

September 15th, 1938.

Ordinance No. 35
Respecting Transient Traders

1. Every transient trader, trader of goods, and other person who proposes to carry on business in the City of Halifax, and to occupy real property in the City for a temporary period for the purpose of gain, and who has not been assessed for business tax by the City at the time of the last assessment in respect of the occupancy of such real property, shall before commencing to carry on such business obtain a license therefor.

2. Every transient trader, trader of goods or other person who carries on business in the City and who occupies real property in the City for a temporary period and who has not been assessed for business tax by the City at the time of the last assessment in respect of the occupancy of such real property shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

3. The fee for such license shall be One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

4. Such license shall be granted by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor and Clerk and issued by the Clerk, and shall be in force until the 30th day of April next succeeding the day on which it was issued and no longer, and no license shall be granted for any shorter period.

5. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty days.

6. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance #35.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the draft Ordinance as set out above be now read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval.
Motion passed.

ORDINANCE #34 RESPECTING CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE BEING ON STREETS AT NIGHT.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee and resolution re Ordinance #34 as follows:-

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Committee Room, City Hall,
September 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached correspondence in connection with Ordinance #34 respecting children under fourteen years of age being on Streets, etc. of City at night was considered.

The Ordinance has been approved by the Governor-in-Council after making several amendments,

The attached resolution and Ordinance as amended by the Governor-in-Council is hereby submitted for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,
CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS at meetings of the City Council held June 16th, 1938, and July 14th, 1938, an Ordinance respecting children under 14 years of age being on the streets, etc. of the City at night, was passed twice, as provided by Section 939 of the City Charter, and subsequently sent to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

AND WHEREAS the Governor-in-Council is pleased to signify his approval of said Ordinance, subject to certain suggested amendments as set out in an Order-in-Council made the 24th day of August, 1938;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the amendments suggested by the Governor-in-Council to the said Ordinance be and the same are hereby adopted.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Curtis that this matter be deferred for three months. Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Curtis
Daw
Power

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Curran
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
O'Toole
Sullivan
Walker

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The motion was put and passed.

Alderman Daw wishing to be recorded
against.

Read Ordinance #34 respecting
Children under 14 years of age being on Streets, etc.
of City at night, embodying amendments as proposed
by the Governor-in-Council.

Ordinance No. 34

Respecting Children under 14 years of
age being on Streets, etc. of City at night.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City
Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

1. Except as hereinafter provided no
person under the age of fourteen years shall be
upon any street in the City of Halifax between the
hours of half-past nine o'clock in the evening,
Atlantic Standard Time, and six o'clock in the
morning.

2. The provisions of Section 1 of this
Ordinance shall not apply to any person under the
age of fourteen years or to the parents, guardians
or person with whom such person resides who is on
any street between the hours aforesaid and who is
accompanied by a person over eighteen years of age
in charge of such person, or to any such person under
the age of fourteen years who, between the hours
aforesaid, is returning directly to his place of
residence, having left such place of residence prior
to the hour of half-past nine in the evening.

3. The Chief of Police shall issue to
any person under the age of 14 years who is engaged
in the employment of messenger boy, errand boy,
clerk or similar occupation with the consent of his
parents or guardians, a certificate setting forth
such employment and consent, and such person shall
be exempt from the operation of this ordinance.
Such certificate must be produced and shown to any
Police Officer when the same is requested.

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4. It shall be lawful for any Police Officer of the City of Halifax to take into custody any person under the age of fourteen years who is found upon any street in the said City of Halifax on any day between the hours mentioned in the first section of this Ordinance.

5. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance #34.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Ordinance as amended by the Governor-in-Council and set out above be approved. Motion passed.

Governor-in-Council

ORDINANCES #13 AND #13A. RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE, AND TAXI METERS.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting amendments to Ordinance #13 and draft Ordinance #13A.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the amendment to Ordinance #13 respecting the regulation of vehicles transporting passengers for hire and new Ordinance #13A, respecting taxi meters were considered.

Your committee recommends that the amendment to Ordinance #13 be read and passed and forwarded to the Minister of Highways for approval and that Ordinance #13A be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted.

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The Acting Mayor stated that interested parties were present and would like to address Council.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Walker that representatives of taxi owners and drivers be permitted to address Council for a period of five minutes each. Motion passed.

Mr. R. J. Flynn representing certain taxi interests which are individual then spoke.

Mr. Flynn stated that by installing meters in taxi cars the smaller men would be put out of business, and the volume of taxi business in Halifax would be decreased. He said that persons accustomed to using taxis would hesitate to use same on account of the uncertainty of the price if meters were in use.

Mr. Leonard W. Fraser addressed Council on behalf of a number of taxi owners and drivers.

Mr. Fraser stated that at present drivers are underpaid, and he felt that the only way drivers could obtain decent wages would be by having uniform rates which could only be assured through the installation of meters. At present, he said, there are five different rates of fares in this City. Not only would the drivers benefit by the installation of meters, he said, but also the owners and the public.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the Ordinances be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further consideration and report. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson
Curtis
Daw
Keshen
O'Toole
Power

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-AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Curran
Donovan
Freda
Lloyd
MacKay
Sullivan
Walker

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The original motion was then put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Curran
Donovan
Freda
Lloyd
MacKay
Power
Sullivan
Walker
Keshen

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- AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Daw
O'Toole

-3-

Read amendment to Ordinance #13 respecting the regulation of vehicles transporting passengers for hire.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:

1. Section 2 of Ordinance #13 respecting the Regulation of Vehicles transporting Passengers for Hire is amended by inserting between the words "the" and "schedule" in the third line thereof the word "first".

