

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall,

September 4th, 1924.

A Meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present Alderman Bissett, Deputy Mayor in the Chair; Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Finlay, Sanford, Gasgonguay, H.W. Cameron, Kenny, Rains, Whelan, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Daw, W.O. Cameron and Smeltzer.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

- (1). ✓ Alderman Bissett's notice of reconsideration of the appointment of Mr. H.C. Powell as Clerk in the City Clerk's Office, July 10th, 1924. Alderman Bissett declines to proceed and withdraws the notice of reconsideration.
- (2). ✓ Alderman Bissett's notice of reconsideration of the Resolution awarding the contract for the supply of coal for the various City services for the ensuing year to George E. VanBuskirk & Company, Ltd., August 8th, 1924. The Deputy Mayor vacates the Chair and calls upon Alderman Colwell to act while he addressed the Council briefly on the subject.

It was moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Russell that said Resolution be now reconsidered.

Deputy Mayor then resumes the Chair.

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

For the Motion:- Aldermen Russell, Kenny, H.W. Cameron, Hubley and O'Toole, - 5.

Against it:- Alderman Colwell, Finlay, Sanford, Gaston-
guay, Rains, Whelan, Drysdale, Smeltzer, W.O. Cameron,
Daw, - 10.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works
City Auditor*

September 4th, 1934.

ROBERT THEAKSTON - ASSIGNMENT TO THE
CITY OF HALIFAX.

The City Clerk submits a copy of the assignment of Robert Theakston, Ex-City Collector, to the City of Halifax of all his real and personal property, credits and effects (except such property as is exempt from levy on execution).

1923. C. No. 5103.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

BETWEEN:- The City of Halifax, PLAINTIFF.
 - and -
 Robert Theakston. DEFENDANT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "COLLECTION ACT" AND ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF.
IN THE MATTER OF THE EXAMINATION OF ROBERT THEAKSTON.

To All to Whom These Presents shall come, I, Robert Theakston, of the City of Halifax, in the County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia, hereinafter called the Judgment Debtor, SENDS GREETING:-

W H E R E A S the said Judgment Debtor is indebted to the City of Halifax, hereinafter called the Judgment Creditor in the sum of \$82,818.79 debt, and \$30.40 costs of suit, upon a judgment obtained by the said Judgment Creditor in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, at Halifax in said County of Halifax, on the 13th day of July, A.D. 1924, for the said sum of \$82,818.79 debt, and \$30.40 costs of suit, making in all the sum of \$82,849.19.

A N D W H E R E A S in proceedings instituted upon the said judgment under the provisions of the Collection Act, the said Judgment Debtor has been examined before Richard A. MacLeod, a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and an examiner under the Collection Act for the City of Halifax,

A N D W H E R E A S the said Richard A. MacLeod, Commissioner and Examiner aforesaid, at the conclusion of such examination was pleased to order and direct that the said Judgment Debtor should make and execute an Assignment of his property, not exempt from levy by Execution to the said Judgment Creditor in trust for the payment of the amount owing to it,

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that in pursuance of said order and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) of lawful money of Canada, and of the amount due and owing on the said judgment, the said Robert Theakston doth hereby grant, convey, assign, transfer and set over unto the said City of Halifax, its successors and assigns all the real and personal property, credits and effects (except such property as is exempt from levy on execution) of the said Robert Theakston.

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TO HAVE, HOLD, TAKE AND RECEIVE the same unto and to the use of the said City of Halifax, its successors and assigns, in Trust for the payment of the amount due on said Judgment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Robert Theakston has hereunto subscribed and set his hand and seal the 14th day of August, A.D. 1934.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

In the Presence of

(Sgd) F. H. Bell.

(Sgd) Robt. Theakston

"PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA)
"COUNTY OF HALIFAX SS)

On this 14th day of August, A.D. 1934, before me the subscriber personally came and appeared Francis H. Bell, a subscribing Witness to the foregoing Indenture who, having been by me duly sworn, made oath and said that Robert Theakston, the party thereto, signed, sealed and delivered the same in his presence.

(Sgd) Richard A. MacLeod,
A Solicitor of the Supreme
Court of Nova Scotia.

Filed.

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✓ WORKS DEPARTMENT -- ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Water Department amounting to \$359.94; and to the various Services of the Works Department - \$4,082.65.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted and accounts paid.

Motion passed.

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✓ CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL
ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home \$7,580.04; and to the Tuberculosis Hospital \$4,054.96.

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

Motion passed.

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September 4th, 1934.

✓ CITY HEALTH BOARD - ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Isolation Hospital \$537.49; and to the Health Board \$1,655.18.

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

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✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT - ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department \$11,346.60; and to the Fire Alarm System \$347.16.

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

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✓ CITY PRISON - ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$996.75.

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

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✓ CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY - ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Citizens' Free Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$242.72.

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

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✓ PUBLIC GARDENS - ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Commissioners of Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$387.36.

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

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September 4th, 1924.

✓ POLICE COMMITTEE - ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$380.27.

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

Motion passed.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$3,100.33, chargeable to appropriations as follows:-

Capital Account -----	\$ 236.25
Current Account -----	164.51
Civic Grants -----	2,487.07
Contingent Account-----	212.50
	<u>\$3,100.33</u>

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman W.O. Cameron that the report be adopted and accounts paid.

Motion passed.

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✓ PRICE, WATERHOUSE & COMPANY - ACCOUNT.

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment the account of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company \$786.00 for the services of Mr. D.R. Riach during the month of August 1924.

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman W.O. Cameron that the report be adopted and account paid.

Motion passed.

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✓ REFUND - CHARLES T. YEADON, UNDERKEEPER CITY PRISON.

Read report Finance Committee on the application of Charles T. Yeadon, late Underkeeper at the City Prison for a refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, and covering report of the City Treasurer on same:-

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Motion passed.

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September 4th, 1924.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Sept. 4th, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached application of Charles T. Yeadon, late underkeeper at the City Prison, asking for a refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Police Superannuation Fund, was read.

The City Treasurer reported that Mr. Yeadon is entitled to receive \$108.66 from said fund.

Your Committee recommend that Mr. Yeadon be refunded out of the Officials' Superannuation Fund the sum of \$108.66 being one-half the amount he has contributed to the fund.

The report of the City Treasurer is hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Halifax, N. S.
August 13th, 1924.

James J. Hopewell, Esq.,
City Treasurer, C I T Y.

Dear Sir:-

Having resigned my position as Underkeeper at the City Prison, I hereby make application for a refund of the amount I am entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund. I have been employed at the Prison for over four years.

Will you kindly have this amount made up and placed before the proper Committee.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) C.T. Yeadon.

Office of City Treasurer,
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.
August 4th, 1924.

Alderman Finlay,
Actg. Chairman Finance Committee:
Dear Sir:-

The attached letter from Governor Grant of the City Prison in re refund of fees paid into the Official Superannuation Fund by Charles T. Yeadon received by me, and I beg to report that under Sec. 300, Sub.-Sec. (1) Acts 1914, he is entitled to a refund of one-half the amount paid in, viz. \$217.32. The amount to be refunded will therefore be \$108.66.

September 4th, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer.

City Prison, Halifax,
August 1st, 1934.

J. J. Hopewell, Esq.,
City Treasurer,
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

This is to certify that Charles T. Yeadon was appointed to the City Prison employ as night guard on November 1st, 1919, and of his own accord has severed his connection with said employ on the 31st of July 1934.

He has paid into the Superannuation Fund during that period a total of \$217.33.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE GRANT,
Governor City Prison.

*City Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
C. T. Yeadon ✓*

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman W.O.

Cameron that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

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✓ REFUND - MISS MARY GOWEN - CLERK
AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Read report Finance Committee on the application of Miss Mary Gowen for a refund of the amount she is entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, covering report of the City Treasurer on same:-

Committee Room, City Hall
September 4th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached application of Miss Mary Gowen, late Clerk in the City Auditor's Department, asking for a refund of the amount she is entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, was read.

The City Treasurer reported that Miss Gowen is entitled to receive \$169.20 from the fund.

Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Miss Gowen the said sum of \$169.20 being one-half of the amount she has contributed to the said fund.

The report of the City Treasurer is hereto attached.

September 4th, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Office of City Treasurer,
Halifax, N.S. August 20th/1924

His Worship Mayor Murphy,
and City Council:-

Gentlemen:-

In re resignation of Miss Mary Gowen I beg to report that under Section 300, Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914 she is entitled to a refund of \$169.20, that sum being one-half of the amount paid into the Official Superannuation Fund (\$338.40). Statement attached.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer.

AMOUNT DUE FROM OFFICIALS SUPERANNUATION FUND - MARY GOWEN.

Salary 1914-15.....	\$ 475.00
1915-16.....	500.00
1916-17.....	500.00
1917-18.....	600.00
1918-19.....	700.00
1919-20.....	800.00
1920-21.....	1000.00
1921-22.....	1200.00
1922-23.....	1200.00
1923-24.....	1200.00
1924-25 (\$1140)	
3 mos.....	285.00
Total Salaries.....	<u>\$8460.00</u>

4% of \$8,460.00 - \$338.40
1/2 of \$ 338.40 - 169.20 Amount to be returned.

*Treasurer ✓
Alderman ✓
Miss Gowen ✓*

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

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL - INSURANCE.

Read report of Charities Committee recommending that the Insurance on the Tuberculosis Hospital be increased from \$60,000. to \$70,000.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Finlay and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Finlay, Sanford, Gastonguay, Rains, Whelan, O'Toole, Drysdale, Smeltzer, W.O. Cameron, - 11.

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J H Buchanan*

Against it:- Aldermen Kenny, H.W. Cameron, Hubley and
Daw, - 4.

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES.

Read report Committee of Firewards and City Electrician in re grounding of all Fire Alarm Signal Boxes throughout the City. Also read report of Finance Committee on same.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 3rd, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards held this day, the City Electrician submitted a report in re grounding of all fire alarm boxes throughout the City at an approximate cost of \$1,408.83.

Your Committee are of the opinion that this work is very necessary and recommend that the report be adopted provided funds are available to carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

City Electrician's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 2nd, 1934

Ald. O'Toole,
Chairman of Fire Board,

Dear Sir:-

I wish to call the attention of the members of the Fire Board to the question of grounding all fire alarm signal boxes throughout the City.

This is a matter I have had under careful consideration for some length of time and I feel it is my duty to point out to the members of this Board that the grounding of signal boxes is a measure of safety to the public in case of a cross between the fire alarm wires and a high voltage wire, when at such time a person might have occasion to come in contact with a box.

