

Engine House, Isleville	\$ 2000 00	
“ Gerrish Street	10000 00	
“ West Street	5000 00	
“ Bedford Row	6000 00	
Esplanade, Freshwater	6500 00	
Floating Debt	125000 00	
Grand Parade	9000 00	
Graving Dock Subsidy	75600 00	
Grain Elevator	52 00 00	
Horses and Carts, purchase of	3100 00	
Internal Health, overdraft	2000 00	
Lockman Street, widening	125000 00	
Mulgrave Park	2000 00	
Maitland Street, widening	6000 00	
Public Gardens	1500 00	
Poors' Asylum	48600 00	
Permanent Pavement	250000 00	
Quinpool Road, widening	15000 00	
Rockhead, repairs	7400 00	
Sewerage, North Common, to complete	12000 00	
“	460000 00	
School Commissioners, to settle accounts	9800 00	
Stairs' property, George and Water Streets	4000 00	
West Street, purchase of land on	4500 00	
Young Avenue, purchase of land on	2500 00	
Young Street Extension	1140 00	
	<u>\$1445590 00</u>	
Less premiums used	1400 00	
	<u>\$1444190 00</u>	
Issued on Water Account	357700 00	
Total new issue since 1880	<u>\$1801890 00</u>	
General Debt 1st May, 1880, now represented by Consols ..	542800 00	
Issue since 1880	1444190 00	\$1986990 00
Water Debt 1st May, 1880, now represented by Consols ..	\$ 698900 00	
Issued since 1880	357700 00	
		<u>1056600 00</u>
Total amount of Consols outstanding 1st May, 1905 ..		\$3043590 00
City Hall debentures		50000 00
		<u>\$3093590 00</u>
Issued since 1st May, H. & S. W. Railway Bonds		46000 00
		<u>\$3139590 00</u>
Gross debt April 30th, 1905		<u>\$3139590 00</u>

STATEMENT OF DEBT LIMIT AND AMOUNT OF DEBT.

Sections 2 and and 3, Chapter 51, Acts of 1902.

Total debt April 30th, 1905, not including water debt..... \$2082990 00

Less.

Sinking Fund, 1882	\$109390 68	
" 1898	1362 18	
" 1902	43682 07	
		154434 93

\$1928555 07

Real Estate Assessment, 1901	\$17043375 00
" " 1902	16997350 00
" " 1903	17712425 00
	\$51753150 00

Average.....\$17251050 00

10% of average..... 1725105 00

Amounts authorized but not yet borrowed :—

Sewerage.....	\$ 10000 00
City Hall	2000 00
Dry Dock Subsidy	25000 00
Purchase of Market Site.....	30000 00
Crematory for Garbage.....	12000 00
Widening Lockman Street.....	No limit
Inebriates' Home	25000 00
Electric Light Station and Plant.....	No limit
Widening Quinpool Road.....	No limit
Young Avenue Sewer	30000 00
Encouragement for Iron Shipbuilding.....	200000 00
	<u>\$334000 00</u>

Condensed Statement, Water Department from 1st May, 1904 to 31st April, 1905.

1904.

May 1. Cash on hand, \$ 22847 79

RECEIPTS.

MAINTENANCE.

Received from City Collector, Water Rates.....	\$ 93529 88	
“ Interest on Bank Balances.....	1110 48	
“ Sundries from Dept. of City Works.....	614 92	
		95255 28

CONSTRUCTION.

“ Sundries from Dept. of City Works.....	371 52	
Transfer from Maintenance account.....	5976 40	
		6347 92
		\$124450 99

EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Bonds \$47142 00

MAINTENANCE.

Wages, repairs, &c.....	\$28828 92	
Transfer to Construction.....	5976 40	
Paid into Sinking Funds.....	2625 00	
		37430 32

CONSTRUCTION.

Paid for extensions, &c.....	3951 96	
Balance.....	35926 71	
		\$124450 99

At Credit of Maintenance Account.....	\$27010 44	
“ Construction Account.....	8916 27	
		\$35926 71

E. & O. E.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF CITY PRISON.

HALIFAX, May 2nd, 1905.

To the Chairman and Members City Prison Committee:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit herewith the statistics relating to City Prison for the year ending April 30th, 1905, shewing,

1. The numbers and sexes of prisoners and offences.
2. The monthly return of labor, with its estimated value.
3. The estimated value of furniture, clothing, bedding, stock, etc., in the prison.
4. The quantity and estimated value of farm produce raised and consumed.

The monthly statements regularly submitted to the Committee have furnished a full knowledge of the working of the institution, and thus, with the Committee's regular invitations and enquiries, I am able to dispense with the formality of a detailed report.

As in former reports, I have pressed upon the Committee and City Council the necessity for, and the many advantages to be derived from the laying on of the water to the prison, it becomes my pleasant duty now to thank the members of the Council for the evident desire on their part to have the long felt want filled. I hope that next year I will be able to congratulate the citizens upon the completion of this too-long-delayed and most necessary work.

