

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
December 15th, 1932.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Donovan, Miller, Conn, Adams, Shields, Golden, McDonald, O'Malley, O'Toole, Getley, Smeltzer, Probert and Doyle.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers were submitted.

✓ NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION RE APPOINTMENT
OF CITY SOLICITOR.

Read notice of reconsideration given by Alderman O'Malley at the last regular meeting of Council in reference to the motion appointing Carl P. Bethune to the position of City Solicitor, which was embodied in the minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Probert that the said motion be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 10 against it.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan
O'Toole
Getley
O'Malley
Probert

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden

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FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen McDonald
Shields
Smeltzer
Doyle
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✓ NOTICE OF ACTION, MAURICE WREN ET AL
VERSUS THE CITY OF HALIFAX ET AL.

Read notice of action in the
matter of a proposed suit in the Supreme Court of
Nova Scotia at Halifax, between Maurice Wren et al
and the City of Halifax et al.

TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
A BODY CORPORATE, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

I do hereby as solicitor for and on behalf of Maurice Wren of 21 Yale Street in the City of Halifax, President of the Halifax Laborers' Union, Local 605, in the City of Halifax, and Archibald E. Pearson of 260 $\frac{1}{2}$ Creighton Street in the City of Halifax, Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Council in the City of Halifax, two rate payers in the City of Halifax and agents and representatives of certain laborers, workmen, and mechanics to whom is owed money by the Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., or alternatively by the said City of Halifax or Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., or either of them, under a contract dated the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1932, between the said City of Halifax, a Municipal Corporation, and the Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., and to which Company the said City of Halifax, a body corporate, owes \$14,432.11 under said contract, or in the alternative as solicitor for and on behalf of any rate payer or rate payers of the City of Halifax to be hereafter named as aforesaid as agents or such representatives of said laborers, workmen and mechanics for money aforesaid owed them by the said Company and City or alternatively by either of them as aforesaid, according to the Statute in that behalf, to wit, the Halifax City Charter, give you notice that the said Maurice Wren and Archibald R. Pearson, the said two rate payers as aforesaid, or in the alternative any rate payer or rate payers of the City of Halifax so hereafter named as such agents or representatives of the said laborers, workmen and mechanics at or soon after the expiration of twenty days from the time of your being served with this Notice, will cause a Writ or Summons to be issued out of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia at Halifax against you at the suit of the said Maurice Wren and Archibald

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R. Pearson, or alternatively at the suit of the said rate payer or rate payers as such agents or representatives for a declaration that under said contract or memorandum of agreement made the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1932, between the Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., of the first part, and the said City of Halifax, a body corporate, of the second part, or at Common Law, for the construction of such sidewalks, curbs and gutters, sodding driveways and other work incidental thereto in the City of Halifax that might be ordered in writing from time to time during the year 1932 by the City Engineer of the City of Halifax in the manner and time specified in such Order, and on which the said laborers, workmen and mechanics were employed in such labor during the year 1932 in the said City of Halifax, wherein it may be declared as follows:-

1. That the said laborers, workmen and mechanics herein so represented are entitled to recover against the said City of Halifax and Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., or alternatively to recover or have legal recourse against both or either under the said Contract aforesaid of April 22nd, A. D. 1932, in respect to their said claims herein for services performed by them under said contract, or at Common Law or otherwise.

2. As to all the rights of the said laborers, workmen and mechanics under said contract, but so as not to restrict the generality of this sub-paragraph 2, especially under paragraphs 12, 16 and 17 of said contract or April 22nd, A.D.1932.

3. As to whether the City of Halifax, a body corporate, can legally pay said \$14,432.11 or any part thereof over to the said Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., notwithstanding the said laborers, workmen and mechanics said claims for work, labor and services, which in whole or in part have not been paid by the said Company.

4. As to whether the sum of \$14,432.11 or any part thereof, is the property of the persons so or to be represented by agents or representatives, or alternatively whether they have any interest therein, or again alternatively whether they have any claim thereon so as to be entitled to be paid their claim herein out of said sum.

And that after the making of the said declarations that the said Court do give all further necessary and consequent relief, orders and restraining orders, and injunctions thereon, and that a Referee be named by the said Court to decide what money or sums of money are due either by the City of Halifax or the said Scotia Construction

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Company, Ltd., to the said laborers, workmen and mechanics.

This notice is given without prejudice to the said laborers, workmen and mechanics to sue and give notice of suit against the members of the Halifax City Council for illegally voting the payment of the said sum of \$ 14,432.11 to be paid the said Scotia Construction Company Ltd, and against the Mayor of the City of Halifax for not vetoing said payment.

The said City of Halifax may in writing given the undersigned become joint plaintiffs in said action in preference to being sued as joint defendants and the undersigned will so join the said City of Halifax, if it so desires and so notifies the undersigned.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1932.

John J. Power,
of Law Chambers 336, A & B.
Roy Building,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

Referred to the Laws and Privileges
Committee.