2. Section 25 and Section 27 of said Ordinance #13 are repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

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25. The rates set out in the second schedule to this Ordinance shall be charged for conveyance in a licensed motor-drawn vehicle, used for transporting passengers for hire from point to point within the City limits, and the taximeter shall be so regulated as to register and show the various charges as they accrue. Copies of such schedule shall be furnished by the City Clerk to every person holding a license in respect of any such vehicle on application thereto, and a copy of such schedule shall be posted up in a conspicuous position inside the vehicle and protected by glass or cellophane or some transparent substance.

26. Every licensed owner or driver of a motor-drawn vehicle who received or demands a fare greater or less than that registered upon the taximeter in such vehicle according to the rates set out in the second schedule hereto shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

3. The Schedule to the said Ordinance #13 is repealed and the following schedules substituted therefor:

First Schedule-

Form of License

License is hereby granted to

to drive a vehicle to be used for transporting passengers for hire in the City of Halifax, until the 30th day of April, 19

The number of such vehicle shall be

The stand appointed for the same shall be
Section No.

The licensee undertakes to comply with the laws and ordinances of the City of Halifax.

Mayor.

City Clerk.

Second Schedule

Table of Rates or Fares.

25 cent drop for 1 passenger up to 1 mile.

10 cents for each additional passenger.

5 cents for each 1/5 mile for distances over 1 mile.

5 cents for each 1/2 minutes waiting time.

No charge shall be made for the hand baggage or parcels of any passenger.

No trunks shall be carried by any motor-drawn vehicle licensed under this Ordinance.

Children under 5 years of age free when accompanied by an adult,

5 minutes grace allowed on pickups.

Hourly driving rates by arrangement with driver and passenger without meter.

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\$3.00 per hour - 5 passenger car.
\$4.00 per hour - 7 passenger car.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the amendment to Ordinance #13 as set out above be read and passed and forwarded to the Minister of Highways for approval.
Motion passed.

Alderman Curtis, Daw and O'Toole against.

Read draft Ordinance #13A. respecting taximeters.

Ordinance No. 13A.

Respecting Taximeters

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

1. Every owner of a motor-drawn hack or vehicle used in the City of Halifax for transporting passengers for hire shall provide the said hack or vehicle with a taximeter of a model approved by the Committee on Cabs, and such taximeter shall be installed in a manner and location approved by the Committee or its inspector and shall be at all times in full view of the passengers, and shall be in such a condition as to show a maximum of not more than five percent (5%) in departure from correctness to the prejudice of any passenger. The cover and gear of such taximeter shall be kept sealed and intact. The taximeter shall be operated from one of the front wheels of the hack or vehicle or from the transmission and shall be illuminated by a suitable light while in operation after sundown.

2. The Committee or any person appointed by the Committee for that purpose may at any time inspect any taximeter which is installed in a hack or vehicle or is proposed to be installed, and may apply such tests as may be necessary to ascertain the accuracy of such taximeter.

3. The owner of any motor-drawn hack or vehicle used for transporting passengers for hire who operates or permits the same to be operated for transporting passengers for hire, and which is not provided with an approved taximeter or

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in which a meter is installed which shows a variation in the correctness thereof of more than five percent (5%), shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and in default of payment of such penalty to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

4. Any person who has used a motor-drawn hack or vehicle and who refuses or fails to pay the tariff rates as shown on the taximeter shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and in default of payment of such penalty to imprisonment for not less than seven days or not more than twenty days.

5. Every owner or driver of a motor-drawn vehicle who transports any passenger for hire without causing the taximeter in such vehicle to operate during the entire period of such transportation shall be guilty of an offence against this ordinance; provided however, that nothing in this sub-section contained shall be deemed to require a taximeter to be operated while the motor-drawn vehicle is engaged on an hourly basis as provided in the Second Schedule of Ordinance No. 13 respecting the regulation of vehicles transporting passengers for hire.

6. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance in respect of which no other penalty is provided shall for each such offense be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty days.

7. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance #13 A.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the draft Ordinance as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Aldermen Curtis, Daw and O'Toole against.

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LETTER, MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS RE APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #14.

Read letter from the Secretary of
the Minister of Highways regarding approval of
amendments to Ordinance #14 respecting the regulation
of vehicles used for transporting goods for hire.

Halifax, N. S.,
August 16th, 1938.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We are returning herewith copies
of amendment to your Ordinance #14, relating to
the regulation of vehicles used for transporting
goods for hire, duly approved by the Minister.

Yours very truly,

Katherine Pike,
SECRETARY

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LETTER, CITY CLERK RE DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDMENT
TO ORDINANCE #17 RESPECTING JUNK DEALERS.

Read letter from the City Clerk
re disapproval by the Governor-in-Council of
amendment to Ordinance #17 respecting Junk Dealers.