I beg to tender my own and Mrs. Murray's thanks for courtesies extended.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,

WM. MURRAY,
Governor City Prison.

Table No. 1.

Return of Prisoners and Offences, City Prison, year ending April 30th, 1905.

OFFENCES.	Total.	May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.		March.		April.		Total.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Drunkenness.....	165	20	12	13	21	10	7	2	14	1	14	5	9	10	20	2	155	10											
Larceny.....	19	2	1	1	2	1					1	3	1	3	1	3	15	4											
Profane Language.....	22	5		2	1	1			2	3	2	1					20	2											
Assault.....	22	6	3	1	1	2					1			3			16	6											
Disorderly Conduct.....	15	2	1	2	3	2							3	1			9	6											
Total.....	243	33	6	14	3	18	2	24	7	10	1	7	2	18	1	23	12	13	10	1	33	2	215	28					

Table No. 2.

Labor Return of City Prison, year ending April 30th, 1905.

LABOR.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Total.
Stone broken at 5c. per bushel	\$75 00	\$15 00	\$ 5 00	\$50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$100 00	\$480 00
Male prisoners, Farm work	72 00	77 00	38 00	72 00	96 00	77 00	96 00	5 00	39 00	50 00	.....	12 50	634 50
Male prisoners, House labor	39 00	39 00	30 00	39 00	40 50	39 00	40 50	39 00	20 00	37 50	37 50	39 00	440 00
Horse Work on Farm	72 00	78 00	39 00	72 00	75 00	78 00	75 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	541 00
Prison Van earnings	7 70	7 00	7 00	10 50	3 50	7 00	3 50	7 00	8 00	4 20	3 20	12 25	80 85
Earnings in Carpenter's Shop	12 00	10 00	20 00	30 20	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	10 00	6 00	15 00	159 00
Earnings in Blacksmith's Shop	20 00	12 00	12 00	20 00	10 00	12 00	22 00	20 00	10 00	12 00	.....	12 00	162 00
Female Prisoners' Work	65 00	62 50	62 50	65 00	67 50	62 50	67 50	39 00	13 00	13 00	13 50	25 00	556 00
Total	\$362 70	\$300 50	\$213 50	\$358 50	\$337 50	\$300 50	\$339 50	\$152 00	\$146 00	\$176 70	\$110 20	\$255 75	\$3053 35

Table No. 3.

Estimated Value of Property and Goods in City Prison, April 30th, 1905.

Bedding and Clothing	\$ 102 00
Furniture and Utensils	283 00
Contents of Surgery	200 00
Horses, Carts, Implements	1260 00
Other Implements	69 50
Broken Stone on Hand	360 00
Tools and Stock in Workshops	140 00
Total estimated value	<u>\$3535 50</u>

Table No. 4.

Quantity and Estimated Value of Farm Produce raised and consumed, year ending 30th April, 1905.

300 bushels Potatoes, at 40c	\$120 00
50 " Carrots, at 30c	15 00
150 " Turnips, at 30c	45 00
40 " Parsnips, at 30c	12 00
30 tons hay, at \$12 00	360 00
Cabbage, Beans, Mangolds, etc.	40 00
Total estimated value	<u>\$592 00</u>

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
CHIEF OF POLICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 16th, 1905.

R. T. MACILREITH, ESQ., MAYOR, *Chairman Police Commission* :

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my twelfth annual report as Chief of Police for the City of Halifax :—

As your Worship and the other members of the Commission are no doubt aware, in former reports, particularly last years, I have expressed myself fully and freely on several matters pertaining to the police force—its requirements and greater efficiency—and therefore there is the less necessity for me, at this time, making any lengthened comments, and I will content myself with asking that the former reports be given consideration in connection with still undecided matters.

There have been more changes than usual in the personnel of the force during the civic year just closed. A vacancy was caused by the lamented death of Policeman Mont, who had proved himself an efficient officer, enjoying the confidence of his superiors and the esteem of those who knew him. Two other vacancies were made by the superannuation of Sergeants Condon and McNally. Sergeant Condon, after thirty-four years and four months of good service, retired with impaired health. He had been an active officer and was frequently associated with the late Detective Hutt and the present Detective Power in matters of a difficult nature which those officers had from time to time to deal with. These vacancies were filled by the promotion of John Nickerson and George Kuhn. Their places in the ranks were filled by new men. There were no other changes in the force.

For a time Officers Hanrahan and Kennedy were detailed for special duty in plain clothes, with very satisfactory results. They were, however, ordered back to regular duty by the Police Commission; but the experiment was one which worked well and may be worth trying again.

I last year reported Sergeant Leahan's incapacity in consequence of an accident. The effects of the accident gradually passed away and I am pleased to be able to report his return to regular duty. During the year he rendered such service as his physical condition allowed.

