

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
February 26th, 1932.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Redmond, Daley, McInnes, Logan, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, O'Malley, Thompson, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following matters:

1. Report Police Committee re tenders for license badges.
2. Report Finance Committee re Civic Estimates for 1932-33.
3. Report Committee on Works re Water Estimates for 1932-33.
4. Proposed Legislation.

Before taking up the business of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor in a few well chosen words welcomed Alderman Golden back to the Council after his recent serious illness.

Alderman Golden thanked the Council for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the flowers sent to him during his illness.

✓ TENDERS FOR DOG TAGS AND LICENSE BADGES

Read report of the Police Committee covering tenders for dog tags and license badges.

February 26th, 1932.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 19th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day, tenders were opened for the supply of dog tax tags and license badges for the season 1932, as per schedule attached.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of the London Rubber Stamp Company, being the lowest be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

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CIVIC ESTIMATES, 1932-33

Alderman Stech, Chairman of the Finance Committee submits the estimates for the civic year 1932-33 as prepared by his Committee. He informed the Council that the estimates as submitted showed an increase of \$52,988.67 over last year, and suggested that as the various Schedules are taken up that decreases might be made without any disadvantage to the various departments which might cut down the increase.

Before the Schedules were taken up for consideration, the following reports were submitted and dealt with:

✓
LOANS, FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND RENEWALS,
AND FOR MOTOR TRUCK

Read report of the Finance Committee

*London Rubber
Stamp Co.*

February 26th, 1932.

recommending that Legislation be obtained to enable the City to borrow the sum of \$20,000.00 for repairs and renewals to pavements, and \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a suitable motor truck with dump body for the collection of ashes and garbage.

February 24th, 1932.

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Sir:-

The Estimates for the City Works Department for the civic year 1932-33, attached hereto, are recommended for approval.

In connection therewith the Committee recommend that Legislation be obtained authorizing the borrowing of the sum of \$20,000. for repairs and renewal to pavements to be repayable in ten yearly installments, all in accordance with a resolution of the City Council, August 13th, 1931.

Also that authorization be obtained from the Legislature to borrow a sum not to exceed \$3,500. for the purchase of a suitable truck and dump body to be used for the collection of ashes and garbage, said amount to be repayable in three yearly installments.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 24th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached report of the Committee on Works in reference to Legislation to borrow the sum of \$20,000.00 for renewal of pavements and \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a truck for the collection of garbage and ashes was submitted, read and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

February 26th, 1932.

Solicitor
Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERANNUATION F.H.BELL, CITY SOLICITOR

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that Legislation be sought to enable the City to increase the superannuation allowance to F.H. Bell, Esq., K.C. late City Solicitor to \$3,000.00.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 24th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, it was decided on motion of Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Mitchell to recommend to Council that Legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature to enable the City to increase the superannuation allowance to F.H. Bell, Esq., K.C, late City Solicitor to \$3,000.00 and that the amount required over and above the amount he is entitled to receive from the official superannuation fund be included in the civic estimates for 1932-33.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman McInnes that the report be adopted. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Probert

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Redmond
Logan

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FOR THE MOTION
Continued,

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer
Adams
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ESTIMATES

The Chairman of the Finance Committee submits a list of the items which he will ask to be deleted from the Estimates.

By unanimous consent of Council, the Estimates were taken up, and considered schedule by schedule.

SCHEDULE "A"

JOINT ESTIMATES MUNICIPALITY OF HALIFAX

Item.....\$63,557.60

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that this Schedule be adopted.
Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "B"

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item.....\$677,487.90

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "C"

CITY HOME

Item.....\$45,585.25

February 26th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Minshull that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "D"

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Item.....\$27,100.00

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Minshull that this Schedule be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that the estimated revenue in this Schedule be increased by \$1,000.00 to \$12,000.00, and that the Schedule as amended totalling \$26,100.00 be adopted. Amendment put and passed.

SCHEDULE "E"

PUBLIC GARDENS AND COMMON

Item.....\$16,648.77

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "F"

POINT PLEASANT PARK

Item.....\$4,630.00

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "G"

CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY

Item.....\$4,370.00

February 26th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by
Alderman Thompson that this Schedule be adopted.
Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "H"

CITY HEALTH BOARD

Item.....\$28,417.50

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by
Alderman Smeltzer that this Schedule be adopted. Motion
passed.