September 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

I have received from the Clerk
of the Executive Council a copy of an Order in
Council disapproving of the amendment to Ordinance
#17 relating to Junk Dealers which was read and
passed at regular meetings of the City Council held
on June 16th, 1938, and July 14th, 1938, respectively.

The amendment submitted to the
Governor-in-Council is as follows:-

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"17A. Every person licensed to do business as a Junk Dealer who, while so licensed, is convicted of any offence under the Criminal Code shall automatically, upon conviction, forfeit his license and the Clerk shall cancel such license".

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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TENDERS FOR PAINTING - FIRE STATIONS

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards re tenders for painting fire stations.

September 9th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached tenders were considered for the exterior painting of the West Street and the Quinpool Road fire stations, tabulated as follows:-

| | <u>West St.</u> | <u>Quinpool Rd.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| W. M. Saulnier. | 378.00 | 153.00 | 431.00 |
| | (50¢ sq. yd. extra burning off) | | |
| Crosgrove Bros. | 258.00 | 175.00 | 433.00 |
| David Roche | 287.00 | 175.00 | 462.00 |
| West End Painters | 295.00 | 195.00 | 490.00 |
| Frank Reardon | 315.00 | 179.00 | 494.00 |
| Martin & Moore | 345.00 | 185.00 | 530.00 |
| Wade & Peters | 355.00 | 190.00 | 545.00 |
| Charles Hanson | | | 560.00 |
| John Ead | 385.00 | 195.00 | 580.00 |
| J. F. Wederfort | 380.00 | 205.00 | 585.00 |
| Frank A. Lowe | | 231.00 | |

Your committee recommends that the tender of Cosgrove Bros. at \$433.00 for painting the West Street and the Quinpool Road stations be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded
by Alderman Freda that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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TENDERS FOR INSURANCE.- FIRE APPARATUS

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards re tenders for insurance on fire apparatus.

September 9th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Firewards held this day, the attached tenders for
"Insurance of Fire Apparatus" covering Public
Liability limits \$10,000. to \$20,000. and Property
damage limit \$1,000. were considered and are
tabulated as follows:-

| | <u>Public</u> <u>Liability</u> | <u>Property</u> <u>Damage</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Richard Oland & Co. | | | \$1095.00 |
| F. W. Annand | | | 1219.59 |
| C. Willis Hebb | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| General Ins. Agencies Limited | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| Rainnie & Co. | | | 1219.59 |
| Major Bros. Ltd. | | | 1219.59 |
| Ralph K. Kelley | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| Jack & Co. Ltd. | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| E. C. Fraser | | | 1219.59 |
| Alfred J. Bell & Co. | | | 1219.59 |
| W. R. MacInnes & Co. | | | 1219.59 |
| Thompson Adams & Co. | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| Saunders & Duffus | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |
| John Strachan & Co. | | | 1219.59 |
| Dale & Co. Ltd. | | | 1219.59 |
| Oatway & Thompson | | | 1219.59 |
| G. E. Fraser & Co. | 896.49 | 323.10 | 1219.59 |

Your committee recommends that the
tender of Thompson Adams & Co. at \$1,219.59 be
accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded
by Alderman Freda that the report be adopted with
the understanding that the tenders for insurance
be awarded equally amongst all those tendering
\$1,219.59. Motion passed.

Fire Chief

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Fire Chief

ACCOUNT - SCOTIA GARAGE

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re account of Scotia Garage.

September 9th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached account of \$225.00 from Scotia Garage for supplying and installing B.K. power brakes on #4 pumper was considered.

Your committee recommends that this account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Freda that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Collector

REPORT, TAX PROPERTY SALES COMMITTEE RE SALE OF PROPERTY, CORNWALLIS STREET.

Read report of the Tax Property Sales Committee re sale of property, Cornwallis Street.

September 14th, 1938.

City Clerk,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:-

For your information, I submit the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Tax Property Sale Committee held September 14th, 1938 -

"a tender from Leo J. McIsaac, offering \$150.00 for the lot on Cornwallis Street, formerly assessed to Jacob Gollor, was placed before the meeting.

September 15th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the tender of Mr. McIsaac be accepted. Passed".

Alderman Daw asked to be recorded against.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Daw against.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR CIVIC DEPARTMENTS

Read report of the Charities Committee re tenders for supplies for civic departments.

Halifax, N. S.,
September 12th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Keshen, seconded by and Members of City Council., that the tender of Mr. McIsaac be accepted. Passed".

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: - The Chairman, Aldermen Keshen, Curran, Freda, Sullivan and Walker.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to Council that tenders for supplies for the civic departments be awarded in sufficient time to allow the heads of the departments to prepare their estimates for the next civic year.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman Daw against.
E. B. Batson,

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY HOME

Read report of the Charities

Committee recommending that Mr. A. E. Ettinger be appointed to the position of Superintendent at the City Home.

*Sept. 15th
Hope*

*Sept. 15th
Hope*

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Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the tender of Mr. McIsaac be accepted. Passed".

Alderman Daw asked to be recorded against.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

Alderman Daw against.

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Committee re tenders for supplies for civic departments.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: - The Chairman, Aldermen Keshen, Curran, Freda, Sullivan and Walker.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to Council that tenders for supplies for the civic departments be awarded in sufficient time to allow the heads of the departments to prepare their estimates for the next civic year.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman Daw against.