Detective Power's valuable services have been in evidence as usual. A noted criminal has resumed his residence at Dorchester for a term of fourteen years. There had been some mysterious incendiarism and the public were alarmed; but the detective promptly located the incendiary and the tension on the public mind was relieved. In many other ways, for private persons and for the general public, the efficiency of the detective department has been amply demonstrated.

A patrol waggon has been provided and has been found to be very useful. Its usefulness would be very much increased, however, if it could be located at or in close proximity to the police station. A more convenient call system is required in connection with the waggon, and I hope will be provided during the current year.

Changes in the Liquor License Act have been made by the Legislature with a view to more successful enforcement. It is too early to look for results. I trust the expectations of the friends of the amendments will be realized. No possible effort will be lacking on the part of the police, as far as I am free to control them, to enforce the law to the very letter and without any regard to persons.

Annexed are the customary tables of offences, the number, age, sex, religion and nationality of offenders. The offences in last report numbered 99—this year there are 102. The offenders numbered 1,826, this year shows a decrease of 233, the number being 1,593. Assaults of all kinds were 235, this year 189, a decrease of 46. Disturbance on the street had 42 less, the figures being 137 and 95. Drunk on the street has 68 less and there were 10 fewer convictions under the Compulsory School Act.

Of the ages there were decreases in those between 12 and 16, 16 and 20, and 20 and 25. These are gratifying features, as showing that the young offenders, of whom there are always too many, are at least not increasing. With a reformatory and a more general exercise of parental control there should be an almost total wiping out of the figures relating to juveniles.

I trust that the relations between the Police Commission and the officers of the force will be of that harmonious nature necessary to the successful administration of the service. The powers and limitations of the one and the other should be clearly defined and understood, and there will then be no doubt but the citizens will be faithfully served so far as the facilities at command will permit.

I have the honor to be,

Your Worship's obedient servant,

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,
Chief of Police.

LIST OF OFFENCES, 1904-1905.

Absenting themselves from school	35
Absenting seamen	12
Affray	1
Aiding in escape from St. Paul's Almshouse	1
Arson	3
Assisting prisoners to escape	1
Assault (aggravated)	27
Assault (common)	150
Assault (indecent)	6
Assaulting police	6
Attempt to enter Military Magazine	1
Attempt to murder	1
Attempt to rape	1
Bigamy	1
Burglary and theft	4
Burglary (attempted)	2
Cattle at large	11
Carnal knowledge of child under 16 years of age	1
Challenging to fight	1
Coasting on street	7
Committing an indecent act	8
Common drunkard	3
Cruelty to animals	14
Demanding with intent to steal	1
Desertion H. M. army	2
Discharging fire crackers on street	1
Discharging firearms on street	1
Distributing handbills by dropping same on street	1
Disturbance on or near street	95
Driving on sidewalk	3
Driving on common	1
Driving without sleigh bells	2
Drunk	568
Escape from custody	1
Escape from City Prison	4
Extortion by threat	4
False pretences	17
Fighting on street	6
Frequenter of bawdy house	1
Furious driving	1
Having firearms in possession	2
House breaking	2
Inmate of disorderly house	3
Inmate of bawdy house	4
Interfering with S. P. C. Officer	1
Keeping disorderly house	2
Keeping bawdy house	8
Keeping common gaming house	4
Keeping vicious dog	4
Larceny	131
Larceny (from vessels)	4

Larceny (on high seas).....	3
Larceny (from the person).....	4
Mischief.....	42
Mischief (attempted).....	2
Neglect of duty on shipboard.....	2
Neglect of parental control.....	6
Neglect to register dog.....	14
Neglect to provide for wife and family.....	18
Neglect to place light on excavation.....	1
Obstructing bailiff.....	1
Obstructing police.....	2
Obstructing street by standing in groups.....	23
Peddling without license.....	4
Personation at election.....	2
Perjury.....	2
Playing in common gaming house.....	6
Placing vehicle without horse on street.....	9
Receiving stolen goods.....	3
Resisting police.....	20
Riding bicycle without light.....	1
Riding bicycle on sidewalk.....	1
Removing night soil without permit.....	2
Shop-breaking and theft.....	4
Shop-breaking (attempted).....	1
Smoking cigarettes (minor).....	3
Stowaways.....	1
Taking children out of lawful care of guardians.....	1
Throwing shingles on sidewalk.....	3
Throwing stones on street.....	11
Trespassing on I. C. R. property.....	2
Using abusive language.....	19
Using profane language.....	30
Using obscene language.....	30
Using threatening language.....	27
Using provoking language.....	3
Unsound mind.....	2
Uttering forged cheque.....	1
Uttering forged document.....	1
Vagrancy.....	31
Violating Compulsory School Act.....	10
" Chimney Ordinance.....	5
" Chinese Immigration Act.....	1
" Early Closing Ordinance.....	6
" Inland Revenue Act.....	1
" Hacks and Trucks Ordinance.....	13
" Liquor License Act.....	36
" Shipping Act.....	3
" Snow Ordinance.....	2
Wounding.....	5
Wounding with intent.....	2
Total.....	1593

PLACE OF BIRTH.

