the meeting of Council held on the 10th. of January, the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that this Council instruct the City Solicitor to prepare legislation and submit the same to the Legislature authorizing and requiring the payment to L. Fred. Monaghan, the late City Clerk, of such an allowance from the Superannuation Fund as he would have been entitled to receive on resignation at age Sixty years, viz. - Thirty-fiftieths of salaries averaged for the last three years, and upon the said L. Fred. Monaghan stating in writing to the Mayor that he will withdraw suit against City now before the Court.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Guibdford.

Read following letters from L. Fred. Monaghan, and R. H. Murray, Solicitor for L. Fred. Monaghan and Burchell & Ralston, Counsel for L. Fred. Monaghan, in re his action for a Writ of Mandamus against the City to restore him to the office of City Clerk.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 6, 1924.

To the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Halifax.

Gentlemen,

Whereas I, L. Fred. Monaghan, of the City of Halifax in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, have begun an action against the City of Halifax for my being dismissed from the office of City Clerk of the said City of Halifax,

I do hereby give notice that I, the said L. Fred. Monaghan, will discontinue and abandon the said action against the said City of Halifax on the understanding that superannuation will be granted to me on the basis of thirty-fiftieths of salaries.

Yours truly,
L. FRED. MONAGHAN.

...

Halifax, N. S.,
February 6, 1924.

To The Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Halifax.
Gentlemen,

February 7th., 1924.

Whereas L. Fred. Monaghan of the City of Halifax, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, has begun an action against the City of Halifax because of his being dismissed from the office of City Clerk of the said City of Halifax,

We, the undersigned, do hereby undertake that the said L. Fred. Monaghan will discontinue and abandon the said action against the said City of Halifax on the understanding that superannuation will be granted to him on the basis of thirty-fiftieths of salaries.

R. H. MURRAY,
Solicitor for L. Fred. Monaghan.

BURCHELL & RALSTON,
Counsel for L. Fred. Monaghan.

The Motion is put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell,
Finlay,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
Guildford,
Whelan,
Hubley.

Against it:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Sanford,
H.W. Cameron,
McDonald,
O'Toole,
Power,
Drysdale,
W.O. Cameron,
Daw.

L. Fred. Monaghan

ESTIMATES 1924 -25 ✓

His Worship the Mayor requests the Chairmen of all Committees to prepare for the Year 1924-25 their Estimates and to submit same to the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

Chairmen of Committees

NOTICE OF MOTION. ✓

The following Resolution is introduced by Alderman W. O. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw:-

In the past criticisms have been made of the manner in which the City Council has dealt with Estimates and the view expressed that certain Departments are singled out for special consideration. To remove any such feeling it is desirable that the Council define its policy in this regard.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that should Council in the

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R. H. MURRAY,
Solicitor for L. Fred. Monaghan.

BURCHELL & RALSTON,
Counsel for L. Fred. Monaghan.

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consideration of coming Estimates lay down any policy regarding salaries that such policy apply throughout all Departments.

Council
His Worship The Mayor informed Alderman Cameron that he would receive the Resolution as a Notice of Motion to be dealt with at a future meeting.

✓ JOHN W. NAYLOR BEQUEST.

Read letter W. E. Schwartz, Esq., in reference to a Bequest under the Will of the late John W. Naylor.

97 Jubilee Rd.,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 30, 1924.

John Murphy, Esq.,
Mayor,
and the City Council.
Your Worship and Gentlemen,

Between fifty and sixty years ago a gentleman then well known in this city, a man of high character, patriotic and possessed of considerable wealth, died, leaving a will by which he had divided his estate into a number of shares, for convenience of distribution, and in which he made the City of Halifax one of his heirs.

I refer to the late Mr. John Naylor, his business that of a druggist, his residence the large white house on the corner of Brunswick and Cornwallis Streets, opposite St. George's Round Church, in religion a Baptist, he and Mrs. Naylor were members of The Granville Street Congregation, but now First Baptist Church, Spring Garden Road.

His aged widow, Mrs. Eliza Naylor, continued to live in their old home for many years after the death of her husband, until her own death which took place approximately about thirty-five years ago.

My own home was not far away on Brunswick Street, and I, as a young man, for a number of years was a frequent visitor at Mrs. Naylor's, up until the time of her last illness, and very often she invited me to take tea or dinner with her, until the time she was unable to receive callers. In the course of conversation with me at different times she frequently referred to her late husband and his activities.

In speaking of backward conditions in Halifax at that time, and comparing it with other cities they had visited, she informed me that Mr. Naylor had desired to build a Mortuary Chapel in Camp Hill Cemetery, as he thought it would be a great boon to our people in time of trouble, especially on stormy days, when services for the

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dead could be held under cover, and the remains could be kept in the Chapel until a convenient fine day would permit of final interment of dear departed friends, and that he had left to the City of Halifax, by a clause in his will a share of his estate, for the purpose of building the aforesaid Mortuary Chapel.

After Mrs. Naylor's death, engrossed with my own affairs, gradually the matter became a dim memory. Yet occasionally I wondered that I never heard anything more about the matter.

Of course in a way it was none of my business, as at this period I had every confidence in the City Officials and the City Council, I therefore supposed the competent authorities such as the Court of Probate, the Executors, and the proper City Officials would see that Mr. Naylor's estate was properly protected, and the proceeds of his will properly distributed.

I supposed, therefore, that the competent Officials of the City of Halifax had received from Mr. John Naylor's estate the proceeds of the estate to which the City of Halifax was entitled, and I had no doubt the same was properly invested and that eventually within a reasonable time the chapel would be built, and in the meantime I forgot it altogether.

Last year an event took place in Yarmouth which brought the fact of Mr. Naylor's will to mind, and a second event which began in Halifax last year, and continued on into this, made me determined to have the mystery of why the Mortuary Chapel has never been built, nor even mentioned, all these years, investigated and cleared up.

A patriotic gentleman, a native of Yarmouth, proud of the most beautiful cemetery in Nova Scotia, built, and presented to the people of that town a splendid Mortuary Chapel, an ornament to the garden of the dead, fully finished with every convenience for the use of his fellow citizens, who were bowed down under their heaviest sorrows. They could have all the comforts of the christian religion shorn of all the ghastly details of the hurried burial of their dearly loved ones under all circumstances. This beautiful tribute to the dead brought Mr. Naylor's will to mind.

The second event, and that which determined me to bring this matter before your honorable body, is the disgraceful and humiliating state of affairs discovered by the gentlemen employed to conduct the outside audit of the Civic Financial Departments, in which the people of Halifax are astonished, and alarmed to find that the City Hall contained a den of thieves, and that the secret of our high and unbearable rate of taxation, is not the cost of needed improvements, but the conduct of the nest of traitors who have been robbing and betraying their fellow citizens, with, I am glad to say, a few honorable exceptions, but gentlemen what a contrast in character there is between these two events.

Allow me to digress a moment in order to express the hope that in this connection there will not be any spineless action, or inaction, by your honorable body, whereby

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one set of criminals are made goats, and another set created sheep. You will find that any such policy will bring disaster on those who may try to do so, as well as the contempt of our citizens.

In regard to the bequest to this city under Mr. Naylor's will, I feared that possibly my memory may have played me false, and I enquired of Mr. MacKenzie, the faithful and energetic Superintendent of Camp Hill Cemetery if he had ever heard of the bequest, he said he had not, and he failed to find anything on the Cemetery records so far as he could go. I requested him as he had other business at the Court of Probate, and I was busy, to search the records, which he promised to do. If I proved to be right, he was to secure a copy of the clause in the will referring to the aforesaid bequest, and bring it to me. I am glad to say my memory has served me right, Mr. MacKenzie performed his promise, found the will, and has brought it to me today.

Gentlemen, you will find spread on the records of the Court of Probate Mr. John Naylor's will, Probated I think in 1868. The clause containing the bequest to this City reads as follows:-

#1542. Copy of Clause from the will of the late John Naylor, Druggist:-

"One share to the Corporation of the City of Halifax, to be used towards the erection of a building in Camp Hill Cemetery to protect those who are in attendance at funerals in stormy or cold weather, or if such a building shall have been already provided, I direct that this share be expended by the said Corporation in the purchase of useful books for The Citizens' Free Library of Halifax."

You will notice the value of the share is not mentioned, but it seems very reasonable to suppose that it would be Mr. Naylor's intention to leave an amount sufficient, or nearly so, to complete the building of a fairly good chapel, or he may have thought the City of Halifax would be glad to make a contribution towards completing it.

It matters not, however; - what the value of the share amounted to, but it does matter as to how the proceeds of the same was taken care of and invested, and I hope on investigation that you will find that there is a trust fund kept separate and apart under Mr. John Naylor's estate name, properly invested with accrued interest.

Question 1.

Did the competent authorities of the City of Halifax receive the share of Mr. Naylor's estate to which the City was justly entitled?

Question 2.

Presuming the city received the proceeds of the aforesaid bequest - what was the Cash value?

Question 3.

How was the money received from the estate of Mr. John Naylor invested?

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Question 4.

If the aforesaid share was received and properly invested, with interest and compound interest added, what is the present value of the aforesaid bequest, after so lengthy a period as thirty-five, or perhaps fifty years? I think however; the will did not become operative until after the death of the testator's widow. That can be easily ascertained as I am writing from memory.

If the competent authorities of the City of Halifax, at the time of the distribution of Mr. Naylor's estate, feeling that the proceeds of the share were insufficient to go on immediately with the building, I think they were within their rights to make a Trust Fund of same; limited as to time when the natural increase from the reinvestment of interest and compound interest would bring it up to a value sufficient to permit the completion of the building.

Assuming the officials were honest, and alive to their duties, I have no doubt but that you will find a fund now large enough to build a proper and ornamental Mortuary Chapel in Camp Hill Cemetery, and carry out the testator's intentions to the letter.

I have to request that the Council have this matter investigated as soon as possible, so that our citizens will have the necessary information, and Camp Hill Cemetery come into its own.

I regret that this letter is already too long, but I do not understand, and I would like to ask, why Camp Hill Cemetery should be under the control of the City Council? It is as much a Protestant Cemetery as Holy Cross is Roman Catholic. Why then is it not a separate and distinct corporation? I suppose it is my own fault I am so ignorant in this regard, but I am not the only one puzzled over this matter.

Some years ago I was informed, that the City of Halifax was indebted to Camp Hill Cemetery for many thousands of dollars. I do not state this as a fact. My informant may have been wrong.

Another question I would like answered is: What becomes of the unexpended balances of Camp Hill Cemetery accounts? Is there an account kept and the money used for sole benefit of this Cemetery, or do these balances go into the general unexpended balance funds of the City? If they go into the general funds, it seems to me, the procedure is wrong and the Cemetery is robbed.

In conclusion I may say this would have been in your hands the first week of January, But I have been in bed four weeks seriously ill, and this is written under difficult circumstances as I am still very weak. Therefore, kindly excuse any errors.

Yours very truly,
W. E. SCHWARTZ.

Referred to the Laws & Privileges Committee for report.

W. E. Schwartz


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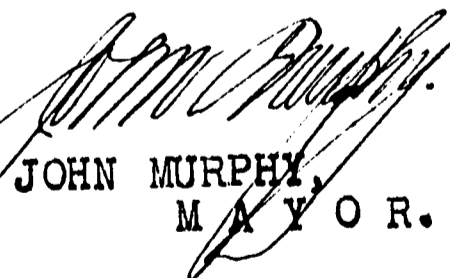
Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned 10.50 o'clock.


H. S. RHIND,
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.


JOHN MURPHY,
MAYOR.

SPECIAL MEETING - EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall,

February 22nd., 1924.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present, Aldermen Whitman, Colwell, Power, Munnis, Bissett, Gastonguay and McDonald.

8.10 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the time of meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock.

Roll called, present His Worship the Mayor, the above named and Aldermen Finlay, Sanford, Schaffner, H. W. Cameron, Guildford, Whelan, Drysdale, Daw and W. O. Cameron.

LOAN FOR MARKET IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Finance Committee in re Tenders for a loan of \$10,000.00 for improvement of the City Market.