SCHEDULE "I"

SUPERANNUATIONS

Item.....\$41,945.11

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by
Alderman Stech that this Schedule be amended by
reducing the amount payable to F. H. Bell, to \$425.83,
and that the Schedule as so amended amounting to
\$40,850.10 be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "J"

CITY GRANTS AND SUNDRIES

Item.....\$142,340.11

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman McInnes that this Schedule be amended by
deleting the following amounts:

Advertising, City of Halifax	\$3,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	3,500.00
Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor	3,500.00
	\$ 10,000.00

and that the Schedule as so amended amounting to
\$132,340.11 be adopted. Motion passed.

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SCHEDULE "K"

SHORT TERM DEBENTURES AND INTEREST

Item.....\$19,532.37

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Daley that this Schedule be adopted. Motion
passed.

SCHEDULE "L"

INTEREST ON CONSOLIDATED
FUND 1880

Item.....\$49,394.00

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Daley that this Schedule be adopted. Motion
passed.

SCHEDULE "M"

INTEREST ON CONSOLIDATED
FUND 1905

Item.....\$323,409.25

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Daley that this Schedule be adopted. Motion
passed.

SCHEDULE "N"

SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS

Item.....\$78,875.03

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Daley that this Schedule be adopted. Motion
passed.

SCHEDULE "O"

SALARIES

Item.....\$91,510.00

February 26th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Daley that this Schedule be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the item in this Schedule \$10,000.00 for City Solicitor be reduced to \$7,500.00. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Redmond
McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Logan
Golden
Shields
Probert
Adams
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Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the item \$1,200.00 in this Schedule for Sub Collector be deleted. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Stech
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer
Adams

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Donovan
Redmond
Daley
McInnes
Logan
Probert

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in amendment
Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by

February 26th, 1932.

Alderman Shields that the item \$10,000.00 for City Solicitor be amended to read "Salaries for City Solicitor's Department". Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Redmond
Daley
McInnes
Logan
Golden
Shields
Probert
Adams

Aldermen McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer.

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The motion to adopt the Schedule as submitted is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Daley
McInnes
Probert
Adams

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Redmond
Logan
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer

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Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Stech that Schedule "O" as amended amounting to \$90,310.00 be adopted. Motion passed.

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SCHEDULE "P"

POLICE

Item.....\$120,628.00

Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Stech that this Schedule be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the item \$1,500.00 for Commissioner be deleted. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Redmond
Logan
Golden
McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Probert
Smeltzer

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Shields
Adams

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Golden that Schedule "P" as amended amounting to \$119,128.00 be adopted. Motion passed.

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Redmond
Logan
Golden
McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Probert
Smeltzer

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Shields
Adams

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SCHEDULE "Q"

CITY PRISON

Item.....\$16,015.15

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Probert that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE " R"

CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT

Item.....\$264,500.00

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that this Schedule be amended by deleting from the total the sum of \$12,000.00 and that the Schedule as amended amounting to \$252,500.00 be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE " S"

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Item.....\$158,279.00

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Golden that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "S" Continued

TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

Item.....\$5,975.60

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that this Schedule be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE " T"

MISCELLANEOUS

Item.....\$10,100.00

February 26th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that the item "Contingent account" be reduced to \$2,000.00 and that the Schedule as amended amounting to \$9,100.00 be adopted. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "U"

ESTIMATED INCOME

Item.....\$104,107.09

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the item "N.S. Light and Power Co," be increased from \$47,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and that the Schedule as so amended amounting to \$107,107.09 be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the amount to be allowed for Short Collection in the estimates now passed be reduced from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent, making this sum \$46,246.48. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the item to be added from Unexpended Balances \$5,000.00 be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the estimated income from Poll Taxes be increased \$23,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Motion passed.

Total for the Civic Year 1932-33,
\$2,071,645.02.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that Schedules, A to U inclusive as amended amounting to \$2,071,645.02 be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

February 26th, 1932.

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The following Resolution was submitted.

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$651,307.75 less probable income \$107,107.09 making a total of \$544,200.66 and the extra assessment amounting to \$1,511,197.88 as set out in the yearly estimates herewith submitted for 1932-33, making a total of \$2,055,398.54 plus 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent for short collections \$46,246.48 making \$2,101,645.02 less estimated Poll Tax \$25,000.00 and \$5,000.00 from unexpended balances, making a total of \$2,071,645.02 be confirmed and do now pass, and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$2,071,645.02.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimates, together with a copy of this Resolution to the City Assessor on or before the 1st day of March next, and to instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1933 on the basis of the said amount of \$2,071,645.02.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman McInnes and passed unanimously.

The several Schedules marked A to U
inclusive for 1932-33 are adopted and as finally passed
will be found in printed form following these minutes.

*P J McInnes
City Assessor*

February 26th, 1932.

CITY OF HALIFAX

ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1932-33.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Civic Year Ending April 30th, 1933 As Passed by the City Council, February 26th, 1932.