Halifax	460
Nova Scotia	234
New Brunswick	30
Prince Edward Island	10
Ontario	3
Quebec	5
Newfoundland	94
Labrador	2
England	133
Scotland	48
Ireland	68
Wales	6
Channel Isles	6
At sea	2
West Indies	5
East Indies	3
Bermuda	3
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
United States	10
France	10
Norway	7
Sweden	7
Denmark	5
Finland	4
Greece	3
Germany	3
Italy	2
China	2
Spain	1
Switzerland	1
Iceland	1
Poland	1
Holland	1
Russia	1
Not given	420
Total	1593

RELIGION.

Roman Catholic	609
Church of England	302
Presbyterian	100
Baptist	69
Methodist	64
Lutheran	21
Greek Church	2
Hebrew	2
Salvation Army	1
Not given	423
Total	1593

AGE.

Under 8 years	3
Between 8 and 12 years	37
" 12 " 16 "	59
" 16 " 20 "	114
" 20 " 25 "	228
" 25 " 30 "	221
" 30 " 40 "	266
" 40 " 50 "	154
" 50 " 60 "	63
" 60 " 70 "	31
" 70 " 80 "	9
No t given	408
Total	1593

SEX.

Month.	Male.	Female.	Total.
May, 1904	154	15	169
June	114	28	142
July	144	24	168
August	164	20	184
September	112	21	133
October	119	22	141
November	116	9	125
December	101	5	106
January, 1905	80	7	87
February	86	5	91
March	92	18	110
April	118	19	137
Total	1400	193	1593

REPORT OF COAL MEASURERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 9th, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully beg to submit to your honorable body my Annual Report for the civic year ending April 30th, 1905, showing the amount of coal and coak weighed by the city weighers, also the amount weighed of the different coals :—

	Tons.	Lbs.
Sydney Reserve Mine Coal	38982	753
Old Sydney Coal	11270	1620
Slack	6374	837
Port Hood	2641	1885
Inverness	2583	650
Acadia	1690	225
Campbellton	33	
Grenior	69	410
Albion	7	
Drummond	1296	1240
Port Morien	405	
Coak	2018	1180
U. S. Anthracite	26047	
	<u>93419</u>	<u>800 tons @ 5c. per ton \$4670.97</u>
		2000

Less expenses for year	\$ 65.52
Paid to Supernumeraries	127.17
Paid Mr. D. Grant	356.36
	<u>\$549.05</u>
	<u>\$4121.92</u>

The above amount divided among eight men gives to each the sum of \$515.24.

Respectfully submitted,

S. CUMMINS,
Supervisor of Weighers.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 6th, 1905.

To the Chairman and other Members of the City Health Board :

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully submit for your information the following summary of work performed in this department for the civic year ending April 29th, 1905:—

The Board during the past year held twenty-eight meetings at which a large number of sanitary improvements were ordered and subsequently carried out.

During the year ninety-two notices were served for defective plumbing and drainage in houses, all of which have been attended to as recommended by the Inspector of Plumbing.

Twenty-seven notices were served during the year for the removal of outside privy vaults, all of which were removed and proper w. c.'s constructed in the houses.

The correspondence for the year consisted of 146 letters received and 903 sent out. Of the latter number 720 were notices served ordering sanitary improvements and removal of nuisances.

Complaints respecting the unsanitary condition of 382 premises were received at this office, all of which were carefully investigated and dealt with as the circumstances in each case required.

During the year 1,472 permits were issued for the removal of night soil, and 2,307 loads were thus removed.

The total number of cases of contagious diseases reported for the past year was 62 cases of diphtheria, 14 scarlet fever and 6 pulmonary tuberculosis, with six deaths from diphtheria and one due to scarlet fever.

Forty-five cases were admitted to the Hospital for Infectious

Diseases, viz :—Eighteen for diphtheria, thirteen for scarlet fever, eleven for measles and three for erysipelas, there being one death from scarlet fever.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Inspectors :—

A. J. Penny.

From May 1st, 1904, to April 30th, 1905.

Number of house to house inspections made	5129
“ complaints investigated.....	193
“ re-inspections made	504
“ premises found in bad condition and notified.....	529
“ houses placarded for Scarlet Fever	14
“ “ “ Diphtheria.....	62
“ “ disinfected for Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria..	80
“ “ “ Consumption.....	39
“ calls made to infectious houses.....	209

S. E. PARKER.

From May 1st, 1904, to April 30th, 1905.