Grounding these fire alarm boxes means bonding the outside shell with a copper wire to the nearest water service pipe or hydrant which is the best earth connection. I may say that when the cases of the boxes are grounded the liability of trouble to the system is increased, such as in the case of electric storms, but this is of less importance than the safety to the public.

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This practice of grounding is adopted in other cities such as Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal, and is recommended by the National Electrical Safety Code as well as the Association of Municipal Electricians.

The estimate of cost for doing this work which I have made, amounts to approximately \$1,408.83.

I have consulted with the acting City Auditor Risch and am informed there is an amount in capital fund account "Fire Alarm Equipment" amounting to \$1,498.58 and I would strongly advise this work being done as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,
G. H. DURLING,
City Electrician.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 3rd, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached reports of the Committee of Fire Wards and City Electrician in re grounding of Fire Alarm Boxes throughout the City was under consideration.

The City Treasurer reported that there was on hand to the credit of loan for improvement of Fire Alarm System the sum of \$1,498.58.

Your Committee recommend that the reports of the Committee of Fire Wards and the City Electrician be adopted and the City Electrician authorized to proceed with the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman O'Toole

that the reports of the Committee of Fire Wards and Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Daw dissenting.

City Engineer & Auditor
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✓ LOAN OF \$34,485.78

Read report of Finance Committee in re loan of \$34,485.78 passed at the last Meeting of the City Council:

September 4th, 1924.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 4th, 1924.

To:-
His Worship the Mayor,
and members of the City Council:-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Treasurer reported that in the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the City Council, covering the issue of the loan of \$34,485.78, there appeared a slight typographical error and that he had been in communication with Messrs. Long and Daley Toronto, Solicitors for the purchasers of the debentures, and they have prepared a Resolution which they ask to have adopted by the Council rectifying this error.

Your Committee recommend that the accompanying Resolution, prepared by Messrs. Long & Daley be adopted by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS by resolution passed 8th August, 1924, the City Council of the City of Halifax duly authorized the issue of debentures to the amount of four-fifths of the following sums for the following purposes:-

1. The sum of \$5,607.23 to pay the amount of the Judgment and costs in the action of Douglas vs. City of Halifax.
2. The sum of \$10,000.00 to pay unemployment relief in 1921-22.
3. The sum of \$27,500.00 to pay the costs of audit to Price, Waterhouse & Company.

AND WHEREAS four-fifths of the aggregate of said sums equals \$34,485.78.

AND WHEREAS a typographical error occurs in the last line of the second recital and in the second line of the enacting portion of said resolution where through inadvertence the figures \$34,487.33 appear instead of the figures \$34,485.78.

AND WHEREAS it was never the intention of the Council to issue debentures for more than the said sum of \$34,485.78.

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AND WHEREAS by two subsequent resolutions passed on the 8th day of August 1924, the Council of the said City duly authorized the issue of debentures to the amount of \$348,36 and \$100,00 respectively, for the purpose of meeting the discount on the sale of said \$34,485.78 debentures and the cost of printing thereof respectively.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:-

1. The said typographical error be and the same is hereby corrected by substituting the figures \$34,485.78 for the figures \$34,487.33 wherever they occur in each of the said three resolutions, passed 8th August 1924.

2. The issue of debentures under said three resolutions to the aggregate amount of \$34,934.14 be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman Finlay and passed unanimously.

LOANS - \$120,000.00; \$104,082.04, ETC.

Read report of the Finance Committee covering report of the City Treasurer on recent loans:-

Committee Room, City Hall
September 3rd, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached report of Mr. James J. Hopewell, City Treasurer, in reference to the payment by the Acadia Trust Company, and W.F. Mahon & Co., of the amount of their tenders for the loan recently issued by the City, was read and ordered to be submitted to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Office of City Treasurer,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3/1924

Alderman J. B. Kenny,
Chairman of Finance Committee,

Sir:-

I beg to report that the Acadia Trust Co. of Truro, N.S. have duly paid for their tender of \$120,000.00 City Debentures.

Also that W.F. Mahon & Co. have also paid for their tender on the short term loans amounting to \$104,082.04. Also that the loans from the Royal Bank of Canada amounting to \$151,000. have been paid and that Messrs. Burchell & Ralston, Solicitors for the Canadian Bituminous Paving Co. have been paid the judgment and costs in that suit amounting to \$66,912.04.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer

September 4th, 1924.

Filed.

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CITY'S COUNTY SCHOOL - GRANT.

Read report of Finance Committee re City's County
School Grant:-

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 4th, 1924.

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

City's County School Grant.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day the attached letter of Mr. Parker Archibald, Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, submitting a memorandum of the amount of the City's County School Grant for the term ending June 30th, 1924, would be approximately \$55,134.06, this being \$1,265.94 less than the amount estimated, which will be adjusted in the next estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Municipality of Halifax,
Halifax, N.S. July 22/1924

Harry Rhind, Esq.,
City Clerk,
City Hall, CITY.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith statement of the City's County School Grant for term ending June 30th, 1924.

When the Joint Estimates were prepared last February the estimated amount was placed at \$56,500.00. The balance will be adjusted when the Estimates for year 1925 are prepared.

Yours truly,

Auditor ✓
PARKER ARCHIBALD,
Municipal Clerk & Treasurer.

Filed.

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FIRES - THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read reports of Chief Churchill of the Halifax Fire Department in re Fires, their causes and losses, for the months of June, July and August:

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, N.S. July 9/1924

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

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards

September 4th, 1924.

held this day, the attached report of Chief Churchill in re Fires, their Causes and Losses, was submitted, approved and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Halifax, N. S. July 9th, 1924

Board of Fire Wards,

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of June, during which there were 22 alarms of fire from the following causes:-

Painter's Blow Torch - 1; Careless use of gasoline - 1, supposed careless smoking - 1, unknown - 1, sparks - 6; chimneys - 4, false - 3, electric wiring @ 1, careless use matches - 3; combustion - 1.

Property at risk	-----	\$ 234,700.00
Insurance Losses	-----	\$ 758.17
Losses not insured	-----	172.41
		<u>\$ 930.58</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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

Committee Room, City Hall,
August 7th, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Fire Wards held this day, the attached report of Chief Churchill in re fires, their causes and losses during the month of July was submitted, read and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Halifax, N. S. August 8/1924

Board of Fire Wards,

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of July during which there were 13 alarms of fire from the following causes:-

September 4th, 1924.

Oil Stove exploded - 1, grass fire - 1, chimneys - 2,
careless use matches - 1, sparks - 1, unknown - 1;
boys set fire to tree - 1, woods - 1, defective gas pipe - 1,
combustion - 1, hot pipe in coat pocket - 1, false - 1.

Property at risk - - - - -	\$ 241,156.00	
Insurance losses - - - - -		\$ 326.50
Losses not insured - - - - -		180.00
	Total losses.	<u>\$ 506.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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

Committee Room, City Hall,
Sept. 3rd, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Fire
Wards held this day the attached report of Chief Church-
ill in re fires, their causes and losses during the
month of August was submitted, approved and ordered to
be sent to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Halifax, Sept. 2/24.

Board of Fire Wards,

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I submit report that the De-
partment responded to 19 calls during the month of
August from the following causes:-

Grass fires - 3, chimneys - 4, unknown - 4,
careless use matches - 2, sparks from loco-
motive - 1, combustion - 1, defective connec-
tion in sprinkler system - 1, sparks from
chimney - 1, supposed defective wiring - 1,
sprinkler head going off - 1.

Property at risk - - - - -	\$ 364,973.98	
Insurance losses - - - - -		\$4970.00
Losses without insurance - - -		1120.00
		<u>\$6090.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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

Filed.

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September 4th, 1924.

DR. A. C. HAWKINS - ACCOUNT.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on account of Dr. A. C. Hawkins for medical attendance to two children injured by the fall of a ladder at or near the West. St. Engine House, covering opinion of the City Solicitor on same.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 3rd, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

Re: Account Dr. A. C. Hawkins.

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards held this day, the City Solicitor submitted an opinion in writing in re the account of Dr. Hawkins for professional services rendered to Clarence White and Roy Forhan injured at the West Street Engine House.

Your Committee recommend that the opinion be concurred in and that a copy of the same together with this report be forwarded to Dr. Hawkins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman,

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S. July 25/24

Chairman,
Committee of Fire Wards,
C I T Y.

Re: Dr. Hawkins Account.

Dear Sir:-

The City is, of course, not directly responsible to Dr. Hawkins as he was not employed by the City, but if the City is liable for the injury to the children, the amount of Dr. Hawkins account can be recovered by them or their parents as damages.

I am, however, unable to see any way in which the City is liable. The plumbers employed were not in the employ of the City, but were independent contractors over whom the City had no control. They borrowed the City's ladder for their own purpose and the City had no connection with them except to pay them for their work when completed. It appears to me that this ~~case~~ is a clear case of what is known as the independent contractor for whose negligence, assuming any negligence to exist, the City can in no way be held liable.

Yours truly,

F. H. BELL,
City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole seconded by Alderman Finlay

that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Dr. Hawkins

September 4th, 1924.

✓ CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL -
REPORT FOR AUGUST

Read report of the Charities Committee on the number of patients in the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital during the month of August 1924:-

Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3/1924

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 O'Toole, Rains, Finlay and Gastonguay.

Superintendent's Report City Home, August 1924.
Number of Inmates - 281

The Superintendent's report for the month of August 1924, shows that during the month there were 16 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 7 discharged and 3 died. The total number of inmates August 31st was 281, made up of 153 men, 124 women and 4 children. On the same date last year there were 154 men, 120 women and 7 children, a total of 281.

Superintendent's Report T.B. Hospital, August 1924
Number of Patients - 33.

The Superintendent's report for the month of August 1924 shows that during the month of August 1924 there were 5 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, viz, 2 men and 3 women. 3 women and 1 man were discharged and 2 men died. The total number of patients August 31st was 33, made up of 15 men and 17 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 15 men, 19 women and 2 children, a total of 36.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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✓ WORKS DEPARTMENT - HORSES.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the purchase of a pair of horses for the

Department:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 4th/1924

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

Horses.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 3rd, the City Engineer submitted a report stating that the Department required an additional pair of horses for use in connection with the collection of ashes and garbage. His report is attached hereto.

September 4th, 1924.