Extra Assessment	1932-33	Increase	Decrease	1931-32.
A-Joint Estimates Municipality of Halifax	\$63,557.60	\$5,644.27		\$57,913.33
B-Public Schools	77,477.90	29,497.87		656,990.03
C-City Home	45,585.25		\$21,349.00	66,934.25
D-Tuberculosis Hospital	26,100.00		4,588.00	30,688.00
E-Public Gardens & Common	16,648.77	1,673.77		14,975.00
F-Point Pleasant Park	4,630.00	775.00		3,855.00
G-Citizens Free Library	4,370.00			4,370.00
H-City Health Board	28,417.50	501.00		27,916.50
I-Superannuations	40,850.10		280.95	41,131.05
J-City Grants & Sundries	132,340.11	7,988.39		124,351.72
K-Short Term Debentures and Interest	19,532.37	9,117.13		10,415.24
L-Int.on Consolidated Fund 1880	49,394.00			49,394.00
M-Int.on Consolidated Fund 1905	323,409.25		64.64	323,473.89
N-Sinking Fund Requirements	78,875.03	8,688.30		70,186.73
	<u>\$1,511,197.88</u>	<u>\$54,885.73</u>	<u>\$26,282.59</u>	<u>\$1,482,594.74</u>
General Assessment.				
O-Salaries	90,310.00	8,995.08		81,314.92
P-Police	119,128.00	2,011.00		117,117.00
Q-Prison	16,015.15		100.00	16,115.15
R-City Works Department	252,500.00	5,000.00		247,500.00
S-Fire Department	158,279.00	300.00		157,979.00
Telegraph System	5,975.60	126.39		5,849.21
T-Miscellaneous	9,100.00			9,100.00
	<u>651,307.75</u>	<u>16,432.47</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>634,975.28</u>
U-Less Estimated Income	107,107.09		19,156.31	87,950.78
Total General Assessment	<u>544,200.66</u>	<u>16,432.47</u>	<u>19,256.31</u>	<u>547,024.50</u>
Total Extra Assessment	<u>1511,197.88</u>	<u>54,885.73</u>	<u>26,282.59</u>	<u>1,482,594.74</u>
	<u>2,055,398.54</u>	<u>71,318.20</u>	<u>45,538.90</u>	<u>2,029,619.24</u>
Add Provision Short Collections 2 1/4%	46,246.48		4,494.00	50,740.48
	<u>2,101,645.02</u>	<u>71,318.20</u>	<u>50,032.90</u>	<u>2,080,359.72</u>
Less Unexpended Balance	5,000.00			5,000.00
Less Estimated Poll Taxes	25,000.00		7,000.00	18,000.00
Civic Year 1932-33	<u>2,071,645.02</u>	<u>71,318.20</u>	<u>57,032.90</u>	<u>2,057,359.72</u>
Previous Year	<u>2,057,359.72</u>	<u>57,032.90</u>		
Increase	\$ 14,285.30	\$ 14,285.30		

February 26th, 1932.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATE \$1932-33

Read report of the Committee on Works
covering Estimates of the Halifax Water Works for the
Civic Year 1932-33 amounting to \$245,075.26

February 26th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith Estimates for the
Water Department for the Civic Year 1932-33. The
Estimates as submitted do not show any automatic
increases in the salary list, if these were added,
the salary account would be increased by \$500.00.

The increase in the expenditure is due
largely to an item of \$8,700. which is estimated by
the City Auditor and the Finance Committee in Schedule
"M" of the current estimates, as being the amount
required for a year and a half's interest on loan
to be issued for Water Construction and the United
States premium. In other respects the estimated
expenditures are practically the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

February 26th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Estimates for the Water Department for
the Civic Year 1932-33 amounting to \$245,075.26
attached hereto, are recommended to Council for
approval.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

February 26th, 1932.