Number of house to house inspections made	2670
“ complaints investigated.....	191
“ re-inspections made	302
“ premises found in bad condition and notified.....	257
“ inspections made to meat and grocery stores.....	3592
“ “ “ slaughter houses, markets, &c..	694
“ “ “ dairymen's places.....	151

Condemned and had destroyed as unfit for human food :—

4 carcasses of veal, 3 of mutton, 1 of pork, 2 carcasses and 15 lbs. beef, 4 pairs of chickens, 7 of rabbits, 15 lbs. of sausages, 24 of lamb and 250 of fowls.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. WATTERS,
Secretary.

LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 20th, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Liquor License Department for the license year 1904-1905, ending March 15th, A. D., 1905 :—

2 hotel applications and 2 shop applications were not granted by the City Council.

124 Applications at \$10.00.....	\$1240 00
76 Shops (Balance License Fee) at \$90.00....	\$6840 00
1 " not taken out " 90.00....	90 00
	6750 00
34 Hotels (Balance License Fee) " \$140.00....	\$4760 00
1 " not taken out " 140.00....	140 00
	4620 00
6 Wholesale (Bal. License Fee) " \$290.00....	\$1740 00
4 Brewers " " 140.00....	560 00
	2300 00
Total Fees for the year.....	\$14910 00

DR.

124 Applications at \$10.00.....	\$ 1240 00
Balance License Fees.....	13670 00
	\$14910 00
Received from City Treasurer, Refunds.....	\$ 83 33
" " Ads., Chronicle	123 01
	206 34
Penalties Imposed and Collected.....	1030 45
Salary of Inspector	1000 00
Total Receipts	\$17146 79

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Paid Advertising Acadian Recorder.....	\$ 65 40
" Morning Chronicle.....	123 01
Stationery & Office Expenses.....	8 00
Cab Hire.....	6 00
Court Costs paid over to City Clerk.....	60 50
Refunds Patrick McTiernan.....	\$ 9 00
" Jas. V. Sullivan.....	9 00
" George Harris.....	83 33
	101 33
Salary of Inspector.....	1000 00
City Treasurer.....	15782 55
Total Disbursements.....	\$17146 79

Your obedient servant,

W. W. McLELLAN,
Chief License Inspector.

43 Catalogues were sold at 30c. each	\$12 90
1 " " 25c. "	25
1 " " 20c. "	20
14 Bulletins, at 5c each.....	70
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Total	\$14 05
241 Readers Cards were sold at 5c. each.....	\$12 05
Amount taken for Books lost and damaged and for fines...	\$88 90
Paid out for Stamps	\$2 19
Postal Cards.....	2 45
Photograph of City Hall sent by request to the "Globe," Toronto	20
Tape for Magazines	15
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Total	\$5 99

Work done in the bindery for 1904-05.—559 class Nos. on books, bound 276 books and rebound 5, repaired 15—total 296. 76 class Nos. on magazines, backed 56, made 3 covers, bound 76 magazines, repaired 62—total 138. Total of books and magazines, 434.

173 overdue books were sent for.
28 letters.
28 postals.
11 acknowledgments.

—
Total, 240

Miss Parsons, who left Halifax May 23rd for New York, will be missed in the Library, especially on Saturday nights, when she made a point of coming to help whenever she could, as well as coming in any time she happened to be in town to help for a little while.

Yours respectfully,

J. WARREN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF PUBLIC GARDENS.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY,
TO COM. OF PUBLIC GARDENS.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—We have much pleasure in placing before you the Report of our yearly proceedings.

We have during the year planted a second row of trees around the North Common at a cost of \$250.00, also a new flag staff for the Gardens at the cost of \$85.00, and numerous necessary repairs which I need not specify here.

We have kept within the appropriation, as will be seen by the Auditor's report.

For several years past in our report we have called your attention to the delapidated condition of the main entrance pavilion and fence around the Gardens, also the fence around Mulgrave Park. The main entrance pavilion is in such a condition that it is dangerous to life. We have an estimate prepared and will have the same carried out. As to the fence, it is past repairing, and at any time it may be blown down and cause a loss and damage to trees and shrubbery.

Owing to the depreciation of revenue from concerts and increase in wages for labor we are unable to undertake the proposition of erecting any fence that would reflect credit to the corporation.

We would again respectfully urge upon the Council that they

Salt and Grain Measurer's Report.

HALIFAX, N. S., 1st May, 1905.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully beg to submit to your honorable body an account of work performed by the City Salt and Grain Measurers, during the past year, or from the first day of May, 1904, to the 30th day of April, 1905, inclusive :

50,304 hogsheads Salt at 2½c. per hogshead.....	\$1257.60
4,202 bushels Grain and Oats at ½c. per bushel.....	21.01
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Less expenses.....	\$1278.61
Rent, \$40; Sundries, \$22.....	62.00
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	\$1216.61

Giving to each of six weighers a dividend for the year of \$202 76 5-6.

Your obedient servant,

RICH'D D'ARCY,
Supervisor.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT.