E. B. Batson,

CHAIRMAN OF TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR CIVIC DEPARTMENTS

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY HOME

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Committee recommending that Mr. A. E. Ettinger be appointed to the position of Superintendent at the City Home.

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September 15th, 1938.

Halifax, N. S.,
September 12th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:- The Chairman,
Aldermen Keshen, Curran, Freda, Sullivan and Walker.

This committee unanimously
recommends that A. E. Ettinger be appointed to the
position of Superintendent of the City Home.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. Batson,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded
by Alderman Walker that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

ADVERTISING SIGNS

Read report of the Committee on
Works, City Engineer and Minister of Highways re
advertising signs.

September 6th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached
letter from the Minister of Highways regarding the
erection of new signs and the removal of any that
are now placed within the City limits, that the City
has at present a By-law regulating the erection of
signs and in each case a permit has to be approved
by the Committee on Works.

The Minister states that it may be
necessary for him to secure legislation at the next
session of the Legislature in order to remove signs
that are objectionable and that in his judgment
have no value.

The Committee on Works has always
been particular in approving of signs and the modern
sign board erected within the City is of a design,
far superior to the Board erected a few years ago.

September 15th, 1938.

While a great many people are opposed entirely to the use of billboards within the City, yet it is thought that their erection or prohibition is a matter that should be decided by the taxpayers of the City rather than by the Provincial Government.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on a letter from the Minister of Highways regarding the erection of new signs and the removal of any that are now placed within the city limits.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 6th, 1938, the said report and letter were considered and ordered forwarded to the City Council.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Department of Highways,
Halifax, N. S.,
August 9th, 1938.

Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

As you no doubt are aware, legislation placed on our Statute Books some time ago, placed advertising along our highways and within 300 feet of the same, in the hands of the Department of Highways. Under these regulations we have forbidden the erection of signs as above, and have had removed from all our highways, advertising matter, with the exception of hotels, etc. who are allowed certain privileges.

It has been brought to our attention that since the Department's regulations became effective, advertisers previously using the highways throughout the Province, are now crowding their signs within the town limits. This is particularly true in areas within an incorporation that might be regarded as rural. To my mind this is objectionable from every point of view, as unsightly signs destroy the natural scenery and beauty of the place.

September 15th, 1938.

We would ask you to co-operate with us in preventing the further placing of signs and the removal of any that are now placed within the limits of your town. It may be necessary for us to secure legislation at the next session of the Legislature, which we will not hesitate to do, in order to remove signs that are objectionable, and that in our judgment have no value. However, we hope that this will not be necessary, and may I again ask for your co-operation along this line.

I would appreciate your placing this matter before your Council at the earliest possible moment, and advising me with respect to your decision.

Yours very truly,

A. S. MacMillan,
Minister of Highways,
Nova Scotia.

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AGRICOLA STREET PAVEMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works

City Engineer
Clerk of
Works and City Engineer re Agricola Street pavement.

September 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

There will be a balance of approximately \$6,500. in this year's account, available for further paving. As is well known to the Committee on Works, Agricola Street from Kane Street northwardly is, and has been, in very poor condition and urgent representations have been made at various times by the representatives from this section, asking that permanent work be done on this street.

Owing to the nature of the sub-soil it will be necessary, before the street is paved, to do considerable drainage work and the curbs and gutters should be laid. It will only be possible with the money available to do this work in two blocks and the work should be done from Kane Street northwardly.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Charter, it is necessary to include in this report the details of the completed work as well as the drainage and curbs and gutters.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

The Committee on Works recommends that the City Engineer be delegated to attend the Public Works Congress of the American Society of Municipal Engineers and the International Association of Public Works officials to be held in New York City October 2nd to 5th, 1938, and that he be granted from the Departmental appropriations a sum not exceeding \$150.00 for his expenses.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

LEASE OF PROPERTY

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works* Alderman Donovan stated that the matter of leasing a portion of the property at No. 65-67 Brunswick Street was before the Committee on Works recently, but a report on same was not presented to this meeting.

It was then moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the lower flat at #65-67 Brunswick Street be leased to John Welcher at a monthly rental of \$25.00, subject to a lease to be drawn satisfactory to the City Solicitor. Motion passed.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD

Read report of the Committee on Works re Morris Street boulevard.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

Attached hereto are reports of the City Engineer dated September 2nd and September 13th, 1938, in reference to Morris Street boulevard.

September 15th, 1938.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 6th, 1938, the report of the City Engineer dated September 2nd, 1938, recommending that the following properties be purchased was approved and recommended to Council for adoption, Alderman O'Toole dissenting:-

| <u>Property</u> | <u>Owner</u> | <u>Amount asked by Owner.</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| #295 Morris St. | Jas. O'Brien | \$3600.00 |
| 297 " | Mrs. P. Holloway | 4000.00 |
| 333-5 " | Mrs. Fannie Stevens | 2800.00 |

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 13th, 1938, the report of the City Engineer of that date was considered and the Committee on motion of Alderman MacKay and Alderman Donovan recommended to Council that the following properties be purchased also, Alderman O'Toole dissenting -

| <u>Property</u> | <u>Owner</u> | <u>Amount asked by owner</u> |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| #309 Morris St. | Francis M. Power | \$3200.00 |
| 337 " | A. J. MacKenzie (Eastern Trust Co. agent) | 3300.00 |

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion put and passed; the

following voting therefor:-

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| #295 Morris St. | Aldermen Batson | |
| 297 " | Mrs. P. MacKay | |
| 333-5 " | Mrs. F. Donovan | |
| | Curran | |
| | Sullivan | |

Works held on September 13th, 1938, the report of the City Engineer of that date was considered and the Committee on motion of Alderman MacKay and Alderman Donovan recommended to Council that the following properties be purchased also, Alderman O'Toole dissenting -

A two-thirds vote being required.
#309 Morris St. ILLUMINATED SIGN - 282 QUINPOOL ROAD

Read report of the Committee on

Works and City Engineer re illuminated sign, 282 Quinpool Road.

