

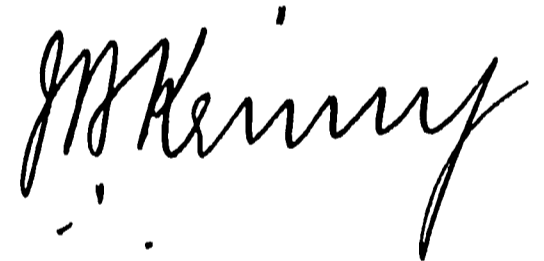
EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
September 17th 1925

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening at the above named hour. There were present Alderman Daw.

There not being a quorum present the meeting stands adjourned.

J.B. KENNY
MAYOR



H.S. RHIND
CITY CLERK

EVENING SESSION.

8:10 o'clock,

Council Chamber,
City Hall.

September 24, 1925.

A Meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour. There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Russell, Munnis, Sanford, Bissett, Hubley, Rains, Drysdale, W.O. Cameron, and Daw.

8:10 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Ald. Bissett that the time of meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8:30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8:20 o'clock.

Roll Call. Present the above named and Aldermen Tobin, H. W. Cameron, MacDuff, Gastonguay, O'Toole and Power.

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

✓
WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,231.06.

September 24, 1925.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 16, 1925.

ACCOUNTS - WATER & WORKS DEPARTMENT

To The City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst. accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$11231.06 were recommended to Council for payment:--

		Capital	Appropriations	Total
Works Dept.	1924-5		52.00	52.00
"	"	248.92	9994.04	10242.96
				<u>10294.96</u>
Water Dept.	1925-6	190.12	745.98	936.10
				<u>\$11231.06</u>

Respectfully submitted

(sgd.) M. A. Hunter.
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Fire
Wards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to

Fire Alarm Maintenance		\$500.90
Fire Department General		
Accounts	1924-25	146.00
	1925-26	11093.58

September 24th, 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Sept. 14th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards held this day, the attached lists of accounts amounting to \$11,594.48 were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$500.90
Fire Department	\$11093.58

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd.) W. S. MUNNIS,
Chairman.

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

✓
FIREMAN LEO McISAAC CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

Moved by Ald. Rains seconded by
Ald. Power that the order of business be suspended to
allow Mr. Leo McIsaac a member of the Halifax Fire Depart-
ment to present a claim for compensation for injuries receive
by him in carrying out the orders of the Chief of the
Fire Department. Motion passed.

Read Extract from Minutes of a
Meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards Sept. 14th, 1925
when this matter was considered by the Committee.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 25th, 1925.

Extract from Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee
of Firewards of the City of Halifax held on the 14th
day of September 1925.

Read letter to Chief Churchill from
Hoseman Leo McIsaac:

September 24, 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
September 14, 1925.

Chief Churchill
of the Halifax Fire Dept.

Sir:-

I Leo McIsaac wish to ask you to have me appear before the Fire Board in person, so as I can state details on my knee that I got injured some time ago.

I remain,

Your obedient servant

Leo McIsaac,
HOSEMAN.

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Ald. Power that McIsaac be allowed to appear before the Committee and state what he wishes the Committee to do.

The City Solicitor submits an opinion as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 15, 1925.

Chairman,
Board of Firewards,
City.

✓
Re Claim of McIsaac.

Dear Sir:

As I understand the facts - Mr. McIsaac, a member of the Fire Department, was directed by the Chief of the Department to take part in a tug-of-war contest for the purpose of improving his efficiency as a fireman. In so doing he met with an accident by slipping and spraining his knee which now requires special treatment. My opinion is requested as to whether there is any liability on the City to furnish the same.

If the duty assigned to the claimant had been of some unusual and specially hazardour nature, or if the accident had occurred through any negligence on the part of the City, such as, or was suggested, a rotten rope or a defective ladder, the inefficiency of which was known or ought to have been known to the City, there might be a possibility of liability. On that I express no opinion, But in this case there was nothing specially hazardous involved, the order was a perfectly proper one for a Chief anxious to maintain the efficiency of his Department, and the accident was such as might have occurred to any person taking part in the contest.

September 24, 1925.

Under these circumstances, I can see no ground whatever of liability on the City, Accidents can occur in almost every occupation, but unless they are due to the negligence of some person they must be borne by those who meet with them. If the City is to be liable for every accident which occurs to one of its employees in the course of his duty, I can see no end or limit to the possible liability of the City.

For these reasons I am clearly of opinion that there is no liability on the City

Yours very truly,

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Moved by Ald. Rains that Leo McIsaac be supplied with electrical treatment to be paid for by the City. Motion lost.

Moved by Ald. Cameron that Leo McIsaac be sent to Dr. Mullenger for report as to the advisability of electrical treatment.

Further motion was moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald. Power that Leo McIsaac be given a months leave of absence with full pay to endeavour to cur himself with rest and massage.

On being asked how that would suit him Mr. McIsaac said that he would prefer appearing before the City Council rather than accept that offer. Motion therefore was not put.

A true and exact copy.

H. S. RHIND,
City Clerk.

✓
Read report of Dr. G. J. McDougall on Mr. McIsaac's injuries.

Halifax, N. S.
March 18th, 1925.

J. W. Churchill, Esq.,
Chief H. F. D.
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Re Leo MacIssac
Knee Injury
Referred for Examination.

There is some wasting of the muscles of the leg and thigh, more particularly of the latter.

This causes a sense of weakness in the leg and about the knee, and a feeling of insecurity at times.

September 24th, 1925.

There is some "slackness" in the leg or rather too free movement of the knee joint from side to side, due to the injury to some of the ligaments that support the joint, and partly due to the wasting and some weakness of muscles as noted in preceding paragraph.

The joint itself is in good condition there is no swelling.- the excessive fluid present when in the hospital is gone (is now natural) All the joint movements are of normal range, free, and natural and painless.

There is nothing to suggest the present of broken or loose cartilage in the joint as sometimes occurs in these cases.

The disability he complains of is quite to be expected in such cases, in varying degrees; and in some cases, even for a long time, they may be conscious that the affected joint occasionally, may not feel as natural as the normal side, but not necessarily a disabling factor in the performance of daily duty.

I am of the opinion that great improvement will take place in this case, as the size and tone of the thigh muscles improve.

He will be benefitted by electrical treatment of these muscles, and this could be carried out, without his having to give up duty.

For the time being to support the knee when on duty he should wear an elastic knee stocking (so called Elastic Knee Cap).

This I explained to him and advised Dr. Gerald Grant is expert in the giving of the electrical treatment recommended and has treated such cases for me with excellent results.

It is my opinion that the trouble for all practical purposes, will not cause any permanent disability.

Yours respectfully,

J. G. MacDougall, M.D.

P.S. Kindly refer to Dr. Almon.

Moved by Ald. Rains seconded by Ald. Munnis that this Council authorize Fireman McIsaac to take electrical treatment from Dr. Mullenger at an expense to the City not to exceed the sum of \$100.00.

Moved by Ald. Daw seconded by Ald. H. W. Cameron that Mr. McIsaac be permitted to address the Council on this subject. Motion passed.

September 24th, 1925.

The Council is then addressed by Mr. McIsaac who explains the nature and cause of his injury.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Daw seconded by Ald. Hubley that this matter be referred to the Committee of Fire Wards for further consideration and report.

Amendment put and passed. The following named Aldermen being present and voting for same.

For the Amendment.

Against.

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Tobin
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron
Daw

✓
Alderman
✓
Clerk

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CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1173.27 and covering report of Governor Grant for the month of August.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
September 9, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting

September 24th, 1925.

to \$1173.27 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

The report of the Governor for the month of August is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted

L. A. Gastonguay,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay

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

City Home	\$8237.13
Tuberculosis Hospital	
1924-25	42.58
1925-26	2471.14

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 15th, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Member of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:- The Chairman,
Aldermen Weston, Drysdale and Sanford.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS AUGUST 1925 AMOUNT \$8237.13

City Home accounts for the month of August 1925 amounting to \$8237.13 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS AUGUST 1925 AMOUNT \$2471.14

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of August 1925 amounting to \$2471.14 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS 1924 - 1925 AMOUNT \$42.58

Tuberculosis Hospital account chargeable to year 1924 & 25 amount \$42.58 is recommended for payment.

September 24th, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd.) Andrew Hubley.
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓
GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Finance Committee
recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the
various appropriations and the 2nd installment of City
Grants for 1925 amounting in all to \$10,439.04.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Sept. 24th, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Finance Committee beg to recommend
for payment the attached list of accounts chargeable
to various appropriations amounting in all to \$10439.04.

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd). W.O. Cameron
Andrew Hubley
John J. Power.

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

✓
CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health
Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to
\$2126.77.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 14, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor
And Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

September 24th, 1925.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Monday September 14th, 1925, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,126.77 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

City Health Board	\$1627.53
Isolation Hospital	499.24
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	2126.77

Respectfully yours,

(sgd) Arthur C. Pettipas.
Secretary, C.H.B.

Moved by Ald. Daw seconded by Ald.

W. O. Cameron that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

PUBLIC GARDENS PARKS AND COMMONS ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1508.01.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
September 14, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the attached lists of accounts, amounting to \$1,508.01, were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Public Gardens	\$1,223.67
Flemming Park	284.34
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	1,508.01

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Kenny,
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Ald. Munnis seconded by Ald. Hubley that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

September 24, 1925.

✓
POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Police Committee
recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8539.39.

September 14th, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Commission
held this date, the following accounts amounting to
\$8,539.39 were examined, found correct and recommended
for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Kenny.
Mayor & Chairman.

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

✓
REFUND TO EX-FIREMAN JOHN BROWN.

Read report of Committee of Fire
Wards and City Treasurer recommending a refund of
\$142.75 to Ex Fireman John Brown being one-half of
his contributions to the Fireman's Superannuation
Fund and the amount he is entitled to receive on
retirement, from said Fund.

Committee Room,
City Hall
August 11, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire
Wards held this day, the attached report of Chief
Churchill covering an application from Ex.-Fireman
John Brown for refund of the amount he is entitled
to receive from the Superannuation Fund, was read.

September 24th, 1925.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the report of the City Treasurer be adopted and that he be authorized to refund to John Brown \$142.75, being the amount he has contributed to the Superannuation Fund.

Yours truly,

W. S. MUNNIS.
Chairman.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 16, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Kenny
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto please find report of Fire Chief Churchill in reference to the resignation of John Brown as a member of the Fire Department.

The amount to be refunded to him under Section 771 sub section 1 of the City Charter is \$142.75/

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Hopewell.
City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Munnis seconded

by Ald. Hubley that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓
REFUND TO EX-FIREMAN EDWARD HOGAN.

Read report of Committee of Fire Wards and City Treasurer recommending a refund of \$142.75 to Ex-Fireman Edward Hogan being one-half of his contributions to the Fireman's Superannuation Fund and the amount he is entitled to receive on retirement, from said fund.

Committee Room, City Hall.
August 11, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached report of Chief Churchill covering an application from Ex.-Fireman Edward Hogan for refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Superannuation Fund, was read.

*Auditor
Treasurer
John Brown*

September 24th, 1925.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the report of the City Treasurer be adopted and that he be authorized to refund to Edward Hogan \$142.75, being the amount he has contributed to the Superannuation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MUNNIS,
Chairman.