HALIFAX, May 1st, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit, for the information of the City Council and citizens, the Annual Report of the Charities Committee for the year ending April 30th, 1905 :—

On the first of May, 1904, the number of inmates in the Poor's Asylum was 322, made up of 180 men, 140 women and 2 children. During the year there were 407 admitted, 18 born, 360 discharged and 55 died, leaving in the institution at this date 181 men, 146 women and 5 children, a total of 322.

There were 747 persons supported during the whole or part of the year. The largest number at one time was 407, on February 12th, 1905, and the smallest number 296, on May 26th, 1904. The daily average was 340.

There are 52 insane men and 61 insane women at present under care at the Poores' Asylum. The greater number of insane at the Poores' Asylum have been patients in the Nova Scotia Hospital, and being pronounced harmlessly insane by the authorities there, have been from time to time transferred from that institution to the Poores' Asylum. In addition to the insane in the Poores' Asylum there are 27 patients in the Nova Scotia Hospital chargeable to the City of Halifax. The amount paid the Hospital for the maintenance of insane for the year just closed was \$3,014.95.

Coffins have been supplied the Infants' Home', Tower Road, and the Home of the Guardian Angel free of charge whenever required. The number supplied this year was 16.

When the Committee called for tenders for supplies last October it was found that the price of flour had advanced from four dollars and forty cents to five dollars and ninety-five cents per barrel.

The Committee did not consider it wise to make a contract at that figure, and accordingly have purchased flour wherever they found it in the best interests of the city to do so. There were 519½ barrels used from May 1st, 1904, to April 30th, 1905, and they cost \$2,657.46.

Early in the year I advocated changing the lighting system from gas to electric light. Some objections were made on the grounds that there would be a much greater possibility of fire occurring on account of the building being wired for electric light. The Committee, however, at my request instructed the Superintendent to communicate with the managers of the different institutions in Canada and the New England States, asking them as to the relative cost of gas and electric light. Which was in their opinion the safer light? and if any fire ever occurred in their institutions through wiring the building for electric light? The Superintendents of the Nova Scotia Hospital and the Victoria General Hospital were also communicated with. The replies in every instance were favorable to electric light. Accordingly, we decided to use electric light instead of gas. The cost of light for the year 1903-04 was \$661.97, while for the year just closed it cost \$431.48. The amount paid for wiring the building was \$245.80.

The woodyard is still in operation and the large number of orders received daily shows that the citizens appreciate it. The receipts for the sales of kindling and hardwood amounted to \$4,865.56, and the sum of \$2,577.43 was expended for wood, axes, saws and other materials used.

Repairs were made to the spouting on the east wing of the institution. Hardwood flooring was purchased to repair the floors in some of the wards. The insurance on the building for three years was renewed at a cost of \$609.00.

During the year an effort was made to collect the amounts due for maintenance and was to a considerable extent successful. The balance uncollected is not large.

The books are fully written up to date and audited.

I beg to repeat what has been said by my predecessors as regards the efficiency and general good management of the institution by the Superintendent and Mrs. Dow and Secretary Mulcahy.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HUBLEY,

Chairman Charities Committee.

POOR'S ASYLUM REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1st, 1905.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee :

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith beg to submit for your information the Annual Report of the Poors' Asylum for the year ending April 30th, 1905:—

Number inmates May 1st, 1904:—

Males	180
Females.....	140
Children	2
	322

Admitted from May 1st, 1904, to April 30th, 1905:—

Males	295
Females	100
Children	12
Number born	18
	425

Discharged from May 1st, 1904, to April 30th, 1905:—

Males	265
Females	69
Children	26
Number died—Males 29, Females 25, Children 1.	55
	415

Number remaining April 30th, 1905:—

Males	181
Females	146
Children	5
	332

Total number supported during the whole or part of year	747
Smallest number at one time, May 26th, 1904...	296
Largest number at one time, Feb. 12th, 1905 ...	407
Daily average.....	340

There are 52 insane men and 61 insane women at present under care. During the year there were 2 men and 3 women transferred from the Nova Scotia Hospital to this institution and 1 woman was sent from the Poores' Asylum to the Nova Scotia Hospital.

The woodyard still continues to furnish employment for the men and revenue to the institution. The sales this year were not so large as last year, but on the whole were very satisfactory. The amount received from sales was \$4,865.56 and the amount expended on account of woodyard was \$2,577.43.

Some of the quieter insane men have worked in the woodyard during the year, and I find that they not only do a fair share of work, but that in many cases are more contented, rest better at night and have improved in their bodily health. Those of the other inmates who are able to work have been kept employed in the woodyard. They have also done the whitewashing and cleaning and all other work which they were called upon to do. The female inmates, besides doing the scrubbing and washing, have made all the underclothing for the inmates of this institution and also for the insane in Nova Scotia Hospital who are chargeable to the city.

For a number of years we have had the services of three tailors which were inmates of this institution. They made all the outside clothing which was required for the inmates here and also nearly all the clothing for the city patients in the Nova Scotia Hospital when their relations and friends were unable to provide them with such. By this means the expenses for clothing were very much reduced. During the year two of them died and we now have only one tailor. We will therefore in the future be compelled to purchase clothing at a very much greater cost than in the past.