HALIFAX WATER WORKS
ESTIMATES 1932-33

<u>REVENUE:</u>	Estimates <u>1932-33</u>	Estimates <u>1931-32</u>
Meter Rates	\$134,000.00	\$128,000.00
Meter Rentals	6,000.00	5,600.00
Special Agreements	24,000.00	25,600.00
Fire Protection	80,000.00	80,000.00
Bonds	3,500.00	3,476.00
Interest	1,500.00	--
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	1,000.00
	<u>250,500.00</u>	<u>243,676.00</u>
	5,424.74	6,000.00
	<u>\$245,075.26</u>	<u>\$237,676.00</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Salaries,		
Deputy City		
Engineer	3,500.00	3,500.00
Asst. Engineer	3,000.00	--
Clerk of Works	2,400.00	2,400.00
Asst. Clerk of		
Works (half)	960.00	960.00
Superintendent	2,400.00	2,400.00
Stenographer		
Clerk	1,300.00	1,300.00
Ledger Keepers		
2 @ \$1700.	3,400.00	3,400.00
Entry Clerk	1,700.00	1,700.00
Cashier (half)	600.00	600.00
Sub-Collector	1,560.00	1,560.00
Plumbing Inspector		
(half)	980.00	980.00
Meter Readers		
4 @ \$1500.	6,000.00	6,000.00
Meter Readers		
1 @ \$1300.	1,300.00	1,300.00
Meter Readers		
1 @ \$1040.	1,040.00	1,040.00
Audit Clerks		
3 @ 300.	900.00	900.00
Engineer Asst. (part)	--	1,720.00
	<u>\$31,040.00</u>	<u>\$30,220.00</u>
Wages	38,000.00	38,000.00
Materials and		
Supplies	10,000.00	11,000.00
General Expense	8,000.00	8,000.00
Uncollectable		
bills	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>57,000.00</u>	<u>58,000.00</u>
Interest Consolidated		
Fund 1880	19,516.00	19,516.00
Int. Consolidated		
Fund 1905	80,826.49	81,525.41
Int. & Premium		
New Loan	8,700.00	--
Sinking Fund	22,992.77	22,907.17
Depreciation &		
Renewals	25,000.00	25,000.00
Int. on Bank Loan	--	500.00
	<u>157,035.26</u>	<u>149,448.58</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$ 245,075.26</u>	<u>\$237,668.58</u>

February 26th, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted and the Estimates confirmed by this Council. Motion passed unanimously. ✓

Engrossed

FIRE DEPARTMENT
LEGISLATION FOR LOAN, DRILL TOWER AND
CONCRETE FLOOR

Read report of the Finance Committee on an application of the Fire Department for Legislation for a loan of \$2,200.00, balance required for the erection of a Drill Tower at West Street, Fire Station and \$4,700.00 for laying a concrete floor at Morris Street, Fire Station.

February 19th, 1932.

Board of Firewards,

Gentlemen:-

I have previously recommended the erection of a drill tower at the West Street Station and Legislation has been obtained for \$2,000. for this purpose. It has been since transpired that \$4,200. would be required to build this tower in compliance with the City Building Code. Our original intention was to build it of wood utilizing some material from the Bedford Row Station floor.

We have been replacing the old wooden floors in the various stations with concrete to conform with the City Ordinance. There is one more floor to do to complete the five stations. The Morris Street Station floor covers approximately the same area as the Bedford Row Station. Being guided by the estimate submitted by the City Engineer last year on the Bedford Row floor, the Morris Street floor would cost \$4,700. Neither of the foregoing are included in the Estimates and should come under Capital expenditure.

I would recommend that Legislation be sought for an additional \$2,200. for the drill tower and \$4,700. for placing the concrete floor in the Morris Street Station.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Churchill,
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

February 26th, 1932.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 24th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the Chief of the Fire Department submitted to the Committee of Firewards, asking that Legislation be obtained to borrow an additional \$2,200.00 for the erection of a drill tower at West Street Fire Station, and the sum of \$4,700.00 for the laying of a concrete floor at Morris Street Fire Station was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that Legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature authorizing this expenditure, and that the money be borrowed on short term debentures running from a period of ten years, 1/10 of the amount required and interest to be paid yearly.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted. Motion
passed. ✓

AUTOMATIC INCREASES

Read report of the Finance Committee re
automatic increases to employees of the City.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 24th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the following Resolution moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Daley was approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

February 26th, 1932.

Resolved, that during any period when the plan of automatic increases is in operation, that any increase to which an employee may be entitled under the plan aforesaid, shall be effective from May 1st in each year, provided that said employee has been employed for a period of not less than six months prior thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

11.15 P.M.


Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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CITY CLERK.



G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

AFTERNOON SESSION

5.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
March 9th, 1932.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Donovan, Daley, McInnes, Conn, Logan, Golden, Shields, Redmond, O'Toole, O'Malley, Thompson, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

Owing to the absence of His Worship the Mayor through illness, the Chair was taken by Deputy Mayor, Alderman Donovan.

The meeting was specially called to deal with the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges re Legislation.

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LEGISLATION

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges covering a Draft Act to amend the law relating to the City of Halifax.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to submit the following Draft Act to amend the law relating to the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell McInnes,
CHAIRMAN.

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By unanimous consent it was decided to take up and consider the Draft Act, clause by clause.