Halifax, N.S.
Sept. 14, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Kenny,
and City Council

Gentlemen:

In am instructed by Fire Chief Churchill that Ex-fireman Edward Hogan (May 1920 appointed and resigned August 1925) makes application for a refund of his contributions to the Firemen's Superannuation Fund.

Under section 771 sub-sec. 1 of the City Charter he is entitled to a refund of one-half the amount he has paid in. The total amount paid in is \$285.51 of which he is entitled to receive one-half viz. \$142.75.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. HOPEWELL,
Sec. Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Munnis seconded

by Ald. Hubley that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

*Auditor
Treasurer
Edward Hogan*

✓ REFUND TO EX-FIREMAN C. H. RAINE.

Read reports of Committee of Fire Wards and City Treasurer recommending a refund of \$123.64 to Ex-Fireman C. H. Raine being one-half of his contributions to the Fireman's Superannuation Fund and the amount he is entitled to receive on retirement, from said Fund.

Committee Room, City Hall
September 1st, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards

September 24th, 1925.

held this day, the attached report of Chief Churchill covering application from C. H. Raine for a refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Superannuation Fund, was read.

The report of the City Treasurer showing the amount to be refunded \$123.64 to Hoseman C. H. Raine is attached hereto.

Your Committee recommend that the report of Chief Churchill be adopted and the trustees of Superannuation Fund authorized to refund the said amount of \$123.64.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MUNNIS,
Chairman.

Halifax, N.S.
Sept. 16, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Kenny
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto please find report of Fire Chief Churchill in reference to the resignation of C. H. Raine as a member of the Fire Department.

The amount to be refunded to him under Section 771 Sub section 1 of the City Charter is \$123.64.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. HOPEWELL,
City Treasurer.

Moved by Ald. Munnis seconded by

Ald. Hubley that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ REFUND EX-POLICEMAN ANDREW CALLAGHAN.

Read reports of the Police Committee and City Treasurer recommending that Ex-Policeman Andrew Callaghan be refunded the sum of \$199.96 being one-half of the sum he has contributed to the Police Superannuation Fund and the amount he is entitled to receive on retirement from Police Force.

✓ Auditor
✓ Treasurer
✓ C. H. Raine

September 24th, 1925.

Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
September 24, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Member of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day, there being present His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Cameron, the application of Ex-Policeman Callaghan for a refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Police Superannuation Fund was under consideration. The City Treasurer reported that Mr. Callaghan was entitled to receive one-half of his contributions to the fund which amounted to \$199.96.

Your Committee recommend that the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund be authorized to refund to Mr. Callaghan the said sum of \$199.96.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
Mayor & Chairman.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 14, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Kenny,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached please find papers covering the resignation etc. of Ex-Policeman Andrew Callaghan showing that he has paid into the Superannuation Fund \$399.93.

Under Sec. 53 Chap. 60 Acts 1924 he is entitled to receive one-half of that amount \$199.96.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. HOPEWELL.
Sec. Treasurer.

September 24th, 1925.

✓ Auditor
✓ Treasurer
C. P. Cunningham

Moved by Ald. H. W. Cameron
seconded by Ald. Hubley that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

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REFUND EX-POLICEMAN JAMES REYNO.

Read reports of the Police
Committee and City Treasurer recommending that Ex-
Policeman James Reyno be refunded the sum of \$406.76
being one-half of the sum he has contributed to the
Police Superannuation Fund and the amount he is
entitled to receive on retirement from the Police
Force.

Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
Sept. 24th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Committee held
this day, there being present His Worship the Mayor and
Alderman Cameron, the application of Ex-Constable James
Reyno for a refund of the amount he is entitled to
receive from the Police Superannuation Fund was under
consideration. The City Treasurer reported that Mr.
Reyno was entitled to receive one-half of his contri-
butions to the fund which amounted to \$406.76.

Your Committee recommend that the Trustees
of the Police Superannuation Fund be authorized to
refund to Mr. Reyno the said sum of \$406.76.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KENNY,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

September 24th, 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
September 14, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Kenny
and City Council.

Gentlement

Attached please find extract Minutes of the Police Commission in re resignation of Constable James Reyno also statement showing that he has paid into the Police Superannuation Fund \$813.52.

Under Sec. 53 Chap. 60 Acts 1924 Section 274 of the Halifax City Charter 1914 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"Any member of the force who has contributed to the fund for not less than two years who voluntarily retires from the force or is compelled to retire through illness or incapacity shall be entitled to receive from the fund an amount equal to one-half of his contributions without interest."

Ex-Constable Reyno is entitled to receive \$406.76 one half of his contributions \$813.52.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. HOPEWELL.
Sec. Treasurer.

Moved by Ald. H. W. Cameron
seconded by Ald. Rains that the report be adopted.
Motion put and passed. Ten voting for same and
five against it as follows:

Sept. 24th, 1925.

For the Motion

Against it.

Alderman Russell
Sanford
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale

Munnis
Tobin
Bissett
W. O. Cameron
Daw

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*✓ Auditor
✓ Treasurer
✓ Jas. Reynolds*

PUBLIC GARDENS FENCE.- TENDER FOR REPAIRS.

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens Parks and Common covering tenders for repairs
of the fence around the Gardens.

September 18, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
and members of the City Council.

TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO GARDEN'S FENCE.

At a Meeting of the Committee on Gardens
Parks and Commons held this day the following tenders
received for the repairing of the Garden's fence
were opened.

Flemming Bros.	\$9.00 per rail	Sales Tax incl.
D.A. Cummings	11.50 per rail	
Starr Mfg. Co.	8.50 per rail	Sales Tax incl.
Hillis & Sons.	9.35 per rail	

Your Committee respectfully recommend that
the tender of the Starr Mfg. Co. \$8.50 per rail Sales
Tax included for repairs to Garden's fence be accepted.

J. B. KENNY,
Chairman.

Moved by Ald. Munnis seconded by

Ald. Sanford that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

*✓ The Mayor
✓ Auditor
✓ Mr. Hall
✓ Engineer*

GARDEN'S FENCE PAINTING.

Ald. Hubley asked that the Committee
on Gardens, Parks and Common report at the next meeting

September 24, 1925.

Mayor
of Council the approximate cost of painting the Gardens fence and if the work can be proceeded with this calendar year. ✓

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of August showing ^{the} a number of inmates in the City Home and the number of patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 15th, 1925.

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 Weston, Drysdale and Sanford.

SUPT. REPORT, CITY HOME AUGUST 31st. 1925, NUMBER OF INMATES
303.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of August 1925 there were 14 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born and 13 were discharged. Of the number admitted 2 were chargeable to the Province and 12 to the City.

The total number of inmates August 31st, 1925 was 303, made up of 160 men, 136 women and 7 children. On the same date last year there were 153 men, 124 women and 4 children a total of 281.

SUPT. REPORT, TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL AUGUST 31st 1925.
NO. OF PATIENTS 40.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of August 1925 there were 6 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 4 men and 2 women. Three men and 3 women were discharged and 1 woman died.

The total number of patients August 31st 1925 was 40 made up of 17 men and 23 women. On the same date last year there were 15 men, 17 women and 1 child a total of 33.

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd.) Andrew Hubley.
CHAIRMAN.

"FILED."

September 24th, 1925.

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Read report of the City Auditor covering Departmental Appropriations as at July 30th 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
September 23, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:

I enclose statements of the position of the various departmental appropriations as at July 31st last, copies of which have already been forwarded the different heads of departments.

I would report that at present there is every indication that the appropriations of the City Home and City Prison will not be sufficient for the requirements of the current year mainly caused by circumstances beyond the control of the Departments. These departments have been notified to reduce their expenditure accordingly.

Yours truly,

(sgd) H. F. GLASS.
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED. ✓

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 1925.

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of Tax Collections for the month of August 1925.

City Auditor's Office
Sept. 1st, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the Acts of 1924, Chapter 60, Section 42, I have already submitted to you a Consolidated Balance Sheet and supporting Statements, showing the financial position of the City as at the 30th April 1925, and herewith supplement

September 24th, 1925.

same with various additional statements and the following report. As you are aware this is the first report on the City's Annual accounts I have had the pleasure of submitting to you.

FUNDED DEBT

It will be seen from Exhibit 7 that the Funded Debt of the City as the 30th April 1925 amounted to \$10,630,794.21 details of which are shown on Exhibits 7-12; if the Sinking Funds on hand for the Redemption of Funded Debt of 1,750,246.15 are deducted there remains a net liability to Bond and Stock Holders of 8,880,548.06 subject of course to the realization of Sinking Fund investments.

It will be seen by reference to Exhibits 8-9 that during the year ending 30th April 1925 the City's Funded Debt was increased by \$225,271.01 and that Short Term Debentures were redeemed out of the Revenue of the year totalling 50,972.04 making a net increase of the Funded Debt for the year of \$174,298.97

I would point out however that \$100,000.00 of this amount was required to retire temporary Bank Loans raised in the previous year for Capital Expenditure. The purposes for which the above Capital borrowings of \$225,271.01 were required are set out on Exhibit 9.

It will be noted from the Consolidated Balance Sheet that the unexpended balances of proceeds from Bond issues totalled \$104,672.34 details of which are shown on Exhibits 4-6, and that the same were on deposit in the Capital Bank Account. The question of paying over these unexpended Balances to the Sinking Fund Trustees is now being considered.

It will be observed from the foot note to the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Exhibit 7, that the Halifax Relief Commission still holds the City's Debenture Stock totalling \$565,000.00 deposited by the City, in respect to monies loaned to the City, or disbursed on its behalf by the Relief Commission, in connection with the Explosion of December 1917. The City's liability to the Relief Commission has not yet been established and therefor this Debenture Stock is not included in the outstanding Funded Debt appearing on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, but is shown as a Contingent Liability pending adjustment. No interest has been paid or provided on this Stock as this question also awaits adjustment. Steps are now being taken toward finalizing this matter.

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I deal later in this report with the Contingent Liability to the Province of Nova Scotia in respect of the Housing Commission.

You will find that Exhibits 2512 attached to this report give full particulars regarding the Funded Debt.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

It will be noted that the uncollected Taxes at 30th April last amounted to the large sum of \$2,172,924.88 which compares as follows with previous years:-

	Uncollected Taxes	Reserves for non Collection	Uncollected Taxes after Deducting Reserves
As at 30th April 1923	\$1,986,759.77	\$192,892.23	\$1,793,867.54
As at 30th April 1924	2,205,273.87	222,209.00	1,983,064.87
As at 30th April 1925	2,172,924.88	244,143.85	1,928,781.03

It will be seen from Exhibit 13 that the uncollected Taxes include arrears for the Civic Years 1908-1909 to 1924-25. This Statement also shows in detail the payments received on account of arrears during the year, i.e., 23.86% on Back Years Arrears and 72.26% on the Current Years Taxes.