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*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

September 15th, 1938.

The total length of the street proposed to be paved is 520 feet.

A suitable material for the surfacing would be a Plant Mix Retread laid on a 6-inch gravel or stone base. The type might be subject to change when next year's prices for work are obtained. The probable cost of the work is \$11,000. using this year's contract price.

It is desirable that a start be made on the paving of this street and it is recommended that the paving of Agricola Street between Kane Street and Stairs Street be ordered.

When next year's programme is being prepared the paving of the rest of the street will be discussed.

It must be understood that for this year we can only do the quantity of work that the monny available will allow.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 13th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to Agricola Street pavement, was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS

Read report of the Committee on Works re Public Works Congress.

City Engineer
Clerk of
Works

September 15th, 1938.

September 6th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application and form of proposed lease to Mr. J. A. McQuinn for an illuminated sign to be erected at the premises No. 282 Quinpool Road.

The sign is a Neon sign advertising the drugstore. If a permit for its erection is given it will be necessary for the City Council to approve of the lease.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 6th, 1938, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for permission to erect an illuminated sign at the premises #282 Quinpool Road was considered.

On motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan the committee recommended to Council that the required lease be granted.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

NEON SIGNS - SACKVILLE STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works re Neon signs, Sackville Street.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

The Committee on Works on September 13th, 1938, on motion of Alderman MacKay and Alderman Walker recommended to Council that the attached leases be granted to MacGregor Motors Limited for permission to erect two Neon signs at Sackville Street south side, between South Park Street and Briar Lane.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

September 15th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded
by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGN - 56 ARGYLE STREET

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

Read report of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer re overhanging sign,
56 Argyle Street.

September 6th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an
application from the Super-Service Stations Limited
for permission to erect an overhanging sign at the
premises #56 Argyle Street known as the Argyle
Garage.

The sign proposed to be erected
is an all metal enamel sign with reflecting lights
on each side and has a red star on a white back-
ground with the letter "T" in the centre.

If the Committee grants a permit
for the sign it will be necessary for the Council to
grant a lease of the encroachment. The proposed form
of lease is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works held on September 6th, 1938, the attached
report of the City Engineer on an application for
permission to erect an overhanging sign at the
premises #56 Argyle Street, known as the Argyle
Garage was considered and on motion of Alderman
Donovan and Alderman MacKay the committee
recommended to Council that the lease referred to
in the said report be granted.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded
by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

September 15th, 1938.

ARTZ STREET IMPROVEMENTS

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the City Engineer re Artz Street improvements.

September 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the last meeting of the Committee on Works a petition for improvements on Artz Street was reported upon and in view of the large majority of owners who signed the petition it was recommended that the roadway be paved and that a curb, gutter and concrete sidewalk be laid on the north side of the street.

Today I have received two petitions from various owners of property on the street, stating that they were misinformed, and that the original petition was signed by them without the knowledge that their properties would be assessed.

It is recommended that the report of the Committee on Works on this matter be referred back to the Committee for further investigation and report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Walker that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

OXFORD STREET - WATERMAIN EXTENSION

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Oxford Street, watermain extension.

September 12th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The district in the vicinity of Oxford Street and Oakland Road is supplied with water from the high service, owing to the fact that there is no connection with the low service mains near this point.

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When the sewer was laid on Oxford Street and across the railway tracks a 12-inch water main was laid in the same trench with the intention of eventually extending it northwardly to connect with the Oxford Street main south of Coburg Road. A portion of the district, owing to its elevation, should be supplied from the low service and it is recommended that the 12-inch main be laid from the end of the present 12-inch main on Oxford Street south of South Street to connect with the main in the middle of the block between South Street and Coburg Road.

The length of the extension is about 861 feet. The estimated cost is \$6,000. and the estimated assessment \$1,300.

There are two short sections of 6-inch pipe in the vicinity of Coburg Road which will eventually have to be relaid with 12-inch, but this work need not be done at present until there is a greater demand from the district south of Oakland Road.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 13th, 1938, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to Oxford Street, watermain extension was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Walker, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR CAST IRON PIPE

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for cast iron pipe.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

September 15th, 1938.

Sept. 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Our supply of 6-inch cast iron water pipe is almost exhausted and requires immediate renewal. If it is decided to lay the 12-inch pipe on Oxford Street, as is recommended, we will also require about 800 feet of 12-inch pipe.

The attached list shows the tenders that were received. The two lowest are T. McAvity & Sons Limited which totals \$4,295.75 and the National Iron Corporation Limited \$4,331.00. The former firm tender on pipe manufactured in England and the latter on pipe manufactured in Toronto.