The Draft Act was then read and the various clauses explained by the acting City Solicitor and with a few slight amendments adopted as follows.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Minshull that clause §15A be amended by striking out the words "Properties fronting on" and substituting the words "Frontage of properties", also by striking out the words "seventy five per cent" and substituting the words "sixty six and two thirds per cent", and that this clause as so amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Logan that the legislation covering the agreement between the City and the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., with respect to the paving on certain streets be deleted from this bill and sent to the Legislature as a separate bill. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Logan
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer
Adams

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Redmond
Daley
McInnes
Conn
Golden
Shields
Probert

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Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by

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Alderman Daley that the Draft Act as amended be approved and adopted as a whole, and that a memorandum of the vote of Council in reference to the agreement with the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., re paving of certain streets be forwarded to the Legislature with the Draft Act. Motion passed.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:-

In this Act the expression "city" means the City of Halifax, the expression "council" means the City Council of that city, and any committee or official mentioned means the committee or official of that name of the said city or council, the expression "charter" means the Halifax City Charter of 1931, and sections referred to by numbers without further reference are the sections of the said charter and this act shall refer exclusively to the City of Halifax.

Sub-Section (2) of Section 295 is hereby repealed.

Section 341 is amended as follows:-

- (1) by adding to the clause marked (a) the words following:
"or in the bonds or debentures of any company, association or other body which are guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada or by any province of Canada, and any such investment heretofore made is hereby ratified."
- (11) by adding thereto as clause (e) the following:
"or in debentures of the City of Halifax, having a term of maturity not exceeding ten years, provided that the amount so invested shall not at any time exceed \$200,000".

Sections 335 and 336 are hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

335. (1) The Treasurer shall transfer to the credit of the fund established by Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1926, as amended by Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1928:

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- (a) the sum of \$62,376.86 now standing to the credit of the Reserve Account, and
- (b) the sum standing to the credit of unexpended balances for the civic years up to and including the year 1924-25, as the same appears on the books of the City on 30th April, 1932.

336. (1) The Treasurer shall each year on the 30th day of April transfer to a special account of that year to be called the Tax Reserve Account for that year:

- (a) the amount appropriated for the year for short collection of taxes;
- (b) the amount of unexpended balances of appropriations for the year less any amount directed to be otherwise disposed of;
- (c) any amount received from special taxes imposed and collected during that year, and
- (d) any money received during the year from any casual or unforeseen source;

(2) When the balance to the credit of the Tax Reserve Account for any year exceeds the amount of taxes uncollected for that year, the Treasurer shall transfer the amount of such excess to the Reserve Fund.

(3) When the Reserve Fund reaches the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars, the amounts so directed to be paid to it shall be paid to the General Sinking Fund.

The following Section shall be added to the City Charter to immediately follow Section 332:

332A. (1) In any case in which the City requires money for any purpose for which the City may lawfully expend money but for which no appropriation has been made, or for which no provision has been made by legislative authority the council may, by a two-thirds majority, resolve that the money required for such purpose (specifying the same) and not in any one case exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) and not in any one year amounting in all to more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) shall be borrowed under the authority of this enactment from any bank or fund available.

(2) Any money so borrowed, with the interest thereon, shall by direction of the council, in the resolution authorizing the borrowing, be either -

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- (a) included in the estimates of and repaid in the year next succeeding that in which the same was borrowed, or
 - (b) repaid in yearly, instalments, not more than five in number, each such instalment with interest on the amount then due, to be included in the yearly estimates beginning with the one next succeeding the year in which the money was borrowed.
- (3) Money so borrowed shall be spent only for the purpose for which the same is borrowed.
- (4) The authority to borrow money under any resolution passed in accordance with the provisions of this section shall cease and determine upon the expiration of one year from the date of the passage of such resolution.
- (5) The section number 976 added to the City Charter by Section 32 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924, and Section 12 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1931, are hereby repealed.

Section 343 is hereby repealed.

The following sub-section shall be added to Section 457:

- (3) If the owner of a property sold for taxes is indebted to the City for any sum for taxes or water rates or a betterment charge and interest thereon not secured by a lien on the property so sold, the City may apply for payment out to it of any surplus proceeds from the sale of such property in the hands of the Accountant General without obtaining a judgment against such owner for the amount thereof, provided that any mortgage, judgment or other encumbrance affecting the property so sold, shall be deemed to have priority over the claim of the City, and this enactment shall apply in respect to any sum due for any tax, water rate or betterment charge, due to the City at the coming into force of this Act as well as to any such debt hereafter becoming due.