You are already aware that as a result of the independent audit conducted by Price Waterhouse & Co., it was discovered, in the latter part of 1923, that the late Collector had been for a number of years in the habit of misappropriating large sums from his Tax Collections. In addition to this he had allowed taxes to accumulate and did not enforce the City's Liens by Tax Sale and thereby allowed same to lapse. The most serious result of the late Collector's maladministration is not so much his defalcations, deplorable as they are, but the bad effect created by allowing Taxpayers to acquire the habit of only paying taxes as they saw fit. No proper periodical statements of arrears were sent out, probably on account of misappropriations, consequently a very large number of Taxpayers allowed their taxes to accumulate, and made no effort to pay. When such a state of affairs is allowed to exist for a number of years, it can readily be understood how difficult it is to collect arrears, and get Taxpayers in the way of paying each year's taxes within the year.

At the completion of Price Waterhouse & Co's., audit in January 1924 lists of arrears for each of the sixteen years were available. The lists presented the outstandings in years and contained thousands of names. No proper ledger accounts were in existence showing what each taxpayer owed, therefore, it was impracticable to proceed in a systematic way to collect the outstandings, as in order to find out what was due by any particular property or taxpayer it was necessary to search through each book. As a first step toward collecting the

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arrears it was essential to consolidate these arrears and find out what each Taxpayer or property owed in total. This necessitated the employment of a special Staff who have worked constantly for many months on this work, which is now nearing completion, so far as general tax arrears are concerned. There is, however, much clerical work still to be done in bringing this huge consolidation up to date, as during the time taken to consolidate the arrears, payments were made daily which have to be recorded in order to bring the records up to date.

In accordance with your recent decision three special tax adjusters have been engaged to handle the collection of arrears. This task is almost herculean as there are at least 20,000 individual accounts to collect. These adjusters are getting in touch with Taxpayers in arrears, discussing their financial position and making arrangements for payment over as short a time as possible, and handling the disagreements that are bound to arise in a task of this magnitude. They have also to follow up payments by instalments and see that they are maintained. At the present time they have only touched the fringe of this task, and it is not known what results they are likely to accomplish, or whether three will be able to handle the situation with expedition. There is no doubt that it will take some considerable time before the arrears situation is cleared up.

There is ^{no} question that a large amount of arrears will prove to be uncollectible, and that the existing reserves will be insufficient to meet same. These cases will present themselves in due course, and the amount eventually proved to be uncollectible in excess of the reserves, will have to be funded.

In respect to the Real Property Taxes for the Civic Years 1921-1922 to date, the City holds a lien on the Debtor property. Owing to the large number of properties on which arrears are due it is very difficult to carry out the provisions of the present Charter in respect to the enforcement of the City's Lien. The Charter was not framed to deal with such a situation as now exists, as it was assumed that each year's arrears would be either paid within three years by the Taxpayer or out of the proceeds of tax sale. The Lien in respect of arrears for years 1921-1922 and 1922-1923 has been extended and as stated is still in force. The Lien in respect of the arrears for the year 1923-24 expires 30th April next.

You will remember that the Legislature at its last sitting appointed a "Board of Tax Arrears in Dispute". I would state that this Board is sitting twice a week settling cases of disputed arrears.

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	Uncollected Taxes	Reserve	Uncollected Rates less Reserve
As at 30th April 1923	\$209,273.93	\$49,495.73	\$159,778.20
" " " " 1924	234,046.86	39,111.22	194,935.64
" " " " 1925	265,670.77	63,228.66	202,442.11

The ledgers recording outstanding Water Accounts were kept in the past in a most unbusinesslike manner. It was found necessary to install a new ledger system. This has taken a long time owing to the large number of accounts (10,000) and the confusion brought about by street renumbering and the numerous queries that had to be investigated in order that the new accounts should be on a proper basis. The writing up of these new ledgers and transferring balances will shortly be completed. It will be understood that the installation of this new system has delayed the Collection of Accounts as until the system is finally in running order attention cannot be properly given to collecting back accounts. There is now a competent accountant in charge of these accounts.

In the fall of last year Water Accounts were sent out for the first time showing in addition to the current charges the arrears outstanding, this of course should have been done in the past and may have been one of the reasons for the large amount of arrears outstanding.

It is necessary to explain that the out-standings at 30th April 1925 are larger than at previous periods by reason of the fact that the total at 30th April 1925 includes water consumption for April whereas the previous years only included consumption up to March.

The City Charter provides for turning off water if accounts are not paid within a reasonable time, this method of obtaining payment has been allowed to remain in abeyance for years, but will have to be adopted when a systematic drive is made to get in the back accounts. The question of charging interest on overdue accounts will have to be taken up, as this is not done at present, although the City has to borrow money from its Bankers in order to finance outstanding accounts.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$22,146.71

Details of the above item will be found on Exhibit 14. The main item of \$17,183.23 in connection with the Nova Scotia Tram & Power Company franchise has been paid since.

INTEREST IN SUSPENSE \$202,088.07

It has been the custom to charge interest paid the Bank on Loans in anticipation of Tax collections, and discounts allowed on taxes paid prior to July 31st, during

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each current year, to a suspense account; further, this account has been credited from time to time with interest collected from Taxpayers in arrears. The theory in the past has been that this interest in suspense would eventually be recovered from taxpayers when paying arrears, as outstanding taxes are interest bearing. Owing to the new system of accounting it is possible to see how this account operated during the year to 30th April last. I find that during the Civic Year 1924-1925 interest paid the Bank exceed that collected by \$34,071.32. Interest is charged on Tax arrears at the rate of 7% per annum, whereas that paid the bank is 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % so that theoretically there is a profit interest accruing.

Owing to the uncertainty as to the amount of interest that will eventually prove to be collectible it is impossible to state how this suspense account will work out, but I am of the opinion that a large amount will prove to be uncollectible. Any amount not collected will of course have to be funded together with the uncollectible Taxes.

When the estimates were being considered for 1925-1926, I drew the attention of the Finance Committee to this matter, and suggested that in view of the uncertainty regarding this account it should not be allowed to increase, and recommended that provision should be made in the Estimates to meet the increase in this account during 1925-1926 but unfortunately provision was not made.

THEAKSTON DEFALCATION ACCOUNT

It will be noted from the Consolidated Balance Sheet that the defalcations of the late Collector Theakston amounted at 30th April last to :-

General Tax Collections	\$105,781.07
Water Rate	9,506.55
Local Improvement Assessments	<u>8,263.00</u>
	<u>\$123,550.62</u>

The items making up these totals have been substantiated by the production of receipts or cancelled checks. Further defalcations are coming to light from time to time as the work of the Collector's Department in collecting arrears proceeds. At a later date it is proposed to Fund this amount together with the outstanding taxes proved to be uncollectible. You will recollect Theakston was bonded with the London Guarantee Corporation for the sum of \$10,000.00. This Company, however, have disclaimed liability on various grounds and the matter is in the City Solicitor's hands, as it is the subject of litigation.

ADVANCES DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS

The advances due to the Current Funds from other funds totalling \$14,706.64 are current advances, and have been or will be in the ordinary course of business refunded to the Current Funds.

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WATER EMERGENCY FUND

This fund of \$29,123.29 is invested for the purpose of providing Funds to make good any sudden injury to the Water Service.

BANK LOANS

It will be noted that in order to finance the City's operations, it has been necessary to borrow from the City's Bankers the large sum of \$2,312,034.81 in anticipation of the collection of Taxes and Water Rates made up as follows:-

Tax Loans in respect of Tax Arrears prior 1st May 1924	\$1,613,846.51
Tax Loan in respect of Tax Arrears for year ending 30 April 1925	507,420.80
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	2,121,267.31
Loan in respect of Water Rates outstanding	190,000.00
Overdraft on Interest Account	767.50
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	<u>\$2,312,034.81</u>

As back Taxes and Water Rates are collected they are used to reduce the Bank's Advances. Unfortunately in 1924-1925 the reductions made in the Bank's advances were offset by additional borrowing made necessary by the fact of the taxes for the year 1924-1925 not being collected within the year. So long as the City does not collect its taxes within the year it will be necessary for it to continue to borrow in order to finance its operations until collections are made.

It is very important to note that the Bank Loans are almost equal to the uncollected Taxes and Water Rates to which the City looks to repay the Bank. As already stated there is very little doubt, in view of the fact that arrears have been allowed to accumulate for so many years, that a large amount of the outstanding Taxes and Water Rates will eventually prove to be unrealizable, so that the amount uncollectible will eventually have to be funded by a Bond issue and the proceeds used to repay the bank.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

The item of \$2,122.65 appearing on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as due the Relief Commission is the balance unexpended of the amounts advanced by the Relief Commission in respect of explosion damages reference to which has already been made.

RESERVES

The Reserves at April 30th 1925 were as follows:-

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For Uncollected Taxes	\$244,143.85
" " Water Rates	63,228.66
General Reserve	<u>65,376.86</u>
	<u>\$372,749.37</u>

The General Reserve is practically made up of the accumulated unexpended balances of appropriations etc., to April 30th, 1908. This amount was originally lying in a separate Bank Account but some years back it was loaned to Current Account in anticipation of the collection of subsequent years taxes under the authority of Section 353 of the City Charter.

SURPLUS ON UNEXPENDED BALANCES ACCOUNT

The amount standing to the Credit of this account of \$92,780.55 is made up of the unexpended balances of appropriations for the Civic Years 1908-1909 to 1924-1925. Under the provisions of the City Charter this amount would be paid over to the Sinking Fund, but such payments are conditional upon the Collection of Taxes.

It will be seen from Exhibit 19 that the unexpended balances etc., for the year to April 30th, 1925 amounted to \$8,764.16 and that \$5,000.00 of this was anticipated in the Estimates for that year as permitted by the Charter, leaving \$3,764.16 which has been credited to Surplus on unexpended Balances Account. In this connection, however, I would point out that there was a deficit in the City Home appropriation for the year of \$1,320.52 due principally to the increased cost of maintaining the Insane, and also in the City Hall Telephone Account of \$133.30. These two items totalling \$1,453.82 are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheet under the heading of "Expenditure to be Assessed in Subsequent Years" as these items according to the 1925 Acts are to be included in the 1926-1927 Estimates. In judging the result of the years operations as a whole the above amount of \$1,453.82 should be deducted from the net unexpended balances of the year of \$3,764.16 leaving \$2,310.34 as the amount of the unexpended Balances of appropriations for the year after deducting \$5,000.00 used for the purposes of reducing taxation.

TRUST FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

You will see by reference to Exhibit 20 that a Balance Sheet is given showing the general situation as at 30th April 1925 in regard to the Assessments due from Abutters in respect of Local Improvements. I also submit per Exhibit 22 a Statement showing the Collections on account of same during the year to 30th April last.

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The assessments for sewers are payable in ten annual installments and Sidewalks and Pavements in five annual installments. These installments, however, are very much in arrear as will be judged by reference to the Statement of Collections Exhibit 22.

The Assessments are due in most cases from parties who also owe general Taxes, and the collection of these Assessments has to a large extent been held up pending the consolidation of General Taxes. It is proposed very shortly, as soon as the Special Staff now engaged on the Consolidation of the General Taxes have completed that work, to consolidate the Local Improvements with the general tax records so that the arrears' adjusters can handle the outstanding Assessments when dealing with the Collection of General Taxes.

As Collections are made on account of Sewer assessments, they are paid over to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, reference to which is made later in this report, as Bonds were issued to provide for the full cost of sewers.

It will be noted from the Local Improvement Balance Sheet that Bank Loans totalling \$446,044.02 were outstanding against the amounts to be collected from Abutters.