The tender of T. McAvity & Sons, Limited, also include conditions that it is based on present tariff regulations, and also regarding the exchange.

The National Iron Corporation Limited are prepared to deliver immediately from stock.

The difference in the two tenders is about \$36.00.

It is recommended that the tender of the National Iron Corporation Limited be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 13th, 1938, the attached report of the City Engineer on tenders for the purchase of 6" and 12" cast iron water pipe was considered.

On motion of Alderman MacKay and Alderman Donovan the report recommending that the tender of the National Iron Corporation be accepted was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

September 15th, 1938.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

FINAL CERTIFICATE - JAMES DONOHUE LIMITED

Read report of the Committee on Works re final payment to James Donohue Limited on their contract for roof gutters, etc.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 6th, 1938, the attached final certificate of the City Engineer recommending payment to James Donohue Limited of the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty-six dollars and Forty cents (\$386.40), being the balance in full on their contract for renewing roof gutters and down-spouts at the City Hall was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Walker, approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - COSGROVE BROS.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Comm. on Works re final payment to Cosgrove Bros. on their contract for painting and cleaning trusses at the City Market.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on September 6th, 1938, the attached final certificate of the City Engineer recommending payment to Cosgrove Bros. of the sum of Ninety-three Dollars and Fifty cents (\$93.50), being the balance in full on their contract for painting and cleaning trusses and iron work at the City Market was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

September 15th, 1938.

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

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

FINAL CERTIFICATE - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD.

Read report of the Committee on
Works re final payment to Standard Paving Maritime
Limited on their contract for paving during the
year 1938.

September 15th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works held on September 13th, 1938, the attached
final certificate of the City Engineer recommending
payment to the Standard Paving Maritime Limited,
of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and
Thirty-four Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents
(\$19,934.29) being the balance in full on their
contract for paving during the year 1938 was on
motion of Alderman MacKay and Alderman Donovan
approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

REPORT OF JUDGE MURRAY RE ALLEGED BRIBERY

The Acting Mayor informed Council
that he had before him a report from Judge Murray
of his findings on the inquiry conducted by him in
connection with an allegation that a member of
Council had accepted a bribe.

The Acting Mayor suggested that
same be embodied in the minutes of this meeting,
to which Council agreed.

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Judges Chambers,
County Court,
Halifax, N. S.,
September 15th, 1938.

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

Gentlemen:- Re - Investigation re Statement
made by LeRoy R. Hales.

Under the provisions of Section 138 of the City Charter I herewith forward you a resume of the evidence with, what I consider, the result of this evidence.

I also enclose the transcript of the entire evidence, for your records, before me by Dr. W. DeW. Barss, K.C., the Examiner, Mr. LeRoy R. Hales, and Alderman Gough. I felt it was unnecessary and too expensive to have all the evidence transcribed as given by the other witnesses as it had little bearing on the investigation other than freeing them of all blame or association in the matter as well as Alderman Gough.

Yours respectfully,

R. H. Murray,
Judge of the County
Court - District No. 1.

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 136 OF THE
HALIFAX CITY CHARTER

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION BEFORE
THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT FOR
DISTRICT NUMBER ONE THEREUNDER.

September 15th, 1938.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
AND
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX

Gentlemen:-

A comparatively young man named LeRoy R. Hales, a resident of the City of Halifax was conducting a business known as the Lorne Coal Company, in the North End of the City. He became indebted to one Reginald H. Pearson in the sum of \$100. Suit was brought in the City Civil Court and judgment was entered for \$107. Upon this judgment an examination of Hales took place, under the provisions of the Collection Act before

September 15th, 1938.

Mr. W. DeW. Barss, K.C., who was then and is an examiner under the Collection Act. Before the examination Hales was duly and most carefully sworn. The examination takes the form of a questionnaire as to the financial condition of the debtor. The replies are written on the same sheet as the questions. The result of the examination showed that Hales was in an impecunious condition. In answer to an inquiry as to his then circumstances he stated "I paid Dr. Gough of City Council \$200. in March or April 1937 to turn relief coal my way". As this statement was made by Hales was alarming it was reported in our city newspapers, was discussed in the City Council, and finally at a regular meeting of the Halifax City Council held on the 11th of August, 1938, the following resolution was passed:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Judge of the County Court for District Number One be and he is hereby requested to investigate under the authority of Section 136 of the City Charter, the matter of the alleged bribery of a member of the City Council of the City of Halifax as recently alleged in the press of the City of Halifax".