✓ WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,276.97.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment of the Accounts attached hereto, amounting to \$11,276.97 chargeable as follows:-

Works Dept -	Capital	\$1483.46	
	Appropriations	<u>7533.33</u>	\$9016.79
Water Dept -	Construction	557.31	
	Maintenance	<u>1702.87</u>	2260.18
			<u>\$11276.97</u>

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home amounting to \$7,797.20 and to the T. B. Hospital \$2,610.33.

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 12th, 1932.

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 Logan, Probert and O'Malley.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1932, AMOUNT \$7,797.20

City Home accounts for the month of November 1932 amounting to \$7,797.20 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1932,
AMOUNT \$2,610.33.

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of November 1932 amounting to \$2,610.33 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$4,338.07.

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Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts chargeable to various services amounting to \$4,338.07 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department amounting to \$13,003.14 and to the Fire Alarm Maintenance \$388.28.

December 6th, 1932 ✓

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached accounts amounting to \$13,003.14 for the Fire Department and \$388.28 for the Fire Alarm Department were considered.

Your committee recommend that these accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
CHAIRMAN.

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

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✓ GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMONS ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens amounting to \$786.38 and to Fleming Park \$108.32.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 9th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$786.38 chargeable to the Public Gardens and \$108.32 chargeable to Fleming Park was considered, passed as correct, and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Conn,
CHAIRMAN,

Moved by Alderman Conn, seconded by Alderman McDonald 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 \$2,491.61.

December 15th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held Tuesday, Dec. 13th the following named accounts amounting to \$2,491.61 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest,
CHAIRMAN, C. H. B.

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

✓ CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,893.61.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,893.61 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

The report of Governor Grant for the month of November 1932 is also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ WEST WALL, CITY PRISON BORROWING \$2,000.00

Alderman O'Malley submits the following resolution providing for a borrowing of \$2,000.00 for the erection of a concrete wall on the west side of the Prison yard.

WHEREAS for several years, the advisability of performing certain necessary work on the walls surrounding the City Prison, particularly the completion of a permanent wall on the west side thereof, and a new wall on the east side, has been discussed and at the request

*City Auditor.
Gov. Grant*

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of the two preceding Mayors and Finance Committees of the City of Halifax no provision was made in the Estimates for the same;

AND WHEREAS due to the above reasons such work was not commenced;

AND WHEREAS there is at present no money available with which to complete the work;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Committee and of the Governor at the Prison that the present wall is insufficient, unsafe and unsatisfactory, and that the rebuilding of the said wall constitutes in the opinion of this committee an emergency;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost of rebuilding of the said present west wall will not exceed \$2,000.00;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City do immediately take steps to rebuild the said wall, and

Further that subject to an undertaking of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council to implement with necessary legislation, the City do borrow from any bank or fund available the sum necessary to complete the rebuilding of the said wall; such sum not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Minshull that the resolution as submitted be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the resolution as submitted be referred to the Finance Committee for their report as to cost and opinion from the City Engineer regarding the condition of the wall. Amendment put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Mitchell
Shields

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Minshull
Donovan
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

(Continued)

AGAINST IT

Aldermen McDonald
O'Toole
Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer
Doyle

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The original motion passed. Aldermen Mitchell and Shields wishing to be recorded against.

✓ POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$9,108.83.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Police Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the following accounts amounting to \$9,108.83, submitted by the Chief of Police, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ LIBRARY COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$327.53.

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

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Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee begs to submit the following accounts for payment -

City of Halifax	Salaries	\$277.48
T. C. Allen & Co.	Books	12.75
The Book Room	"	23.92
Can. Gen. Elec Co.	Key socket	.38
Amer. Lib. Ass.,	Subscription	2.50
H. W. Wilson Co.	Readers' Guide	10.50
		<u>\$327.53</u>

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

✓ DIRECT RELIEF FUND

E. R. Saunders
Read report of the Finance Committee and letter Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution regarding a further appropriation to carry on the work of the Direct Relief Committee for the period January 1st to April 30th next.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, consideration was given to an application which is attached hereto from the Secretary of the Direct Relief Committee for a further appropriation to carry on the work of the committee for the period January 1st to April 30th next.

Your committee recommend that a sum not exceeding \$45,000.00 be voted, subject to the conditions in the resolution submitted herewith.

Your committee also recommend that the request of the Relief Committee that that committee be permitted to furnish fuel be concurred in, and that the cost of such fuel from the time of the seasonal demand be taken from the appropriation established for the direct relief purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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November 14th, 1932.

Colonel H. J. Stech,
Chairman, and Members of the Finance Committee,
City Hall.
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

I have been requested to call your attention to the fact that at the close of the present year the amount of money contributed equally by the Federal, Provincial and Civic Governments for the purpose of relieving stress among the unemployed will practically be exhausted, and would respectfully request your honourable body to recommend at the first meeting of the City Council steps be taken for an amount of money to cover the period from January 1st to May 1st next, commitment for such an amount should be made to the Relief Committee to enable it to carry on its work. The amount placed at the disposal of the committee for the period ending December 31st and equally contributed as already stated was \$90,000, and as coal will be the great factor during the extreme winter months, is is considered by the committee that \$135,000.00 will be required for the period mentioned.