In order to improve the financial situation regarding the Local Improvement assessments in respect to Sidewalks, Pavements, Curbs and Gutters authority was obtained at the last sitting of the Legislature enabling the City to float 30 year Bonds sufficient to repay the total borrowings from the Bank in respect to such Assessments. This has now been accomplished. The advantage of this is that a saving of interest will be effected; furthermore, a Sinking Fund will be established to amortise these Bonds in 30 years. The Legislation authorizing this funding operation provides that the payments made by Abutters are to be placed in a separate Fund to be used only to meet the interest and Sinking Fund installments on the Bonds in question and that if the payments by Abutters are insufficient to meet same that the deficiency must be included in the Annual estimates.

The amounts due to other Funds \$5,964.72 are current items and have since been paid over.

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

I attach hereto statements Exhibits 23-25 showing the Trust Funds in the hands of the City.

The various securities which are shown at their par value were examined and found intact and the cash balances were reconciled with certificates obtained from the City's Bankers.

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SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

I attach hereto statements of these Funds, Exhibits 26-29.

The Securities of these Funds were examined and found in order.

It will be noted from Exhibit 29, that the Police Superannuation Fund amounted at 30th April 1925 to \$15,496.56 and that the Superannuation allowances after deducting contributions etc., for the year amounted to \$15,629.68, so that the Fund will be extinguished before the end of the Current Civic Year and thereafter provision will have to be made in the annual estimates to provide for Police Superannuation, thereby increasing the City Taxes to the extent of the amount required. This situation is brought about by the generous terms of the Police Superannuation Regulations.

By an amendment to the Charter passed in 1924 the Superannuation conditions do not apply to any new appointments to the Service of the City.

HALIFAX HOUSING COMMISSION

I attach hereto a Balance Sheet Exhibit 30 relating to the Halifax Housing Commission which operates under the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919.

It will be seen by reference to the foot note to the Consolidated Balance Sheet that the City has deposited with the Province of Nova Scotia its Bonds to the extent of \$750,000.00 as collateral security for the repayment of monies loaned to the Halifax Housing Commission under the provisions of the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919. It will be noted that the liability of the Housing Commission to the Province of Nova Scotia at 30th April last was \$691,532.29.

You are already aware that the Housing Commission made loans to various parties to erect houses which loans are repayable together with interest by monthly installments, and that these installments should be paid over to the Province of Nova Scotia in reduction of their advances to the Commission.

The Commission have had to take over seventeen houses through the failure of the various purchasers to carry out their agreements of sale, thirteen of these houses are rented, and four are vacant.

No provision was made in framing the Housing Act to provide for the contingency of borrowers not carrying out their agreements, therefore as the Housing Commission has no working fund it cannot pay the monthly installments on these 17 houses except by resale or renting the houses. Unfortunately the demand for real estate has fallen off since these houses were built, so that it is very difficult to obtain purchasers

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for these 17 houses, and furthermore they cannot be rented for a sum sufficient in all cases to meet the upkeep and purchase installments. Consequently the installments due the Province are in arrear.

It will be noted that installments amounting to \$16,129.31 were in arrear at 30th April last as follows:-

Due by owners in possession		\$7,407.25
Due in respect of rented houses	\$5,376.32	
Due in respect of vacant houses	<u>3,345.74</u>	<u>8,722.06</u>
		<u>\$16,129.31</u>

As the ultimate responsibility for the payment of these installments rests with the City, authority was obtained at the ~~last~~ sitting of the Legislature enabling the City to borrow the sum of \$10,347.10 by Short Term Debentures repayable in five annual installments in order to pay the accumulated Arrears of installments due the Province. The situation regarding arrears of installments will in future have to be reviewed annually and provision made each year for installments in arrear.

Under the terms of the Housing Act the Commission is required to pay over to the Province installments collected monthly and interest is payable at the rate of 5% per annum on arrears. It will be seen that the Commission had the sum of \$17,970.55 lying in Bank at 30th April last, practically the whole of this sum represented payments in respect of installments and therefore should strictly have been paid over to the Province.

Some months back a Special Committee of the City Council called on the late Provincial Government in connection with matters relating to the Housing Commission, and the payment over of these monies was discussed, and it was verbally arranged that the Commission should have the same latitude in regard to payment over of installments, as the Province has with Dominion Government under the Housing Act and therefore these monies have not yet been paid over. I would point out however that the Housing Act has not been amended and that the Province still has the right to demand payment of installments monthly and also interest on arrears.

The Commission are earning 4% interest on their Bank deposits but as pointed out have a possible liability of having to pay 5% interest on installments in arrear. No provisions however has been made in the accounts of the Commission in respect of interest payable to the Province on arrears, but the interest earned by the Commission on its Bank Deposits has been set aside as a reserve to meet any interest demanded. This reserve will not be sufficient to meet the interest due the Province if ultimately demanded, and any shortage will have to be made good by the City.

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I would state that the above situation is not satisfactory as arrangements of this nature should be confirmed by amending Legislation.

It will be noted that an item appears on the Balance Sheet under the heading T. M. Hayes defalcation Account \$3,909.28. This represents the funds misappropriated by the late Secretary, of which you are already aware. This Official's fidelity was guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Insurance Co. for \$5,000.00. They however repudiate liability on various grounds and the matter is in the hands of the City Solicitor as it is the subject of litigation.

SINKING FUNDS

I attach hereto statements Exhibits 31-35 showing the position of the Sinking Funds as at 30th April 1925, and would state that the various investments are shown for convenience sake at par value.

SINKING FUND 1901 \$27,010.98 PER EXHIBIT 32

This Sinking Fund exists for the purpose of redeeming Bonds to the value of \$25,000.00 raised for Water Service which expire 1st July 1926. It will be seen that there is a surplus in this account, subject to the realization of Investments, which will be dealt with when the securities are disposed of in order to redeem the Bonds.

SILLIKER SINKING FUND \$132,956.92 PER EXHIBIT 34

This Sinking Fund is established for the purpose of redeeming Bonds to the value of \$135,476.00 raised in 1907 and 1908 in connection with the Silliker Car Works which are due 1st July 1940.

<u>SINKING FUND 1902</u>	\$1,052,746.79	per Exhibit 33
<u>SCHOOLS SINKING FUND</u>	537,531.46	" " 35
	<u>\$1,590,278.25</u>	

Under the terms of its Charter, the City is required to establish Special Sinking Funds in respect to each loan contracted since 27th March 1902, except loans raised for refunding debts originally contracted prior to that date, and in addition, to set aside annually certain sums to form a General Sinking Fund. No distinction has at present been made in the City's Books as between the Special Sinking Funds, and the General Sinking Fund.

In order that the Trustees of the Sinking Funds should know how the Special & General Sinking Funds stood they engaged the service of Harvey E. Crowell, C.A. of Halifax to report on these Funds. On the 24th August 1924 Mr. Crowell rendered his report dealing with the situation as at 30th April 1924. In this report he cites the Acts relating to the establishment of Special & General Sinking Funds and states that it is clear that it is the

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intention that the Special Sinking Funds should first be established and thereafter the General Sinking Fund. This report shows that the investments of the 1902 Sinking Fund and Schools Sinking Fund together amounted at 30th April 1924 to

\$1,365,445.62

That the Special Sinking Fund requirements as at 30th April 1924, and the accumulated Funds paid by Sewer Abutters totalled thereby leaving a balance as at 30th April 1924 of

1,056,364.62

309,081.00

which sum he recommends should be set aside as a General Sinking Fund.

In order that you may more readily judge the adequacy of the Sinking Funds I would state that the total Funded Debt of the City at 30th April 1925, exclusive of Short Term Debentures Redeemable out of Revenue amounted to

\$10,459,166.00

Of this amount the sum of represents Permanent (\$663.00) and Semi Permanent (\$831,100.00) borrowings and borrowings that call for no special Sinking Fund, and for the redemption of which the General Sinking Fund exists.

3,144,435.85

The sum of should according to the report of Mr. Crowell be redeemable out of payments made, or to be made, by owners of properties in respect of Sewer Assessments, after making what appears to be at present a satisfactory allowance for non collection, and the balance of is provided for by Special Sinking Funds thus exhausting the total Funded Debt as above of

1,018,704.46

6,296,025.69

\$10,459,166.00

As to the above mentioned portion of the Funded Debt of \$3,144,435.85 I calculate that the Balance of the 1902 and Schools Sinking Funds, over and above Special Sinking Fund requirements and the accumulated Sewer Assessment Fund, amounted at 30th April 1925 to \$373,594.11 which balance following the recommendation of Mr. Crowell would form the General Sinking Fund. This amount with its earnings together with \$5,000.00 which must be raised annually for General Sinking Fund purposes, also \$3,411.00 per annum in respect to refunded School Board issues, together with Surplus Sinking Fund earnings, and any unexpended Balances; forms the nucleus for the redemption of the above amount of \$3,144,435.85. If present earnings are maintained these provisions should by accumulation enable the City to redeem the said amount of \$3,144,435.85 in about 30 years.

It will be seen that \$1,018,704.46 of the Funded Debt should be redeemable out of funds provided by payments of Sewer Assessments.

I have already stated that Mr. Crowell reported that the Special Sinking Fund requirements were provided for at 30th April 1924. I would state the

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1924-1925 Special Sinking Fund requirements, based on the calculations of Mr. Crowell, were paid to the Sinking Fund Trustees, therefore the amortisation of the above mentioned sum of \$6,296,025.69 of the Funded Debt has been provided for, so far as Sinking Fund requirements payable up to 30th April 1925 are concerned.

I would state all Sinking Fund requirements to 30th April 1925 have been paid over to the Sinking Fund Trustees and that all the securities of the various Sinking Funds were examined and found intact.

It would therefore appear from the foregoing that the City's situation, in regard to the redemption of its Funded Debt by Sinking Funds is satisfactory.

WATER DEPARTMENT

I attach hereto a Balance Sheet per Exhibit 36 showing the position of the Water Department Current Account as at 30th April 1925.

The items of uncollected Rates & Bank Loan have already been dealt with in this report.

It will be noted that \$25,170.36 was due to the General Current Fund at 30th April 1925. This amount is on account of Current interest and has since been paid over.

I enclose per Exhibit 37 a Statement of the operations of the Water Department for the year to 30th April 1925. I believe this is the first occasion you have had such a statement presented to you.

You will observe that there is apparently a considerable surplus shown on the years operations subject to the reserve for uncollected rates. You will of course understand that a surplus cannot be considered to exist unless proper provision has been made for bad or doubtful accounts. I have already pointed out that there are a large number of old accounts outstanding amounting to a considerable sum, which has accumulated over a period of years and that in the past no proper methods were adopted to collect back accounts. At this stage it is very difficult to arrive at what provision is necessary for outstanding accounts, therefore I have closed out the whole of the balance of the operating account to the Reserve for Uncollected Accounts, until such time as the sufficiency of the Reserve is ascertainable.

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In conclusion I would state that I have endeavoured to give you a comprehensive report on the whole financial situation of the City as at 30th April 1925 and trust all the information you require will be found in this report and the accompanying statements.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours faithfully,
(sgd.) H. F. GLASS,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

September 24, 1925.

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of Tax Collections for the month of August 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 10th, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen:-

Re TAX COLLECTIONS.