On motion of Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Hubley, it was decided to recommend to Council that the City Engineer be authorized to purchase a pair of horses from F.S. Fader, provided he would accept \$535.00 for same.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3rd, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor,

HORSES.

Sir:-

Last May one of the City horses died, and I was authorized to purchase a new one. Shortly afterwards we lost another, and I advertised for a pair. The horses shown at that time, were not in my judgment suitable for our work, and since then I have been on the lookout for a satisfactory pair. Last week I was offered a pair by Mr. F.S. Fader, which have been worked during the week in our Ash Teams, and they seem to be satisfactory I have had them examined by Dr. Gough who states that they are sound. The price for the pair is \$550.00. We have been hiring horses during the summer as required, but now that the heavier work in the removal of ashes and refuse is beginning, it is necessary that we have our own horses.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTONE,
City Engineer.

*Engineer
Alderman
Clerk of Works*

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

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COAL WEIGHERS REPORTS.

Read report of the Superintendent of Coal Weighers showing the amount of fees received during the months of June and July.

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9.10 o'clock. Alderman Power here arrives and takes his seat in the Council.

WATER METER BILL - 6 LOCKMAN AVENUE.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill of Mrs. J. MacKenzie, 6 Lockman Avenue:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6th/1924.

#6 LOCKMAN AVENUE - WATER METER BILL.

September 4th, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council,
Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held July 23rd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises No. 6 Lockman Avenue for the period ending September 1923, to January 1924. No reduction was recommended. The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced to one-half making the bill \$2.76 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, July 4/1924.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the water bill for the premises No. 6 Lockman Avenue and claimed to be excessive that the period complained of is from Sept. 1923 to January 1924 and amounts to \$5.52. The consumption during the period complained of was as follows:-

	<u>1923</u>	
Sept.	-	4,700
Oct.	-	House Vacant.
Nov.	-	300.
Dec.	-	2,000
	<u>1924</u>	
Jan.	-	50,500 W.C. Wasting (N)
Feb.	-	23,600
Mar.	-	Meter removed house vacant.

It will be seen that the large consumption was due to a closet wasting and water being allowed to run in January. The large consumption also continued through February. Under the circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Finlay

*Engineer
Inspector
Collector
Clerk of Works*

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

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✓ WATER METER BILL - #44 MAYNARD STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill of Mr. F. J. Cragg, #44 Maynard Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N. S. Aug. 6th, 1924

#44 Maynard Street - Water Meter Bill.
His Worship the Mayor and City Council:
Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held July 30th the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #44 Maynard Street for year ending March 1924.

September 4th, 1924.

On motion it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the periods January, February and March be reduced one-third making the net reduction in the bill \$4.55.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. July 28/1924

#44 Maynard Street - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #44 Maynard Street claimed to be excessive that the period covered by the bill is the half year ending March 1924 and amounts to \$15.58. The consumption at the premises was as follows:-

	<u>1923</u>	
Sept.	- 4,000	
Oct.	- 2,500	
Nov.	- 2,800	
Dec.	- 4,200	
	<u>1924</u>	
Jan.	- 23,100	Let run
Feb.	- 25,000	" " (N)
Mar.	- 20,200	" " (N)
Apr.	- 5,100	
May	- 2,500	

It will be seen that the large consumption took place during January, February and March, when the water was allowed to run. Notices of the largest consumption were sent in February and March.

As there is no question that the water went through the meter and was used or wasted in the premises I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

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

*Engineer
Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL - #46 MAYNARD STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill, Mrs. J. Cragg, 46 Maynard Street:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6th, 1924

#46 Maynard St. - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council,

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on

September 4th, 1924.

July 30th, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises #46 Maynard Street for year ending March 1924. On motion it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the periods January February and March be reduced one-third making the reduction in the bill of \$13.27.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. July 28/1924

#46 Maynard St. - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #46 Maynard Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending March 1924, and the amount of the bill is \$39.41. The monthly consumption at these premises was as follows:-

	<u>1923</u>	
Sept.	- 900	
Oct.	- 1200	
Nov.	- 1100	
Dec.	- 800	
	<u>1924</u>	
Jan.	41,700	Let run
Feb.	93,200	" " (N)
Mar.	64,100	" " (N)
Apr.	3,300	
May	800	

It will be seen that the large consumption took place during the months of January, February and March when the water was allowed to run. Notices of the consumption were sent to the owner in Feb. and March.

There is no doubt that the water went through the meter and was either used or wasted within the premises and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

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

*Engineer
Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL - #17 HOLLIS STREET.

Read report of Committee on Works and City Engineer on Water Meter Bill, James Farquhar, #17 Hollis Street:-

September 4th, 1924.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6th, 1924.

#17 Hollis St. - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on July 23rd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises #17 Hollis Street for half year ending September 1923, amounting to \$60.00. No reduction was recommended but the Committee decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the months of April and May be reduced 150,000 gallons, making a net reduction in the bill of \$30.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. July 14/1924

17 Hollis St. - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:- I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #17 Hollis Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending Sept. 1923 and the amount of the bill is \$60.00 of which \$1.00 is meter rental. This meter supplies water through one domestic hydrant to a barn in which there are two horses. The consumption during 1923 was as follows:-

<u>1923</u>		<u>1923</u>	
Jan. -	1,200	July -	6,000
Feb. -	5,800	Aug. -	No reading
Mar. -	6,800	Sept. -	11,900
Apr. -	No reading.	Oct. -	4,700
May. -	277,000 (M)	Nov. -	No reading.
June -	7,500	Dec. -	21,700

The half yearly bills for these premises have been as follows:-

<u>1921</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1924</u>
Sept. @ \$2.84	Mar. - \$2.56 Sept. 5.88	\$ 4.78 60.00	\$9.48

It will be seen that the large consumption was recorded in May, the meter was not read in April and this consumption covers two months. Notice was sent on the 11th of May and the next month the consumption was reduced to normal. It would appear that the owner took immediate steps to have the wastage stopped. I have had the meter tested and it was found to register accurately and as I am satisfied that the water went through the meter I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Finlay

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

*Engineer
Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

September 4th, 1924.

WATER METER BILL - #18 BIRMINGHAM STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re
Water Meter Bill - 18 Birmingham Street:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6th, 1924

Water Meter Bill - 18 Birmingham St.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on July 30th, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill #18 Birmingham Street for year ending March 1924. It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the periods January February, and March be reduced one-half, making a net reduction in the bill of \$25.63.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY.
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. July 29/1924

#18 Birmingham St. - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of excessive water bill at the premises #18 Birmingham Street for the half year ending March 1924, that the amount of the bill is \$54.44. The monthly readings and consumption at the premises during the period complained of were as follows:-

1923		1924			
Sept.	332,200	Jan.	392,200	- 37,100	W.C. Wasting (N) 21/1/24
Oct.	338,200	Feb.	554,800	- 162,600	" (N) 21/2/24
Nov.	-----	Mar.	611,400	- 56,600	" " (N) 19/3/24
Dec.	355,100	Apr.	718,000	- 106,600	
		May	804,000	- 88,000	(N) 19/5/24
		June	805,300	- 1,300	
		July	806,600	- 1,300	

It will be seen that there was a continuous waste of water in these premises from December to May and that notices of this waste and large consumption were sent in Jan, Feb, March and May, Apparently no steps whatever were taken to remedy conditions and reduce the large consumption.

Under the circumstances there can be no good reason for reducing the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer,

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Finlay

*Engineer
Inspector
Collector
Clerk of Works*

September 4th, 1924.

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

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WATER METER BILL - 301 OXFORD STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer
re Water Meter Bill of J.P. Connors, 301 Oxford Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6/1924.

Water Meter Bill - 301 Oxford St.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:-

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held July 30th the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises #301 Oxford Street for half year ending March 1924, amounting to \$10.46. The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the month of March be reduced to one-half making a net reduction in the bill of \$5.23.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. July 29/1924

#301 Oxford St. * Water Meter Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #301 Oxford Street, claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending March 1924 and the amount of the bill is \$11.80. The consumption at these premises was as follows:-

<u>1923.</u>		<u>1924.</u>	
Sept.	4,000	Jan.	400
Oct.	3,300	Feb.	1000
Nov.	-----	Mar.	52,300 Closet wasting
Dec.	1,800	May	800.

The large consumption took place in the month of March due to a closet wasting, apparently it was repaired immediately on notice being given.

As the water went through the meter and was used I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Finlay

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

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*Engineer
and
Clerk of Works
Class of Works*

September 4th 1924.

WATER METER BILL - MUMFORD ROAD.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer
in re Water Meter Bill St. Patrick's Home, Mumford Road:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 4/1924

Water Meter Bill - Mumford Road.

His Worship the Mayor and Council:-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 20th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for St. Patrick's Home, Mumford Road, a copy of which is attached hereto, on motion of Alderman Daw seconded by Ald. Hubley it was decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced one-third with the understanding that no applications on any future bills under similar circumstances would be given consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 5/1924.

Mumford Road - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied St. Patrick's Home on Mumford Road and complained of as being excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending March 1924, the amount of the bill being \$130.50 of which \$3.50 is meter rental.

I had the meter and pipe line to the building inspected and also the fixtures in the building, the ball cock of the gravity tank was wasting badly and also that there was a continuous waste of water in the outdoor latrine.

In my opinion these leaks would account for the large consumption of water. The attention of the Brother in charge was called to these leaks and the conditions were remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

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

Motion passed.

*Engineer ✓
Assessor ✓
Collector ✓
Clerk of Works ✓*

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September 4th 1924.

WATER METER BILL - MUMFORD ROAD.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer
in re Water Meter Bill St. Patrick's Home, Mumford Road:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 4/1924

Water Meter Bill - Mumford Road.

His Worship the Mayor and Council:-

Gentlemen:-

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Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 5/1924.

Mumford Road - Water Bill.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied St. Patrick's Home on Mumford Road and complained of as being excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending March 1924, the amount of the bill being \$130.50 of which \$3.50 is meter rental.

I had the meter and pipe line to the building inspected and also the fixtures in the building, the ball cock of the gravity tank was wasting badly and also that there was a continuous waste of water in the outdoor latrine.

In my opinion these leaks would account for the large consumption of water. The attention of the Brother in charge was called to these leaks and the conditions were remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

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

Motion passed.

*Engineer ✓
Alderman ✓
Collector ✓
Clerk of Works*

September 4th, 1924.

CITY HEALTH BOARD - STENOGRAPHER.