Committee Room,
City Hall,

February 21, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance, held this day at 8 P. M., the following Tenders for a loan in the sum of \$10,000.00, for improvement of the City Market, were read:-

Royal Securities Corporation - 97.15
Johnston & Ward 97.26 and
Accrued Interest.

After a careful consideration it was unanimously resolv-

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ed to recommend the acceptance of the tender of Johnston & Ward.

Your Committee further recommend the adoption of accompanying resolution.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Daw dissenting.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, passed in the year 1919 as Chapter 82, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow for the improvement of the Market a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose aforesaid there shall be borrowed on the credit of the City of Halifax at large and as part of the Consolidated Fund 1905 and amendments thereto, a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 from Johnston & Ward for the purpose aforesaid and debentures sufficient to yield a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 shall be issued therefor dated the first day of July 1923, bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the first day of January and July in each year;

The said Debentures shall be payable from the date thereof in ten equal serial payments with interest thereon as authorized by Sec. 28 Sub. Sec. 2 Chapter 84, Acts 1917.

The said Debentures shall be sealed with the Corporate seal of the City and shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer of the said City and countersigned by the Clerk of the said City.

The Interest Coupons attached to the said Debentures shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer and their signatures may be printed, stamped, lithographed or engraved.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, and passed unanimously.

*City Treasurer ✓
.. auditor ✓*

✓ SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

Alderman Power asks His Worship the Mayor that not

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ice be given the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners that a meeting is to be held to deal with the Estimates of the School Board.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Read Message His Worship the Mayor dealing with report of the independent audit by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, also recommending changes of policy and methods in different Departments.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
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To the Members of the City Council,
City Hall.

Gentlemen,

I have called this Special Meeting of Council for the purpose of considering reports of Price, Waterhouse & Company of the audit and investigation recently completed by them. While this audit has been far-reaching in its effects, I consider that the real and lasting benefits of the work depend entirely on the wise and fearless carrying out of the recommendations made, as well as changes which must necessarily follow their introduction.

Having been in close touch with this work from the outset, and with a view of assisting Council in dealing with the situation, I desire to place before you the lines along which I feel we should move, in order to obtain the best results.

1. PRICE WATERHOUSE TO INTRODUCE CHANGES.

Throughout the reports received, sweeping changes, which effect practically every department, are recommended. During their investigation this firm found the weak spots of the system under which we have operated for some years and just where it fell down.

It therefore suggests itself to me that having made this study, they could introduce the necessary changes to the best advantage. On referring to the legislation under which this work was undertaken, you will find it provides that the auditing firm employed is to install the most modern system in the different departments.

Aside from this provision, it would seem advisable, in view of the expense to which the City has gone, to have the work completed by those who, through daily contact, have had the opportunity to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the conditions, rather than entrust

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it to some one who would of necessity have to cover considerable of the ground already gone over.

To be sure changes made would be such as to best meet our conditions, I would be favorable to the selection of a small committee of local business men who would have knowledge of our requirements and keep a supervision of the work as it goes on.

Having this course in mind, I communicated with Price, Waterhouse & Company under date of the 11th. instant, asking under what conditions they would allow their Mr. Riach, who was first assistant under Mr. McCombe to undertake this work. You will find attached copies of all telegrams and letters passed in this connection, giving their terms and advising that Mr. Riach could be released from his present work so as to arrive here on Monday, March 3rd.

I would recommend that his services be retained for the purpose of carrying out the different changes recommended preferably in their entirety, subject to any slight modification which a further survey may indicate as necessary.

2. CITY COMPTROLLER OR AUDITOR.

A careful perusal of the reports, not alone of the financial but practically all departments, indicates the importance with which Price, Waterhouse & Company view the duties and responsibilities of this office. It is apparent from the changes suggested that it is to be one of the most responsible in our Civic Government.

Under suggestions made, a considerable portion of the work now carried in the office City Treasurer would be transferred to that of the Comptroller, or Auditor. Some difference of opinion apparently exists as to the necessity of filling this position, but, after careful thought, I am convinced that such an official is necessary to the proper carrying out of the new system. I feel the office should be that of City Comptroller and that whoever is appointed should be clothed with wide powers and competent to direct and supervise not only the finances but the activities of all departments when expenditures or collections are involved.

I have no desire to press for hasty action in this matter but feel that the appointee, who must assume full responsibility for the proper carrying on of the work, should be in touch with the new system which it is proposed to introduce from the outset. This would serve the further purpose of giving the City the advantage of the combined judgment of the Comptroller, as well as of the one introducing the changes. I, therefore, recommend that applications be received for the position of City Comptroller and that the Council take ample time in making their appointment, so that no mistake will be made in the selection for this important office.

3. INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

The result of the investigation just completed should satisfy us of the necessity of having an independent audit of the City's affairs made at regular intervals. With modern book-keeping methods installed and everything now brought up to date, the expenditure necessary for an independent audit would justify itself. I feel Council would be well advised in seeking legislation to make necessary an independent audit at stated intervals, not to exceed, at the outside, once a year.

4. OFFICE HOURS, CITY HALL.

It seems to me desirable that a change be made throughout the different offices, which would place them on a more business-like basis. Salaries paid to those in the City's employ compare favorably with those of any private corporation.

I would suggest that in future all civic offices be open for business between the hours of nine and five and that luncheon hours be rearranged so as to prevent any office being closed for the transaction of business during the hours set out.

5. COLLECTION OUTSTANDING TAXES.

The most pressing problem with which we are called to deal is that of outstanding taxes. I propose to direct attention of Council to the situation, as it is one which must be dealt with at once. The position as indicated in the Auditor's report show the following:-

Taxes unpaid as to December 31st. 1923	\$1,661,578.18
Less amount since collected	<u>85,000.00</u>
	\$1,676,578.18

In addition to this amount there remains unpaid for the year 1923-24 the sum of \$840,202.00, being about 40% of the year's taxes. Disregarding any amounts for permanent improvements, the total current taxes now outstanding total \$2,416,282.00.

In discussing the situation with City Collector he informs me that under the City's lien for 1921-22, it will be necessary that some eighteen hundred and seventy-five properties throughout the city be offered for sale. These properties can only be disposed of at a tremendous sacrifice, for the reason that at the present time there is little, if any, demand for real estate. To sell these properties under conditions now obtaining would seem to me both unwise and disastrous. It is necessary at this time that we exercise sound common sense. We must realize that over a long period of years conditions were permitted to grow up under which the necessity of prompt payment of taxes was not specially brought home to our City and it is impossible over-night to remedy this situation.

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I therefore take the responsibility of recommending to Council that the matter be dealt with along such lines as will give those involved a fighting chance, instead of in many cases probably forcing them to the wall and enabling some one better circumstanced to secure their properties at sacrifice prices.

My suggestion of dealing with the situation is as follows:-

- 1st. That legislation be sought, extending the period of the City's lien.
- 2nd. That arrangements be made with tax-payers to pay up at the earliest possible date, reasonable time being allowed them to negotiate arrangements to this end.
- 3rd. That before entering into such an arrangement, the City protect itself by securing second mortgages, or by accepting any other satisfactory security until the obligation is wiped out.
- 4th. That a failure to carry out any undertaking made, the City then proceed to protect itself by offering the properties for sale.

Unless this Council is prepared to deal with this matter and lay down some policy, the City Collector has no option than to proceed under the sections of the Charter to put these properties on the market, thereby, in my judgment, disrupting conditions through the City, and in order to prevent such occurrence, I ask your careful consideration of the suggestions offered.

6. NEW BANKING ARRANGEMENT.

The present arrangement with our bankers has been in force for considerable time. No doubt when entered into fully met the City's requirements. Under present day conditions, it is undoubtedly necessary that the terms of this agreement be amended. On referring to Page 5 of the Financial Report, you will find the position in which we are placed with respect to advances made against the taxes of different years, also the amount standing to the credits of these years.

The situation is as follows:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE BANK</u>	<u>AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT</u>
1918-19	\$316,210.00	\$246,541.56
1920	230,000.00	152,097.31
1920-21	450,000.00	289,294.54
1921-22	600,000.00	72,528.16

Under our present arrangement, we are not permitted to transfer the amounts on deposit to the credit of these years until we have sufficient amount to clean up

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the balance against the year in full, the result being that collections accumulate over a long period and stand on deposit, instead of being properly credited to the advances outstanding.

I went into the matter fully last year, with a view of remedying this situation, making some agreement under which we could perhaps every six months, or at least at the end of each year, credit the total amount collected. This I discussed with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as the City Treasurer, and it was felt at that time that the proposed terms with respect to interest to be charged and allowed was not such as to justify our recommending the change to Council.

With the financial condition as now before us, I feel that this whole situation must be taken up anew with our bankers and such changes effected as would put the City in a different position in this and other respects, and feel confident that we will find them ready to co-operate with us in an arrangement which will be more equitable all round.

7. SINKING FUNDS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES.

As Council is aware, a complete investigation has been conducted by Mr. Crowell of all Sinking Funds of this City. His report in this connection will be available any time. It will, I am confident, show these Sinking Funds in excellent shape.

It seems to me desirable that we provide in future the full amount necessary to take care of these Sinking Funds and discontinue the system now in force of crediting to them unexpended balances of various appropriations. I consider that the present tax payers are carrying a sufficiently heavy load to justify our giving them the benefits of any savings that may be effected through the year and that where an actual known surplus exists, we should in future be free to credit it to its particular appropriation for the coming year. I ask Council's consideration of such a change.

8. WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The volume of the Price, Waterhouse & Company reports dealing with the various branches of Work's Department suggests numerous changes which, in the main, if not in their entirety should be carried out. This will make necessary a number of changes which must be dealt with as the work proceeds. I feel that this Council should define its policy with respect to capital expenditures coming under this department and that we should, by resolution, lay down definitely that, for the next couple of years until the City is straightened away, no further outlay will be made for paving, sidewalks, or street widening, and that only in cases of the most urgent necessity will any request for sewerage or water extension be entertained.

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An extensive program carried out during recent years in permanent improvements has a material bearing on the financial position in which we now find ourselves and a policy, such as outlined, would I think serve a further purpose by placing us in a position to effect considerable saving by reducing the overhead of the Engineering and other departments, which I feel could be done without in any way effecting their efficiency.

9. VARIOUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

One of the reports deals with the following departments:-

County of Halifax,
City Home,
Tuberculosis Hospital,
Public Gardens and Common,
Point Pleasant Park,
Citizen's Free Library,
Police Department,
City Prison,
Fire Department.

While in the main the criticisms of the above departments are on methods in vogue, which will be largely taken care of in the carrying out of the changes recommended, in several cases conditions are shown to exist which require special treatment. I presume the committees in charge of these Departments will submit for Council's consideration, their recommendations on the suggestions made in connection with the particular department entrusted to their care. I will therefore touch on only a couple of the matters with which I think we must deal.

Institutions.

The Victoria General Hospital,
City Home,
Tuberculosis Hospital, and,
Nova Scotia Hospital.

The growth of the City's liability in connection with the maintenance of patients in these various institutions is such as to justify the appointment of a competent person to properly investigate and follow up the different cases chargeable to the City. A more satisfactory arrangement with the Victoria General Hospital should be arrived at whereby the City will be consulted before patients are accepted there and made a charge against us. Emergency cases, of course, would have to be dealt with on their merits.

From the correspondence recently passed between the Superintendent and myself, I am sure they will give every consideration to any arrangement submitted which would give the City a greater measure of protection. This matter should be taken up by either the Charities or Finance Committee.

10. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Police Commission will shortly submit for

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your consideration recommendations bearing directly on this Department.

11. JOINT EXPENDITURES CITY AND COUNTY.

I plan to submit to Council at an early date a report with respect to joint expenditures, as between the City and County, which is a matter also demanding careful consideration.

12. GOVERNMENT EXEMPTED PROPERTIES AND REVENUES.

There is apparently readiness on the part of the Provincial as well as the Federal Government to give deserving consideration to the question of exempted properties in this City, as well as to the various revenues which the Provincial Government take from us. This subject is one which must not be dealt with in generalities and I feel Council, must, at an early date, submit definite proposals dealing fully with these matters. I have already gotten together considerable information which will assist us in preparing our case and will submit it at an early meeting for your consideration.