I enclose herewith the usual monthly statement as to Tax Collections for August 1925.

The Collections during August on account of Tax arrears including those of the last civic year amounted to \$33,341.53 as compared with \$63,397.91 of the previous month. This compares as follows with previous Collections.

	1924.	1925.
May	\$62,111.64	\$46,102.64
June	44,018.26	43,327.42
July	67,896.59	63,397.91
August	46,637.77%	33,341.53
	<u>\$220,664.26</u>	<u>186,169.50</u>

You will therefore see that the Collections of Arrears are \$34,494.76 behind those of last year.

It will be seen that the arrears of back years taxes amounted at 31 August 1925 to \$1,983,603.05.

It is disappointing to note the falling off in the Collection of Arrears. The Tax Arrears department state that during August, the majority of Taxpayers owing \$1,000.00 and over in five wards, have been interviewed and arrangements made to pay arrears by installments, payable in September and subsequently, so that future collections will show an increase. This seems to be borne out by an improvement in the Collections in the first week in September. The Department also states a number of Taxpayers owing large amounts are arranging mortgages on their properties or loans to liquidate arrearages which will of course take a month or two to complete.

By reference to the attached statement it will be seen that the August collections of Current Years Taxes amounted to \$291,228.13. This amount is large as it included remittances sent in by mail in the last few days of July in order to secure discount which could not be handled by the Collectors staff until the first few days of August.

The above total compares as follows with the Current Years Collections of last year;

September 24th, 1925.

	<u>1924</u>	<u>1925.</u>
May	\$19,879.19	\$24,127.62
June	74,614.99	55,196.85
July	494,322.16	636,118.90
August	348,871.73	291,228.13
	<u>\$937,688.07</u>	<u>\$1,006,671.50</u>

from which it will be seen that the Collections of Current years taxes this year are in excess of those of last year by \$68,983.43

Yours faithfully

(sgd.) H. F. GLASS.
CITY AUDITOR.

STATEMENT AS TO TAX COLLECTIONS

as at 31st August 1925

General Tax Arrears prior to 30 April 1924

Balance as at 31 July 1925	\$ 1,571,833.74
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of August 1925	<u>19,805.63</u>
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 Aug. 1925, exclusive of year 1924-25</u>	<u>1,552,028.11</u>

General Tax Arrears for Year ending 30 April 1925

Balance as at 31 July 1925	\$ 443,191.84
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of Aug. 1925	<u>13,465.90</u>
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 Aug. 1925 in respect of YEAR 1924-25</u>	<u>429,725.94</u>

Poll Tax for Year ending 30 April 1925

Total Estimated outstanding 31 July 1925	\$ 1,919.00
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of Aug. 1925	<u>70.00</u>
<u>Total Estimated Poll Tax outstanding 31 Aug. 1925 in respect of year 1924-25</u>	<u>1,849.00</u>

Total Tax Arrears as above \$ 1,983,603.05

Current Year General Taxes 1925-26

Total Assessment 1925-26 including Highway Tax	\$1,855,595.00
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of May 1925	\$24,127.62
" " " " " June	" 55,196.85
" " " " " July	" 636,118.90
" " " " " Aug.	" 291,228.13
	<u>\$1,006,671.50</u>

Total Current Year Taxes outstanding 31 Aug. 1925 \$ 848,923.50

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POLL TAX FOR YEAR ENDING 30th April 1925.

Total Estimated	\$6,000.00
Less Cash Collections	290.00
Total Estimated outstanding 31 Aug. 1925	<u>5,710.00</u>

Dog Tax for Current Year

Amount collected in excess of Estimate as at 31 July 1925	\$ 84.00
Add Collections since	116.00
<u>Amount collected in excess of Estimate at 31 Aug. 1925</u>	<u>200.00</u>

Water Rates & Taxes

Balance outstanding as at 31 July 1925	\$245,909.76
Less	
Cash Collections during month of Aug. 1925	<u>43,721.72</u>
<u>Total outstanding Water Rates etc., 31st Aug. 1925</u> subject later to addition in respect of Pipe Rates for the Current Year	<u>\$202,188.04</u>

Total Cash Collected on Account of above Rates and Taxes during the month of Aug. 1925 \$368,697.38

FILED.

✓
LETTER CITY AUDITOR RE TAX LIENS.

Read letter of the City Auditor re Tax Liens for the Years 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 22, 1925.

The Mayor & Council,
City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

I would advise you that according to my reading of the City Charter it was necessary for the City Collector to file with the Mayor on the 1st September last, a list approved by the City Assessor, all properties liable to be sold for arrears of taxes for the years 1921/2, 1922/3 and 1923/4, such list giving a full and accurate description of the properties and the rightful owners.

Further notice of the City's Lien should have been sent to the owners of such properties informing them that their property is liable to be sold for taxes.

September 24, 1925.

The filing of the above list is necessary in order that the Mayor may issue a warrant authorizing the Collector to sell the various properties for taxes in order to protect the City's Lien.

I would report that the above requirements of the Charter have not been carried out.

Yours truly,

H. F. GLASS,
City Auditor

Read Letter of the City Collector also on
Tax Liens.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 24th, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:

I have been favored with copies of communication addressed to you by the Auditor under date of the 22nd instant and beg to advise you in connection therewith as follows:

The various amendments to the City Charter have left the interpretation of this instrument somewhat difficult to determine as to when the City is entitled to sell under the lien; as far as I can learn the City may sell properties in respect to the liens as follows, viz.;

1921-22	from	Sept. 1st,	1925
1922-23	"	"	" 1926
1923-24	"	"	" 1925

The doubt exists however as to whether the properties should be sold this year-- Sept. 1925 to May, 1926-- for the 1921 lien or may be deferred until after Sept. 1st, 1926.

As there can be no doubt as to the City's rights and privileges for the year 1923-24 lien, we are preparing a list of the properties which should be sold before the 1st of May next, in order to preserve the City's priorities for the years 1923 and 1924. This list when completed will have to be corrected by the City Assessor, after which, it will be necessary for the City Solicitor, the Assessor, and the Engineer to furnish me with descriptions by metes and bounds of these properties. The list, together with the descriptions is then submitted to the Mayor for his approval and warrant for the sale of the properties; it then becomes my duty to advertise and sell.

Notice of the lien for 1923-24 is now being addressed to the various owners, urging them to pay up if they want to save their property. We enclose herewith a copy of this notice.

September 24, 1925.

The matter of selling property under the City's lien has never been undertaken in the past, with the exception of a few sales here and there, which were readily acquiesced in by the parties interested, who in many instances furnished the necessary descriptions and the information to expedite the sale. It is very hard to realize what a stupendous undertaking it really is until one commences to put the machinery into operation. This difficulty is accentuated by the array of arrears outstanding behind the liens, also, by the difficulty experienced in accurately tracing these taxes back through the Rolls in order to compile accurate statements of the amounts due; betterment charges by way of Sewerages, Sidewalk, Pavement, etc., are in many cases very intricate and hard to trace out and identify, and latterly, the position of the Works Department in regard to the delay in posting of their Water Ledgers due to changing their system.

It is impossible for me to tell you when I shall be in a position to advertise these properties. If it would be right to advertise and sell the properties a few at a time, as particulars are obtained, this might be considered and be a means of hastening results. In conclusion I might say, that I am doing everything I can to hasten this work along, but I am open to receive and would appreciate any practical suggestions which might expedite the work.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) R. V. DIMOCK.
City Collector.

The City Auditor's and City Collector's letters are referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

✓
A. W. Weston
Clerk

✓
CITY AUDITOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads the following letter from the City Auditor in reference to Confirmation of his appointment as City Auditor.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 22, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
City of Halifax,

Sir:-

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the resolution of Council appointing me City Auditor was subject to confirmation at the end of a year after taking up my duties, provided my work was satisfactory.

I would therefore, be glad if you will bring this matter before Council.

Yours truly,
H. F. GLASS.
CITY AUDITOR.

September 24, 1925.

Moved by Ald. Munnis seconded by Ald.

Power that the appointment of Mr. H. F. Glass to the position as City Auditor under date of July 22/24 be now confirmed and that he be paid a salary at the rate of \$4,500.00 per annum from September 8, 1925 being one year from the date of taking up his duties as City Auditor. Motion passed unanimously.

*Auditor
Treasurer*

ASSESSMENT E. G. M. CAPE CO. LTD.

Read Report Laws and Privileges Committee in reference to the assessment of the E. G. M. Cape Co. Ltd. contractors for the new Grain Elevator at the South Terminals covering opinions (2) of the City Solicitor.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
August 20, 1925

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the attached letter of McInnes Jenks, Lovett & McDonald in reference to the assessment of the E. G. M. Cape Co., Ltd., contractors of the new elevator at the South Terminals, amounting to \$2990.00 was under consideration.

Your Committee referred the matter to the City Solicitor for report and his report which is attached hereto has been duly considered by the Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to forthwith proceed against the firm of The E. G. M. Cape Co. Ltd. for the amount of the City's claim; namely, \$2990.00.

Respectfully submitted.

B. W. RUSSELL
Chairman.

N.B. Since the writing of this report the City Solicitor has supplemented his report with a further opinion which is attached hereto.

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Halifax, N.S.
June 10, 1925.

Messrs. G.E.M. Cape & Co.,
Elevator, South End Terminals,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

We beg to hand you herewith bill of Taxes assessed against you for the year 1925-26, amounting to \$2990.00. We would point out to you that this bill became due and payable on the 31st day of May last, and we must request the favor of your immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

R.V. DIMOCK,
City Collector.

Halifax, N.S.
15th June, 1925.

Dear Sirs: ✓

Re E.G.M. Cape & Co. Ltd. - City Taxes

The above Company has handed us your letter of the 10th instant claiming payment of City Taxes to the amount of \$2990.00.

Some weeks ago when this assessment was made we, on behalf of the Company, had an interview with Mr. McManus, the assessor, and with Mr. Bell, the City Solicitor, after which we informed them that the Company disputed the right of the City to make the assessment and would refuse payment. We, therefore, in answer to your request, beg to say that our clients have been advised that the taxes claimed are not assessable and the Company will refuse payment unless and until the City's right to levy the tax is established by judicial procedure.

Yours faithfully,

McInnes Jenks, Lovett & McDonald.

R.V. Dimock, Esq.,
City Collector,
City Hall, City.

Halifax, N. S.
July 16, 1925.

Ald. E.W. Russell,
Chairman, Laws & Privileges Committee,
CITY.

Sir:- ✓

RE: TAX OF E.M. CAPE & COMPANY

In reply to the request of your Committee

September 24, 1925.

for my opinion in the above, I beg to say as follows:-

The only question involved is the validity of the tax of \$, being one-half of one percent imposed on the contractors for the Elevator (who are a Company incorporated under an enactment of the Dominion Parliament) under Section 3 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1923, which was substituted for Section 540 of the City Charter.

The reason for this substitution was because Section 540 had been declared ultra vires of the Provincial Legislature by the majority of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in the action City of Halifax v. Lyall in which it was sought to recover a similar tax from the contractors for the Bank of Montreal. In that case it was held by a majority of the Court that the tax was an unconstitutional limitation, attempted to be imposed by a Provincial Legislature on the powers of a company incorporated under a charter from the Dominion Legislature. Two of the grounds on which the Court so decided were that Section 540 imposed the tax in the form of a license fee as a condition precedent to beginning work and also imposed a penalty for non-compliance. The amendment of 1923 eliminates both these features. Whether or not the Act as so amended would be held valid can only be ascertained by an actual case.