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

E. A. Saunders,
SECRETARY.
Halifax Relief Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the undertaking of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council to implement the City's action with necessary legislation, the City do borrow from any bank or fund available the sum of \$45,000.00 to be expended between this date and the 30th of April next, on the order of the Mayor for the purpose of giving direct charitable relief in the form of food and fuel only to bonafide residents of the City of Halifax, or temporary direct charitable relief to any other persons as the Mayor or those delegated by him may deem advisable.

This resolution is conditional on the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia subscribing an amount equal to the amount voted by the City as aforesaid; the said amount to be expended between this date and the 30th of April next.

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This resolution is further conditional on the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia agreeing to recommend to the Dominion Government a contribution by the said Dominion Government of an amount equal to the amounts voted separately by the Province and the City, which amount when voted is to be expended between this date and the 30th of April next.

The money so borrowed by the City as set forth in the first paragraph of this resolution shall be either included in the civic estimates for the following year after the passage of such legislation or repaid by means of a special loan not to exceed a term of five years as the Council, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, later decides.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Conn that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Donovan
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
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Doyle
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

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Finance Com

✓ ASSESSMENT PROPERTY, 991 BARRINGTON ST.

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter W. H. Schwartz & Sons requesting a fixed assessment on the building, situate 991 Barrington St.

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December 7th, 1932.

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached letter from W. H. Schwartz & Sons Ltd., requesting a fixed assessment on the building, 991 Barrington Street.

Your committee recommend that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature to enable the City to fix an assessment of \$15,000.00 for a period of ten years, or for such time as the building is used for the purposes as stated in Mr. Schwartz's letter; namely, the preparing and drying of imported fruit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Conn that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration. Amendment put and passed,

✓ PURCHASE OF FUTURES

Read report of the Committee on Finance re purchase of futures.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, it was decided that the City should place itself in a position where it can take advantage of any increase in the premium on American funds between now and January 1st next, so that in the event of such increase all or part of the City's requirements in American funds for January 1st next could be purchased.

Pursuant to legislative authority granted at the last session it is recommended, that the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the

City Auditor

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City Auditor be vested with power to purchase the right to receive payment of a definite sum of money in American funds at a future date.

For the information of Council it is noted that the opportunity to make such purchase on favourable terms is not likely to occur but the authority is sought in case there is a definite upward movement in the rate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Moved by A. L. O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Probert that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Upon the vote being taken there appeared for the amendment 5, and 9 against it.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen O'Toole
Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
Doyle

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The original motion is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

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✓ SALARY REVISION

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the appointment of a special committee to consider salary revision.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 7th, 1932

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the matter of salary revision for the various civic services,

Your committee recommend that a special committee be appointed consisting of Aldermen Mitchell, Stech, Logan, Getley and O'Malley, to consider the question of salary revision and report back to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'Malley,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Conn that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Probert that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for their consideration and necessary action. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Donovan
O'Toole
Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
Doyle

December 15th, 1932.

The original motion is put and passed,
9 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan
O'Toole
Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

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Alderman O'Malley then declines to
serve on the above named committee.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded
by Alderman Doyle that this Council authorize the
committee to add an additional member to their
number. Motion passed.

✓ BILL POSTERS LICENSE

Vacuum Co.
Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting application of the Premier
Vacuum Cleaner Company Limited for a bill
posters license,

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 8th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws
and Privileges held this day, your committee had
under consideration the attached application of
The Premier Vacuum Cleaner Company Limited for a
bill posters license.

Your committee recommend that the
application of The Premier Vacuum Cleaner Company
Limited for a bill posters license be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. McL. Daley,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ STENOGRAPHER, CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges submitting applications received for the position of Stenographer in the City Solicitor's Office.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 12th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

Miss Dempsey At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, your committee had under consideration applications for the position of Stenographer in the City Solicitor's Office as per list attached hereto.

Your committee recommend that the application of Miss Margaret Dempsey for the position of Stenographer be accepted. Aldermen Mitchell and Logan wishint to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

G. McL. Daley,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Golden, seconded by Alderman Shields that further nominations be made from the floor. Motion passed.

Alderman Mitchell nominates
Miss Josephine Fogo.

His Worship the Mayor informs Council that he will take the vote on the two names mentioned, namely Miss Josephine Fogo and Miss Margaret Dempsey.

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Upon the vote being taken, there appeared for Miss Fogo 6, and for Miss Dempsey 9.

FOR MISS FOGO

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Golden
McDonald
Getley
Smeltzer

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FOR MISS DEMPSEY

Aldermen Donovan
Miller
Adams
Conn
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Probert
Doyle
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Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Aldermen Minshull that the appointment of Miss Dempsey be made unanimous. Motion passed.

His Worship declares Miss Margaret Dempsey elected to the position of Stenographer in the City Solicitor's Office.

✓ PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The City Solicitor advises Council that he has a draft of proposed legislation prepared and submits same to the Clerk to be read for Council.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Minshull that the matter be deferred for the present, and that a special meeting be called to consider same. Motion passed.