Read report of the Finance Committee in re application of the City Health Board for authorization to engage a temporary stenographer:-

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 30th, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the application of the City Health Board for authorization to engage a temporary stenographer in that Department was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the City Health Board be authorized to engage a temporary Stenographer at a salary not exceeding the rate of \$800.00 per annum, providing that the said Board undertake to finance this expenditure for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FINLAY,
Acting Chairman.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman W.O. Cameron that the further consideration of this report be deferred until the next Meeting and that the Secretary of the Board be given an opportunity to address the Council upon the necessity of this appointment.

*A. C. Pettigrew
Council*

Amendment put and passed, Alderman Finlay dissenting.

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SALVATION ARMY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to the relation of the Grace Maternity Hospital to the City of Halifax:-

Committee Room, City Hall
June 16th, 1924.

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

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held

September 4th, 1924.

this day, the attached letter of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart of May 8th, 1924, respecting the relation of the Grace Maternity Hospital to the City of Halifax, referred to this Committee for report, was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the Solicitors for the Salvation Army be informed that the City Council is not in a position to accede to their request.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

*Henry Rogers
Harris Stewart*

Moved by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

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NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAY & POWER COMPANY -
STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT

Read report of the Finance Committee on report of the Works Department in re the account of the Nova Scotia Tramway & Power Company for street lighting for the month of May:-

Committee Room, City Hall
June 26th, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the Committee had under consideration a report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Street Lighting Contract.

Your Committee report that this matter has been referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the City Engineer, to take up with the Board of Public Utilities with respect to the rates fixed in the City's contract with the Halifax Electric Tramway & Power Company.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Filed.

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ANNUAL REPORT - COAL WEIGHERS 1923-24.

Read Annual Report of A. H. Gullymore, Supervisor of City Coal Weighers:-

Halifax, N.S. April 30th, 1924

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

September 4th, 1934.

Gentlemen:-

Report from A. H. Cullymore, Supervisor of City Weighers showing the number of tons weighed by the City Weighers, during the Civic year ending April 30th, as follows:-

	TONS.	LBS.
Reserve Mine.	9,251	1900
Sydney Old Mine.	26,701	823
Run of Mine - Various.	18,275	1635
Inverness Mine.	14,113	338
Ac. Lump "	10,964	780
Slack Various.	8,771	1665
Drummond Mine	8,054	1586
Acadia "	2,787	1000
American "	2,638	575
Ac. Nut "	2,551	235
Besco Coke	4,286	1795
Gas "	4,251	1130
Springhill Mine.	1,609	990
Indian Cove "	1,299	1476
Bay View "	1,186	790
McKay "	1,005	399
Petroleum Coke	1,065	1753
Ac. Stove.	872	1830
Empire Mine.	809	1585
Economy "	570	525
Pochontus "	461	1150
Kanawaka "	259	330
Fundy "	197	1850
Cumberland Mine	167	1870
Bras D'Or "	111	150
L. Coke	92	875
Strathcona "	63	1400
Kimberley "	63	150
Copen "	44	1270
National "	29	1070
Hiawatha "	37	870
Barrington "	24	650
Havelock "	5	1550
Victoria "	5	
Charcoal "	1	1770
American & Anthracite.	<u>23,824</u>	<u>1325</u>
Total Tons.	<u>141,409</u>	<u>1200</u>

141,409 - 1200
 2000 Tons @ 10¢ per ton.....\$14,140.96
 Cash from estate Geo. E.
 Boak & Son.....17.50
 \$14,158.46
 Cash paid Supernumeraries @ \$2,768.92
 Expenses.....121.42
 Telephone.....36.00
 2,926.34
 \$11,232.12

The above balance divided among Twelve (12) Permanent Weighers gives each the sum of Nine Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and One cent (\$936.01)

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. CULLYMORE,
 Supervisor.

Filed,

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September 4th, 1924.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - TELEPHONE RESIDENCE
W. A. EMMERSON.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards recommending the installation of a telephone in the residence of Mr. W.A. Emmerson, Foreman of the Fire Alarm System, at the expense of the Department:-

Committee Room,
City Hall, July 9/1924

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

Gentlemen:-

At a Meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, Mr. Emmerson, Foreman of the Fire Alarm(System) Maintenance Department, asked that a telephone be placed in his residence at the expense of the Department.

Your Committee recommend that as it is in the interest of the Department that Mr. Emmerson be notified at once when there is an alarm of fire, that his request be granted and a telephone installed. Aldermen Finlay and Daw dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report be adopted. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same, and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Sanford, Gastonguay, Kenny, H.W. Cameron, Rains, Whelan, O'Toole, Power, Drysdale - 11.

Against it:- Aldermen Hubley, Smeltzer, W.O. Cameron and Daw - 4.

*Copy to the Mayor
and the Council*

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COAL WEIGHERS' FEES.

Read report of A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, asking that the Fees for the Weighers of Coal in this City be increased by the fixing of a minimum charge to be guaranteed by any dealer:-

Halifax, N. S. July 15/24

To His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

September 4th, 1924.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the present rate of weighing fees paid the City Coal Weighers of Halifax, I would on behalf of the City Coal Weighers respectfully ask you to consider the following:-

1st. Owing to the number of coal dealers at present in business in the City of Halifax, it is necessary to furnish four (4) supernumeraries or extra weighers who are paid at the rate of Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day, whether or not he weighs twenty-five tons (25) per day at the scale where he is placed. At the end of each month the amount paid the supernumerary or extra weigher must be deducted from the total weighing fees received, and the balance divided among the present twelve (12) permanent weighers.

2nd. The number of tons weighed during the year ending April 30/24 was eighteen thousand two hundred and forty tons (18,240) less than the year ending April 30/23, or a loss to each permanent weigher of approximately \$153.00 for that period.

3rd. In order to relieve the present situation we beg to suggest that a minimum charge of Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day be guaranteed by any dealer using a weigher, permanent or supernumerary appointed to weigh coal. The maximum charge to be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month unless it exceeds four hundred tons. The present fee of 10 cents per ton to remain and any difference between the minimum (25 tons per day) and the actual amount to be made up by the dealer.

Trusting the foregoing will receive careful consideration by your Worship and City Council,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A. H. CULLYMORE,
Supervisor.

Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

✓ WADING POOL - CENTRAL PLAYGROUNDS
COMMONS.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending payment to the McDonald Construction Company Ltd., of the sum of \$3,298.00, the full amount of their contract for the construction of the Wading Pool:-

City Works Office,
Halifax, N. S. Sept. 6th, 1924

WADING POOL - CENTRAL PLAYGROUNDS.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:-

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held

*W. Russell
City Clerk*

September 4th, 1924.

September 3rd, the attached report of the City Engineer recommending payment to the McDonald Construction Company Limited, the sum of \$3,298.00 being amount in full on their contract, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 3/1924

WADING POOL - CENTRAL PLAYGROUNDS.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the McDonald Construction Company, Ltd., of the sum of \$3,298.00 being the amount in full of the contract, for constructing a wading pool at the Central Playground.

The Company also make a claim for extras amounting to \$324.00 on account of extra filling material having to be used on account settlement caused by rolling the base with our ten ton roller. In my judgment this claim is unfounded as under the contract we have the right to take every precaution to see that a solid bottom has been provided.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Clerk of Works ✓*

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

✓ -:- -:- -:- -:-

Alderman Hubley asks that the City Collector be required to submit to this Council a monthly return of the amount of Rates and Taxes collected by him during the previous month, and showing the amount of rates and taxes respectively remaining uncollected, as required by Section 321 of the City Charter, and as amended by Chapter 60, Section 33 of the Acts of 1924.

*Mayor ✓
City Collector ✓*

-:- -:- -:- -:-

September 4th, 1934.

9.40 o'clock p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

F. W. BISSETT,
DEPUTY-MAYOR.

H. S. Rhind
H. S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

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EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber, City Hall,
October 9th., 1924.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, H. W. Cameron, Kenny, Rains, Whelan, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Power, Daw, W. O. Cameron and Smeltzer.

✓ WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Works Department \$11,586.28 and to the Water Department \$1448.98.

City Work's Office,
October 8th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs,

Accounts totalling the undermentioned amounts were approved and recommended to Council for payment at a meeting held this day:-

Works Department -

Capital	\$133.00	
Appropriations	<u>11,453.28</u>	\$11,586.28

Water Department -

Construction	618.75	
Maintenance	<u>830.23</u>	1,448.98

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

October 9th., 1924.

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

✓
CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL
ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home amounting to \$6827.15, and to the Tuberculosis Hospital \$2,441.85.

Halifax, October 7th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day.

Members present, Aldermen Gastonguay, Rains and O'Toole.

City Home, Accounts \$6827.15, September 1924.

City Home accounts amounting to \$6827.15 are recommended for payment.

Tuberculosis Hospital, Accounts \$2441.85, September 1924.

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts amounting to \$2441.85 are recommended for payment.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

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

✓
CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Isolation Hospital amounting to \$645.88, and to the General Account of the Health Department \$1550.87.

Office of City Health Board,
October 9, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Council.

October 9th., 1924.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, October 8th., 1924, the attached accounts amounting to \$2,196.75, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Arthur C. Pettipas,
Secretary
City Health Board.

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts for payment chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance \$633.18, and to the General Account of the Fire Department \$10,985.62.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$11,618.80 were passed as correct and recommended to Council for payment:-

Fire Alarm Maintenance -		
Capital Account	\$120.47	
Current	<u>512.71</u>	\$633.18
Fire Department Maintenance -		
General Account		<u>10,985.62</u> \$ 11,618.80

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

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

October 9th., 1924.

✓ CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1141.54, also covering report of the Governor of the Prison for the Month of September 1924, showing 25 persons in custody at that date.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 6th., 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee, held this day, there being present Aldermen Gastonguay, Chairman; O'Toole, Whelan, Colwell and Smeltzer, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1141.54 was examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The Monthly Report of the Governor showing a total of 25 Prisoners in custody on the 30th. of September 1924 was submitted and filed.

L. A. GASTONGUAY,
Chairman.

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

✓ CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Citizens' Free Library Committee recommending accounts amounting to \$251.34 for payment.

Citizens' Free Library,
October 6th., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Citizens' Free Library Committee beg to recommend for payment the attached accounts amounting to \$251.34.

A. J. FINLAY,
Chairman.

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

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GARDENS? PARK AND COMMON ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common, recommending accounts amounting to \$248.13 for payment.