In this report I have endeavoured to place before you personal views found after the best study which I could bring to bear on our situation. I realize that, under the circumstances confronting us, views are bound to differ and I need not say that I welcome the freest criticism of any suggestion made, knowing that such criticism will be well intended and along constructive lines.

Our Council during the past year has had to deal with a most unusual situation. In the position which I occupy I have had to assume great responsibility, and I desire to record my appreciation of the assistance and loyal support which I have had at your hands and I attribute largely to this co-operation whatever measure of progress we have made.

I think it only just to those in the employ of the City to say that I do not join in any chorus of general condemnation. Under our conditions, persons are liable, without intent, to be unfair in discussing the situation in which the City finds itself, and to reflect on those who are giving faithful service. Personally, I know that the City has in its employ those who are giving good service and nothing can be more disheartening to a person who has given of his or her best than to withhold when the opportunity offers a word of recognition of such service.

While there still remains many unpleasant duties to perform and sacrifices to be made, I am confident, if Halifax takes advantage of the opportunities which are now open relieved of the handicaps under which we have so long struggled, this City can be put on its feet.

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Never in our history had the Press such an opportunity to render a great public service than at this time. Our citizens are guided to a very great extent by the manner in which our affairs are presented through our local papers, which up to the present have dealt with the situation in a most creditable manner.

Halifax has surmounted greater tests than the one through which we are now passing, and if at this critical period, our problems are dealt with calmly, and fairly, if all our citizens co-operate, I have no hesitation in saying that we will soon be straightened away and that we need have no fears for the future.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

Western Union Telegram.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11, 1924.

Price, Waterhouse & Co.,
145 St. James St.,
Montreal, P. Q.

Referring recent report I propose recommend to Council bringing man here to introduce changes in system throughout the various departments. Please telegraph me upon receipt under what conditions you would loan Riach for period say from three to six months. Prompt reply will be appreciated.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

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Mayor's Office, City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 15, 1924.

Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co.,
145 St. James St.,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sirs,

RE CHANGES RECOMMENDED IN GENERAL REPORT.

After careful study of the reports submitted it is my judgment that the changes in system as recommended for the different Departments would be best introduced by having someone familiar with the situation, come here to carry out this work, and I propose to so recommend to Council.

Personally, I feel that your Mr. D. R. Riach could undertake these duties to special advantage, but am subject to any suggestion you might have to offer in this connection. You will have received my wire of the 11th. in this regard, reading:-

"Referring recent report I propose recommend to
"Council bringing man here to introduce changes
"in system throughout the various departments.

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"Please telegraph me upon receipt under what
"conditions you would loan Riach for period
"say from three to six months. Prompt reply
"will be appreciated."

In reply to the above I have your telegram of even date advising that you could let us have Mr. Riach on a charge of \$600.00 per month and expenses. If one could only estimate the time necessary to put into operation the recommendations laid down which I have no doubt might range anywhere from three to six months.

I note your request that we, if possible, plan to hold over the starting of this work until the first week in March when it will be more convenient to release Mr. Riach. As you know time is of special importance to us as if, at all possible, we would like to start out our next financial year, which opens on May 1st., with as much of the new system in operation as possible.

I would, therefore, appreciate if on receipt you would give this matter further consideration and telegraph me if, in the event of the City Council deciding to retain Mr. Riach's services, it will be possible to have him leave at an earlier date as the loss of two or three weeks in initiating this work is of material moment to us.

Your usual prompt attention will be appreciated.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

Western Union Telegram, Montreal, P. Q.,
February 11, 1924.

John Murphy,
Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Referring your telegram will be glad to arrange for Riach to introduce changes in system assuming that competent City Comptroller will be appointed who is able to carry on system satisfactorily after revision is made. Our charges would be six hundred dollars per month and expenses and if you decide matter would ask delay until first week of March on account of pressure of work in our office at present time. Our charge for Riach's services on investigation work was reduced to twenty dollars per day as he was only acting as second in charge.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

Western Union Telegram, Montreal, P. Q.,
February 19, 1924.

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

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Referring yours fifteenth should you decide matter we could arrange Riach's arrival Monday March third.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & COMPANY.

Board of Trade;
Halifax, February 20, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Council of this Board of Trade having been desired to discuss recent disclosures in connection with City Hall administration, did so at several meetings and finally referred the matter to a Committee of the Council to report their findings.

When the Committee reported at meeting of Council held yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously decided to recommend the entire provisions of the resolution passed by your Council on March 13th. 1923, be carried out. Said resolution reads as follows:-

RESOLVED that at the present session of the Legislature this Council seek legislation to provide a sum of money sufficient to employ a firm of chartered accountants who will make an independent audit of the City Finances with a view of introducing, if in their judgment it is warranted, a more up-to-date system of book-keeping in all the various City Departments, as well as improved system of Tax collections and to go back on the books of the City far enough to enable all uncollectable accounts to be written off.

The report, which was unanimously concurred in, also recommended that Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company be employed to establish modern systems of accounting such as they may suggest in the several Departments, by an expert accountant - preferably one who was recently employed on the work; also that the said firm of Price Waterhouse & Company be asked to report on the personnel of the City employees having regard to the new proposed systems to be established.

With reference to tax exemptions, the Committee recommended the taxing of all properties, and supporting the suggestion that churches, charitable institutions, etc., should at least pay for the protective and other services rendered by the City - such as policing, lighting, maintenance of streets, etc.

They did not express approval, however, to the several suggestions that have been made in this respect, believing it best to leave this detailed work to experts.

Trusting the foregoing recommendations will receive the favorable consideration of your honorable body,

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
E. A. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

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His Worship the Mayor asked whether any Committee had a report to submit with respect to the portion of Auditors' report bearing on its particular Department.

Alderman Colwell, Chairman of the Charities Committee, reported, verbally, that his Committee is in favor of the recommendations contained in the report of Price, Waterhouse & Company with respect to the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital.

Alderman Daw asks that a vote of confidence in His Worship the Mayor be now taken and that all Members of the Council present signify the same by a standing vote. Seconded by Alderman Drysdale and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the Message of His Worship be considered clause by clause. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W. Cameron,
McDonald,
Guildford,
Whelan,
Power,
Drysdale,
W.O. Cameron,
Daw.

Alderman Colwell,
Whitman.

Clause 1 - Price Waterhouse to introduce changes.

Read Clause 1. Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Power, that all recommendations of Price Waterhouse & Company be carried out and a modern system of accounting in all Departments installed and that a local Accountant or firm of Chartered Accountants be employed

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to do such work. Amendment put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows-

For the Amendment:-

Against it:-

Alderman Bissett,
Power.

Alderman Colwell,
Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Guildford,
Whelan,
Drysdale,
W.O.Cameron,
Daw.

In reply to question asked, His Worship the Mayor stated that the work would probably take about four months and would cost around Thirty-five Hundred dollars.

The original Motion is put and passed, Alderman Power wishing to be recorded against it.

Mayor ✓

Clause 2 - City Comptroller or Auditor.

Read Clause 2. Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the consideration of this Clause be deferred until a meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday the 4th. of March proximo. Motion passed.

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Clause 3 - Independent Audit.

Read Clause 3. Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that this Clause be adopted and that legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature to enable the City to have an annual independent audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Clause 4 - Office Hours, City Hall.

Read Clause 4. Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Clause be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Daw dissenting.

*City Solicitor ✓
atd ? ✓
assn City Clerk ✓
Mayor ✓
City Treasurer ✓
City Collector ✓
Clerk ✓
Inspector ✓
Engineer ✓
1200 cases ✓
clerk of works ✓
Electrician ✓*

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Clause 5 - Collection Outstanding Taxes.

Read Clause 5. It was decided to take up the recommendations in this Clause separately.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the first recommendation in reference to extending the period of the City's lien, be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the second recommendation in re Tax-payers paying at the earliest possible date, be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the following words be struck out of the third recommendation, namely - "second mortgage or by "accepting any other", and that said Clause read as follows:-

"That before entering into such an arrangement, the City protect itself by securing "satisfactory security until the obligation "is wiped out."

*City Solicitor ✓
"Collector ✓
Sec Power ✓*

Motion passed, Alderman Whitman dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that Clause 4 of this section be passed. Motion passed.

Clause 6 - New Banking Arrangement.

Read Clause 6. Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

*Read Whitman ✓
City Treasurer ✓*

Clause 7 - Sinking Funds and Unexpended Balances

Read Clause 7. Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Clause be adopted. Motion passed.

*City Treasurer ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

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Clause 8 - Work's Department.

Engineer ✓
Read Clause 8. Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that this Clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Clause 9 - Various Other Departments.

Ald Whitman ✓
Read Clause 9. Moved by Alderman H.W.Cameron, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this clause be referred to the Special Committee of the Finance Committee appointed to report on this matter. Motion passed.

Clauses 10, 11 and 12 are adopted as read.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor thanks the Council for their kind attention and consideration of his Message.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

Read letter Miss S. J. Wilson, secretary of the School Board, in reference to salary to the Assistant Secretary.

Office of Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 22, 1924.

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

I note through the Public Press that the Finance Committee of the City recommends a ten percent cut in the salary of the Assistant Secretary and Bookkeeper of the School Board, who is now receiving, \$1,650.00.

Perhaps the City Council does not know of just what value are the services of this particular official to the Board and the City.

Mr. Bezanson's exemplary character, his faithfulness and honesty in the performance of his duties since coming into the employ of the City, are beyond question. He came to us from the D. S. C. R., having been disabled during the Explosion.

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In my much interrupted business hours, I can trust him to faithfully check and tabulate all accounts, post them through the devious paths of the Copeland-Chatterson system and prove to me his balances and totals.

Even a qualified bookkeeper must live and \$1,650.00 is a small enough amount to support a man and allow for his various subscriptions to charitable and family objects. The justice of taking expert service at the cost of inefficient labor must be carefully considered by the employer, who decides between the appointment of a poor official and the cost of manifold mistakes through ignorance, and the retaining and paying of a competent, experienced official qualified for his work.

By my own unaided efforts I attended to the Board's bookkeeping for nine years and neither the Board nor the City lost by the transaction, although my work was largely done out of office hours and at home. Through the trying time of the Explosion, with its abnormal increase of work and worry, I still watched that the public interest was safeguarded. Recovering from the nervous strain, I was most grateful for the expert and mature assistant appointed in 1921 and can only say, as a citizen, that the curtailing of the usefulness of this office by reducing the income of its second officer is a subject for grave consideration.

Of the many ways of retrenchment for the City, from an educational point of view, I can suggest five.

Thanking you for a patient reading and consideration, I am,

S. J. WILSON,
Secretary.

Filed.

Read letter F. H. Zwicker in re Tax-payer's view as contained in Mr. John MacKeen's letter to the "Daily Echo" February 18th. 1924.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 20, 1924.

Mayor Murphy,
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship,

Re
Tax Payers Views.

I consider Mr. John MacKeen's letter to the Echo (February 18th.) expresses the most concrete and constructive advice yet put forward and should receive the consideration of the Council Friday evening.

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Yours in the interest of the City,

F. H. ZWICKER,

Filed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Alderman Daw submits the following as a Notice of Motion to be dealt with at a future meeting:-

In the past criticisms have been made of the manner in which the City Council has dealt with Estimates and the view expressed that certain Departments are singled out for special consideration. To remove any such feeling it is desirable that the Council define its policy in this regard.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that should Council in the consideration of coming Estimates lay down any policy regarding salaries that such policy apply throughout all Departments.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this meeting adjourn until Tuesday Evening, the 26th. instant, for the consideration of the School Board estimates. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned at 10.45 o'clock.

H. S. Rhind
H. S. RHIND,
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

John Murphy
JOHN MURPHY,
MAYOR.

EVENING . SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall,

February 26th., 1924.

The City Council met this Evening pursuant to adjournment of the 22nd. instant. At the above named hour there were present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Bissett, Sanford, Whelan, Power, H.W. Cameron and Daw.

8.10 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the time of meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock.

Roll called. Present the above named and Aldermen Munnis, Finlay, Gastonguay, Schaffner, McDonald, Guildford, Drysdale, Hubley and W. O. Cameron.

X ✓ NOTICE OF MOTION RE SALARIES OF OFFICIALS.