✓ SERVICES, F. H. BELL, ESQ.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee regarding retaining the services of F. H. Bell, Esq., in an advisory capacity as follows.

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

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J. H. Bell

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, your committee had under consideration the advisability of retaining F. H. Bell, K. C., as Counsel to Mr. C. P. Bethune until he acquaints himself with the Department.

Your committee recommend that the services of Mr. Bell be retained at a salary of \$100.00 per month for a period not to exceed three months, and desk space.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted. Motion passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Getley
O'Malley
Probert
Smeltzer

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Moved by Alderman O'Malley that this meeting do now adjourn until Monday night next at 8 o'clock. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Minshull
Getley
O'Malley
Doyle

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Miller
Adams
Conn
Golden
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
Probert
Smeltzer

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Chief Church

PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE

Read report of the Committee on Firewards submitting tenders for the purchase of 1,000 feet, 2½ inch cotton rubber lined hose.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the following tenders for supplying 1,000 feet of 2½ inch cotton rubber lined hose were considered;

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER LTD.

Goodyear double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	\$1.30	per ft.
Duplex " " "	.95	" "

GUTTA PERCHA & RUBBER LTD.

Duraflex double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	1.30	"
Gladiator	1.15	"
Peerless	1.15	"
Empire	.95	"
Ajax	.95	"

DUNLOP TIRE & RUBBER CO., LTD.

Dunlop double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	1.30	"
Hercules	1.15	"
Samson	.95	"

DOMINION RUBBER CO., LTD.

Keystone double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	1.30	"
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BI-LATERAL FIRE HOSE CO. (per A. C. Gough)

Congo double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	1.30	"
Union	1.15	"

HUGH C. OPIE

Reddole double jacket 2½ inch uncoupled	1.06	"
Camel " " "	1.15	"

MACGREGOR & COMPANY (per E. P. Meagher)

Rubber lined Linen Hose 3/4 (three shillings)	ft.
Linen " 1/9 (one shilling and nine pence)	"

Your committee recommend that 200 feet of 2½ inch double jacket, uncoupled hose at \$1.30 per foot as per samples, be purchased from each of the following companies;

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	{ Goodyear Brand }
Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd.	{ Duraflex " }
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Ltd.	{ Dunlop Redflex }
Dominion Rubber Co.	{ Keystone }

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AND 200 feet of "Camel" Linen Hose from Hugh C. Opie at \$1.15 per foot providing this is the net price delivered in Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Golden that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

Miss Barnaby

✓ SALARY, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Read report of the Library Committee re salary, Assistant Librarian.

December 13th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day, Aldermen Minshull (Chairman), Adams, Golden, McDonald and O'Malley present, the promotion of Miss F. Hilton to the position of Assistant Librarian was confirmed.

Your committee recommend that the salary of the new appointee, Miss Mabel Gray, be \$780.00 per annum, the minimum as shown in the schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

Two Privileges

✓ STANDARD FEES FOR TAXI CABS

Read report of the Committee on Cabs submitting a schedule of standard fees for taxi cabs.

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Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
December 8th, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on cabs held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached letter from Mr. L. W. Fraser covering rates charged by Taxi Men in the City of Halifax.

Your committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a draft to amend Ordinance No. 13 entitled "The regulation of hacks", making a standard rate for twenty-four hours service in accordance with the scale attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the draft ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 13 be now read a first time, and that copies of same be forwarded to each Alderman. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen
Muller
Conn
Golden
O'Malley
Smeltzer
Doyle

-6-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Adams
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
Getley
Probert

-8-

His Worship the Mayor then orders report referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for their consideration.

City Engineer

✓ ISLEVILLE STREET, WATER EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension, Isleville St.

December 15th, 1932.

November 29th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The water pipe was ordered extended on Isleville Street from a point about 111 feet south of Cabot Street to a point on Sebastian Street.

There are two houses on Sebastian Place Nos. 33-34 which are connected with a main running through the lane between Sebastian Place and Cabot Place.

The Halifax Relief Commission have asked that the extension be continued to supply these two houses.

The proposed extension will cost about \$680.00 and will tend to still further improve conditions in this district.

I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 12th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that the water pipe be extended on Isleville Street to supply two houses at #33 and #34 Sebastian Place.

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

City Engineer

✓ OFFICIAL STREET LINE

Read report of the Committee on Works re official street line.

December 15th, 1932.

December 12th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting on November 29th, 1932, had under discussion the matter of the Morris Street building line and generally the question of the official lines on other streets. It was the opinion of the Committee that the official line should not be removed. The following resolutions were adopted:-

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to the City Council that Section 554 of the City Charter be repealed.

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to the City Council that legislation be obtained to amend the Charter as follows:-

The City Council may exempt from taxation in any year any vacant land lying wholly within the boundaries of any street as laid down on the Official City Plan provided that such land is (a) injuriously affected, (b) no revenue derived therefrom, (c) is not in use for any purpose. The City Solicitor to draft the necessary legislation.

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Miller that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

City Engineer
City Auditor

✓ REMOVAL BUILDINGS, 182-184 JUBILEE RD.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re cost of moving buildings, 182-184 Jubilee Road.