Mayor's Office,
October 9th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common, held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$248.13 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

JOHN MURPHY,
Chairman.

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

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$592.24.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 8th., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Police Committee recommend for payment the attached list of accounts amounting to \$592.24.

JOHN MURPHY,
Mayor and Chairman.

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

October 9th., 1924.

✓ GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Report read from the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2474.20.

Committee Room,
City Hall, October 7, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached accounts amounting to \$2,474.20, chargeable to the following services, were passed as correct and recommended for payment:-

Printing & Stationery	\$220.96
Civic Grants	1904.23
Contingent	235.78
Loan Expenses	74.57
Installation of new accounting system	<u>34.66</u>
	<u>2474.20</u>

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT VICTORIA GENERAL
HOSPITAL.

Read report Committee of Firewards re account Victoria General Hospital \$21.00 for medical treatment to Leo MacIsaac a member of the Fire Department.

Committee Room,
City Hall, October 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the attached account of the Victoria General

October 9th., 1924.

Hospital - \$21.00, for medical treatment to Leo McIsaac from September 1st. to 15th., was recommended to Council for payment.

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

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

Auditor Motion passed.

✓ ACCOUNT, HARVEY E. CROWELL.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment the account of Harvey E. Crowell, Chartered Accountant, for Professional Services in connection with the sinking funds of the City, \$1000.00.

Committee Room,
City Hall, October 7, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached account of Harvey E. Crowell, Chartered Accountant, for professional services in investigating and reporting upon certain sinking funds in the City of Halifax \$1000.00 was passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

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

Alderman Power asked that the City Auditor prepare a synopsis of this report and distribute same to the Members of the City Council.

October 9th., 1924.

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT PLUMBING - QUINPOOL ROAD AND
WEST STREET FIRE STATIONS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment account of C. R. Hoben & Company \$573.00 - balance due on contract for installing new plumbing at the West Street Fire Station, also account of Lee & Brennan \$872.00 for installing plumbing at Quinpool Road Fire Station.

Committee Room,
City Hall, October 8, 1924.

To
His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the attached accounts of Messrs. C. R. Hoben & Company, \$573.00, for balance due on contract for installing Plumbing at the West Street fire station, and that of Messrs. Lee & Brennan, \$872.00, for installing Plumbing at Quinpool Road Fire Station, were passed and recommended for payment subject to the Plumbing Inspector filing with the City Auditor a Certificate that the contracts have been completed according to the terms of the Specifications.

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid on the filing of the Certificates required by the City Auditor. Motion passed.

✓ ACCOUNT, HENRY ROGERS HARRIS & STEWART,
L. FRED. MONAGHAN VERSAS THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read report of the Finance Committee in re the account of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart, \$515.15, for Professional Services in the suit of L. Fred. Monaghan versas the City of Halifax.

October 9th., 1924.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
October 7, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached account of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart, \$515.55, for professional services in the suit of Monaghan versus City of Halifax, together with a bill of costs as taxed against the Plaintiff for \$142.20, was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the bill be referred back to Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, to be itemized and that the City Solicitor then have the account taxed before a County or Supreme Court Judge, and also to take steps to collect the taxed bill of costs.

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

*Henry Rogers ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

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

✓ CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL,
REPORT SEPTEMBER 1924.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of September 1924, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 285 and patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital numbering 32.

Halifax, N. S., October 7, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day. Members present Aldermen Gastonguay, Rains and O'Toole.

CITY HOME, SEPTEMBER 30th., 1924,
NUMBER OF INMATES 285 -

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of September 1924 there were 15 persons admitted into the City Home, 6 were discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 1 was chargeable to the Province and 14 to the City.

October 9th., 1924.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
October 7, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached account of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart, \$515.55, for professional services in the suit of Monaghan versus City of Halifax, together with a bill of costs as taxed against the Plaintiff for \$142.20, was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the bill be referred back to Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, to be itemized and that the City Solicitor then have the account taxed before a County or Supreme Court Judge, and also to take steps to collect the taxed bill of costs.

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

*Henry Rogers ✓
City Solicitor ✓*
Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Power,
that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL,
REPORT SEPTEMBER 1924.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of September 1924, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 285 and patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital numbering 32.

Halifax, N. S., October 7, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day. Members present Aldermen Gastonguay, Rains and O'Toole.

CITY HOME, SEPTEMBER 30th., 1924,
NUMBER OF INMATES 285 -

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of September 1924 there were 15 persons admitted into the City Home, 6 were discharged and 5 died. Of the number admitted 1 was chargeable to the Province and 14 to the City.

October 9th., 1924.

The total number of inmates September 30. 1924 was 285, made up of 157 men, 124 women and 4 children. On the same date last year there were 150 men, 122 women and 7 children, a total of 279.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, SEPTEMBER 30th., 1924,
NUMBER OF PATIENTS 32.-

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of September 1924, there were 4 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, viz., 3 men and 1 woman; 1 man and 1 woman were discharged, and 2 men and 1 woman died.

The total number of patients September 30th. 1924 was 32, made up of 15 men, 16 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 15 men, 17 women and 2 children, a total of 34.

H. S. COLWELL,
Chairman.

Filed.

✓ CITY PRISON UNIFORM OVERCOATS.

Read report City Prison Committee re tender of Messrs. Clayton & Sons for supplying the Staff at the City Prison with six (6) uniform overcoats at Twenty-two (\$22.00) dollars each.

Committee Room,
City Hall, October 7, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee, held this day, the attached tender of Messrs. Clayton & Sons for supplying the Staff of the City Prison with six (6) uniform Overcoats at Twenty-two (\$22.00) dollars each - Government tax included, was recommended to the City Council for acceptance.

L. A. GASTONGUAY,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that the tender of Messrs. Clayton & Sons be accepted and the report adopted. Motion passed.

*Clayton & Sons
Accepted
for blanket*

October 9th., 1924.

✓
COAL WEIGHERS REPORT AUGUST 1924.

Read report A. H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, showing the amount of fees received by the Coal Weighers during the Month of August 1924.

Filed.

✓
ARMISTICE DAY, POPPY SALE.

Read letters A. J. Cameron, Secretary of the Halifax Branch Great War Veterans Association, and Mrs. W. G. Turner, Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary Great War Veterans Association, asking permission for the Ladies Auxiliary of that Association to conduct a sale of Poppies on the streets of the City of Halifax on Armistice Day November 11th., 1924.

Halifax, September 25, 1924.

To
The Mayor and Aldermen,
City Council, Halifax.

Gentlemen,

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Halifax Branch of The Great War Veterans Association have again kindly consented to conduct a sale of Poppies on the streets of Halifax on Armistice Day November 11th. 1924.

The proceeds of the sale is wholly devoted to the work of this organization in endeavouring to provide for the sick and needy among ex-service men and their dependents.

The object being a worthy one, I trust on behalf of the G. W. V. A., that the permission sought by the Auxiliary will be readily granted by your City council.

Allan J. Cameron,
Secretary Treasurer,
Halifax Branch - G. W. V. A.

:
:
Halifax, September 25, 1924.

To
His Worship The Mayor of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Sir,

October 9th., 1924.

"Poppy Day"

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Halifax Branch of The Great War Veterans Association hereby apply for permission to conduct the sale of Poppies on the streets of Halifax on Armistice Day November 11, 1924.

In connection with this request it may be mentioned that for the past two years the City Council saw fit to accede to this request for the sale of Poppies on Armistice Day, and that in each case the proceeds were solely used for the alleviation of distress among the dependents of those who served in the late war and who have not as yet been fully re-established in civilian life.

Each winter season brings its own problems, and, whilst it is hoped that the need will not be as great next winter, nevertheless there is bound to be more or less need during the coming winter season.

It is to be in a position to do something to help needy cases that may arise that we are again asking for this permission.

Trusting that the members of the City Council will again grant our request,

F. Grace Turner,
(Mrs. W. G. Turner), President,
Ladies Auxiliary G. W. V. A.

*✓ A. J. Cameron
W. J. Turner*
Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer,
that the application be granted. Motion passed.

✓ CITY HEALTH BOARD STENOGRAPHER.

Read report Finance Committee dated July 30th. 1924 in re application of the City Health Board for authorization to engage a temporary Stenographer deferred for further consideration at a meeting of the City Council held on September 4th. 1924 (see Minutes City Council Page 201).

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

Alderman H. W. Cameron asked that Mr. Pettipas be permitted to address the Council on the subject.

The Council is then addressed by Mr. Pettipas on the necessity of providing sufficient assistance in the Health Department.

October 9th., 1924.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw that this matter be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Hubley and Kenny for report. The Amendment is not seconded.

The original Motion is put and passed, Aldermen Daw, Hubley and O'Toole asking to be recorded as voting against it.

*D. Mackenzie
A. Pettigrew
Auditor*

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT, INSURANCE OF FIREMEN.

Read report Firewards Committee in re expiry of the Group Policy of Insurance on Members of the Halifax Fire Department.

Committee Room,
City Hall, September 12, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the Committee had under consideration the report of Chief Churchill informing it that the group policy of insurance of Members of the Halifax Fire Department would expire on September 10th.

It was moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the Committee recommend to the City Council that the policy of insurance on members of the Department be renewed, the premium to be paid out of any funds available as no provision had been made for its payment in the Estimates of 1924-25.

Aldermen Finlay and H. W. Cameron opposed the Motion and it was decided to refer the whole matter to the City Council for its consideration and action.

W. J. O'TOOLE,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the Group Policy of Insurance on Members of the Fire Department be renewed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that the report be referred back to the Committee of Firewards for further consideration

October 9th., 1924.

and that said Committee be authorized to continue the Policy in force for another thirty (30) days. The Amendment is put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Colwell
Gastonguay
Rains
Whelan
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron.

Against it:-

Alderman Sanford
Bissett
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Smeltzer
Daw.

Alderman Daw gives notice of reconsideration and moves for a stay of proceedings. The vote being taken on the stay of proceedings there appeared for the Motion 6 and against it 8, as follows:-

For it,

Alderman Bissett
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Smeltzer
Daw.

Against it,

Alderman Colwell
Sanford
Gastonguay
Rains
Whelan
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron

His Worship the Mayor declares the vote on the stay of proceedings lost.

*also 6 Doolan ✓
city treasurer ✓
chief of pd ✓*

✓
POLICE OFFICERS FULTON AND PARKER,
PAYMENT OF SALARIES.