Read Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman W. O. Cameron at a meeting of the Council held on the 7th. instant.

In the past criticisms have been made of the manner in which the City Council has dealt with Estimates and the view expressed that certain Departments are singled out for special consideration. To remove any such feeling it is desirable that the Council define its policy in this regard.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that should Council in the consideration of coming Estimates lay down any policy regarding salaries that such policy apply throughout all Departments.

Moved by Alderman W. O. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw, that said Resolution be adopted.

Alderman Whitman submits as an amendment that the

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Provisions of the Resolution do not apply to the Office of City Collector. The amendment is not seconded.

The motion is put and passed, 16 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
Schaffner
H. W. Cameron,
McDonald
Guildford
Whelan
Power
Drysdale
Hubley
W. O. Cameron,
Daw.

Alderman Whitman.

Alderman Whitman states that his reason for voting against this Motion is that his Amendment had not been seconded.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

Read report of Finance Committee covering Estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the year ending April 30th. 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, February 21st., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report on the Estimates submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the year ending April 30th., 1925.

Your Committee has had two meetings to consider these Estimates. At the first meeting the Chairman invited the President and members of the Ratepayers' Association to be present and express their views on the items of expenditure - Messrs. Wm. McT. Orr, O. E. Smith, Ross Marshall, W. D. Piercey, M. S. Clarke, W. J. Clayton, G. McL. Daley, R. J. MacAdam, and others, attended, the majority of whom recommended that a substantial reduction should be made in these items. Mr. G. J. Lynch, Chairman, and Aldermen Colwell and Bissett of the School Board, were also present. Mr. Lynch and Alderman Colwell spoke

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in support of the various items stating that the Board had used its effort to keep the Expenditure for the ensuing year down to the lowest allowance. Alderman Bissett advocated a reduction in all salaries and asked that the items for Manual Training, Mechanical Science, Domestic Science and Physical Instruction be eliminated from the Estimates.

Your Committee has gone carefully over the items and finds that to maintain the efficiency of the Schools it is almost impossible to cut any of the items for Maintenance.

In the matter of Salaries your Committee recommend that the City Council object to the following items:-

Supervisor	\$4,000
Assistant Secretary	1,650
Mechanical Superintendent ...	3,000

Your Committee recommend that these items be reduced by 10%, and that the allowance of \$1000. for the Commissioners, be cut out entirely.

Teachers' Salaries Item \$323,865.00

In the matter of Teachers' Salaries, the Committee were evenly divided - Aldermen Power, Finlay and W. O. Cameron voting to approve this item in the Estimates as submitted, and Aldermen Guildford and H. W. Cameron for a reduction and the Chairman voting for a reduction and the elimination of the following items, Manual Training, Mechanical Science, Domestic Science and Physical Instruction.

The Estimates as prepared by the School Board are submitted herewith for the consideration of the Council.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR
ENDING APRIL 30, 1925.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1924	1925
Teachers	\$323,920.00	\$323,865.00
" Cadet Instructors & Equipment		
" Technical Classes	3,500.00	3,000.00
" Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.00	2,000.00
" Pension System	3,500.00	3,000.00
Books & Stationery	3,000.00	2,500.00
School Apparatus	10,000.00	7,500.00
Auxiliary Classes & Equipment	1,710.00	1,750.00
Dental Inspection	7,035.00	6,835.00
Medical Inspection		

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Janitors	\$26,615.00	\$27,871.00
Maintenance	14,194.00	13,497.90
Rents	8,048.80	8,048.80
Insurance	5,500.00	7,595.92
Fuel	29,765.00	27,800.70
Telephones, Motor Power, etc.	3,500.00	3,500.00
City of Halifax, Water	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00
Advertising & Printing	800.00	800.00
Interest on Debentures	6,410.00	6,410.00
Supervisor	4,000.00	4,000.00
Secretary	2,000.00	2,000.00
Assistant Secretary	1,650.00	1,650.00
Stenographers (2)	1,825.00	1,825.00
Messenger Service	420.00	420.00
Mechanical Superintendent	3,000.00	3,000.00
Inspector of Heating, Plumbing & Janitors	1,800.00	1,800.00
Truant Officer	1,800.00	1,800.00
Office Expenses	400.00	300.00
Commissioners' Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contingent Account	1,000.00	1,000.00
	473,892.80	470,769.32

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Probable Provincial grant in favor of Teachers	34,000.00	37,445.00
	\$439,892.80	\$433,324.32

City Paving Bills referred to City for Funds:-

Alexander McKay, Russell St.	192.30
Bloomfield, Agricola St.	545.14
Manual Training, Cunard St	424.52
Quinpool Road, Quinpool Road - \$	961.33
	231.68
St. Joseph's, Russell St.	163.50
Kaye St	198.62
	362.12
	\$2717.09

Read following letters in re School Teachers' Salaries:- Catholic Women's League of Canada, Alice M. Hagen, President; Dalhousie Alumnae Association; Local Council of Women, M. K. Stead, Secretary; and, Ladies Musical Club, F. R. Faulkner, Secretary.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 22nd., 1924.

To
His Worship the Mayor, and
Aldermen of the City of Halifax.

Dear Sirs,

In respectfully submitting the following, we are ex-

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pressing the opinion of a large number of the women of the City of Halifax.

We appreciate the necessity of curtailing the expenditures of the City, and heartily commend your action in trying to do so, but, as the future of our Country depends on the standard of education provided by the Authorities for the children, and, as a reduction of salaries to Teachers would seriously handicap and decrease the number of efficient Teachers, and, whereas the Teacher, next to the Mother, shoulders the heaviest responsibility of the Nation, in developing the character of the children, we beg to express strong disapproval of any reduction in the salaries of our School-teachers, under the existing conditions.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA,

Alice M. Hagen,
President,
Halifax, N. S., Subdivision.

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Halifax, N. S.,
February 26th., 1924.

To His Honor the Mayor.

Your Honor,

The Executive of the Dalhousie Alumnae Association at a meeting held on Tuesday, February 26th., passed a resolution expressing strong disapproval of the proposed cut in the teachers' salaries.

Many women graduates of Dalhousie enter the teaching profession. In Western Canada they are receiving salaries from \$2000. to \$2800. a year. The proposed cut reduces the present salary for the University woman to a very inadequate one, and would probably force her to leave her native city if she wishes to receive fair remuneration.

The Association would deeply regret the loss to the City of the college-trained women.

THE DALHOUSIE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

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Halifax, N. S.,
February 21st., 1924.

To His Honor
The Mayor and Members of the City Council
of Halifax.

Gentlemen,

The enclosed resolutions were passed un-animously at our regular meeting to-day, and I was in-

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structed to forward them to you and to ask for them your consideration.

M. K. STEAD,
Corresponding Secretary.

(1)
The Local Council of Women commends the work of the City Council in its effort to reduce expenses and realizes the difficulties facing the Aldermen at this time, but, whereas we believe that the future of our boys and girls depends to a great extent on the type of teachers provided for them,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the local Council of women place itself on record as being opposed to a reduction in the salaries of the teaching staff, believing that this would result in the loss to our city of many of our best Teachers.

(2)
WHEREAS there has been misunderstanding as to the attitude of the Local Council of Women in reference to the use of girls and women as stool pigeons,

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable that misinformation which has reached the public, be corrected,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Council of Women go on record as being opposed to the use of girls and women as stool pigeons or decoys.

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To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.

My dear Mr. Mayor,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Ladies Musical Club, I am asked to submit to you the following resolution, adopted by them at a special meeting held Tuesday Evening, February 19th., hoping that it may receive your consideration.

(Mrs.) F. R. FAULKNER,
Corresponding Secretary.

RESOLVED that with the utmost regret this Board has heard the report that the position of Supervisor of Music in the Public Schools of Halifax, is to be abolished;

That in these days of so many degrading influences, whatever tends to uplift and inspire the minds of the children should be encouraged;

And that to discontinue this supervision will be detrimental to the children, the future men and women who will mould the ideals and preserve the culture of this community.

Filed.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the Estimates be considered item by item. Motion passed.

TEACHERS' SALARIES\$323,865.00

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this item be reduced by 20%. Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Guildford,
Whelan,
Power,
Drysdale,
Hubley,
W.O.Cameron.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Salaries of Teachers receiving under \$1200.00 be reduced 10%; \$1200.00 to \$2000.00 to be reduced 15%; and all over \$2000.00 to be reduced 20%. Amendment put and lostt, 3 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Whitman,
Munnis,
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
Schaffner,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Guildford,

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Against it (Cont'd.)

Alderman Whelan,
Power,
Drysdale,
Hubley,
W.O.Cameron.

The following is moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Whelan:-

RESOLVED that salaries of all officials and employees in the employ of the City of Halifax who are in receipt of yearly salaries, including all Teachers in the Public Schools of the City of Halifax and all the officials and employees of the School Board, be reduced as under:-

All salaries under \$1500.00
by a reduction of five (5) percent;

All salaries of \$1500.00 and over
by a reduction of ten (10) percent.

Amendment put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Munnis
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
Schaffner
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Guildford
Whelan
Power
Drysdale
W.O.Cameron

Alderman Whitman
Finlay
Hubley
Daw

TECHNICAL CLASSES \$3000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment. Motion passed.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS \$2000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's Amendment. Motion passed.

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BOOKS AND STATIONERY \$3000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this Item pass. Motion passed.

SCHOOL APPARATUS \$2500.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this Item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Item be reduced to \$1500. Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Whitman
Munnis
Guildford
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Finlay
Sanford
Castonguay
Schaffner
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Whelan
Power
Drysdale
Hubley
W. O. Cameron.

The original Motion to adopt the item is put and passed.

AUXILIARY CLASSES AND EQUIPMENT \$ 7500.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this Item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment. Motion passed.

DENTAL INSPECTION \$.1750.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that this Item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment. Motion passed.

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MEDICAL INSPECTION \$6,835.00

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that this Item be reduced by the elimination of the wages of 2 Nurses and 1 Doctor. Amendment put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 15 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Whitman
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Castonguay
Schaffner
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Guildford
Whelan
Power
Drysdale
Hubley
W.O.Cameron

The original Motion is put and passed.

JANITORS \$37,871.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that this Item pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE \$13,497.90

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. W. Cameron that this Item be referred back to the Board for further consideration. The amendment is not seconded.

The Motion is put and passed.

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RENTS \$8,048.80

- Passed -

INSURANCE 7,595.92

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw, that this item be referred back to the School Board for further consideration. Amendment put and passed.

FUEL 27,800.70

- Passed -

TELEPHONE, MOTOR POWER, ETC 3,500.00

- Passed -

CITY OF HALIFAX - WATER 4,000.00

- Passed -

GENERAL EXPENSE 2,000.00

- Passed -

ADVERTISING & PRINTING 800.00

- Passed -

INTEREST ON DEBENTURES 6,410.00

- Passed -

SUPERVISOR	Item	4,000.00
SECRETARY		2,000.00
ASST. SECRETARY		1,650.00
STENOGRAPHERS (2)		1,825.00
MESSENGER SERVICE		420.00
MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT		3,000.00
INSPECTOR OF HEATING, PLUMBING & JANITORS		1,800.00
TRUANT OFFICER		1,800.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that these items pass subject to the reduction as provided for in Alderman Bissett's amendment. Motion passed.

OFFICE EXPENSE \$ 300.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this item pass. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS' ALLOWANCE 1,000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Power, that this Item be struck out of the Estimates. Moved in Amendment by Alderman Colwell that the Item be reduced to \$200., said amount to be paid as an allowance to the Chairman of the Board. This Amendment was not seconded.

The Motion to strike out the Item altogether is put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

- Alderman Colwell
- Whitman
- Munnis
- Sanford
- Bissett
- Schaffner
- H.W.Cameron
- McDonald
- Guildford
- Whelan
- Power
- Drysdale
- Hubley
- W.O.Cameron
- Daw

- Alderman Gastonguay
- Finlay.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT \$ 1,000.00

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Item pass. Motion passed.