December 14th, 1932.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the regular October meeting of the City Council a report from the Committee on Works was adopted recommending that the houses No. 182-184 Jubilee Road be moved back to the new line and the land required for widening the street be obtained. In the discussion over the report

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before the Committee on Works it was the intention to pay the owner the amount estimated for moving the buildings back and let her take the responsibility of moving the same, as was decided in the case of the Oxford Street property. This was not specifically set out in the resolution forwarded to the Council, although as stated before, it was the intention of the Committee that it should be done.

The Auditor asks the Committee to pass a formal resolution recommending that the cost of moving, namely \$750.00 for #182 and \$1,000.00 for #184 be paid to Mrs. McDowell, the owner of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted, and that the City Council approve of the payment to Mrs. McDowell, the owner of the property, of the cost of moving the buildings No. 182 and No. 184 Jubilee Road, viz -

For # 182	\$750.00
For # 184	1000.00
	<u>\$1750.00</u>

The owner to take the responsibility of moving.

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Miller, seconded
by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

✓ ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS

City Engineer
Read report of the Committee on Works
re acceptance of streets.

December 13th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 15th instant, the following resolution was recommended to Council for adoption:-

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WHEREAS there are a number of streets in the City which have been open and used by the public for many years which have not been accepted as City streets,

AND WHEREAS in many cases it is advisable that certain of such streets should be accepted as City streets,

AND WHEREAS in certain cases it is impossible to get a petition signed as required by Section 556 of the City Charter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Works recommend to the City Council that legislation be obtained amending the Charter, so that the City Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Works may accept a street as a City street without having the petition required by Section 556, all the other sections of the City Charter from No. 556 to 559 inclusive, to apply,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary amendment to the Charter and submit the same with the other legislation.

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ WATER METER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works covering water meter bills for various purposes.

December 15th, 1932.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend reductions in water bills as follows:-

#86 McDonald St. Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 7,000 gallons.

219-223 Brunswick St. Consumption January 1932 to be reduced to 16,000 gallons.

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66 North St.

Consumption September 1932 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons.

177 Creighton St.

Consumption for December 1931, January, February and March 1932 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons for each month.

Fraser St- Acct.
10252

Consumption for July 1932 to be reduced to 11,000 gallons.

122 Hollis St.

Consumption for September 1932 to be reduced to 16,000 gallons.

198-200 Argyle St.

Bill for the twelve months ending April 1932 to be made up on a consumption of 15,000 gallons per month.

Franklyn St.- Acct
10277

Consumption for June, July, August and September 1932 to be billed at 10,000 gallons per month.

100 Queen St.

Consumption for September and October 1931, to be reduced to 75,000 gallons for each month.

42 ^{RR} Stairs St.

Consumption for August 1932 to be reduced to 9,000 gallons.

11¹/₂ Kings Place

Consumption for August 1932 to be reduced to 12,000 gallons.

63-65 LeMarchant St.

Consumption for September 1932 to be reduced to 19,000 gallons.

145 Granville St.

Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 40,000 gallons.

3¹/₂ North Clifton
St- Acct. 60662

Consumption for January and February 1932 to be reduced to 25,000 gallons for each month.

106-08 Grafton St.
Acct. 33208

Consumption for October, November and December 1930 and January 1931, to be reduced to 25,000 gallons for each month.

156-58 Gottingen St.

Consumption for November and December 1930, January, February, March, April and May 1931, to be reduced to 25,000 gallons for each month.

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<u>38 Maynard St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 7,000 gallons.
<u>65 Creighton St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 4,000 gallons.
<u>69 Creighton St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 3,000 gallons.
<u>28 Maitland St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932, to be reduced to 5,000 gallons.
<u>133$\frac{1}{2}$ Market St. Acct. 30450</u>	Consumption for February 1932 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons.
<u>555 Barrington St.</u>	The resolution of Council Nov. 12/31 granting a reduction of 25,000 gallons to be rescinded and the consumption for the months of October, November and December 1930, January, February, March and April 1931 to be reduced to 8,000 gallons for each month.
<u>134 Morris St.</u>	Consumption for June and July 1932 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons for each month.
<u>89-93 Upp. Water St.</u>	October 1932 to be reduced to 6,000 gallons for each month.
<u>263 Agricola St - Acct. 60079</u>	Consumption for October 1931 to be reduced to 6,000 gallons.
<u>26 North St. - Acct. 51382</u>	Consumption for November and December 1931, January, February, and March 1932 to be reduced to 20,000 gallons for each month.
<u>178-178$\frac{1}{2}$ Agricola St.</u>	Consumption for September 1931 to be reduced to 8,000 gallons.
<u>11 Sp. Garden Road</u>	Consumption for November 1931 to be reduced to 8,000 gallons.
<u>117 Maitland St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 4,000 gallons.
<u>805-07 Barrington St.</u>	Consumption for March 1932 to be reduced to 4,000 gallons.
<u>7 Belle Aire Terrace</u>	Consumption for November and December 1931, January, February, and March 1932 to be reduced to 3,000 gallons per month.