Read report and letter His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of the Police Committee, in re payment of the salary of late Policeman Charles Fulton to his Widow, also payment of the salary of Policeman Parker.

October 9th., 1924.

Mayor's Office, October 9, 1924.

To Members of the City Council,
City.

Gentlemen,

Re Payment of Salaries - Police Officer
Fulton & Officer W. Parker.

You will please find attached copies of letters passed between the City Auditor and myself respecting payments made to the widow of the late Officer Fulton and to Ex-Policeman Parker.

Both these matters were carefully considered by Police Commission and it was decided, in view of the particularly sad circumstances surrounding the death of Officer Fulton that until Council decides what the City can do for the widow, we would continue to pay his salary.

In the case of Officer Parker, the Commission granted him leave to enable him to go to the Sanitorium for treatment. On advice received from the Institution that a further three months would materially benefit Policeman Parker we decided to grant this extension. He did not, however, feel inclined to return to Kentville, and the Commission accordingly tendered him three months salary with the understanding that he was to resign from the Force. This arrangement Officer Parker accepted and retired several weeks ago. Following the strict letter of the Charter, the Commission could not grant the extension, although in the past at least one case of a similar nature was accorded this treatment. Officer Parker was a faithful official and the members of the Commission felt justified, under the circumstances, in according him this treatment.

From copy of letter attached you will note that the circumstances surrounding both these cases have been placed clearly before the Auditor, informing him that the members of the Commission had assumed responsibility for the course followed, and it would be submitted to Council at first meeting for its approval.

Trusting the Council will agree with action taken by Commission in both these cases, which, under all the circumstances, seemed a just and proper one.

JOHN MURPHY,

M A Y O R.

:
:
Mayor's Office, September 19, 1924.

H.F. Glass, Esq.,
City Auditor.

Dear Sir,

October 9th., 1924.

H.F. Glass, Esq.,
City Auditor.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 18th. respecting salaries of the late Officer Fulton and Officer W. E. Parker, and will submit same with report to the next meeting of Council.

I desire to confirm the instructions given in our verbal conversation, that the Police Commission assume the responsibility of continuing the payment to the widow of Officer Fulton until such time as Council definitely deals with this matter.

Respecting the case of Officer Parker while contrary to provisions in City Charter, this is done after full discussion by the Commission, based on two medical certificates, that a continued treatment at Sanatorium would probably fit this Officer for duty.

The Members of the Commission must assume responsibility for the obligations involved, depending on Council to concur in their action. It is just possible the course followed in both these cases may require to be confirmed by Legislation. I doubt very much if any person would raise such a question. In the meantime, this letter will serve as your authority for approving payment in both the cases mentioned.

JOHN MURPHY,

M A Y O R.

Also read report of H. F. Glass, City Auditor,
on this subject.

City Auditor's Office, September
18th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs,

In accordance with the Acts of 1924, Chapter 6, Section 42, sub-section "D", relating to the duties of Auditor, I would report that it is proposed to continue to pay the undermentioned wages in connection with the Police Department which are contrary to the City Charter:-

Mrs. Fulton, widow of the recently deceased Policeman who was shot carrying out his duties, \$55.41 bi-monthly; Constable W. E. Parker who is undergoing treatment in the Sanatorium, \$55.41 bi-monthly.

H. F. GLASS,
City Auditor.

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Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the action of the Police Committee be confirmed by the Council. Motion passed, Alderman Bissett asking to be recorded as voting against the Clause in reference to Police Officer Parker.

On request of Alderman Kenny, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Solicitor is asked to seek Legislation to validate this action of the Council, also to take care of similar cases in the future.

*Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Treasurer ✓*

✓ POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHANGES IN
DETECTIVE FORCE.

Read reports His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of the Police Committee, and the Chief of Police, in re proposed changes in the Police Department.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
October 9th., 1924.

To Members of the City Council.
City.

Gentlemen,

Re - Re-organization Detective Department.

A meeting of the Police Commission was held on the 24th. ultimo to consider report of Chief of Police Palmer in which he recommended that Detectives Aitken and Reyno be relieved of their duties and replaced by Inspector McIsaac and Officer Fox, the retiring Detectives to be assigned to other duties in this Department. This report followed one of the 10th. ultimo in which the two detectives mentioned were reported for disobedience to orders by the Chief.

After fully discussing the situation, the majority of the Commission found they could not support the changes as suggested by the Chief, and consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable the Chairman of Commission to submit a report.

The Commission met on the 26th. ultimo when this matter was further gone into and writer's report against the changes as laid down by the Chief, was considered. A copy of this report is attached.

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It is recommended therein that efforts be made to secure the services of a first class Detective to take charge of this Department, he to be given a free hand to thoroughly reorganize it, and that if the Commission do not feel disposed to follow this course that Officers Aitken and Reyno be given a further three months trial instead of replacing them with Inspector MoIsaac and Officer Fox, this because of the fact that the change proposed did not, in my judgment, promise any material improvement in the Department as the two Officers in question had not shown any special fitness for the work of Detectives. Commissioner o'Toole concurred in this course - Commissioner Hubley disagreeing and supporting the changes as recommended by Chief of Police.

As Members of Council are aware, where a matter of this nature does not receive the unanimous approval of the Commission, it is the privilege of the dissenting member to appeal to Council. Alderman Hubley has accordingly asked that the recommendation be submitted for your consideration and action. In compliance with his request the matter is placed before you tonight.

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

:
:
Chief's Office,
Police Headquarters,
September 24, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members Police Commission.

Gentlemen,

In line with your request for a recommendation re the Detective department, I beg leave to submit the following:-

In view of conditions existing in the detective department and the total incapability of the two detectives there to carry on their work, I would recommend that they be removed from that department and assigned to duties, of which I will later make mention, and that Inspector D. J. MacIsaac and Policeman George Fox be appointed in their positions.

I would further recommend that James Reyno be appointed to fill the position of City Marshal and Charles Aitken be assigned to the Police Court, pro tem, under the direction and supervision of this office. These assignments will relieve the Deputy Chief of Police from all clerical duty and he will be able to devote his full time to the oversight of matters pertaining to policing the City.

I would also recommend that James Crichton, the Police Clerk, be promoted to the rank of Sergeant to fill

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the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sergeant William Doyle and that he have the supervision of all clerical matters in the department.

Trusting that the above recommendations will meet with your approval,

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

W. E. PALMER,
Chief of Police.

✓
Read minority report of Alderman Hubley.

Halifax, N. S., October 19, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

I entirely dissent with the report of the Police Commission and consider that Chief Palmer should be given every latitude to reorganize the department under his control. I consider the Police Commission in not sustaining the recommendations of the Chief of Police has taken a course that will very much weaken the authority of the Chief, if not entirely destroy the discipline of the Police Department.

I would therefore move that the recommendations of the Chief of Police be sustained by this Council.

ANDREW HUBLEY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Chief of Police covering recommendations in respect to the Detective Department be adopted and that the recommendation in reference to the promotion of Police Officer Crichton be deleted from the report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that the reports be referred back to the Police Committee for further consideration and report.

The Amendment, on being put, is lost, 5 voting

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for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Gastonguay
Whelan
O'Toole
Drysdale.

Alderman Sanford
Bissett
Kenny
H.W.Cameron
Rains
Hubley
Power
Smeltzer
W.O.Cameron
Daw.

The original Motion is put and passed, 11 voting for it, and 4 against, as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell
Sanford
Bissett
Kenny
H.W.Cameron
Rains
Hubley
Power
Smeltzer
W.O.Cameron
Daw.

Alderman Gastonguay
Whelan
O'Toole
Drysdale.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this meeting do now adjourn until Monday Evening the 20th. of October instant at 8 O'clock.
Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 11.50 o'clock.

*Chief of Police ✓
City Auditor ✓
City Treasurer ✓*

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JOHN MURPHY,

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H. S. RHIND,

CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION.

ADJOURNED MEETING,

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,

October 20th., 1924.

An adjourned Meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Rains, Colwell, Bissett, Sanford, Kenny, Gastonguay, Hubley, Power and Smeltzer.

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

8.30 o'clock.

Roll called, present the above named and Aldermen Finlay, H. W. Cameron, Daw and W. O. Cameron.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that the object of holding the adjourned meeting was for the purpose of considering the matter of re-establishing the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, and submitted Message to the Council on the subject.

His Worship also informed the Council that a number of citizens interested in the matter were in attendance and asked the Council to consent that they be given an opportunity of expressing their views.

Moved by Alderman W. O. Cameron, seconded by

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Alderman Daw, that any persons present who wished to address the Council on this subject be permitted to do so for a period of not more than ten minutes. Motion passed.

Read Message His Worship the Mayor in re the Re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Mayor's Office, Halifax, N. S.,
October 20, 1924.

To Members of City Council.

Gentlemen,

Re
PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The re-establishment of the Exhibition here rests entirely with Council. The Provincial Government have, by legislation, made available a sum not to exceed \$200,000. to take care of their portion of the capital expenditure and await our decision as to what the City intends to do.

There is unquestionably a divided opinion among our citizens regarding the matter. This, I think, is due to the following: Our present financial condition, the pressure of taxation, and, undoubtedly, to our past experience with the operation of the Provincial Fair.

In disposing of the question I am satisfied every Member of Council will give serious consideration to both the obligations and the hoped for benefits from the venture. We, however, owe it to the City as well as to the people of the Province to make a decision one way or the other on this matter.

After viewing the situation from all its angles, I am clearly of the opinion that it is in the City's

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best interests to have the Exhibition revived here, and, further, that every effort should be made to have the work undertaken at once with a view of opening the Fair in 1925.

We will have an opportunity at meeting of Council, when this matter is under discussion, of hearing views for and against from a number of citizens, which will help in making a decision.

For your information, and to assist in dealing with the problem, I have worked out in as condensed form as the many matters entering in make possible some information, which I trust will be helpful. In justice to the Aldermen who were not members of Council when this matter was previously gone into, I am embodying certain details previously submitted on this subject.

So that we can deal with the problems in some order, I thought it well to draft this report under the following headings:-

- No. 1. Proposal of Exhibition Commission involving capital outlay, \$400,000. with details of buildings, etc.
- No. 2. Estimated revenue based on carrying out of the above plans.
- No. 3. Policy of Provincial Government respecting capital expenditure, and further obligations in connection with carrying out of Fair.
- No. 4. Full details of capital expenditures incurred previous to Explosion, and of unsettled claim against Relief Commission.
- No. 5. Financial operations Provincial Exhibition from its establishment here in 1897 to 1917.