CITY PAVEMENT BILLS 2,717.09

His Worship The Mayor refers back to the Finance Committee the Item of \$2,717.09 for Paving account against the following schools to consider the advisability of borrowing on capital account this amount:-

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Alexander McKay	\$192.30
Bloomfield School	545.14
Manual Training, Cunard St	424.52
Quinpool Road School	1193.01
St. Joseph's School	<u>362.12</u>
	\$ 2,717.09

His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that all objections made to these Estimates will be submitted to the School Board and be discussed by them not later than the 28th. instant.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that all objections and recommendations in connection with the various Items in the School Estimates, be communicated to the Board at once. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that His Worship the Mayor name a special committee to meet the School Board and discuss the various items objected to in their Estimates. Motion passed.

*S J Wilson
also Whitman*
His Worship the Mayor names as such special committee Aldermen Whitman, Finlay and Hubley. Approved.

REVISION OF CITY CHARTER.

His Worship the Mayor requests the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Revision of the City Charter, to report at an early date what amendments have been adopted by that Committee.

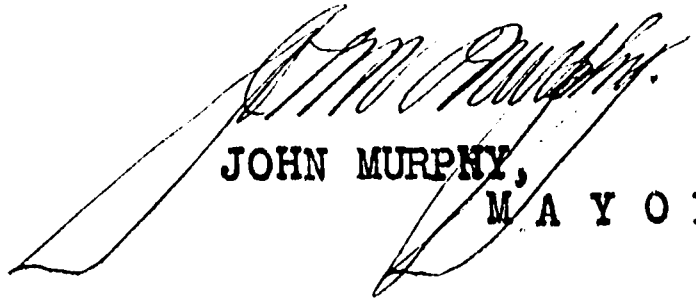
Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.


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Council adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.


JOHN MURPHY,
MAYOR.


H. S. RHIND,
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
March 4th., 1924.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Munnis, Sanford, H. W. Cameron, Guildford, McDonald, Whelan and Daw.

8.10 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman McDonald, that the time of 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 and Aldermen Finlay, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Hubley and W. O. Cameron.

W. W. FOSTER, CITY AUDITOR.

The Council was called together pursuant to the following Notice.

Office of City Clerk,
February 23rd., 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special meeting of the City Council to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th. day of March next, at 8 P. M., called for the consideration of a report of the Finance Committee recommending the dismissal from office of William W. Foster, City Auditor, on the grounds set out in the said report.

A copy of the said report and of the requisition calling the said meeting are enclosed herewith.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR.

H. S. RHIND,
Assistant City Clerk.

March 4, 1924.

To the Mayor of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

The undersigned members of the Council of the City of Halifax, hereby require you to call the Council of the City of Halifax together for the purpose of dealing with the report of the Finance Committee, dated the 21st. day of February 1924, with reference to the City Auditor, for Tuesday, 4th. March 1924, at 8 o'clock P. M.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
F. W. BISSETT,
ROBERT DAW,
JAMES T. MCDONALD,
R. A. GUILDFORD,
H. W. CAMERON.

Dated at Halifax, N. S., this 22nd. day of February 1924.

His Worship the Mayor asked if Mr. W. W. Foster was in attendance at the meeting.

Colonel J. L. Ralston, K. C., stated that he represented Mr. Foster as his Counsel, that Mr. Foster had resigned his office and was not now a City official and that he represented him as Counsel subject to that reservation, and claimed that the resignation submitted by Mr. Foster of the office of City Auditor was effective when delivered to the City Council on October 25th. last.

Colonel Ralston stated to the Council that he had not had an opportunity of studying the charges preferred in the report against Mr. Foster and asked for time to familiarize himself with the matter, and suggested to the Council that the consideration of the charges contained in the Finance Committee's report, be deferred for one week. He also stated, on behalf of his Client, that he would waive any notice in consequence of any adjournment.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the consideration of the report of the Finance

March 4th., 1924.

Committee dated February 21st. 1924, be deferred until a meeting of Council to be held on Thursday evening, the 13th. instant, at 8 o'clock. Motion passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent of Council it was decided to take up several other matters of business.

CIVIC GRANTS, QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the fourth quarterly payment on all City Grants to the various institutions.

*Assistant
Treasurer*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, and passed.

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT - JANUARY 1924.

Read report Supervisor Coal Weighers for the Month of January, showing that each of the permanent Coal Weighers received the sum of \$103.01.

Filed.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT, REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Read report Charities Committee in reference to the recommendations contained in the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company relative to accounting in this Department.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 19, 1924.

His Worship The Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen,
The Charities Committee met this day. Members present The Chairman, Aldermen McDonald, Daw, Sanford, Gastonguay and O'Toole.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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RESOLVED that this Committee endorse the recommendations contained in the report of the Price, Waterhouse & Company in so far as the accounting in this department is concerned.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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

Ad Colwell

INDEPENDENT AUDIT, INSTALLATION OF NEW SYSTEMS.

His Worship the Mayor submits a number of telegrams and correspondence with Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company in reference to the engagement of Mr. Riach of the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, to install new system of Bookkeeping and accounting in the various Departments of the City as recommended in their report.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to engage Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company to send Mr. Riach to install the new system at once. Motion passed.

Mayor

"DAYLIGHT SAVING"

Alderman Daw submits the following Notice of Motion.

RESOLVED that Legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature, to take a Plebiscite on the question of substituting Daylight Saving time for the present Atlantic Standard time during the months of May, June, July and August.

ESTIMATES 1924-25.

His Worship the Mayor requests the Chairman of the various Committees to have their Estimates ready for adoption by the City Council before the 15th. instant.

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Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned 8.45 o'clock.


JOHN MURPHY,
MAYOR.


H. S. RHIND,
Assistant City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber,

City Hall,

March 6th., 1924.

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

✓ TAX EXEMPTION.

Alderman Power, Chairman of the Special Committee on Tax Exemption, laid on the table report of his Committee and asked that the consideration of same be deferred until the next meeting of Council to give the Aldermen an opportunity of studying the report, copies of which had been handed them. Agreed to.

✓ WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts amounting to \$3565.98 for payment.

City Work's Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held March 5th. instant the attached accounts amounting to the sum of \$3,565.98. were recommended to Council for payment, viz.

Street Lighting	\$ 85.67	
Fuel	337.50	
Market Revenue	153.55	
Teams & Stables	294.32	
City Hall Lighting	157.04	
Internal Health Special	134.54	
City Property	55.46	
Streets Special	<u>1191.24</u>	\$2409.32

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Permanent Pavement	\$10.30	
Sewerage	528.48	
Market Improvement	<u>102.12</u>	\$640.90
Water Construction	16.50	
Water Maintenance	<u>499.26</u>	<u>515.76</u>
		<u>\$3565.98</u>

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for pay-
ment accounts amounting to \$1166.41.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day,
the following accounts amounting to \$1166.41 were pass-
ed as correct and recommended for payment:-

Dr. Finn - Certificates of death of R.F.Theakston		
\$4.00; Wm.T. Strangward \$4.00; George		
Carvery \$4.00; Jos. Barrett \$4.00; John		
Cluney \$4.00; Donald Carroll \$4.00;		
Peter Baker \$4.00		\$ 28.00
Ross Print Letterheads, E. S. Tracey		9.40
Office Specialty Co Transfer cases etc		10.35
United Typewriter Co Carbon Coupon Book		15.00
C.E. Tyler & Co Repairs to Stamps		2.50
Soulis Typewriter Co Assessors Dept \$ 2.00		
do-hire Typewriter 18.00		
City Clerk 2.20		
do- 9.70		31.90
Frank M. O'Neill Stationery -		
Mayor's Office		23.80
London Rubber Stamp Co Rubber Stamp		1.10
do Badge		.35
Eruff Garrett Index to Dom. Statute Amend'ts		2.00
T.C. Allen & Co Stationery -		
City Clerk 8.69		
Treasurer 1.20		
Collector <u>26.67</u>		36.56
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd Books etc. 265.45		
City Collector		
Clerk <u>14.65</u>		280.10

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C. P. R. Telegraph - Telegram		\$1.96
St. Patrick's Home - Maintenance of boys for quarter ending January 31st., 1924 -		
Truants	\$323.67	
Delinquents	<u>399.72</u>	
		<u>723.39</u>
		<u>\$1166.41</u>

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending acc-
ounts amounting to \$2866.39 chargeable to the general
account of the Fire Department, and \$51.04 to Fire Alarm
Maintenance, for payment.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this
day, there being present Aldermen H. W. Cameron, Chair-
man; Munnis, Finlay, McDonald and Daw, the following ac-
counts amounting to \$2866.39 chargeable to the general
account of the Fire Department, and \$51.04 to Fire Alarm
Maintenance, were passed as correct and recommended for
payment:-

<u>General Account -</u>		
H. McFtridge	Horseshoeing	\$6.76
C. R. Hoben & Co	Supplies	13.62
James Donohue	do	1.95
Wm. Collings & Sons	Repairs	1.50
Wentzells Ltd	Supplies	24.30
City of Halifax	Street oiling	12.03
New Standard Vul. Coy.	Repairs	3.00
Brookfield Bros Ltd	Lumber	120.63
Wm. Roberston & Son	Supplies	22.00
J. Simmonds	do	4.80
J. & M. Murphy	Bedding	63.34
Dominion Robber System	Hose	1557.80
Ross Print	Supplies	10.50
Kellys Ltd	do	112.90
O. C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	6.50

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E. B. Eddy Co Ltd	Supplies	5.72
National Drug & Chem Co	do	9.75
J. A. Scallion	Horseshoeing	15.75
N. S. Furnishing Co	Rugs	307.20
J. D. Lavers	Lettering door	1.75
Cragg Bros Co	Chains	78.62
T. C. Allen & Co	Supplies	4.10
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co	Telephones	26.06
N. S. Tramways & Power Co	Lighting	72.21
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	33.98
S. C. Thompson	Feed	<u>145.95</u>
Frank A. Gillis Co Ltd	Supplies	10.00
City of Halifax	Permanemnt Pavement on Quinpool Road	<u>203.67</u>
		<u>\$2866.39</u>

Fire Alarm Maintenance:-

Canadian Gen. Elec. Co	Supplies	32.66
N. S. Storage Battery Works	Filler Bulbs	2.50
Ross Print Ltd	Letterheads	8.00
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Service	3.00
N. S. Tramways & Power	Current	<u>4.88</u>
		<u>\$51.04</u>

H. W. CAMERON,
Chairman.

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

CITY HOME & TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$5175.35 chargeable to the City Home, and \$2575.18 to the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Halifax,
March 5, 1924.

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, McDonald and Gastonguay.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, FEBRUARY 1924. AMOUNT \$5175.35

The following accounts are recommended for payment,

viz:-

Wentzells Ltd	Groceries & Flour	\$ 923.91
Maritime Market	Meats	294.91
Smith & Proctor	Butter	207.20
H. Bowman	Fish	67.00
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk	244.69
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	63.63
T. J. Whelan & Co	Dry Goods	216.78
S. C. Thompson	Forage	56.88
G. Hutchinson	Ice	9.50
G. E. VanBuskirk Ltd	Coal	913.71

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N. S. Tramways & Power Co	Light & Power (2)	50.02
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co	Exchange Service	18.53
Fleischman Co	Yeast	4.32
H. McFatrige	Horseshoeing	7.00
W. McFatrige	Rope	53.20
D. A. McCulloch	Horseshoeing	2.00
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	34.37
Evans & Co.	Galv. Pails	9.00
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	361.71
Salaries	February Pay Sheet	1636.99
		<u>\$5175.35</u>

CITY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, FEBRUARY 1924. \$2575.18

M. J. Ritcey & Co Ltd	Groceries	288.71
Maritime Market	Meats	139.78
H. Bowman	Fish	21.74
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk & Cream	190.41
John Fry	Bread	36.06
Smith & Proctor	Butter & Eggs	174.00
Globe Laundry Co Ltd	Laundrywork	54.71
G. Hutchinson	Ice	8.93
N.S. Tramways & Power	Light & Power	80.60
Maritime Tel. & Tel Co	Exchange Service	13.75
MacLeod Balcom Ltd	Drugs	111.22
T. J. Whalen & Co	Dry Goods	215.93
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables, etc.	34.55
Webster Smith Co Ltd	Crockeryware	5.25
Evans & Co	Sundries	10.60
Farquhar Bros Ltd	Electric Lamps	5.76
W. W. Hoyt	Repairs	2.85
Richmond Paper Co	Toilet Paper	3.96
Maritime Dental Supply Co	Sundries	4.32
City Home	Flour	6.70
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	16.50
Salaries	February Pay Sheet	1149.85
		<u>\$2575.18</u>

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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

GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending accounts amounting to \$208.68 for payment.