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71 Maynard St.-
Acct. 51208

Consumption for November and December 1931, January, February, and March 1932 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons for each month.

179-183 Gottingen St.
Acct. 50902

Consumption for November and December 1931, January, February, March and April 1932, to be reduced to 15,000 gallons for each month.

183 Gottingen St. -
Acct. 50903

Consumption for January, February, March and April 1932, to be reduced to 16,000 gallons for each month.

78-80 Upp. Water St. -
Acct. 31049

Consumption for January 1932 to be reduced to 24,000 gallons.

84-88 Cornwallis St.

Consumption for January, February, March and April 1932 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons for each month.

18 Hurd St.

The bill for the period from October 1930 to May 1931 to be further reduced to twice the minimum charge or \$4.44.

409-15 Barrington St.

A further reduction of \$50.00 in the water bill for the premises #409-15 Barrington Street for the six months ending October 1930.

A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

✓ MEDICAL EXAMINERS ACT, FEES

Read letter City Auditor submitting account of the Stipendiary Magistrate for inquiry under the Medical Examiners Act.

*H. J. Ditch
ald Daley
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To HisWorship the Mayor,
and Members of Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Medical Examiners Act requires the City to meet the cost of the fees payable to the Medical Examiner, namely \$5. for a certificate and \$12. for an autopsy on all cases of death which ensue from accidental or suspicious circumstances and apparently the only requirement of the Act is that the body be first viewed by the Examiner in the City.

Thus, it is that the City, under this law, which to say the least is most unfair, is called upon to pay not only for these certificates and autopsies, but as well for the investigations which frequently follow and the result is that I find we are paying about 10% of our disbursements on this account for cases that have no more to do with the City of Halifax than they have with any other community.

I am attaching hereto an account from the Stipendiary Magistrate for \$10. for holding an inquiry in two cases. Both of these accidents occurred outside the City and while I know there is an obligation for the City to pay, I do not purpose making these payments until the Council is informed on each occasion. This account is therefore now offered for the approval of Council, in order that it may be paid.

May I suggest that I do not see any great difficulty in securing means of recovering these fees; that is, there is no great difficulty if the Provincial authorities will co-operate and amend the Medical Examiners Act. I think it is only a matter of obligating the City for its own cases and for all cases where the domicile cannot be ascertained. When the domicile is outside of Nova Scotia, the Provincial Government should assume the cost. When the domicile is in some other City, town or municipality of Nova Scotia, then the City should, after having made payment to the Magistrate or the Examiner, be entitled to recover such payment from the local authorities concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Probert, seconded
by Alderman Minshull that the letter of the City
Auditor be referred to the Laws and Privileges and
the Finance Committees. Motion passed.

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*H. J. Stech
Clerk*

✓ CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Read report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the City Auditor re capital expenditures.

To the Members of Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on December 7th, the City's obligations in respect to Direct Relief and other expenditures were discussed.

The committee wish to make known its view respecting capital expenditures.

It is recognized that the City will be obligated to continue direct relief and because of the obscurity of the future no opinion can be expressed as to the period that relief will have to be maintained.

Members of Council are aware that relief has cost the City \$30,000. to date and that a further appropriation of \$45,000. will be required to furnish the Relief Committee with funds until April 30th next. These appropriations represent one-third only of cost as the Provincial and Dominion Governments each contribute a like proportion. The approval of these Governments to the appropriation to be considered by Council at this meeting has not yet been obtained, but it is assumed that this will at once follow the City's application.

Obviously the winter months because of the extra demands for fuel requires a larger sum than the rest of the year, and, unless the number of persons in need of relief increases, the demand after April 30th should show a decline on the monthly cost.

However, the situation may develop, large sums will be necessary for some time to come, and subject to the cost being regulated within the City's capacity to pay, that cost will have to be met. It is another question whether the City will be able to continue paying as large a proportion as one-third, because the City's capacity to pay, with its restricted sources of revenue, is not without limit.

The Committee are definitely of opinion that no further street work should be done until this period of stress is over, There should be no further burden on the tax payers now, and no additional burden on the abutters for local

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improvements. There are certain works which it may be desirable to perform but these should only be dealt with if a large share of the cost will be recovered by the City, and the work is of such a nature that it is of importance to the public service and would, in the normal course, be done in the next few years.

A summary of the work undertaken by the City in recent years is given. Members of Council will observe its extent and may, retrospectively question whether it was always providently ordered. The cost of interest and sinking fund runs to enormous sums, and with capital expenditures of one-third million dollars both last and this year, with high interest rates prevailing, it will be at once apparent how much has been added to the weight of taxation.

The position of other cities perhaps is of no importance in the review, but one of the chief reasons advanced in support of the idea that a policy of retrenchment should be adhered to, is the fact that one of the richest, if not the richest city in the world is in financial distress because it failed to safeguard its structure in time. And its position is such that while technically possessing all the levers for enforcing payment of taxes, it finds these assets "frozen" because of individual position of thousands of its tax payers.