Section 794 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) No garage shall be established or maintained within the City unless a permit has been obtained therefor from the inspector and the Chief of the Fire Department.
- (2) A permit for a public garage shall be for one

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year only and shall expire on the 30th day of April next ensuing the issue thereof, and shall be renewed only after inspection and approval of the garage by the inspector and chief of the Fire Department, and any proprietor of a public garage failing to make application for a renewal of the permit therefor for one month after the expiry thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

Section 733 is amended by adding thereto the words following -

"or the location of which is in his opinion unsuitable".

Sub-section (1) of Section 809 is amended by adding at the end thereof the words "which shall be approved by the Committee on Works."

(1) Notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary the rate of interest on any money hereafter borrowed by the City secured by stock or debentures and forming part of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund may be such as is determined by the Council by the resolution authorizing the making of the loan for such money.

(2) Sections (2) and (3) of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1931 are hereby amended by striking out from the fifth line of each the words "not exceeding five per cent per annum" and substituting therefor the words "to be determined by the Council in the resolution for the making of the loan."

The granting of a discount of one and one-half per cent on the bills for taxes for 1931-32 if paid by 31st August 1931, is hereby ratified.

The City may include in the estimates of expenditure for any year a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, which may be expended in advertising the City.

Notwithstanding the provision of clause (c) of Section 338, any money received as a premium on any loan effected by the City may be used to defray any expense incurred in connection with the making of such loan, and any such appropriation and expenditure of any money so received heretofore made is hereby ratified.

Any profit at any time hereafter or heretofore made by the City or by any sinking fund of the city,

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on exchange in connection with any investment or other financial transaction with any country outside of Canada may be transferred to an account established for the purpose of meeting any losses incurred in such exchange and may be used for that purpose as occasion requires.

The City may establish with any bank in Canada a fund payable in the currency of the United States of America for the purpose of paying any obligations of the City payable in the currency of that country.

Section 20 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1930 is hereby declared to apply to the amounts received for poll tax in the year 1926-27 and the years subsequent thereto.

A sum not exceeding four thousand, four hundred (\$4,400.) dollars of the appropriation for the Fire Department for the civic year 1930-31 and remaining unexpended may be transferred to the appropriation for that department for the civic year 1931-32 and expended in the purchase of a motor vehicle for that department and in the repairs of buildings of that department.

Sub-section (2) of Section 36 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1931 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) The Treasurer may each year beginning with 1 March 1932, advance to the said Committee a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars to be expended between the first day of March and the first day of May. Any sum so advanced shall be deemed to be a part of the appropriation for that committee for the next ensuing civic year, and shall be repaid from that appropriation to the fund from which the same was taken.

The City may include in its yearly estimates as part of the civic revenue such part of any balance to the credit of the City's interest account as the Council determines in making the estimates.

The expenditure by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax of monies received by that board during the civic years 1929-30 and 1930-31 from rentals and sources other than the appropriation from the City in the purchase of school property on Maitland Street is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 956 is amended by striking out therefrom the words and figures - "Chapter 93" - and

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substituting therefor the words and figures -
"Chapter 152".

If the owner or agent of any vacant lot of land to which the ordinance respecting the removal of snow from the sidewalk in front thereof applies, fails to remove the snow therefrom in compliance with the provisions of that ordinance the City may itself remove such snow and the cost of so doing shall be charged to the owner of such lot and shall be collected with the same rights and remedies as the rates and taxes of the city, including a lien on the property for the amount thereof.

Any deed executed by the Mayor and Clerk prior to March 31st, A.D., 1931, purporting to convey land bid in at any tax sale whereat the Collector has made the highest bid as provided by Section 972 of the Charter as then in force, and in respect to which the period of redemption had expired shall be conclusive evidence of all the matters set out in Section 472 of the City Charter and the provisions of said last mentioned section shall apply to any such Deed signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Section 17 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1927, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1930, is further amended by adding thereto the words following:-

"The said plant shall pay to the City at the customary rate for a supply of water up to ten million gallons yearly, and shall be entitled to use without further charge a second ten million gallons yearly, and shall pay at the customary rate for all water used in excess of twenty million gallons. The supply of water to the said plant heretofore made shall be charged to it in accordance with the foregoing provision."

The City may pay to Mary Kline the amount contributed to the Officials Superannuation Fund by her late father John Kline, namely \$965.68 and that amount may be taken from any fund available and included in the estimates for 1933-34.

Section 566 is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:-

(6) Such amount shall be divided into five equal instalments, the first of which shall be due and payable on the filing of the plan and list by the Engineer, and one on each succeeding thirty first day of May after the first so succeeding until the whole is paid. This amendment shall apply to any sidewalk since the year 1927.