There is also this feature in the present case - that the contractors are doing work for the Crown on Crown property. Formerly, I would have considered this a fatal difficulty. But the recent case of Attorney Gen. v. Montreal in which the Privy Council upheld the taxation of Crown land when in the occupation of a private person has made the question very doubtful. That case was followed by Mr. Justice Rogers and by two members of the Supreme Court, who upheld the tax on the proprietors of the Queen Hotel in respect to the C.N.R. Ticket Office which case is now on appeal by the Crown to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Giving the matter the best consideration I can, I can only say that it is one in which the City has, in my opinion, a fair chance of success. The amount involved is considerable and other similar cases may arise. The cost involved on a stated case, if decided against the city, would not exceed \$150.00 if the case did not go beyond our own Supreme Court. It is for the Council to say whether it is worth risking that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd) F. H. BELL,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 24, 1925.

Chairman of the
Laws and Privileges Committee,
CITY.

✓
Re: E. G. M. CAPE & COMPANY.

Dear Sir:

September 24, 1925.

When I made my former report in the above I had been informed that the contracting Company was operating under a Dominion Charter and made my report on that information. I have since ascertained that it is incorporated under a Quebec Act. This, of course, makes the City's position stronger, as it removes the ground on which the Lyall case was decided against the City. There still remains the point as to whether the tax is invalid in this case as being an indirect tax on the Crown.

I wish also to remove any possible misunderstanding as to the costs which may be incurred by the City. I stated these as not probably exceeding \$150,00. This, I should have stated, would be the costs which the City would incur if it lost the case in our own Supreme Court, but if the City were successful in our own Court but unsuccessful in the event of an appeal by the Contractors to the Supreme Court of Canada, the costs would of course be much larger.

Yours very truly,

F. H. BELL,
CITY SOLICITOR.

✓ City Solicitor
Moved by Ald. Russell seconded by Ald. Power that the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges be adopted. Motion passed.

✓
COAL WEIGHERS REPORT.

Read reports of the Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the months of July and August 1925.

FILED.

✓
CITY HOME ENTERTAINMENT OF INMATES
AND ALTERATIONS IN TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report Charities Committee in re expenditure for entertainment of inmates at the City Home during the winter months and also in re alterations at the Tuberculosis Hospital building.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 15th, 1925.

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 Weston, Drysdale and Sanford.

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RESOLUTION RE MOVING PICTURES.

It is recommended that the Superintendent be empowered to expend a sum not to exceed \$60.00 for moving picture entertainment during the winter months.

RESOLUTION RE ALTERATION AT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

It is recommended that an Examining room be provided at Tuberculosis Hospital by removing partition thus throwing two small rooms into one room.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HUBLEY,
Chairman.

Moved by Ald. Hubley seconded by Ald.

Sanford that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRES THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read report of Committee of Fire Wards covering report of Chief Churchill re Fires their Causes and Losses during the month of July 1925.

Halifax, Sept. 1925.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I make the following report for the month of July during which there were 21 alarms of fire from the following causes;

false, 2, chimneys 8, children with matches 2, poor construction 1, careless smoking 2, defective wiring 1, unknown 2, sprinkler system 1, matches 1, burning rubbish 1, sparks 1.

Property at risk \$ 177,050.00

Insurance losses 5,027.75

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) J. W. CHURCHILL,
Chief H.F.D.

Committee Room, City Hall
Sept. 14, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire wards held this day, the attached report of Chief

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Churchill re fires their causes and losses during July 1925 was submitted, approved and ordered to be submitted to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MUNNIS,
Chairman.

FILED. /

CHLORINE CONTROL APPARATUS LOW SERVICE WATER SUPPLY.

Read report Committee on Works, City Engineer and Secretary of City Health Board in re the purchase of a Chlorine Control Apparatus from Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan, Ltd. at a cost of \$2471.30 f.o.b. Toronto.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 16, 1925.

CHLORINE CONTROL APPARATUS.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day a report was read from the City Engineer on chlorine control apparatus also minute of meeting of City Health Board, Sept. 14, inst.

On motion the City Engineer's report was adopted; and it was recommended to Council that the chlorine control apparatus be purchased from Wallace & Tiernan, Ltd., Toronto.

City Engineer's report and minute of Health Board attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER.
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S. Sept. 8/25.

CHLORINE CONTROL APPARATUS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In making up the estimates for the Water Department for the current civic year an amount was inserted for a Chlorine Control apparatus for the low service main. For the past twelve years or more we have been using hypochlorite of lime in a homemade

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apparatus, this has served its purpose fairly well, but demands constant care and attention to insure its proper operation.

The more modern and scientific way of chlorinating the water supply is to apply the chlorine gas in the exact proportion required through apparatus which will allow the required quantity to be applied automatically, whatever the flow in the main may be. With our present type of apparatus, we are able only to supply constant quantity to the water, and as there is a very large difference in the consumption during the day time and at night, at times the water may be over charged and at others under.

The active agent in the chlorine process is chlorine gas. The bleaching powder as now applied varies in its content of this gas, and cannot be as accurately supplied as the gas itself.

I have a figure from Wallace & Tiernan, Ltd. of New York and Toronto, who are the largest producers of chlorinators, and they quote a price of \$2,471.30 f.o.b. Toronto, including supervision of installation.

I asked for a price installed, all charges paid, and would recommend that if the Company will supply and instal the apparatus for the price mentioned, that their offer be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON.
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Ald.

Power that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary in reference to the disallowance of certain Sections of the Traffic Ordinance passed by the City Council on the 16th July, 1925.

Halifax,
27th August 1925.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 22nd of July to the Provincial Secretary enclosing Traffic Ordinances passed by the Council of the City of Halifax on the 16th July, entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Traffic on Streets", same was submitted to the Department of the Attorney General and I am in receipt of a communication from the Deputy Attorney General of which I enclose a copy, regarding these Ordinances.

✓
Gugger
Auditor
Clerk of Works

September 24, 1925.

While an Ordinance of the City may become law within thirty days of its passage according to the provisions of the City Charter this will not apply to such paragraphs or sections of the present ordinances as are in conflict with the Motor Vehicle Act, which latter act governs. Under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act all by-laws purporting to deal with Motor vehicle traffic are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, and may be amended or disapproved as the case may be.

I am returning herewith the Ordinances and copy for such amendment as is in the opinion of the Department of the Attorney General required.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR S. BARNSTEAD.
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

The City Clerk.
Halifax, N. S.

✓
W. E. Russell
✓
Clark
Moted by Ald. Russell seconded by Ald. Sanford that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

COMPLAINT OF W. E. NEWCOMBE, Duncan St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Solicitor in reference to the complaint of W. E. Newcombe against the premises of Mr. A. D. Johnson on Duncan St.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 4, 1925.

RE COMPLAINT OF W. E. NEWCOMBE.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

I was directed by the Works Committee to forward for your information the attached letter from Mr. W. E. Newcombe in respect to his complaint against the premises of Mr. A. D. Johnson on Duncan Street.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MESSERVEY.
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
August 10, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman, Committee on Works,
CITY.

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RE: NEWCOMB CLAIM.

Dear Sir:

I am unable to gather clearly from Mr. Newcomb's letter, the grounds on which he proposed to take action against the City.

So far as the smoke nuisance is concerned that is clearly a private matter between himself and Mr. Johnson for which he must take his own course against Mr. Johnson.

So far as concerns the threat of action against the City for improperly granting a permit and not proceeding against Mr. Johnston, I can only say that any such action would be a novelty.

If Mr. Newcomb would employ a solicitor and formulate his claim more definitely, it would be easier to deal with. As it stands, I am unable to see what action he can take against the City.

Yours very truly,

F. H. BELL.
City Solicitor.

FILED.

✓ WATER METER BILL - 22 Agricola St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for #22 Agricola Street.

#22 AGRICOLA STREET - WATER METER ACCOUNTS.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #22 Agricola Street for half year ending April 1925, amounting to \$15.02. It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the months of December and January amounting to 37,800 gallons be reduced one-half thereby making the bill \$11.24 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MESSERVEY.
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N.S.
Sept. 1st, 1925.

NO. 22 AGRICOLA STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

September 24, 1925.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 22 Agricola Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$15.02 for water passing through the meter. A reference to the records shows the following meter readings and consumption for the period complained of:-

	September	8,100	800	
	October	9,000	900	
	November	9,800	800	
	December	10,800	1,000	
1925	January	27,000	16,200	W.O.W.
	February	62,900	45,900	N.23-2-25
	March	83,400	20,500	
	April	84,100	700	

It will^{be} seen that a large consumption took place in these premises during January, February and March, due to a closet wasting and the water being allowed to run to prevent freezing. I find that the water bill for these premises for the previous year was reduced one-third on June 5th, 1924. Under these circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. SOHNSTON.
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 35 BAUER ST.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #35 Bauer Street.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 10, 1925.

#35 Bauer St. - Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 9th, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for the above mentioned premises amounting to \$12.54.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced to \$6.04.

*Engineer
Successor
Clerk of Works
Collector*

September, 24, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Aug. 26, 1925.

No. 35 Bauer Street, Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 35 Bauer Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April, 1925. The amount of the bill is \$14.46, of which \$12.54 is for water passing through the meter. A reference to the records shows the following readings and consumption:-

	November	—	—	
	December	2,800	2,800	
1925	January	27,000	24,200	
	February	57,000	30,000	N. 9-3-25
	March	61,800	4,800	
	April	62,700	900	

The large consumption was due to a tap running in January and February. Immediately on notice being sent, the pipe was repaired and the consumption reduced. The half yearly bills for these premises for the past three years have been as follows:-

March 1922	\$5.32
Sept. 1922	3.28
March 1923	9.14
Sept	5.00
March 1924	6.04
Sept.	2.12
April 1925	12.54

Under the circumstances, I would recommend that the bill for the half year ending April be reduced to the same amount as for the similar period of last year, namely, \$6.04.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

*Engineer
and also
checked by
Collins*

September 24, 1925.

WATER METER BILL - 18 Birmingham St.

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #18
Birmingham St.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 10/25.

#18 BIRMINGHAM STREET - WATER METER BILL.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on
September 9th, the City Engineer submitted a report on
water meter bill for #18 Birmingham Street for half year
ending April 1925, amounting to \$60.76.

It was decided to recommend to Council that
the consumption for January be reduced from 103,500 gal-
lons to 34,500 gallons, thereby making the bill \$47.33
instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 8th, 1925.

NO. 18 BIRMINGHAM STREET, WATER BILL.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached water
bill for the premises #18 Birmingham Street claimed to
be excessive, that the period complained of is the
half year ending April, 1925, and the amount of the
bill is \$60.76. The readings and consumption were
as follow:

		<u>Readings</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	
	October	815,000	2,900	
	November	817,800	2,800	
	December	821,000	3,200	
1925	January	924,500	103,500	WCW.N.20- 1-25
	February	1,058,400	133,900	
	March	1,122,900	64,500	
	April	1,126,600	3,700	

The water was allowed to run to waste
during the months of January, February and March. The
meter was read on the 17th of January and notice of the
large consumption was sent on the 20th. In spite of
this, the consumption for the succeeding month was
larger than in January. For the past three years con-
ditions at these premises during the winter months

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have been bad. The bill for the half year ending October 1924 was \$41.72, and that ending March 1924, \$54.44. This latter bill was reduced on September 13th, 1924.