There should be no further delay in stopping capital expenditures - expenditures that perhaps only affect the civic rate one and one-half cents for every one hundred thousand dollars borrowed, but the fact that never should be overlooked is that the cost of a long-term borrowing continues for thirty years! It is the summation of all those separate pleas that this or that item of proposed expenditure will only affect the rate either one, two, or three cents, which has contributed so much to the creation of the City's funded debt of some \$14,500,000.00.

THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT A PLAIN WARNING TO STOP CAPITAL EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE GIVEN AS A MATTER OF DUTY. ANY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION FROM THIS VIEW, IF CARRIED IN TO ACTUAL PRACTICE, WILL EMBODY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDING TREMENDOUSLY TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT AND WILL INVOLVE THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL TAXES ON TOP OF THOSE NOW SUFFICIENTLY BURDENSOME IN THEIR STERN REALITY.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

STATEMENT OF BORROWINGS BY THE CITY SINCE
MAY 1st, 1926 FOR CAPITAL AND CERTAIN OTHER
EXPENDITURES.

1926-27

Public Gardens Fence	\$ 1,514 -
Public Baths	5,000 -
Sewers	5,000 -
Re Collections, Tax Arrears	12,500 -
Paving	15,000 -
Loan Expenses	200 -
Schools	11,300 -
Halifax Relief Commission Settlement	685,200 -
Tax Refunding Loan	1,508,000 - *

1927-28

Re Establishment Exhibition	200,934.68
Infectious Diseases Hospital	95,443.97
Morash Property	3,516.36
Sewers	5,023.37
Public Baths	2,511.68
Paving	4,018.69
Street widening	5,023.37
Laon Expenses	1,504.51

1928-29

Machine Public Gardens	900-
Police Patrol	2,000-

1929-30

Sewers	25,412.45
Schools	246,978.65
Sidewalks	15,247.46
Pavements	99,718.43
Street Widening	5,082.49
Curbs and gutters	5,082.49
War Memorial	4,840.15
Tractor and Snow Plow	6,000.00
Equipment Collector's Office	1,200 -
Conveniences Public Gardens	5,000 -
Incinerator Runway	2,000 -

1930-31

Consolidation City Charter	4,028.21
Lighting, Greenhouse, Public Gardens	20,301.79
Street Widening	5,376.34
Sidewalks	32,258.06
Pavements	10,752.69
Schools	125,806.45
Sewers	45,698.93
Airport and sundries	204,602.16

1931-32

Pavement Repairs	30,000 -
Market Improvements	3,500 -
Street Sweeper	8,500 -
Cash Register	2,460.50
Conveniences, etc. Public Gardens	3,850.00

* This borrowing is self supporting to the extent
of approximately half.

1932-33

Sewers	\$ 50,000.00
Pavements	95,000.00
Sidewalks	105,000.00
Schools	55,000.00
Sundries	4,000.00
Approximate Requirements, 1932-33	325,000.00
Approximate Direct Relief Obligations to Apr. 30th next	<u>75,000.00</u>
	<u>\$4,187,287.88</u>

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, CHARGES
AGAINST ABUTTERS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS DURING SAME
PERIOD EXCEEDED THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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City Auditor

✓ EQUIPMENT, CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

The following resolution is submitted.

WHEREAS the equipment at present in the Office of the City Solicitor is extremely insufficient for the proper and efficient carrying on of the duties of the City Solicitor;

AND WHEREAS it is essential and necessary that such equipment as is required be immediately provided;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mayor be and he is hereby empowered to take measures to provide the equipment necessary for the proper and efficient carrying out of the duties of the City Solicitor, the expenditure for such equipment not to exceed Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars.

Moved by Alderman Shields, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ SUPT'S REPORT OF INMATES, CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL FOR THE MONTH OF NOV. 1932

Read report of the Charities Committee showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 465, and the number of patients in the T. B. Hospital to be 56.

FILED

✓ TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOV. 1932

Read report of the City Auditor submitting tax collections for the month of Nov. 1932.

City Auditor's Office,
November 30th, 1932.

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

Report on Tax Collections for the month of November is submitted. Collections amounted to \$85,012.56; corresponding period last year \$81,118.93. Collections on account of taxes for the years 1908-1924 were \$119.52. The ledger value of this group on November 30th, 1932 after deducting Reserves for short collections amounted to \$553,864.11.

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Civic Year	Tax Reserves	Outstanding Balances October	New Accounts and other adjustments	November Collections	Outstanding Balances Nov.
<u>Arrears Taxes</u>					
1925-26	\$67,755.24*	\$66,498.22	\$36.22	\$66,462.00	
1926-27	40,134.62*	43,423.06	62.18	43,360.88	
1927-28	44,432.38*	43,489.59	67.22	43,422.37	
1928-29	54,023.08*	50,433.61	169.03	50,264.58	
1929-30	79,730.89*	59,684.62	2,420.94	57,263.68	
1930-31	71,861.02*	186,326.96	10,822.58	175,504.38	
1931-32	63,622.62*	312,159.42	15,977.47	296,181.95	
		762,015.48	29,555.64	732,459.84	
<u>Current Taxes</u>					
1932-33	46,970.94	691,530.72	26,408.39	665,122.33	
<u>Water Department</u>					
Rates, etc	27,021.11	124,456.66	1,282.39	29,048.53	96,690.52
		\$1,578,002.86	\$1,282.39	\$85,012.56	\$1,494,272.69
<u>Poll Taxes 1932-33</u>					
		19,333.00	668.00	18,665.00	