Under Section 136 of the City Charter, with the assistance of Mr. C. P. Bethune, K.C., the City Solicitor, whose aid I most gratefully acknowledge, the investigation was commenced and witnesses were before me on the 16th day of August last. The first witness called was Mr. Barss, the Examiner, to whom I have already referred. He stated that on the 27th day of July, Hales appeared before him in consequence of the judgment I have already mentioned. The creditor was represented by Counsel, but Hales was not. Hales was placed under oath and he appeared to be "perfectly normal". It was disclosed that this man, a comparatively short time previously, was worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000. and the Examiner asked him what he had done with the money. The Examiner was not satisfied with the answer that he had spent some of it on his house and in further explanation he said that he had to pay money to members of the City Council, or words to that effect. Mr. Barss asked him who he paid, and he stated "To Dr. Gough for one". "Did you pay Dr. Gough the money?" He said "yes". "How much did you pay him?" "Two hundred dollars". "What for?" "For turning relief orders my way" or words to that effect. "He said he paid Dr. Gough in March". The Commissioner then stated to Hales that he was then writing "I paid Dr. Gough of the City Council, two hundred dollars in March 1938". Hales then said to the Examiner "It was not 1938, it was 1937", and the Examiner then started to amend his writing by "I paid Dr. Gough of the City Council, two hundred dollars in March 1937". Hales then said to the Examiner that, it might have been April.

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The statement was reduced in writing to "I paid Dr. Gough of the City Council, two hundred dollars in March or April 1937 to turn relief coal my way". This was then confirmed by Hales. An article appeared in one of our newspapers referring to this evidence where Mr. Hales' name was mentioned. Hales called on August 2nd upon Mr. Barss, expressing a desire that the evidence be kept out of the newspapers. Mr. Barss stated he could not interfere as the legal papers had been forwarded to the City Clerk and he also added "Perhaps it is just as well, if a thing like this has happened that it should come out in the open anyway and that we should find out about it". Hales replied "Well, it's true anyway". In reply to a question, by the Examiner, as to whether he paid any members of the Council, Hales stated he had not, although it will be noted that earlier in the examination he had stated he had paid money to some members of the City Council.

After hearing the evidence of Mr. Barss I am satisfied that a careful and regular examination took place before him and that the evidence of the Examiner must be taken as coming from a most careful and reliable practitioner. The gist of the charge arising out of the examination would be, 1. That Hales had bribed some of the members of the City Council to secure their influence in getting him relief coal orders. 2. That he bribed Alderman Gough for the same cause.

Hales repudiated charge Number 1 at the same examination but he permitted the charge against Dr. Gough to stand. The matter of the charge therefore involved some of the members of the City Council and Alderman Gough.

An exhibit was tendered and received referring to the orders of coal given by the City since December 4th, 1936 up to September 18th, 1937, inclusive. It is shown that orders on thirty-one different times during that period had been given to the Lorne Coal Company amounting in all to \$3,871.33. This was the second largest amount paid out amongst all the dealers who secured orders from the Halifax Direct Relief Committee during the period, although others closely approached it. Aldermen Keshen, Smeltzer and McCarthy, members of the Committee were then called who testified to the effect that they had no interviews with Alderman Gough, that he was not on the committee and did not influence them in any way.

LoRoy R. Hales, already referred to, was called and sworn. He refused to answer certain questions, on the advise of counsel, but he seemed to waive that privilege afterwards. I will now give an extract of the class of evidence which he gave.

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At page 9 of the evidence:-

Q. Now I read this statement to you: "I paid Dr. Gough of the City Council \$200.00 in March or April 1937, to turn relief coal my way". Did you make that statement to Mr. Barss?

A. I am not sure that I did or not.

Q. Is that statement true? A. No.

Q. Did you use words to that effect?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Do you remember anything about mentioning Dr. Gough in it.

A. No.

At page 12 of the evidence the following appears:

Q. Did Mr. Barss say anything to you about statements which you had made concerning Dr. Gough?

A. I don't just recall that.

Q. Don't remember that. Mr. Hales is this statement true: "I paid Dr. Gough \$200. for putting relief orders my way?"

A. No Sir, It is not true; I didn't pay Dr. Gough.

By the Court: Directly or indirectly?

A. No, I didn't pay \$200. at all or any amount.

Mr. Bethune: Did the Coal Company?

A. No.

At page 13 the following appears:

A. If I had said that I gave Dr. Gough or any alderman money that was not true.

Q. Did you say that to Mr. Barss?

A. I don't just recall what I did say to Mr. Barss.

At page 15 the following appears:

By the Court: Why did you try to mix up Dr. Gough? Did you have a brain-storm, or anything?

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A. I have no explanation, no reason whatever.

Q. Why did you pick on Dr. Gough, to say you had bribed him?

A. I can't just say that I picked on Dr. Gough, because I don't recall.

The Court: Don't tell a body of intelligent men that you cannot remember that. You are either crazy and ought to be in a mental hospital or you are lying. I want you to tell me straight now, why did you pick on Dr. Gough?

A. I don't know that I picked on Dr. Gough, sir.

Q. You don't remember Dr. Gough at all?

A. I have seen Dr. Gough around.

Q. You don't remember saying that about Dr. Gough?

A. No, I don't.

Q. And you said all these words without any consciousness of what you were saying, did you?

A. I must have, sir, if I said them.

Q. You said it in a trance?

A. I am not sure that I said it.

Q. It must have been said in a trance?

A. It must have been.

Q. Did you ever say it?

A. I can't recall.

Q. How old are you now?

A. 30.

Q. You belong to Halifax?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever have any interviews with any members of the committee?

A. No.

Q. Never talked to Dr. Gough in your life?

A. I may have been him on the street, or something like that.

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I have seen him in his car and going along the street.