Halifax, March 6th., 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common, held this day in the Mayor's Office, the following accounts amounting to \$208.68, were passed and recommended to

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Council for payment:-

Union Coal Co Ltd	\$37.50
" " "	112.50
Evans & Coy	1.20
Moirs Ltd	12.36
Neil Fox	2.00
S. C. Thompson	19.06
S. C. Thompson	21.06
	<u>\$206.68</u>

JOHN MURPHY,

Mayor and Chairman.

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

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$208.25.

Halifax, March 5, 1924.

His Worship The Mayor
and Members $\frac{3}{4}$ City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, March 5th., 1924, the following named accounts amounting to \$208.25 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment:-

<u>General Account -</u>	
Maritime Tel. Co.	Service \$11.07
Cragg Bros	Flashlight Batteries 1.20
Weeks Printing Co	Printing 8.50
Chronicle Publishing Co	Advertising 1.68
T. C. Allen & Co	Office supplies 7.40
Kinleys Ltd	Supplies 5.10
	<u>\$34.95</u>
<u>Isolation Hospital -</u>	
Union Coal Co	Coal 37.50
Geo Burgess	Milk-Cream 15.59
Scriven & Sons	Bread 2.88
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry 28.63
Evans & Co	Battery-Turpentine 1.10
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Lighting service 10.35
P. T. Shea	Butter Eggs 21.40
W. H. Isnor & Co	Sleigh hire 3.00
MacLeod, Balcom Co	Drugs 6.25
Halifax Herald	Advertising, Cook 3.82
Maritime Meat Market	Meats, Fish 15.85
Wentzells Ltd	Groceries 26.93
	<u>173.30</u>
<u>Recapitulation</u>	
	General Account 34.95
	Isolation Hospital <u>173.30</u> 208.25

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ARTHUR C. PETTIPAS,
Secretary C. H. B.

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on City Prison recommending accounts amounting to \$1137.47 for payment, covering report of the Governor of the Prison for the month of February 1924.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 4, 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on City Prison, held this day, there being present Aldermen Bissett, Chairman; Daw, Guildford, Munnis and Gastonguay, the following named accounts amounting to \$1137.47 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:-

Howards Limited	Groceries	\$57.61
D. J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	12.75
S. C. Thompson	Feed	10.00
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd	Stationery	5.05
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co	Men's boots	18.55
Arthur Fordham & Co	Leather	9.86
Imperial Oil Co	Neat's Foot Oil	1.45
Maritime Market	Beef	48.38
Clayton & Sons	Men's underwear	38.00
J. & M. Murphy Ltd	Pillows	19.20
Hillis & Sons	Stove Fittings	2.85
Union Coal Co	Soft coal as per cont't	150.00
Black & Flinn	Lime	3.25
Moirs Ltd	Bread	40.40
N. S. Tramways & Power	Current	12.24
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co	Rental	11.78
		348.05
Pay Roll February 15th. 1924		348.05
do 29th.		<u>\$ 1137.47</u>

The following report for the month of February 1924, was submitted by Governor Grant:-

To the Chairman
and Members of City Prison Committee.

Gentlemen,

March 6th., 1924.

I beg to submit the report of City Prison for month ending February 29th., 1924, as follows:-

Number admitted during the month 12 males and 3 females. Discharged 5 males. In custody February 29th., 1924, 26 males and 5 females, a total of 31 Prisoners, as compared with this date last year when there were 20 in custody made up of 17 males and 3 females.

George Grant,
Governor.

F. W. BISSETT,
Chairman.

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

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$160.88.

Halifax, March 5, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this date, the following accounts, amounting to \$160.88 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Wellington Garage	Bearing for car	\$1.00
Frank Reardon	Glass	.50
J. Wonnacott	Repairs & keys	4.65
Austen Bros	Socket Wrenches	1.20
Neil Fox	Repairing curtains	2.00
Halifax Vul. Works	Repairing tube and recharging battery	6.40
	Chairs for Court room	23.70
W. T. Francis	Cheesecloth	.95
Kennedys Ltd	Horn Button	1.00
G. A. Mosher	Rubber Boots	17.00
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Parts for car	15.30
Manning	Car hire	8.00
L. E. Warner	Whitewashing	28.60
Henry Henn	Soap	.50
Charles Barnstead	Merchandise	21.14
Cragg Bros	Merchandise	5.45
T. C. Allen & Co	Service	12.00
Telephone Co	Repairing badges	2.00
H. R. Bergmann	Oil	3.44
Imperial Oil Co	Cut-out	3.75
Halifax Ignition Co	Scrubbing	2.00
Chief of Police		<u>\$ 160.88</u>

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JOHN MURPHY,
Mayor and Chairman.

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Library Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$38.95.

Citizens' Free Library,
Halifax,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

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

T.C.Allen & Co	Books & Supplies	\$ 24.10
Can. Historical Review	Subscription	3.00
London Rubber Stamp Co	Cleaning machine	1.25
Mutual Subscription Agency	Subscription	.40
H.W.Wilson Co	do	<u>11.20</u>
		<u>\$ 38.95</u>

J. J. POWER,
Chairman.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment the account of Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company, \$2441.20, being the final payment for their services in connection with the Independent audit to date:-

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

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,

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\$2441.20, being the final payment for services in connection with the independent audit, was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Your Committee further recommend that the report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company in connection with this audit be printed as a supplement to the Annual Civic Report for the year 1922-23.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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

RATE HEARING -
NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER COY. LTD.

Read report Finance Committee covering report of Walter J. Francis & Company, in re Hearing before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities, recommending payment of their account amounting to \$1238.50 for Professional Service of Frederick B. Brown in connection with the Hearing referred to.

February 22nd., 1924.

His Worship Mayor Murphy
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen, Re, HALIFAX UTILITY RATES.

In accordance with Mayor Murphy's request, we take pleasure in reporting herewith on the situation as we find it in Halifax, and on the work we have done since Mr. Brown's arrival on the 13th. instant.

Unfortunately, our hands were tied in regard to the valuation of the properties and we were unable to do anything but accept the conditions as we found them. Further, the length of time given us for the preparation of the case was so short that the physical limitations of what Mr. Brown could accomplish in twenty-four hours made it impossible to completely analyze the situation, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Brown was working every day, without exception, until after midnight. Without the kindly and courteous help extended to Mr. Brown by Mayor Murphy, City Solicitor Bell, City Engineers Doane and Johnston, City Electrician Durling, Mr. Loud and Mr. Moreland of Jackson & Moreland, Consulting Engineers for the Utilities Board, Mr. K. H. Smith, Chief Engineer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, and Messrs. Weston, Blackett, McDonald, Mason, Freeman and others of the Power Company's staff, and by Mr. MacIlreith,

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very little of the necessary data and information could have been collected and compiled in the time, and we desire to take this opportunity of thanking all for their assistance.

Our studies included a general survey of typical parts of the distribution system, the tramways system, and the steam power plant, and a study of the records of the Margarets Bay development as to capacity and reliability and as to possible extensions thereof, a study of the Company's operating records for several years in detail as submitted to the Public Utilities Board and a spot check of these back to the original records of the Power Company, a selection and tabulation of a typical list of consumers for domestic use and for commercial lighting and a tabulation and study of the complete list of power users, a check from these against the total records of the Company, an analysis of costs of serving power, lighting and commercial consumers, a study of individual and average revenues for various classes of services, a grouping of consumers and a study of classified users of electricity, a study of the survey made by the Nova Scotia Power Commission of the domestic power and lighting conditions, house areas, market and so forth, an estimate of the reasonable allowances to be made for various operating costs and fixed charges for each department of the company considered as a separate unit, a study of the provisions of the law regarding these allowances and of the maximum return on capital permitted, a study of the form of rates to equitably distribute the total costs against the various sections of the main departments of the Company, a study of actual rates which would allocate these charges in a fair and equitable manner, a comparison of these rates with the existing rates and attempting by instructions to devise reductions from the present system of rates which would accomplish the same end and at the same time provide the required revenues, a study of the gas department and a somewhat fuller study of the tramways department with analyses of costs and an attempt to devise rates, and a number of studies of details in connection with operating conditions, labor costs, possible growth of load, and so forth. Mr. Brown also attended at the Hearings before the Board and gave testimony thereat on such questions as were asked by Mr. Bell, Mr. Mahers, Mr. Daley, Mr. Tucker, Mr. MacIlreith, Mr. Ross and Mr. Colpitt.

Not being permitted to criticize the valuation and finding that a large amount of money will have to be spent annually in purchasing power, in various operating costs, in taxes and so forth, the comparatively narrow limits within which any changes in present costs could be made became evident. It was only after a week of very intensive effort that enough data was collected to enable us to reach any conclusions and we really should have had considerably more time on the case. However, the studies have revealed the possibility of so re-arranging the rates that a reduction of material benefit to the citizens using domestic light and power should result, and that those commercial lighting and power users who really make use of their facilities should also reap real benefits. This is especially true if the total load on the system grows as should be expected with competent and aggressive management. Our estimates as submitted to the Board, on the basis of the light and power department being considered as a separate

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entity, show that for an annual total purchase of 20 million kilowatt hours, the total possible annual reduction in present electric revenues might be \$50,000. to \$60,000. and that when the load grows so as to require the purchase of 25 million kilowatt hours annually, the total reductions would be in the order of \$200,000. per year, as compared with the present average rates. It remains to be seen what the Board will do, but our figures are now before them as part of the record, and have been generally agreed to as reasonable. The average savings possible as submitted by us, cover a period of years, should, we think, influence the Board to establish rates which will show large aggregate savings to the consumers, and if the rates discussed be adopted, we feel confident that they will stimulate and encourage the use of electricity and will give the users the benefits of appliances, including ranges, which are now prohibited by their cost, except for the well-to-do. The system of rates suggested distributes the burden where it really belongs and gives the smaller consumer the same opportunity to reach a low rate for his current as is now only enjoyed by the very large user.

On the whole, and notwithstanding the handicap under which we have been working, we feel that our efforts in your behalf have been of considerable benefit to the citizens, and we regret that we could not change the limiting conditions so as to show even larger savings.

We desire to thank you for having entrusted us with this service, to which we have given our best and conscientious endeavours.

Yours very truly,

WALTER J. FRANCIS & COMPANY,

Per F. B. B.

.....
Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached account of Walter J. Francis & Company - \$1238.50, for Professional services of Frederick B. Brown in connection with the Hearing before the Board of Public Utilities to fix the rates of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited, was approved and recommended to the City Council for payment.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman

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Bissett, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and that copies of the Report of Walter J. Francis & Company be sent to each of the Aldermen and that the account for services of Mr. Frederick B. Brown be paid.
Motion passed.

↓ HOUSING COMMISSION APPROPRIATION.

Read report of Finance Committee recommending payment of the unpaid balance of the appropriation, \$1,000., to the Housing Commission.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached letter of E. K. Fielding, Secretary of the Housing Commission, asking for payment of their appropriation balance, \$1,000.00, for 1923-24.

Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay over to the Housing Commission said sum of \$1000.00.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted and the amount of Appropriation paid. Motion passed.

POLICE SUPERANNUATION REFUND -
MRS. LOVETT
and
MRS. TOUGH

↓
Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund pay to the Widow of the late Inspector Lovett and to the Widow of the late Assistant Detective Tough, the sum of \$200. each, the amount they are entitled to receive from the Police Superannuation Fund.

Halifax, February 5th., 1924.

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At meeting of Police Commission held this date, letter of application read from Mrs. Lovett, Widow of the late Inspector Lovett, re allowance from the Police Superannuation Fund.

Also letter of application from Mrs. Tough, widow of the late Assistant Detective Tough, re allowance from the Police Superannuation Fund.

It is moved, seconded and passed that in compliance with Section 273 of the City Charter, re allowance from the Superannuation Fund, the payment of the sum of two hundred dollars, as authorized therein, be recommended to Council for payment in each case.