Collections of Poll Taxes in 1932-33 of current and arrears to November 30th, 1932 were \$21,976.50; corresponding period last year \$17,556.13.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

* Includes special tax payments and unexpended balances, and, for the civic year 1925-26, a special transfer as authorized by the Acts of 1928, Cap. 62. Any excess in these accounts above the outstanding tax balances will be transferred to the General Reserve or the General Sinking Fund, as the case requires, on April 30th of each year.

FILED

✓ FINANCIAL STATEMENT, EXHIBITION COMMISSION

Read report of the City Auditor submitting financial statement of the Exhibition Commission for the year ending October 31st, 1932.

December 15th, 1932.

The President,
The Provincial Exhibition Commission,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We have examined the books of account and financial records of the Commission for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1932 and have obtained all information and explanations we have required.

We have accepted the certificate of the Secretary-Manager as to the revenue from the sale of general, reserved and strip tickets. We have also accepted his certificate as to the collectability of the Accounts Receivable and that there are no undisclosed liabilities.

We certify that in our opinion the attached Financial Statement and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal year are properly drawn up so as to set forth a full and correct view of the financial position of the Commission as at October 31st, 1932 as shown by its books and records, and according to our information, the explanations given to us and our respective reports.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler, C. A.
R. MacDougall.

Halifax, N.S.
December 1st, 1932.

The President,
Provincial Exhibition Commission,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to report on the audit of the books of account and financial records of the Provincial Exhibition Commission for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1932.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A net expenditure of \$1,166.81 on Plant and Equipment was made during the year. Total expenditures to October 31st, 1932 amounted to \$711,187.40.

Capital liabilities amounted to \$714,293.12, leaving \$3,105.72 as an unexpended balance of capital borrowings.

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REVENUE ITEMS

ADMISSIONS.

Your attention is again directed to the ticket system and to certain faults in its operation. Because of these, it has not been possible to make a detailed check of this revenue. A general verification, which was made during the audit, failed to give a satisfactory accounting.

The institution of safeguards, together with the maintenance of adequate records by the staff should offer no difficulty. Both are essential to verify this most important item of your revenue.

Notwithstanding the references I have made each year since the re-establishment of the Exhibition to the ticket system and its operation, nothing has been done to correct the situation. The certificate of the Secretary-Manager has been obtained attesting to the accuracy of ticket returns.

SPACE

The attention of your Executive Committee has been directed to the decline received from space rentals. Unpaid space rentals are the main items in your accounts receivable, which amounted to \$8,070.49. The certificate of the Secretary-Manager as to the collectability of these accounts has been obtained. It is noted that the operating deficit is subject to the collection of the accounts receivable in full.

CONTROL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The signature of commissioners on cheques has had to be accepted as the approval for many disbursements, I can only assume that such disbursements would be examined by those commissioners at the time the cheques were signed. However, this approval would be absent in cases of cheques signed in blank. The practice of pre-signing blank cheques is again noted, and is open to the same objections which I raised when I drew the attention of the Commission to it before.

OPERATING DEFICIT

The operating deficit of the Exhibition proper amounted to \$31,105.75. After deducting the net income from the Forum lease amounting to \$3,866.47, the net deficit for the fiscal year amounted to \$27,239.28.

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HALL AWARD AND COSTS

This item amounted to \$5,755.11. \$755.11 has been charged against this year's operations, representing legal costs and interest. Disposition of the balance of \$5,000. will have to await legislative ratification, first, for having made the disbursement, second, to provide authority to retire the amount over a period.

SINKING FUNDS

The statement of the Eastern Trust Company, Trustee for the bond holders, has been accepted as to the investments held by the Sinking Fund of which the Company is trustee. The investments held by the Sinking Fund of which the City of Halifax is trustee have been verified by inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler, C. A.
AUDITOR.

FILED

✓ QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman O'Toole requests that the City Clerk obtain from the City Auditor a list of all employees connected with the administration of direct relief who receive salary and how much paid to date. Names of said employees to be submitted.

✓ DUTY OF OFFICIALS

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare necessary legislation making it the duty of the City Engineer, the City Collector and the City Auditor to attend all Council meetings. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the Mayor be requested to instruct the City Engineer, the City Collector and the City Auditor to in future, attend the meetings of the City Council. Motion passed.

City Auditor

*City Eng.
Auditor
Collector*

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all Probert
✓ SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Alderman Probert requests permission of Council to submit a proposal for providing work for the unemployed to relieve distress, and suggested that a large committee be appointed including members of the City Council, the Provincial and Federal Governments, Labour Union, religious organizations, etc.

His Worship the Mayor then requests that Alderman Probert submit his suggestions in writing.

12.00 o'clock,

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

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A. Audley Thompson,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

H. O. Powell,
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