It must be noted that on August 9th Hales made a declaration disclaiming all connections with any members of the City Council including Alderman Gough, or with any bribery whatsoever and in contradiction of his statement to Mr. Barss. The gist of Hales' evidence was that he could not remember anything he had said to Mr. Barss affecting members of the City Council or Alderman Gough and if he did make such a statement it was false.

Mr. Nathan Green, Barrister, confirmed the evidence of Mr. Barss regarding statements made by Hales at the examination. Mr. P. C. Henley, Barrister, deposed that he was acting for Hales when Hales made the declaration denying any bribery on the part of any member of the City Council or Alderman Gough. He also stated that he was acting solely for Hales and that he had no connection with Alderman Gough or any other persons in the matter.

The evidence of Messrs. Vaughan, Ferguson, Ex-Mayor Cragg, Aldermen Gates, Donovan and Curtis had very little bearing on the investigation other than convincing me that they knew nothing about Alderman Gough or Hales in any irregular way. Most of the witnesses did not know Hales. Alderman Gough was sworn and stated that he had very slight acquaintance with Hales, that he was not a member of the committee during the period of the dealings with Hales, that he had not received money from Hales or any other person directly or indirectly regarding securing the relief orders or any other matters, that he used no influence to obtain orders for coal for any parties and particularly on behalf of Hales, that he had no connection with the Lorne Coal Company, that he had no connection with Mr. Henley in any way and that he was absolutely innocent of this charge. Dr. Gough called Alderman Adams, Alderman MacKay and Mr. H. B. Jefferson of the Daily Star but this evidence did not affect the issue in any way and was irrelevant.

Under Section 138 of the City Charter it is my duty to report to the City Council the result of the investigation and the evidence.

I assume my duty is to give my opinion as to the result of the evidence. If this investigation had taken the form of a criminal charge no Court would be justified in calling on the defence. That is to say there was no evidence whatsoever, in view of Hales' repudiation, upon which a conviction could be made.

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Whether in the Criminal Courts or in an investigation, such as this was, it should be recognized that proof of such an assertion should convince the tribunal beyond a reasonable doubt of its truth. In this case the only satisfactory conclusion I could arrive at was that Hales had become a mental or moral degenerate or both and it would be impossible to rely on his word. The conclusion must therefore be, under the evidence, to exonerate any and all members of the City Council and particularly Alderman Gough of the imputation arising from the statement made by Hales before the Examiner.

R. H. Murray,
Judge - County Court
District No. 1.

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1938.

Read report of the Charities

Committee for the month of August, 1938, showing

the number of inmates in the City Home to be 472.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re

departmental appropriations and expenditures.

FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1938

Read report of the City Auditor re

tax collections for the month of August, 1938.

TAX COLLECTIONS, AUGUST, 1938

Arrears Taxes

| Civic Year | Reserve | Outstanding Balances July | New accounts and adjustments | August Collections | Outstanding Balances August: |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1934-35 | \$53,790.00 | \$67,904.54 | | \$3,533.66 | \$64,370.88 |
| 1935-36 | 60,667.23 | 131,096.54 | | 8,967.54 | 122,129.00 |
| 1936-37 | 55,938.51 | 248,136.32 | | 10,301.76 | 237,834.56 |
| 1937-38 | 64,491.84 | 465,118.50 | | 23,115.17 | 442,003.33 |
| | | 912,255.90 | | 45,918.13 | 866,337.77 |

Current Taxes

| | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|------------|--|-----------|------------|
| 1938-39 | 48,663.09 | 941,834.13 | | 92,914.83 | 848,919.30 |
|---------|-----------|------------|--|-----------|------------|

Water Dept.
Rates, etc.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | 71,960.55 | | 17,654.69 | 54,305.86 |
| | | <u>1,926,050.58</u> | | <u>156,487.65</u> | <u>1,769,562.93</u> |

September 15th, 1938.

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FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1938

Read report of the City Auditor re tax collections for the month of August, 1938.

TAX COLLECTIONS, AUGUST, 1938

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| <u>Water Dept. Rates, etc.</u> | | | | | |
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| | | 1,926,050.58 | | 156,487.65 | 1,769,562.93 |

September 15th, 1938.

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| Poll Taxes 1933-34 | \$1,221.83 | \$67.50 | \$1,154.33 |
| Poll Taxes 1934-35 | 2,495.74 | 41.00 | 2,454.74 |
| Poll Taxes 1935-36 | 2,393.67 | 69.50 | 2,324.17 |
| Poll Taxes 1936-37 | 3,270.07 | 182.50 | 3,087.57 |
| Poll Taxes 1937-38 | 6,577.23 | 687.50 | 5,889.73 |
| Poll Taxes 1938-39 | 20,850.50 | 628.00 | 20,222.50 |

Additional Collections

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25 | 68.22 | |
| Corresponding period last year | | 116.93 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Tax years 1925-26 to 1933-34 | 1,104.13 | |
| Corresponding period last year | | 3,295.14 |

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| Collections per above statement | 156,487.65 | |
| Corresponding period last year | | 151,753.58 |
| | <u>157,660.00</u> | <u>155,165.65</u> |

Collections of Poll Taxes

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| May 1st, 1938 to August 31st, 1938 | 10,893.50 | |
| Corresponding period last year | | 9,935.83 |

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

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11.20 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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P. A. Gough,
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W. P. Publicover
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CITY CLERK.

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Walter H. Johnston
MAYOR