JOHN MURPHY,
Mayor and Chairman.

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Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship The Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached application of Mrs. Lovett, Widow of the late Inspector Lovett, and of Mrs. Tough, Widow of the late Assistant Detective Tough, for payment of the amount of \$200 each, which they are entitled to receive from the Police Superannuation Fund, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund pay to Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Tough respectively, the sum of \$200 under authority of Section 273 of the City Charter, out of said fund.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Whelan, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the amounts paid. Motion passed.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER.

Read report Finance Committee recommending payment of \$22,544.56 from the Reserve Fund to Current Account 1922-23,

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covering letter of James J. Hopewell, City Treasurer,
and James J. Hopewell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sink-
ing and Reserve Fund.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day,
the attached letter of Mr. James J. Hopewell, City
Treasurer, in re the transfer of the sum of \$22,544.56
from the Reserve Fund to the Current Account of 1922-
23, covering resolution, was read; also letter of Mr.
James J. Hopewell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of the Sinking and Reserve Funds, informing the Council
that the Trustees had agreed to the transfer of the
repayment loan of \$22,544.56 from the Current Account
of 1922-23 to that of 1923-24.

Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be
authorized to make this transfer and also the adoption
of the accompanying resolution.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

..... Office City Treasurer,
March 3, 1924.

Alderman Whitman,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Sir,

On March 7th. 1923, it was unanimously decided by
the City Council to transfer the sum of \$22,544.56 from
the Reserve Fund to the current account 1922-23 to be
repayable as soon as practicable, without interest,
from the taxes of that year when collected. That acc-
ount is now in a position to refund that loan, and I
respectfully submit the following resolution for your
consideration and action.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer.

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Halifax, N. S.,
March 3, 1924.

His Worship Mayor Murphy
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the Trustees of the Sinking
and Reserve Funds have agreed to the transfer of the re-
payment loan of \$22,544.56 from the current account

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1922-23 to that of 1923-24 in conformity with Section 353 of the City Charter.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer.

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

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer pay to the Trustees of the Reserve Fund the sum of \$22,544.56, that being the amount loaned to 1922-23 current account as per resolution of the City Council passed the 7th. day of March 1923.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Reserve Fund be requested to loan the current year 1923-24 the sum so repaid, and to be refunded as soon as practicable from the taxes of that year when collected, without interest in accordance with Section 353 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, and passed unanimously.

SEWERAGE LOAN \$11,600.00

Read report Finance Committee recommending that the tender of Messrs. Johnston & Ward be accepted for a Loan of \$11,600.00 for Sewerage Construction, covering report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer.

City Engineer's Office,
February 18, 1924.

His Worship The Mayor.

Sir,
The sewer work which we have been carrying on has now practically exhausted the amount that we are authorized by the City Council to spend and unless we get further authority the work will have to be closed.
There is authority under Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1922 to borrow \$11,603.74.
I would recommend that the Council be asked to authorize the Works Department to expend the additional amount.

F. W. W. DOANE,
City Engineer.

March 6th., 1924.

EXTRACT from Meeting of the Works Department
held 20th. of February 1924.

SEWERAGE:-

City Engineer submitted a report (a copy of which is attached hereto) stating that the amount now available to the credit of Sewerage Account was about exhausted and unless funds were at once provided, work now under construction would have to be stopped. It was decided by the Works Committee to recommend to Council that an amount sufficient to complete the work now being done in connection with the Main Sewer, Chebucto Road, and estimated by the City Engineer to require a further amount of approximately \$11,600.00, be borrowed, and the Finance Committee instructed to make such necessary arrangements at once in order that the work may not be held up.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 6, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance, held this day, the attached tenders for a loan to complete the Chebucto Road Sewer, etc., were opened and read, viz.:

Eastern Securities Co	94.14	& Accrued Interest
W. F. Mahon & Co	94.31	do
Johnston & Ward	94.77	do

The tender of Johnston & Ward is recommended for acceptance costing the City 5.37% Interest.

The usual Resolution is attached and the amount of loan \$11,600.00.

ALFRED WHITMAN,
Chairman.

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

The following Resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in year 1922 as Chapter 52 the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow the sum of \$150,000.00 to defray the cost of additional sewers,

AND WHEREAS the said City has heretofore borrowed

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under the authority of the said Act the sums of \$66,303.38 - \$35,592.88 - \$3500.00 - \$33,000.00, in all \$138,396.26, for the purposes above mentioned,

AND WHEREAS save and except the said respective sums borrowed for the said respective purposes the Council has not heretofore borrowed any further sums for the purposes mentioned in said Act,

AND WHEREAS it is now desirable to borrow the sum of \$11,600.00 under the authority of the said Act in order to complete the Chebucto Road Sewer, etc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid there shall be borrowed on the credit of the City of Halifax at large and as part of the Consolidated Fund 1905, the sum of \$11,600.00 for the aforesaid purpose and that Stock Certificates (\$12,200.00) sufficient to produce that amount shall be issued there for dated as of the 1st. day of January 1924, bearing interest from the 1st. day of January 1924 at the rate of 5% per annum payable half yearly on the 1st. day of July and January in each year. The said Stock Certificates shall be payable in thirty years from the date thereof.

The said Stock Certificates shall be in the form set out in the Halifax Consolidated Fund Act 1905 Chapter 51, shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the City and shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer of the said City and countersigned by its Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, and passed, 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell
Whitman
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Whelan
Power
Drysdale
Hubley
W.O. Cameron

Against it:-

Alderman Daw.

City Treasurer ✓
Treasurer ✓

CHARITIES COMMITTEE, REPORT FEBRUARY.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of Feb-

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ruary showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 309 and in the Tuberculosis Hospital 40.

Halifax,
March 5, 1924.

To 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, McDonald and Gastonguay.

CITY HOME, SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FEBRUARY 1924,
NUMBER OF INMATES 309.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of February 1924 there were 14 persons admitted into the City Home, 8 were discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province and 10 to the City. The total number of inmates February 29th. 1924 was 309, made up of 174 men, 129 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 188 men, 124 women and 6 children, a total of 318.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FEBRUARY
1924, NUMBER OF PATIENTS 40.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of February 1924, there were 8 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 3 men, 3 women and 2 children, 2 women were discharged and 3 men and 1 woman died. The total number of patients February 29th., 1924, was 40, made up of 20 men, 18 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 16 men, 14 women and 2 children, a total of 32.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

Filed.

FIRES, THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read report Committee of Firewards covering report of the Chief of the Fire Department re Fires their causes and losses during the month of February 1924.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 5, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this

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day, the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department in re Fires their causes and losses for the month of February 1924 was submitted, approved and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its information.

H. W. CAMERON,
Chairman.

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Office Chief Fire Department,
March 5, 1924.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I make the following report for the month of February during which there were 31 alarms of fire from the following causes:-

Chimneys 14, overheated stove pipes 5, careless smoking 3, burning grass 1, smoke 2, unknown 1, combustion 2, careless use matches 1, electric iron 1, kindling too near stove 1.

Property at risk	\$ 861,756.00		
Insurance losses		\$32,832.37	
Losses not insured		<u>3,110.00</u>	\$35,942.37

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

Filed.

STREET FAIR, HALIFAX INFANTS' HOME.

Read letter from the Halifax Infants' Home asking for permission to hold a Street Fair similar to that held in 1922, on August 6th. 7th. and 8th. of this year.

Halifax, March 6th., 1924.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Halifax Infants' Home, we desire to make application to your body for the privilege of holding a street fair similar to that held in 1922. We would like, if possible, to have dates of August 6th., 7th. and 8th. for this purpose and the location previously given us on South Park Street between Spring Garden Road and Sackville Street.

It is unnecessary to draw to the attention of your Council the financial difficulties with which we have to deal, and we are sure that this request will have your sympathetic consideration.

Charlotte McInnes,
President.

March 6th., 1924.

Mrs. Helen Higgins

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the application be granted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #226 HOLLIS STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill property of A. M. Bell & Company, #226 Hollis Street.

City Works Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February 27th. 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill property #226 Hollis Street for period ending March 1923, \$46.58, and September 1923, \$77.68.

No reduction was recommended in the report, but after discussion it was decided to recommend to Council that the bill for September 1923, viz., \$77.68, be reduced one-third.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
February 25, 1924.

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

Sir, I beg to report on the attached meter bills for the premises #226 Hollis Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is for the year ending September 1923. The bill for the first half of the year being \$46.58, and the last half \$77.68, which includes \$2.00 meter rental for each half year. The readings of the meter during the period complained of were as follows:-

1922	1923	
September 558,000	January 707,200	
October 578,200	February 871,400	over read
November - Meter covered	should be 772,400	
December 656,000	March 786,600	
	April 1141,900 (N)	
	May --	
	June 1142,700	
	July 1174,900	
	August --	
	September 1184,900	

There was an extremely large consumption in April and

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the owner was notified of it and evidently steps were taken to remedy this as the consumption for the remainder of the year was low.

I am unable at this time to decide the cause of this large consumption and can only assume that there was a burst in the pipes or that the taps were allowed to run.

The half yearly bills for the last three years at these premises have been as follows:-

<u>1921</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>
March \$ 4.26	\$67.92	\$46.58
September 12.80	27.96	77.68

There are three taps and two closets within the premises.

As I have no doubt the water was used or wasted in the premises, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Collector
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL -112-14 GERRISH STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill property of Mrs. Melinda Boutilier - #12-14 Gerrish Street.

City Works Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February 20th. 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bills for premises #112-114 Gerrish Street for year ending March 1922, \$44.12, and March 1923, \$23.44.

No reduction was recommended in the report but after discussion it was decided to recommend that the bill for year ending March 1923, viz., \$44.12, be reduced one-third.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
February 20, 1924.

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

March 6th., 1924.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #112-114 Gerrish Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is for each of the years ending March 1922 and 1923, the bill for the former being \$44.12 and for the latter \$23.24. A meter was installed in these premises on March 1921, the monthly consumption from that date until March 1923 was as follows:-

1921		1922	
May	111,500	January	290,600 - 26,900
June	Covered	February	314,300 - 23,700 (N)
July	115,000 - 3,500	March	332,100 - 17,800 (N)
August	185,400 70,400	April	350,900 - 18,800
September	191,400 16,000	May	368,200 - 17,300
October	228,100 36,700	June	390,900 - 22,700
November	246,400 18,300	July	401,900 - 11,000
December	263,700 17,300	August	405,400 - 3,500
		September	409,600 - 4,200
		October	414,300 - 4,700
		November	418,600 - 4,300
		December	423,400 - 4,800
1923			
January	430,800 7,400		
February	440,800 10,000		
March	448,300 7,500		

It will be noticed that there was a large consumption from the installation of the meter until June 1922, after which time, it was reduced considerably. Notices of the large consumption were sent the owner in December 1921 and February and March 1922. It would appear from these records that the large amount of water was wasted on these premises during the first fifteen months after the installation of the meter.

I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Collector
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL - #48 FALKLAND STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill property of W. W. Bobbitt, 48 Falkland Street.

City Works Office,
March 5th., 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February

March 6th., 1924.

27th., 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #48 Falkland Street for half year ending March 1923, amounting to \$46.45.

No reduction was recommended in the report, but the Committee after going into the circumstances decided to recommend to the Council that a reduction be made of one-third of the amount of the bill.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
February 20, 1924.

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

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #48 Falkland Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending March 1923 and amounts to \$46.45. The records show the following readings and consumption during this period.

	1922	1923
September	34,400- 2,000	January 106,600-72,200 W.C.W. (N
October	unoccupied	February 225,800 119,200
November	unoccupied	March 272,600 46,800
December	locked	

It will be noticed that the premises were unoccupied and no reading of the meter could be taken during October, November and December. The January reading shows a consumption for these months of 72,200 gallons. A closet was found wasting and the owner was notified but apparently no steps were taken to remedy conditions, as the consumption in February was 119,200 and in March 46,800. An inspection of the premises on February 7th. of this year showed that the pipes burst in the cellar and the tenant stated that water was allowed to run to waste.

I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley,

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.
Motion passed.