The heating boilers at present in use for heating the building have been condemned by the Boiler Inspector and Insurance Company. This will necessitate the installing of two new boilers next year, at a cost of about \$850.00. This amount has been provided for in the estimates for 1905-06.

REPAIRS REQUIRED.

New tar and gravel roofs are needed on the carpenter shop, concrete and wood shed. The outside stairways leading to the airing court from the wards, set apart for the insane, will have to be renewed. The old floor in the general kitchen needs replacing and a considerable number of pickets and posts will be required for the outside fence. The flooring in some of the wards is also in need of repairs.

During the year we raised 300 bushels of potatoes, 120 bushels of turnips, 30 doz. cabbage and 6 tons of hay, besides a small amount of garden vegetables.

To the ladies connected with the different churches who have so kindly visited the sick, the ladies and gentlemen who have taken part in the musical and literary entertainments, the kind friends who have donated books, papers, magazines, pictures and fruits, to the members of the Canadian Artillery and St. Patrick's bands for their very excellent musical concerts, and to all others who have in any way helped to entertain the sick and other inmates, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

On behalf of myself and the other officials I wish to thank you for your kindness and the many courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DOW,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

Returns of Judgments and Civil Process issued in the City Court during the year 1904-05.

MONTHS.	Summonses.	Capaises.	Executions (to levy).	Executions (to arrest).	Subpoenas.	Judgments.	Appeal Bonds.	Totals.
1904.								
May	72	3	15	2	1	19	....	112
June	91	12	36	5	....	37	1	182
July	81	4	24	1	6	25	....	141
August	82	10	27	2	....	25	....	146
September	76	12	32	....	4	31	....	155
October	48	4	20	1	....	15	1	89
November	100	4	20	....	1	18	1	144
December	38	2	14	1	2	15	....	72
1905.								
January	44	....	19	....	....	17	1	81
February	68	1	9	2	....	10	1	91
March	77	3	18	....	....	18	....	116
April	46	11	24	1	1	24	....	107
	823	66	258	15	15	254	5	1436

Summary of amounts received in City Clerk's Office for Fines, Fees, Licenses, &c., during the Civic Year 1904-05.

MONTH.	Fines in Police Court.	Fees in Police Court.	Process Fees in City Court.	Judgment Fees in City Court.	City Seals.	Bankers' Licenses.	Rents City Property.	Rents Common Lots.	Dog Tax.	Hacks, Trucks and other Licenses.	Miscellaneous.	Totals.
1904.												
May	\$170 00	\$14 75	\$71 00	\$20 00	.....	.....	\$46 00	.....	\$348 00	\$451 00	\$250 00	\$1370 75
June	153 00	19 00	81 75	33 00	.....	\$25 00	4 00	.....	488 00	437 00	.....	1240 75
July	220 00	30 45	84 70	21 00	\$1 50	.....	800 00	.....	228 00	337 00	.....	1722 65
August	177 00	36 15	87 35	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	258 00	.....	595 50
September	120 00	12 25	75 70	28 00	1 50	.....	6 00	.....	4 00	83 00	.....	330 45
October	128 00	24 60	61 25	20 00	1 50	.....	857 39	.....	8 00	70 00	.....	1170 74
November	90 00	10 70	46 15	17 00	1 50	.....	.....	132 99	4 00	318 00	.....	620 34
December	85 00	13 80	36 15	15 00	.....	.....	800 00	.....	.....	58 00	.....	1007 95
1905.												
January	131 00	9 50	51 60	18 00	3 00	.....	35 09	42 82	4 00	24 00	.....	319 01
February	64 00	10 95	53 65	10 00	1 50	50 00	.....	21 43	2 00	16 00	.....	229 53
March	135 00	19 65	49 55	16 00	.....	.....	240 75	14 23	.....	14 00	.....	489 18
April	131 00	12 30	65 70	22 00	.....	.....	.....	42 82	.....	160 00	.....	433 82
Totals	\$1604 00	\$214 10	\$764 55	\$243 00	\$10 50	\$75 00	\$2789 23	\$254 29	\$1100 00	\$2226 00	\$250 00	\$9530 67

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CHAIRMAN BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present for your information and that of the citizens in general, the annual report of the Fire Board for the year ending April 30, 1905.

The many improvements made during the year will be dealt with in the respective reports of the Chief of the Department, Chief Engineer and City Electrician Colpit.

During the year your Board has had several conferences with committees appointed from the Board of Fire Underwriters and Board of Trade ; in consequence of which your Board feel assured that the confidence of said committees and citizens in general in the Halifax Fire Department has greatly increased.

Among the proposed improvements recommended by your Board and adopted by the City Council, and for the carrying out of which legislation necessary for the borrowing of money has been granted, may be mentioned :—

One New Engine House, Bedford Row.