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No. 6. Report St. John Exhibition covering past four years, showing financial results.

No. 7. Suggested changes in present plans.

No. 8. Summary.

I will now deal with the above programme in the order set out.

Item No. 1. Proposal of Exhibition Commission involving capital outlay - \$400,000., with details of buildings, etc.

You will recall that the original plans and specifications involved an initial capital expenditure of \$800,000. These were later amended to bring the outlay down to \$400,000., this amount provides for the following buildings, etc.:-

Arena	Estimated cost	\$172,000	
	Heating Plant	32,000	
	Plumbing	<u>3,700</u>	
	Total cost		\$ 207,700
Grand Stand	Estimated cost	84,000	
	Plumbing	<u>8,400</u>	
			102,400
Cattle Building ..	Estimated cost		19,700
	(with concrete floors \$8,570)		
Bldg. Show Horses	Estimated cost		29,864
	(with concrete floors \$5,580)		
Bldg. Sheep & Swine (Temporary)	Estimated cost		5,028
Bldg. Race Horses	Estimated cost		12,750
G. S. Subway	Estimated cost		9,035
Fence	Estimated cost		<u>12,900</u>
	Total		<u>\$399,377.</u>

(You will note from details given that should it be found desirable to install concrete floors in the Cattle and Show Horse buildings, it will be necessary to add a further sum of \$14,150. to this estimate, bringing the total to \$413,527.)

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Out of the total expenditure of \$400,000.. it is proposed to put slightly over one-half the amount, namely \$208,000., in the construction of the Arena, and the sum of \$102,000. in a Grand Stand.

From the outset it impressed me that the tying up of such a large proportion of the initial expenditure in this Arena was not advisable, and I see no reason today to change that view.

So far as I can recall no special details ever came before Council with respect to these and other buildings which it is proposed to erect. In order, therefore, to enable you to pass judgment on this I will endeavour to give you full particulars of construction, as well as the purposes for which they are intended to be used.

ARENA:

This building is to be a one-story concrete structure with a floor area of 35,790 square feet. It will have a seating capacity of approximately 5,200.

Its primary purpose in connection with the Exhibition proper is for the judging of live stock. This will be done on the Main Floor, or Enclosure - which provides a space of 210 feet long by 75 feet wide. The plans provide for a covered walk to this Enclosure from both the Cattle and Horse buildings, this to be used when weather conditions make necessary.

In the south end of the Arena it is proposed to locate the general offices, taking care of the ticket staff, etc., a space of 4,000 square feet being available for this purpose.

On the sides under the seating a space of approximately 11,560 square feet will be available for exhibit purposes. No definite plans were made as to just what ex-

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hibits would be allotted to this space. For your guidance would say that this would about equal in area the ground floor of the old Main building, which contained something like 10,800 square feet.

A Heating Plant is to be installed in this building at an estimated cost of \$32,000.

Aside from its use during Exhibition for the judging of live stock, it has been suggested that during the other portion of the year it would be available for any of the following purposes:-

During the winter for Hookey, Skating. Curling and Carnivals. In the summer for Automobile Shows, Fairs, Tournaments, and indorr Snorts of every description, and for such other public purposes as its generous seating capacity would attract. Mention was made of the nossibility of holding an early Winter Fair, when certain Agricultural, Horticultural, and Poultry Exhibits could possibly be shown to better advantage than at the regular Exhibition.

I desire to point out that the Exhibition Commission in estimating a total revenue of \$42,000. figured to secure \$25,000. of the amount from this building. I desire to place myself on record that I do not feel any such sum can be realized. If the amount were placed even at \$15,000. I would consider it a generous figure.

GRAND STAND:

Plans provide for reinforced concrete Stand, having a seating capacity of 5,050. Underneath the seating arrangement will be three floors running the entire length of the Stand.

The first, or Ground Floor, which will be 60 feet wide is to be used for Manufacturer's Exhibits, as former-

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ly housed in old Main Building, and in addition for Automobiles, Engines, etc.

The Second Floor, having a width of 42 feet, will be given over to Domestic Work formerly in Women's building, and School Exhibits formerly located in Gallery of old Main Building.

The Third Floor, which will be 28 feet wide, will be used for the Children's Welfare Work.

During the period between Exhibitions, it is hoped to derive some revenue from the First Floor by using it for Storage purposes; probably provision will be made for trackage accomodation to serve this end.

The Commission in estimating their revenue figured on securing \$2,000. from the Ground Floor of this building.

CATTLE AND HORSE BUILDINGS:

All three Buildings covered in the specifications are to be of permanent construction.

The Cattle Building will be capable of taking care of 384 animals.

The Show Horse Building will have provision for 184 horses; while the Race Horse Stable provides for 93 horses.

I would further point out that in the Show Horse Building there will be available for exhibit purposes a space of roughly 17,550 square feet.

Since the original plans were drawn, a suggestion has been made that we might to advantage adopt the method in use in the City of Calgary, and, instead of installing permanent fixtures, or stalls in these buildings, that divisional ones be used which would permit of their removal at the close of the Fair, thereby leaving the entire floor space available for storage and other purposes. This suggestion is worthy of consideration and will, in all lik-

likelihood, be adopted by the Commission.

SWINE AND SHEEP BUILDINGS: These are to be wooden structures, equipped with 208 boxes, and are considered entirely satisfactory for their purposes.

In the opinion of those who are specially versed on the subject, it is considered that the accomodation made for the care of Cattle, Horses, and other Animals, is of the most modern type, and of ample capacity to meet our requirements for a considerable time to come.

My reason for treating the Building programme, particularly the Arena and Grand Stand, in such detail, is to enable you to better consider a suggestive change in this lay-out which will be dealt with under Item No. 8 of this Report.

Item No. 3. Estimated revenue based on carrying out of the above plans.

The Commission in discussing the expenditure of \$400,000. figured on receiving a revenue of \$42,000. made up as follows:-

From the Arena	\$25,000
Track	5,000
Grand Stand (Storage)	2,000
Athletic Field	10,000
	<u>\$42,000</u>

As previously stated, I am of the opinion that this revenue is entirely over-estimated, as I do not feel that any such sum as \$35,000. can be expected from the Arena and Athletic Field. It was largely based on the assumption that the Arena would bring in a revenue of \$25,000. that its construction was supported, as it was felt that it would be the earning portion of the undertaking. Members of Council will have their own views regarding the revenue

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to be derived. If we could be assured of one-half the amount estimated I would feel perfectly satisfied.

The Commission had in mind that Amusement devices could be operated on the Athletic Field from which a revenue sufficient to cover expenses for care of the property could be realized.

Item No. 3. Policy of Provincial Government respecting Capital expenditure, and further obligations in connection with carrying out of Fair.

It will be recalled by those who were in Council last year that there was some question with respect to the Provincial Government's policy regarding the re-establishment of the Exhibition. Some correspondence passed between the Honorable Premier Armstrong and myself on the subject. With a view of placing before Council at this meeting a definite statement in this regard, and, following a conference which I had with the City's Members of the Exhibition Commission - there being present Alderman H. W. Cameron, Ex-Aldermen Burgess and Godwin, we arranged a conference on Friday last with the Governor-in-Council, who were then in session.

The matter was very fully discussed and might be placed under three headings:-

- First: Liability for capital expenditure.
- Second: Liability for any expenses involved in the carrying out of the Exhibition.
- Third: Question as to how the Commission will in future be constituted.

On the first question - that of the Government's policy regarding capital expenditure, I think we can state that the Government is prepared to bear one-half the outlay

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made, which is the same basis as in the past.

Respecting any financial obligation incurred in the carrying on of the Annual Exhibition, Premier Armstrong was not at the time prepared to make a definite statement as to the attitude of the Government.

Third - on the question of how the Commission would in future be constituted. Premier Armstrong had no definite views further than to say that he was not satisfied with conditions of the past; that the Commission should be broadened out so as to bring to its Councils representation from various bodies which have come into existence since the original Act was drawn, and that Agricultural and other interests should have their place on any future Commission.

The legislation amending the original Act under which the Exhibition Commission was constituted was discussed. We placed clearly before Government the City's attitude regarding this Act, pointing out that with a 50 per cent liability both as regards capital expenditure and operating expenses, this Act was not at all acceptable to us. Several Members of Government expressed themselves that the new legislation did not apparently meet the situation.

Premier Armstrong's attitude was that insofar as the construction of buildings is concerned, providing money is judiciously spent, he was not particularly concerned as to how the Committee supervising same is constituted. He further expressed the view that at least so far as the Government is concerned, no Exhibition Commission exists at the present time, for the reason that the Government had allowed their appointments to lapse and had made no new ones to fill the vacancies.

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The conference closed with the understanding that the Government would take this matter under further consideration and advise us its decision on the several points raised. Up to the time of writing this report, no word has been received. I regret, therefore, that I am not in a position to give the Council a more definite statement on these questions, which have such important bearing on any action we may take on the City's behalf.

Item No. 4. Full details of capital expenditures incurred previous to Explosion, and of unsettled claim against Relief Commission.

Capital Expenditures.

1897-8	Original amount assumed by City and Province	\$110,357.24
1905-6	Assumed by joint parties to cover loss of Cattle barns and Speed Stables	13,437.32
1906	Contribution to assist in erections of buildings necessary for Dominion Ex- hibition	10,000.00
1907	Toward rebuilding burned Grand Stand	10,000.00
	Toward rebuilding Horse Stables de- stroyed by fire, new fences, etc.	5,953.57
	Purchase of Cross Property	<u>9,000.00</u>
		\$158,747.93
1917	Added to Capital Account as follows:-	
	Building erected for the purpose of holding Dominion Exhibition, and paid out of years earnings	54,033.08
	Purchase of Monaghan property, roofing Grand stand, and Capital Account accru- ing for several years, and paid from moneys received from Relief Commission	<u>23,130.38</u>
		\$235,911.39

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Outstanding Claim against Relief Commission.

Following the Explosion of 1917 in which the entire plant of the Exhibition Commission was wiped out, claim was filed with the Relief Commission for the sum of \$200,000., which after careful rechecking was accepted by them. Based on their adjustment policy on public properties of this nature, it was agreed to adjust the claim for the sum of \$133,000. On this amount a payment of \$30,000. was made. The balance has been withheld by the Relief Commission because of a question standing between the Provincial Government and themselves respecting a grant of \$100,000. which the Relief Commission understood the Provincial Government was to make to their funds.