As in my judgment the large consumption of water has passed through the meter owing to the negligence, default or failure to use proper care and precaution on the part of the owner or occupant of such premises, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON.
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 18 Bishop St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #18 Bishop Street.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 17, 1925.

No. 18 Bishop Street - Water bill

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is account for water consumed at premises No. 18 Bishop Street from Oct. 18, 1924 to April 22, 1925, amounting to \$42.78, also report of City Engineer on same.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst. it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for January and February be made up at 65,000 gals., which would make the corrected account 156,100 gals. @ .20 - \$31.22.

Respectfully submitted

M. A. HUNTER.
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 10, 1925.

NO. 18 BISHOP STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor,

*✓ Engineer
✓ Auditor
✓ Clerk of Works
✓ Collector*

September 24, 1925.

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 18 Bishop Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April, 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$42.78. The meter readings and consumption during this period were as follow:-

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Consumption.</u>
October 18	332,300	7,500
November 20	339,900	7,600
December 26	347,100	7,200
1925 January	No reading	
February 20	475,400	128,300 N. 28-2-25
March 20	542,300	66,900
April 22	551,700	9,400

It will be seen that there was a large consumption in February and March. The meter was not read in January, and after the February reading notice was sent the owner of the large consumption. The owner after receiving notice had conditions remedied and reported the same to this office. The half yearly bills for these premises for the past three years have been as follow:

Half year ending	March 1922	\$5.46
" " "	Sept. 1922	4.90
" " "	March 1923	4.08
" " "	Sept. 1923	3.96
" " "	March 1924	8.14
" " "	Oct. 1924	8.88
" " "	April 1925	42.78

As the owner took immediate action to remedy the waste when attention was drawn to it, I think this is a case for the Committee to use its discretion and made a reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON.
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 215 Chebucto Rd.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #215 Chebucto Road.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 10, 1925.

#215 Chebucto Road Water Meter Bill

*✓ Engineer
✓ Auditor
✓ Clerk of Works
✓ Collector*

September 24, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 9th, the City Engineer submitted a bill for water for the above mentioned premises for half year ending April 1925, amounting to \$7.10.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced to \$5.06.

Alderman Daw dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER.
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Aug. 31st, 1925.

No. 215 CHEBUCTO ROAD, WATER BILL.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 215 Chebucto Road claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April, 1925, and the amount of the bill for water passing through the meter is \$7.10. The monthly readings and consumption were as follow:-

	October	26,700	1,500
	November	No reading	
	December	27,600	900
1925	January	No reading	
	February	No reading	
	March	61,600	34,000
	April	62,200	600

The large consumption took place during January, February and March. The meter at these premises is in a meter box and owing to the frost and snow conditions was not read in January and February. On looking back through the half yearly bills, I find that during the past two years, the highest bill at these premises was \$0.94. On account of the meter not being read and the owner having no notice of the large consumption, I would recommend that the bill be reduced to \$5.06, which would make a total rate for the year \$6.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON.
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

*By
Clerk of Works
Collector*

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WATER METER BILL - 109 Cunard St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and
City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for #109 Cunard St.

Halifax, N. S.
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#109 CUNARD STREET WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 26th, the City Engineer submitted a report on water bill for premises #109 Cunard Street for half year ending April 1925, also pipe rate for 1925-26, amounting to \$33.74. No recommendation for a reduction was made but on motion of Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the period December, January and February amounting to 147,300 gals. be reduced one-half thereby making the total bill \$19.01 instead of \$33.74 as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

CLERK OF WORKS.

Halifax, N. S.
Aug. 18th, 1925.

No. 109 CUNARD STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 109 Cunard Street, claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending April 30th, 1925, and amounts to \$33.74 of which \$3.60 is for pipe rate and the balance, \$30.14 for water used through the meter.

The monthly readings and consumption for the period complained of, were as follows:-

1924	September	1,200	---	
	October	2,400	1,200	
	November	3,200	800	
	December	39,200	36,000	T.&W.C.W.
				N.6-1-25
1925	January	108,600	69,400	T.&W.C.W. B.B.
	February	150,500	41,900	
	March	151,900	1,400	
	April	153,100	1,200	

It will be seen that there was a very large consumption during the months of December, January and

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February, due to a tap and closet wasting and also to a broken pipe. Notice was sent on the 6th of January of the large consumption in December, but the waste continued throughout the remainder of this month and also a portion of February.

Under these circumstances, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 7 Granville St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #7 Granville St.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 17, 1925.

No. 7 Granville Street - Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on water meter account for premises #7 Granville St. from Oct. 16, 1924 to April 25, 1925, amounting to 332,500 gals. @ .19½, \$64.84.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst. it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for January and February be charged at the rate of 65,000 gals., making the corrected account 70,200 gals. @ .20, \$14.04.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 5, 1925.

NO. 7 GRANVILLE STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 7 Granville Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the

*1/2
Engineer
Auditor
Clerk of Works
Collector*

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half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$64.84. The records show the following readings and consumption for the period:-

<u>1924</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Consumption.</u>	
January	182,900	30,400	
February	228,200	45,300	W.C.W. N.14-2-24
March	300,500	72,300	
April	303,800	3,300	
May	306,800	3,000	
June	308,800	2,000	
July	311,000	2,200	
August	No reading		
September	316,000	5,000	
October	318,900	2,900	
November	321,900	3,000	
December	No reading		
 <u>1925.</u>			
January	517,500	195,600	N. 23-1-25
February	649,200	131,700	
March	650,300	1,100	
April	651,400	1,100	

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

Half year ending	March 1923	\$21.90
" " "	Sept. "	4.76
" " "	March 1924	30.80
" " "	October "	3.68
" " "	April 1925	64.84

The records show that every winter there is a large consumption in these premises during the three first months in the year, due to the closet wasting. The owner of this property states that during the past winter he spent over \$100.00 to a plumber to repair broken pipes and leaky closets. The record shows that steps were taken after notice was sent to make repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

Daw that the report of the Committee on Works be

adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - 56 John St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for #56 John Street.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 4, 1925.

#56 JOHN STREET - WATER METER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Engineer
Auditor
Chief of Works
Collector

September 24, 1925.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #56 John Street amounting to \$36.00 for half year ending April 1925. It was passed unanimously that it be recommended to Council that the consumption for the month of January amounting to 44,500 gallons be reduced one-half thereby making the bill \$31.55 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MESSERVEY.
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 2nd, 1925.

NO. 56 JOHN STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report of the attached water bill for the premises No. 56 John Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$36.00. The readings and consumption during the period complained of were as follows:-

	November	0	0	
	December	10,200		T.W.
1925	January	54,700	44,500	T.&W.C.W.
				N. 29-1-25
	February	95,200	40,500	T.&W.C.W.
	March	144,000	49,800	
	April	180,000	36,000	

It will be seen that there was a very large consumption throughout the whole period, due to both tap and closet wasting. Notice was sent the owner in January, but the waste continued until the end of April. The owner tells me that the tenant moved out without paying rental and allowed the water to run, but as the waste continued for five months, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

✓
Engineer
Auditor
Clerk of Works
Collector

September 24, 1925.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #56 John Street amounting to \$36.00 for half year ending April 1925. It was passed unanimously that it be recommended to Council that the consumption for the month of January amounting to 44,500 gallons be reduced one-half thereby making the bill \$31.55 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MESSERVEY.
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 2nd, 1925.

NO. 56 JOHN STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 56 John Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$36.00. The readings and consumption during the period complained of were as follows:-

	November	0	0	
	December	10,200		T.W.
1925	January	54,700	44,500	T.&W.C.W. N. 29-1-25
	February	95,200	40,500	T.&W.C.W.
	March	144,000	49,800	
	April	180,000	36,000	

It will be seen that there was a very large consumption throughout the whole period, due to both tap and closet wasting. Notice was sent the owner in January, but the waste continued until the end of April. The owner tells me that the tenant moved out without paying rental and allowed the water to run, but as the waste continued for five months, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

*✓ Engineer
✓ Auditor
✓ Clerk of Works
✓ Collector*

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WATER METER BILL - 18 June St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and
City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #18 June St.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 4, 1925.

#18 JUNE STREET - METER BILL

His Worship the Mayor & City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #18 June Street for half year ending April 1925, amounting to \$8.50. No reduction was recommended but the Works Committee on motion unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the period December, January and February amounting to 38,800 gallons be reduced one-half thereby making the bill \$4.62 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
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NO. 18 JUNE STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 18 June Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$8.50. The following are the readings and consumption during this period:-

	October	45,800	700	
	November	46,300	500	
	December	56,700	10,400	W.C.W.
1925	January	72,800	16,100	
	February	85,100	12,300	
	March	Vacant		
	April	88,300	3,200	

The consumption was above the average during the months of December, January and February due to a closet wasting. The bill for the previous half year was \$8.90, and previous to this for some years the half yearly bill has not amounted to more

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than \$2.34. Apparently the closet is old and gets out of repair easily, as the owner has submitted plumber's bills for repairs to this closet on several occasions during the year. However as these conditions have obtained through several months without any permanent remedy being applied, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

*Engineer
Auditor
Clerk of Works
Collector*

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

WATER METER BILL - 83 Market St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #83 Market Street.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 4, 1925.

#83 MARKET STREET - WATER METER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water meter bill for #83 Market Street for half year ending April 1925, amounting to \$64.39. It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for December January, February and March amounting to 315,100 gallons be reduced 25% thereby making the bill \$48.63 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
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NO. 83 MARKET STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 83 Market Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill

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for water passing through the meter is \$64.39. The readings and consumption during the period complained of were as follow:-

	October	15,400	2,800	
	November	18,000	2,600	
	December	71,400	53,400	T.&W.C.W. N. 1212-24
1925	January	No reading		
	February	240,500	169,100	T.&W.C.W.
	March	333,100	92,600	
	April	354,300	21,200	

It will be seen that there was an extremely large consumption from December to March, due to a tap and closet wasting, notice of which was sent in December but apparently no action was taken until April to remedy conditions. The owner in bringing the bill to the office, stated that she knew the water was running during the period. Under the circumstances I can see no justification for making any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Engineer
Ald. Daw
Adopted
Checked
Collector

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by

Ald. Daw that the report of the Committee on Works be

adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - 116-118 Market St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #116 and 118 Market Street.

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#116-18 MARKET STREET - WATER METER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on Sept. 9th, the attached report of the City Engineer on water meter bill for #116-18 Market Street recommending that bill be made up on the consumption of 36,000 gallons (which would amount to \$7.20) was recommended to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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Halifax, N. S.
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No. 116-118 Market St. Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 116-118 Market Street, claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is the half year ending April 30th, 1925, and the bill amounts to \$16.84 of which \$14.20 is for water passing through the meter. The record of Consumption is as follows:-

1924	October	2,500		
	November	5,200		
	December	8,000		
1925	January	No reading,	meter covered	
	February	" "	" "	
	March	" "	" "	
	April	73,500		

I find that for the past three years the consumption during the period from October to April was as follows:-

1921-1922	35,400
1922-1923	30,900
1923-1924	32,500

In view of the fact that the meter was not read for three months, and therefore that the owner was not notified of the large consumption, I would recommend that the bill be made up on the consumption of 36,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

✓ Engineer
✓ Auditor
✓ Clerk of Works
✓ Collector

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

✓ WATER METER BILL - 107 Maynard St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #107 Maynard Street.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 4, 1925.