*City Engineer ✓
" Collector ✓
Clerk of Works ✓*

WATER METER BILL - 16 MAY STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re
Water Meter Bill property of Arthur Cullymore, #16 May
Street.

March 6th., 1924.

City Works Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February 29th., 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill premises #16 May Street for half year ending March 1923, \$28.72.

No reduction was recommended in the report, but after discussion it was decided to recommend to Council that a reduction of one-third of the amount be made.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
February 20th., 1924.

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

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #16 May Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending March 1923 and amounts to \$28.72. The records show the following readings and consumption during the period complained of.

	1922		
September	59,400	7,100	
October	67,600	8,300	
November	79,200	12,600	Pipe burst (N)
December	87,800	8,600	
	1923		
January	130,200	42,400 (N)	
February	180,800	50,600	
March	23,000	22,000	

The large consumption took place during the winter months. The owner was notified in January of this large consumption but apparently no steps were taken to prevent it. I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley,
that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
" Collector
Clerk of Works*

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WATER METER BILL - #22 ALMON STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer
re Water Meter Bill property of Mrs. Maude McGrath, #22
Almon Street.

City Work's Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February
27th. 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water
meter bill for #22 Almon Street for year ending September
1923, amounting to \$39.04.

No reduction was recommended in the report, but
after discussion the Committee decided to recommend to
Council that the bill be reduced one-third.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
February 22nd., 1924.

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

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the
premises #22 Almon Street and claimed to be excessive,
that the period covered by the bill is for the year
ending September 1923. The half yearly bill to March is
\$18.90 and to September \$20.14. The readings and con-
sumption at these premises during the period complained
of was as follows:-

<u>1922.</u>			
September	89,800	- 3,800	
October	93,700	3,900	
November	103,400	10,700	W.C.W.
December	Out		
<u>1923</u>			
January	136,800	33,400	W. C. W. (N)
February	156,800	20,000	do
March	179,300	22,600	do
April	209,000	29,700	do
May	255,300	46,300	do
June	263,100	7,800	
July	267,000	3,900	
August	272,200	5,200	
September	275,000	2,800	

It will be noticed that there was a large consump-
tion from January to May 1923, due partly to a closet wasting
and partly to taps running; notices were sent in each of

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these months.

The owner of the property informs me that in her opinion, the waste by the tenant was deliberate, as he had been given notice to quit, owing to non payment of rent.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Asst. City Engineer.

*City Engineer
" Collector
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO STREET ORDINANCE.

Read report Committee on Works covering letter of R. H. Murray, Esq., President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, recommending the passing of an amendment to the Street Ordinance compelling truckmen to carry a Block for the use of Vehicles, on the wheels, proceeding up hills with loaded teams.

City Work's Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held February 27th., 1924, His Worship the Mayor submitted an acknowledgment from the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty in re suggestion that a by-law compelling truckmen to carry a block for use under the wheels when proceeding up hills with loaded teams be prepared.

It was suggested to recommend to Council that an Ordinance be prepared to cover same, with the intention that teams shall provide a suitable Block for both winter and summer work.

The letter from the Society is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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Halifax,
February 23, 1924.

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

March 6th., 1924.

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Thanks very much for your letter of February 21st. I think as you suggest that a By-law compelling Truckmen to carry a block is a good one, and I sincerely hope that you may be able to get Mr. Bell to draw up such an enactment.

R. H. MURRAY,
President.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be referred to the City Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance and to submit the same to this Council. Motion passed.

*City Solicitor
Alderman Power*

SEWER APPROPRIATION.

Read report Committee on Works re Sewer Appropriation covering report of the Assistant City Engineer. See Reports Pages 498 and 499.

Filed.

WATER METERS, REPORT ON BY CITY ENGINEER.

Read report Committee on Works covering report of the City Engineer as asked for by Alderman Power in the City Council.

City Works Office,
March 5, 1924.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held March 5th., 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on Minute of Council January 31st. 1924 re water meters, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Said report was ordered sent to Council for its information.

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
March 5th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

March 6th., 1924.

I beg to report on the questions asked by Alderman Power in the City Council in reference to meters.

The number of meters installed in the City is 9,300. The first installations were made thirty-five to forty years ago and a more recent heavy installation, fifteen and three years ago. The meters are installed on every service pipe. The number of complaints received respecting the amount charged for water used through meters, adjusted by the City Council on the recommendation of the Works Committee, is 282 in the last 10 years, out of about 150,000 accounts. The complaints are made not because the meters are bad, but because they are good, and register the water passing through them. In each case the meter is tested and in most cases they register accurately, but in some cases where they have been in service for some time, they register a small percentage under the correct amount.

In reply to the question "What number of meters each winter have been destroyed and replaced?" The answer is: There has been one meter only condemned since 1908, which means that no meters have been destroyed in any one year since that time. The damage done by frost if any, is usually the breaking of the bottom, which is replaced at a very moderate cost. The average cost of repairing last year was forty-two cents per meter.

The question, "What recommendation, if any, can be made either to abolish the use of meters or to increase their use?" I do not know of any means which can be adopted which would give the City a service that the meters have given and at the same moderate cost. The meters have cost about \$150,000. The additional annual cost for maintenance and reading of meters is about \$20,000. If the meters had not been put in, it would have been absolutely necessary to provide a new source of supply to give water enough to enable the citizens of Halifax to keep up the waste of water which they were pouring into the harbor every day. The cost would have been at present prices, not less than \$2,000,000. or an additional annual charge for interest and sinking fund alone, of not less than \$150,000. The additional cost would have been made up by taxes on the people of Halifax and adding the additional cost of maintenance, it would have nearly doubled the water taxes. On the other hand, a comparison between one season before the installation of meters and one after to illustrate what the meters have done, is as follows:-

In 1905, which up to that time was our driest year, and before the meters were installed, Long Lake was drawn down nearly eight and a half feet, and there were only four and a half inches of water in the gatehouse. This City was face-to-face with the possibility of a disastrous conflagration because if a fire had broken out, there would have been no water to overcome it. Even in ordinary seasons it was a common occurrence after a fire to see an item in the newspapers that the Fire Department did not have sufficient water. In 1921, a drier year than 1905, and the very driest on record, while towns all

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through the Province were in grave trouble from the drought, Halifax had no reason to worry as there was still an ample supply in the lakes due to no other cause than the installation of meters which stopped the unnecessary consumption.

³³/₄ Any overflow that is seen at the lakes is during a wet season. Both the high service lakes and the low service lakes can hold all the water that runs into them in a season like 1921, and at such dry times they do not overflow.

The quantity of water that is available for use in this City is that quantity only which is produced in dry periods and no hydraulic engineer would be reckless and irresponsible enough to estimate more than a dry year yield of the watershed.

I am satisfied from the abundant evidences which we have had during the last ten years that there is no unreasonable leakage in the underground pipes. We make a thorough examination every six months, and in addition, the substantial increase in pressure which can be found now at the hydrants all over the City and which is noted by the firemen is proof that underground leakage is at a minimum. We not only have no complaints from the firemen now, but complaints are received at this office that the pressure is too heavy for the plumbing in the houses to stand. Such complaints as are received respecting the meters are not from people owning and living in their own houses, because such people as a rule do not want the meters removed. Complaints come from other property owners, who through neglect to take proper care of their plumbing or in consequence of the character of the building which they own, allow more water to pass through the meter than is needed legitimately.

F. W. W. DOANE,
City Engineer.

Report is ordered to be filed and copies sent to the Aldermen.

HOUSING COMMISSION, RESIGNATION S. M. BROOKFIELD.

Read resignation S. M. Brookfield, Esq., from the Chairmanship of the Halifax Housing Commission.

Halifax, December 21st., 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

My dear Mayor,

I hereby resign the Chairmanship of the Halifax Housing Commission to take immediate effect.

Thanking you for the courtesy you have extended to me at all times.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD.

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Moved by Alderman Fiblay, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Power, that George W. Hensley, Esq., be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Commission caused by the resignation of Mr. Brookfield. Motion passed.

*Mr. Brookfield
Mr. Hensley*

NOTICE OF MOTION RE CITY MANAGER.

Read Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Power at a meeting of the City Council held on the 7th. of February 1924 in re appointment of City Manager and the resignation of members of the City Council and City officials.

(a) THAT in the opinion of this Council legislation should be prepared and presented to the Legislature which will endow the city council with the power, at its option, of appointing a city manager who would be charged with complete executive authority, with responsibility to the Mayor and City Council, in regard to all matters of city administration.

(b) THAT this Council is of the opinion that for the purpose of enabling the Council to thoroughly revise and reorganize the administration of city affairs, introduce the reforms and changes recommended by the reports of Price, Waterhouse & Company, and establish an effective system of administration, all city officials should co-operate with the Council by forthwith handing in their resignations so as to give the Council a free hand in the making of readjustments; and the Council hereby requests city officials to comply with this recommendation, and that if legislation be necessary in this matter such legislation be prepared for presentation to the Legislature immediately after its opening.

(c) THAT this Council is of the opinion that every member thereof should resign his seat for the purpose of leaving it entirely in the hands of citizen tax payers to elect a new Council that will be charged with the responsibilities of introducing the reform which the reports of Price, Waterhouse & Company recommend; and that whatever legislation may be necessary for this purpose be prepared and presented to the legislature immediately after its opening.

The same is taken up and considered Clause by
Clause.

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Clause (a) read.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that this clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the consideration of this clause be deferred to this day twelve months.

By unanimous consent of Council and of the "seconded", Alderman Munnis withdraws his amendment.

The Motion to adopt the clause is put and lost 1 voting for the Motion and 14 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Power.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Whitman
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Whelan
Drysdale
Hubley
W.O.Cameron
Daw.

S. Mc Dalry Clause (b) read.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that this clause be adopted. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Power,
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Whitman
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Whelan
Drysdale
Hubley
W.O.Cameron.

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Clause (c) read.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that this Clause pass. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Power,
W.O.Cameron,
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,
Whitman,
Munnis,
Finlay,
Sanford,
Bissett,
Gastonguay,
H.W.Cameron,
McDonald,
Whelan,
Drysdale,
Hubley.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING"

Alderman Daw submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that Legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature, to take a Plebiscite on the question of substituting Daylight Saving time for the present Atlantic Standard time during the months of May, June, July August and September 1924 and thereafter.

That further action by Council be deferred until the Citizens have expressed their wishes by such Plebiscite, such Plebiscite to be taken on 24th. April 1924, in connection with Civic Elections.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Drysdale. Resolution put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W.Cameron
McDonald
Power
Drysdale
Hubley
W.W.O.Cameron
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Whitman
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Whelan

W.O. Cameron

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALLS.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Power, that the Commissioners of Public Schools be requested to extend the privilege to the Mayor and Aldermen of the use of the Assembly Halls of the Public Schools for the purpose of holding meetings for the discussion of matters pertaining to Civic affairs, and that, if necessary, the Commissioners apply to the Legislature for Legislation necessary to carry this application into effect.

Motion passed.

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CITY MANAGER.

Read letter G. McL. Daley, Secretary Halifax Ratepayers' Association, covering Resolution passed at a meeting of that Association in re appointment of City Manager.

Halifax,
February 9, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Halifax Ratepayers Association to ask you to present to the City Council the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Association last night held in the Board of Trade rooms. The Resolution is as follows:-

WHEREAS the present Mayor and City Council have been successful in revealing a true statement of the City's condition, a matter for which they are to be very highly commended;

WHEREAS the Ratepayers Association of Halifax, after careful investigation, are of the opinion that the Council Manager form of civic government would be in the best interests of Halifax;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Halifax Ratepayers Association petition the Council to take whatever action is necessary for the speedy adoption of this system in order

*Wood J Wilson
Recy School
com*

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that the benefits of the Independent Auditor's report may be realized.

Thanking you in anticipation of your attention to this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

G. MCL. DALEY,
Secretary.

G.M. Daley
Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the Ratepayers Association be notified of the action of this Council on this subject. Passed.

ESTIMATES,
CITY HOME and TUBERCULOSIS
HOSPITAL.

Alderman Colwell, Chairman of the Charities Committee, submits the Estimates for the ensuing year for the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned 10.20 o'clock.


JOHN MURPHY, MAYOR.


H. S. RHIND,
Assistant City Clerk.