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The City may -

- (1) (a) purchase from any bank, person or financial institution in Canada or in any other country the right to receive payment of a definite sum of money in the currency of another country at any future date, or

(b) borrow from any bank, person or financial institution in Canada or any other country, on terms approved by Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, a definite sum of money to be used only in payment of obligations of the City payable in another country.
- (2) To secure any such loan, the City may borrow from any bank or fund available, a sum sufficient to purchase the bonds or debentures of the Dominion of Canada, or any province of Canada, or bonds or debentures guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof, of a sufficient value to equal the loan, together with the marginal requirements of such loan, and lodge the same as security for the money so borrowed.

The agreement between the City and the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited which was approved by the Council at a meeting held on the 24th of August, 1931, and which is set out in the fourth schedule of the Act, is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be binding upon the City and the said Company, as and from the first day of June 1932, anything in the Halifax City Charter or in the enactments relating to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The section of the official City Plan which was confirmed by the Council on April 29th, 1911, is hereby declared to be altered by removing therefrom so much of the street designated as Connaught Avenue as lies between the south line of Coburg Road and the north line of South Street.

The following Section is hereby added to the City Charter to immediately succeed Section 815:

815A. Upon the presentation to the Council of a petition signed by the persons owning not less than sixty six and two thirds per cent of the frontage of the properties fronting on any street or streets or part or parts of streets, praying that such street or streets or part or parts of streets may be created a residential district, the Council shall refer the matter of the petition to the Committee on Works who shall direct the Engineer to report thereon.

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- (2) The Engineer shall report to the Committee
- (a) the total length of the street or streets or part or parts of streets proposed to be created a residential district:
 - (b) the frontage of property abutting on the said street or streets or parts thereof owned by the petitioners:
 - (c) whether, in his opinion, it is desirable that such street or streets or parts thereof shall be created a residential district:
 - (d) any other information that he deems proper.
- (3) Upon receipt of such report the Committee shall fix a date at which the matter of the petition and report shall be publicly considered, and a notice giving the date on which such meeting will be held and that any person interested will be heard regarding the said matter shall be published by one insertion in each of two consecutive weeks in each of two daily papers published in the City of Halifax.
- (4) After hearing any person interested in the said matter, the Committee shall consider the report and send the same to the Council with such recommendation as it deems fit;
- (5) The Council on consideration of such report and recommendation may decide that the street or streets or parts thereof or any part of such streets as are named in the petition shall be created a residential district. Upon such resolution being passed, the provisions of sub-sections (2) to (9) of Section 815 shall apply to the district defined in the resolution of the Council.

The City may borrow a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) dollars and expend the same in the purchase of a motor truck for the collection of garbage and ashes. The sum so borrowed with interest shall be repaid in three yearly instalments, the first payable on the first day of August in the year succeeding the year in which the money is borrowed and one on each succeeding first day of August, the amount of each instalment with interest to be included in the estimates for the year in which the same is payable.

The City may borrow from any bank or fund available the sums mentioned in the first schedule hereto and expend the same for the purpose set opposite each item respectively. The sums so borrowed

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with interest shall be included in the Estimates for 1933-34.

(1) The City may borrow from any bank or fund available the sums mentioned in the second schedule hereto and expend the same for the purposes set opposite each item respectively. The sums so borrowed shall be repaid with interest by five yearly instalments, the first payment to be made on the first day of August in the year after the year in which the money is borrowed and one on the first day of August in each succeeding year until the same is repaid. The amount of each instalment with interest shall be included in the estimates for the year in which the same is payable.

(2) The amount of \$3,500. authorized to be borrowed for repairs to the Hospital for Infectious Disease by Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1931 is hereby deleted from the Schedule to that Act.

The City may borrow the sums set out in the third schedule hereto and expend the same for the purposes set opposite each item respectively. The sums so borrowed shall be repaid with interest in ten yearly instalments, the first payment to be made on the first day of August, in the year succeeding the year in which the money was borrowed and one on each succeeding first day of August, the amount of each instalment with interest to be included in the estimates for the year in which the same is payable.

The payment of \$3500. each to the Association for the Relief of the Poor and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the civic year 1931-32 and the payment of \$500., in relief of the sufferers by an earthquake at Burin, Newfoundland in 1929, are hereby ratified.

FIRST SCHEDULE - ONE YEAR BORROWINGS

To Pay cost of advertising in New York American in 1931, not exceeding.....	\$150.00
To Pay contribution to sufferers by earthquake at Burin, Newfoundland.....	500.00
To Pay to the Association for the Relief of the Poor.....	3,500.00
To pay to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul	3,500.00
To Pay Mary Kline.....	965.68

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SECOND SCHEDULE - FIVE YEAR BORROWINGS

To pay cost of repairs to Hospital for Infectious Diseases and installing a Refrigerating Plant therein, not exceeding.....\$9,600.00

THIRD SCHEDULE - TEN YEAR BORROWINGS

To pay cost of repairs and renewals to streets.....25,000.00

To pay cost of erection of a drill tower at the West St. Fire Station (in addition to the amount already authorized for that purpose) not exceeding..... 2,200.00

To pay cost of laying concrete floor in Morris St, Fire Station, not exceeding 4,700.00

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Agreement between the City of Halifax, and the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co., Ltd.