Several conferences have been held with a view of getting this matter fixed up. Up to the present time nothing has been accomplished.

It would seem only fair no matter what question surrounds the half interest which the Province has in the unpaid portion of this claim, that the Relief Commission pay over to the City, its interest, which would amount to something over \$50,000. If this can be arranged it would reduce our expenditure on reconstruction by that amount. I will make an opportunity during the week of discussing this matter further with the Relief Commission.

Item No. 5. Financial operations Provincial Exhibition from its establishment here in 1897 to 1917.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
1897	\$30,013.28	\$34,130.49	\$4,117.21
1898	17,365.73	25,335.29	7,969.56
1899	19,293.28	25,953.79	6,660.51
1900	21,136.72	27,734.94	6,598.22
1901	18,307.46	26,995.33	8,687.87
1902	25,571.10	29,317.98	3,746.88
1903	27,526.23	33,186.12	5,659.89
1904	26,150.95	34,381.30	8,230.35
1905	23,771.95	34,704.51	10,932.56
1906	Dominion Grant - Surplus \$ 1,106.24		
1907	23,248.22	37,631.76	14,383.54
1908	26,223.85	38,243.36	12,019.51
1909	17,574.72	34,101.76	16,527.04
1910	18,013.43	32,600.00	14,586.57
1911	24,150.82	35,438.92	11,288.10
1912	28,773.87	39,745.91	10,972.04
1913	29,644.29	39,783.55	10,139.26
1914	No Exhibition - acct. War - 2,420.47		
1915	29,381.42	34,276.71	4,895.29
1916	32,866.85	36,849.29	3,982.44
1917	37,361.99	41,269.01	3,907.02

Taking the total operations over the period of 20 years set out above, the total deficit amounted to, roughly, \$166,600 - or an average of approximately \$8,000. per year. The City's portion of which would be \$4,000. per year.

This statement does not take into consideration any interest or sinking fund on capital invested. It is worthy of note that during the last three years, 1915-16-17, the deficits show a material reduction. This is due in part to the fact that the evening shows on the Grand Stand were omitted, and to the further fact that during these years we enjoyed Federal Grants to assist in live stock prizes amounting to \$3,579. in 1915, \$3,810. in 1916, and \$4,100. in 1917.

While this statement of operations is not on

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its face very encouraging, it indicates at least that deficits which ran as high as \$10,000., \$12,000., \$14,000. and \$16,000. per year, were gradually brought down to about one-third the amounts - to an average of \$4,000., which I think is deserving of special note.

Item No. 6. St. John Exhibition covering past four years, showing financial results.

I feel it will be interesting to Council to have some information with respect to the Fair conducted in the City of St. John. While the conditions do not permit of close comparison, due to the fact that St. John has no race track in connection with their exhibition, the general results of the past few years will serve as a guidance. I will simply give you totals of receipts and expenditures without involving detailed statement, which, however, I would be glad to place in the hands of any Members of Council interested in them.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
1920	\$82,196.00	\$77,796.00	\$4,400.00
1921	40,000.00	51,000.00	
		\$11,000. deficit See foot note.	
1922	45,900.00	40,200.00	5,700.00
1923	42,400.00	35,500.00	6,900.00

The explanation of the wide variation between the years 1920 and 1921 is that during 1920 a payment of some \$32,000. was received from the Government as compensation for damage sustained during the war, and as the full amount was not expended that year a nominal surplus shows; while 1921 had to bear the burden.

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From information received the Fair held during the present year, I understand that they broke on the right side, and a surplus of at least \$1,000. or upwards was realized.

They received Dominion Grants during the years 1920 to 1923, inclusive, averaging about \$3,700., as well as Provincial Grants during the years 1920, 1922 and the present year of \$5,000. per year.

I understand that this year they also received a grant of \$5,000. from the Dominion Government.

Buildings - St. John Exhibition.

Main Building - a two story structure which takes care of Industrial Exhibits, Art and Educational Departments. A Western Annex. three floors - Machinery in basement; Main and Galleries for general exhibit purposes.

Eastern Annex - three floors; basement, Dairy Department, Butter Making, etc. Main floor, Agricultural, Horticultural and Apiary; also Flowers. This building also contains a Women's Tea Room. Upper floor, Women's Work, Health Work, Red Cross, Kindergarten, etc.

Cattle Sheds consist of some 12 small buildings.

I am submitting a plan of the general lay-out for your inspection.

Item No. 7. Suggested Changes in Present Plans.

I feel we are all agreed that if the Exhibition is to be gone on with, any outlay made should be in buildings of a permanent construction. I am unable to support the proposal for the Arena Building; I consider we are not justified in putting the sum of \$208,000. in a building of this nature, the use of which is so restricted in connection with the Exhibition. Should the building not meet the

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expectations of those who advocate it, its construction does not permit of its being converted to advantage, being as you will note of one-story only.

I am further satisfied that as a revenue producer it is a doubtful venture.

Holding these views, and without any desire to force them on Council, I consider it would be in the best interests of all concerned to abandon the construction of the Arena and, in its stead, to erect a proper main building of sufficient capacity to take care of all the principal exhibits, keeping in mind in its lay-out such other general purposes for which it might be used throughout the year.

In the plans now under discussion the principal exhibits of the Fair are to be located under the seating of the Grand Stand, which arrangement does not impress me as the most desirable.

Assuming that a Main Building such as indicated is decided on, I would further suggest we get by next year with the present Grand Stand - constructing a suitable roof if thought necessary.

That the balance of the proposal as covered by the plans and specifications now on hand, be carried out in its entirety; that is, the permanent buildings be constructed for cattle, horses, etc. These are estimated to cost approximately \$80,000. It can be arranged to get the grounds and track in first class order. Plans provide for the erection of suitable fence as well as the construction of sub-way to enable cars and other vehicles to utilize the centre field.

The changes suggested above would enable us to keep the initial expenditure within a maximum of \$300,000., which would make the City's proportion \$150,000., and in the event of our effecting a settlement of our portion of

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the claim outstanding for loss of property, the City's outlay would be reduced to \$100,000. This, I think, would meet with general support.

In practically every city where a Fair of this nature has been undertaken, instead of jumping into a heavy initial outlay, they have felt their way along and added to their equipment from time to time as financial conditions and results obtained justified, which policy, I consider we could follow to special advantage at the present time.

We are dealing with this problem from the City's standpoint and must give special consideration to its financial aspects under conditions which at present confront us.

Should the changes suggested above, favorably commend themselves to Council, it will be necessary that they likewise meet with the approval of the Provincial Government. I feel confident in passing on this matter the Government will give deserving consideration to the City's attitude, and the grounds on which it is based.

An early decision favoring construction would make possible a start on this work which would assist us in dealing with the unemployment situation during the coming winter.

FUTURE ADMINISTRATION.

Should Council agree on the desirability of again starting the Exhibition, it should be with a distinct understanding that the question of administration for the future is the most important factor to provide for. Involving as it does such a financial liability it becomes a cold business proposition and must be dealt with along lines to insure the maximum of efficiency and results.

I have endeavoured in this report to place the whole

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situation clearly and frankly before Council, any views herein expressed or recommendations made are submitted simply as my personal judgment and not with any desire of forcing Council's action in reaching a decision.

Should you decide first that it is desirable to re-establish this Fair you can then say whether the amended plans and specifications as now before us should be carried out in their entirety, or if the changes as recommended by me are worthy of consideration.

I regret that this report has run to such a length but felt it only fair to Members of Council to give them the fullest details to enable them to properly discharge their responsibility in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MURPHY,
M A Y O R.

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SUMMARY re RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1) That Provincial Exhibition be re-established here, and work be started this winter so that Fair can be held in 1925.
- (2) That permanent Buildings be constructed throughout.
- (3) Capital expenditure not to exceed \$300,000.
City's portion will be \$150,000.

The adjustment of City's part of claim for loss of buildings, which amounts to \$50,000., will limit City's total initial outlay to \$100,000.

- (4) Arena, called for in plans and estimated to cost \$207,000., be abandoned.
- (5) A permanent Main Building be constructed instead of Arena.
- (6) Utilize present Grand Stand for next year.

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- (7) Construct all other permanent buildings called for in plans and specifications, which include those for Horses, Cattle, etc.
- (8) Proper provision for future administration.
- (9) Policy be laid down for additions to Plant and Equipment from time to time as circumstances justify.
- (10) Application be made for Federal Grant as enjoyed by other Provinces.

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Read letter Board of Trade with reference to the re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax, covering Resolution of that body.

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His Worship Mayor Murphy
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax, I beg to submit the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of this Board of Trade on January 23rd., 1923, and re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting held January 22nd., 1924:-

"WHEREAS, there is a desire on the part of a number of our people to re-establish the Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax;

"AND WHEREAS, the property held by the Commission is still intact and the most suitable available under present conditions;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Committee of the Board of Trade be requested to again urge upon the Government such re-establishment under conditions outlined by its previous committee, i. e., that the utilization of the property not be limited to four or five weeks of the year, and a careful study be made before any expenditure is undertaken to see that proper buildings are erected which can be utilized for purposes other than exhibition, and that the cost of same shall not be excessive."

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

E. A. SAUNDERS. Secretary.

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The Council is now addressed by Messrs. Thomas Robertson, William P. Buckley and Dr. P. A. Gough in favor of the re-establishing of the Exhibition, and by Mr. F. W. Curtis who opposed the movement.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City hereby agrees to an expenditure not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars as its proportion of the cost of erecting the necessary Exhibition Buildings, subject to the Provincial Government providing one half the total cost, and that the City be given a proportionate representation on the Commission;

FURTHER RESOLVED that work on the Buildings be commenced at as early a date as practicable, and

ALSO FURTHER RESOLVEE that the Exhibition be conducted (regarding deficits, if any should occur) in the same manner and way as in past years.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and passed, 11 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W.Cameron
Rains
Hubley
Power
Smeltzer
W.O.Cameron.

Against it:-

Alderman Kenny
Daw.

Alderman Daw asked to be recorded as expressing his opinion that the Resolution was lost, it requiring a two-thirds vote of the whole Council.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and three Members of Council, be nominated by His

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Worship to further consider the recommendations in the report in re the re-establishment of the Exhibition.

Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such Committee,

Aldermen Kenny, W. O. Cameron and Finlay.

11.35 o'clock P. M.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned at 11.35 P. M.

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M A Y O R.


H. S. RHIND,

CITY CLERK.