#107 Maynard Street - Water Meter Bill.

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His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on September 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #107 Maynard Street for half year ending April 1925, amounting to \$13.34. It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for February amounting to 51,700 gallons be reduced one-half thereby making the bill \$8.17 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MESSERVEY,
CLERK OF WORKS.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 1st, 1925.

No. 107 MAYNARD STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 107 Maynard Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill for the water passing through the meter is \$13.34. A reference to the records show the following meter readings and consumption for this period:-

	September	78,300	3,500	
	October	81,000	2,700	
	November	82,400	1,400	
	December	84,300	1,900	
1925	January	91,600	7,300	
	February	143,300	51,700	T.&W.C.W. N.19-2-25
	March	145,600	2,300	
	April	147,700	2,100	

It will be seen that the large consumption was during the month of January amounting to 51,700 gallons. The meter was read on the 14th day of February and a notice sent to the owner on the 19th. He immediately investigated the cause of this, and found that a tap and closet were wasting and had conditions remedied. Under the circumstances I think this is a case for the Committee to use its discretionary powers and make a reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

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*Engineer
and for
Clerk of Works
Collector*

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 101 Queen St.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #101 Queen Street.

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No. 101 Queen St. - Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on water meter account for premises No. 101 Queen St., from Oct. 15, 1924 to April 15th, 1925, amounting to 377,200 gals. @ .19 - \$71.67.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst. it was decided to recommend to Council that the readings for January and February be each reduced by one-half and the bill made up accordingly. viz - a reduction of 123,350 gals., making the corrected account \$49.50

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 31, 1925.

NO. 101 QUEEN STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 101 Queen Street claimed to be excessive that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1925, and the amount of the bill for water passing through the meter is \$71.67. A reference to the records show the following readings and consumption for the period complained of:-

	October	311,900	3,300
	November	315,200	3,300
	December	318,000	2,800
1925	January	421,700	103,700 P. burst-Repaired
	February	564,700	143,000 N. 28-2-25
	March	615,500	50,800
	April	689,100	73,600

It will be seen that there has been a
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very large monthly consumption during January, February March and April, especially in the two former months, In January the pipe burst but was repaired. There has evidently been a careless use and waste of water at these premises, and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

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

WATER METER BILL - 418 Robie St.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter bill for #418 Robie St.

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#418 Robie Street - Water meter bill.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held September 9th the City Engineer submitted report on Water meter account for premises 418 Robie Street for half-year ending April 1925, amounting to \$20.68.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the months of December and January be charged at the rate of 48,000 gals. instead of 96,300, making a reduction of 48,300 gals. @ .20, \$9.66, which will reduce the account from \$20.68 to the sum of \$11.02.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 8th, 1925.

No. 418 ROBIE STREET, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 418 Robie Street claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is the half year ending April, 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$20.68. A reference to the records shows

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the following meter readings and consumption during the period complained of:-

	Readings	Consumption
October	196,800	4,200
November	No reading	
December	212,900	16,100
1925 January	293,100	80,200 N.2-2-25
February	No reading	
March	296,600	3,500
April	300,200	3,600

There was a large consumption in the month of January, and notice was sent on the 2nd day of February. Immediate action was taken by the owner to have conditions remedied. The record at these premises is good. The bills for the past four years run from \$2.38 to \$4.24, with the exception of the bill under discussion. As immediate action was taken to control the waste, I think this is a case for the Committee to use its discretion and make a reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

That the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

✓
Gregg
Auditor
✓
Clark of Works
Collector

Motion passed.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY. TENDERS FOR FENCE.

Read report Committee of Camp Hill Cemetery re tenders for an iron fence to be erected around the Cemetery.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Sept. 24th, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,
And City Council.

The Committee of Camp Hill Cemetery begs to recommend that the tender of the Starr Manufacturing Co. for supplying and installing a Wrought Iron fence around Camp Hill Cemetery be accepted for \$7153.00.

I. C. SANFORD,
Chairman.

The following other tenders were also received:

Frank A. Gillis Co. Ltd.	Fence complete	\$9,500.00
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Fence only	\$11,356.00
	For gates with concrete posts	\$759.00
	For gates with granite posts	1221.00

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The Brookfield Construction Co.Ltd.		
Fence complete with granite	gate posts	\$ 12000.00
Fence complete with concrete	gate posts	\$ 350.00 less

The Starr Mfg. Co.Ltd.		
Fence only	\$6,950.00	
Gates with granite posts		1200.00
" " concrete posts		825.00
Price including Sales Tax.		

Moved by Ald. Sanford seconded by Ald.

Rains that the report be adopted and the tender awarded to the Starr Mfg. Co. for a total sum of \$7,153.00.

Moved an amendment by Ald. Hubley seconded by Ald. Russell that matter be referred back to the Cemetery Committee for further consideration and report. Amendment put and lost, five voting for the same and ten against it as follows:

For the Amendment:

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Hubley
Power
Daw

Against it.

Tobin
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron
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The motion to adopt the report is put and passed; ten voting for same and five against it as follows:-

For the Motion.

Aldermen Tobin
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron
-10

Against it.

Russell
Munnis
Hubley
Power
Daw

-5

Ald. Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Ald. Hubley seconded by Ald.

September 24, 1925.

Russell that proceedings be stayed in the carrying out of this contract pending notice for reconsideration. Motion put and lost; five voting for same and ten against it as follows:

For the Motion

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Hubley
Power
Daw

Against it

Tobin
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
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WORKS DEPARTMENT - TENDERS FOR COAL

Read report Committee on Works and City

Engineer covering tenders for the supply of coal required for the several departments of the City of Halifax.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 17, 1925.

COAL TENDERS

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer re tenders for coal dated Sept. 8th, also a supplement report dated September 15th, inst.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst. it was decided to recommend to Council that the contract be awarded to the Union Coal Co. Ltd., for Acadia Run of Mine Coal, Allan shaft, at a price of \$7.50 per ton; and that a clause be inserted in the contract that each car load be accompanied by a mine certificate. (The Mayor and Alderman Daw dissenting)

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUNTER,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

*Engineer
Sanford
as Sanford
Council*

September 24, 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 8, 1925.

TENDERS FOR COAL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The following is a comparison of prices tendered for coal supply for various civic departments.

ANTHRACITE

Big Vein Aberpergwn Welsh	- Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd.	\$17.00	per ton
" " " " "	Union Coal Co. Ltd.	\$18.50	per ton

BITUMINOUS COAL

Run of Mine.

Drummond 1 and 2 seams	- Union Coal Co. Ltd.	\$6.85	per ton
Indian Cove.	- Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd.	6.99	" "
McKay	" " "	7.05	" "
McBean	" " "	7.10	" "
McKay.	- Union Coal Co. Ltd.	7.10	" "
Victoria.	- J. R. Porter & Co.	7.20	" "
McBean.	" " "	7.23	" "
Acadia Allan or Albion	- Union Coal Co. Ltd.	7.50	" "
Acadia.	- Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd.	7.65	" "
Acadia Allan or Albion	- Healey & Co., Ltd.	7.95	" "

Screened

Indian Cove.	- Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd.	7.75	" "
McKay.	" " "	7.80	" "
McBean.	" " "	7.85	" "
Drummond.	- Union Coal Co., Ltd.	8.00	" "
Acadia.	- Healey & Co. Ltd.	8.25	" "
Acadia.	- Union Coal Co. Ltd.	8.25	" "
Acadia.	- Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd.	8.40	" "

SLACK

McKay.	- Union Coal Co. Ltd.	5.75	" "
Old Sydney washed.	- Fried Bros.	6.15	" "

The tender for McKay Run of Mine coal is five cents a ton lower than McBean, and according to the analysis submitted, should prove to be a good coal. Last year McBean was used and gave every satisfaction. I think it would be advisable to give McKay a trial under our conditions and it is recommended that the contract be awarded to the Geo. E. VanBuskirk Co. Ltd., for either McBean or McKay Run of Mine as may be ordered by the various Departments.

It is also recommended that the contract for Anthracite coal be awarded to the Geo. E. VanBuskirk Co. Ltd. for Big Vein Aberpergwn at \$17.00 per ton.

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

September 24, 1925.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 15, 1925.

COAL TENDERS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In accordance with the request of the Committee on Works I beg to make a further report on the tenders for coal that I have gone into the question of using Port Morien slack coal. This coal is and has been in use in several establishments in the City, and has given good satisfaction in cases where the conditions for its use are favourable. In cases where the grates are suitable, where there is a good draft and where experienced firemen are employed, I have no doubt that satisfactory and economical results can be obtained.

With the present condition obtaining in our furnaces and the fact that in most cases the stoking is not done by expert stokers, I am of the opinion that better results can be obtained from "Screened" or "Run of Mine" coal.

Under these conditions I can only adhere to the recommendation made in my original report of Sept. 8th.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

H. W. Cameron that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Moved amendment by Ald. Daw seconded by Ald. W. O. Cameron that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. His Worship the Mayor calls upon Ald. Power Deputy Mayor to take the chair while he addresses the meeting on the subject of the report.

The amendment is put and passed; eight voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Russell
Tobin
Sanford
Rains
Power
Drysdale
W. O. Cameron
Daw -8

Against it.

Munnis
Bissett
Gastonguay
MacDuff
H. W. Cameron
Hubley
O'Toole
-7

Alderman Bissett gives notice of reconsideration.
284.

*By Engineer
"Recorder
"Clerk of Works
"Bot Brand
"Chap Jure Aye
"Hon Hall
"Council*

September 24, 1925.

GOSPEL MEETINGS ON THE STREET.

Read letter from John Keeling in reference to holding Gospel Meetings on the streets.

Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 17th-25.

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

Dear Sirs,-

May I presume upon the attention of your Honorable body to solicit your condolence with me in my humble request?

I may explain thus, for years I have been privileged, perhaps by courtesy, to stand on street corners most every night, particularly Saturday night, preaching the Gospel in my humble way, and at other times soliciting alms for my sustenance. From both these ways I have been received very kindly by the public, thus enabling me to support myself and family. Recently this privilege was taken from me, rightly no doubt as far as the letter of the law is concerned, and I have abided by it. In my solicitations here, I would ask that I again be allowed to continue my old time practice, and thus enable me to keep "the wolf from the door".

If your Honorable body considers my petition favorably, I shall thank God and you. If otherwise, I shall be in the position of the good Lord himself when he said "The birds of the air have nests, and the foxes have holes, but the Son of Man hath no place to lay His head".

Yours respectfully,
J. J. Keeling x
Colored preacher.

Referred to the Police Committee.

Mayor
11:15 o'clock.

Moved by Ald. Bissett seconded by Ald.

Power that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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H. S. RHIND.
City Clerk.

J. B. KENNY,
Mayor.

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Meeting adjourned

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR

H.S. Rhind
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CITY CLERK