WHEREAS negotiations have been in progress between representatives of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited, and a Committee of this Council respecting the request of that Company to be relieved of the duty of paving on certain streets of the City hereinafter specified in consideration of an alteration of the taxes to be paid by the Company to the City:

AND WHEREAS such negotiations have resulted in an agreement as hereinafter set out:

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council agrees with the said Company as follows:-

1. (a) THE CITY AGREES - to relieve the Company from the work of doing the permanent paving on and along the tracks of the Company on the portions of streets following, that is to say -

Windsor Street - from Quinpool Road to Almon St.
Almon Street - from Windsor St, to Agricola St,
Gottingen Street - from Gerrish St, to Kaye Street.

(b) To maintain in good condition the said paving on the above mentioned streets.

(c) To maintain in good condition the permanent paving on and along all other lines of track of the Company which are now laid on City streets, provided that if the cost of maintaining the pavement on the said other lines

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of track in any year exceeds the sum of \$2,000.00 the Company shall pay all maintenance costs in excess of the said sum of \$2,000.00.

(d) The above obligations to maintain paving in good condition shall not apply to the making good any damages to the said pavement rendered necessary by any work of the said Company done in connection with its track or otherwise.

2. THE COMPANY AGREES --

To pay the City in place of the tolls on operation of its railway and the sale of electric energy and gas specified in Section 22 of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1914, and in Section 360 of the Halifax City Charter - the following tolls, namely:-

- (a) two per cent on the gross tolls received from the operation within the City of Halifax of its railway:
- (b) five per cent on the gross receipts of the Company from the sale within the City of Halifax of electric energy for any purpose:
- (c) two per cent from the gross receipts of the Company from the sale within the City of Halifax of gas for any purpose.

In all other respects the Charter of the Company and the taxation to be paid by it to the City to remain unaffected.

The above agreement to be subject to retroactive legislation making effective the terms thereof and also to be subject to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited furnishing the funds necessary for the City to do the paving on Windsor, Almon and Gottingen Streets for which the Company is now liable or themselves paving the said portions of said streets, as may be decided by the Board of Works, the said Company later to be re-imbursed by the City upon the enactment of legislation making valid this agreement.

Legislation to carry this agreement into effect to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature.

✓ LONG TERM BORROWING

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF HALIFAX TO BORROW MONEY.

Read Draft Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow money: as follows,

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:-

1. The City of Halifax may borrow the sums set out in the first schedule hereto for the purposes set opposite each item respectively. The sums so borrowed, which may be borrowed from time to time and in such amounts as the council of the city determines, shall be borrowed in accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter relating to the Halifax City Consolidated Fund, and be in addition to the amounts previously authorized to be borrowed as part of that fund, and shall form part of that fund. They shall be secured by stock or debentures to be issued in conformity with the said provisions at a rate of interest to be determined by the Council of the City at the time of the making of any loan under the authority of this act, and the dates on which the same are payable shall be determined by the said Council.

SCHEDULE

For the construction of new sewers, not exceeding.....	\$100,000.00
For the construction of new pavements, not exceeding.....	200,000.00
For the construction of new sidewalks, not exceeding.....	200,000.00

. Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Probert that this Draft be adopted. Motion put and passed.

The following named Aldermen being present and voting for same: Aldermen Daley, McInnes, Conn, Logan, Golden, Shields, O'Toole, O'Malley, Thompson, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

The Chairman stated that it was usual at this time to nominate a special committee to watch the progress of legislation affecting the City through committee and nominated Aldermen Minshull, McInnes, Shields, Thompson and Adams as a special committee.

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Aldermen McInnes, Shields, and Thompson declined to serve.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Shields that the Laws and Privileges Committee be the special committee.

Alderman McInnes, Chairman of the Laws and Privileges Committee protested against this motion, and declined to have his committee serve. He then stated that his committee had had the legislation prepared and submitted to the Council for approval and were now through with their work, and that any further work in connection with watching the progress of the bill through the Legislature should be performed by the permanent heads of departments. This was agreed to and the motion was withdrawn.

6.25 o'clock,

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Probert that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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H. S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.


W. E. Donovan,
DEPUTY MAYOR.