“ “ “ “ Robie Street.

“ “ Fire Engine, capacity of 1000 gallons per minute.

“ Automatic Repeater.

40 Tappers to be placed in the houses of Call Men.

10 Extra Signal Fire Boxes.

20 Key Protectors.

The above improvements, when complete, will cost in the vicinity of \$30,000 00, and will place the H. F. D. in a position second to none.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. CAWSEY,
Chairman H. F. D.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 18th, 1905.

To the Chairman and Members Board Fire Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I beg to submit my second Annual Report for the year ending 30th April, 1905 :—

ALARMS.

During this period there were 96 alarms, viz :—

No. 1 Chemical.....	45
No. 2 "	16
Still Alarms	5
Bell "	30

Of the latter there were two general alarms calling out the entire force of the Department, as also in one instance requiring the assistance of the Dartmouth Fire Department, all the water boats available and the Military and Navy, viz :—

Box 36, Sept. 15th, 1904.—N. & M. Smith, entailing a loss by fire of about \$300,000, with a total insurance of about \$250,000.

Box 37, Sept. 19th, 1904.—Black Bros. and Pickford & Black, loss by fire about \$170,000, insurance about \$178,000. On both occasions considerable delay was had by reason of the slowness in sounding alarm, in the first instance some twenty minutes elapsing after fire was first discovered, and in the second instance the fire was burning about one-half hour before alarm was rung in.

LOSSES.

The total loss occasioned by all these fires is, as near as I can judge, about \$484,178.93, practically all of which is chargeable to the two large fires above mentioned, viz :—\$470,000, and in the other cases \$14,178.93.

NEW GEAR AND APPARATUS.

There have not been any additions made in respect of the above during the period just closed other than the waggon, sleigh and harness for use of the Chief.

HORSES.

There have been three new horses purchased by the Department, viz:—Two for No. 3 engine and one for use of the Chief.

ACCIDENTS.

The following casualties occurred, viz:—

At the N. & M. Smith fire Lieut. John Kennedy and John Curren, of engine No. 4, received slight injuries, the former in the arm and the latter in the foot.

At the Black Bros. and Pickford & Black fire James Gibbons, engine No. 1, was injured by falling from a ladder; John O'Regan, engine No. 2, fell down a hatchway; James Harris, hose No. 4, was hurt by beam falling across his legs; and on the 3rd October, 1904, while responding to a call at No. 48 Maynard Street, about 8.45 a. m., chemical No. 2 was run into by an electric car at the corner of Cunard and Maynard Streets, and damaged to the extent of \$475.00, while Driver McKenzie and Driver McGuire, who was acting engineer at the time, both sustained rather severe injuries, the former having three ribs broken and the latter having his back strained besides being badly shaken up. All of the above members received the regulation allowance during the period their disablement.

There was another casualty which occurred outside of the Department at a fire on Chebucto Road, early in the morning of 9th December, 1904, by which a Mr. and Mrs. Kent were both rather severely burned and one of their children sustained slight injury.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In this particular I can only reiterate my former statement regarding the two 65 feet extension ladders, one of which is kept at the King's Wharf and the other at the Ordnance. They are altogether too clumsy and heavy to carry on the truck, hence my reason for keeping them in those places. The necessity of securing

an aerial ladder and truck that can be more easily handled becomes daily more and more apparent.

2. In my last report I referred to the necessity of appointing eight or more men to be drilled as a ladder company only. This, so far, has not been acted upon, and I trust the Board will be able to see its way clear to make such addition to the Department at an early date.

3. I am pleased to note that the recommendation in my last report regarding the placing of tappers in the houses of the members of the Department, as also the purchase of a part of the "Eastman Deluge Set" has been acted upon. The tappers, while not yet having been installed, nevertheless I trust soon will be. The part of a "deluge set" has already been provided and so far has given every satisfaction, taking, as it does, the place of three men.

4. Again referring to my last report in which I pointed out the very unsatisfactory arrangement then existing (and which still exists) whereby the Department horses were employed hauling the sprinkling carts, necessitating their going a considerable distance away from their respective engine houses. I can only reiterate my former remarks in this particular. The routes covered by these carts are altogether too long, particularly so for the horses of the ladder trucks, and I again earnestly recommend that if it is necessary to so employ these horses that such action be taken as will tend to materially lessen the distance at which they will be from their respective engine houses in the event of an alarm of fire.

5. As the Dominion Exhibition is to be held in this city next year and as there will no doubt be a large influx of visitors, I would specially recommend that all our engine houses be thoroughly renovated and painted and made to appear as clean and tidy as possible.

I desire also specially to recommend that both the chemical engines be provided with runners during the winter period, in view of the fact that our past experience has been that when responding to an alarm of fire they have been so strained as to render it necessary for them to be sent to the shop for repairs.

I would also further recommend that four three-gallon chemical fire extinguishers be purchased, to be added to the chemical engines.

CONDITION OF HORSES AND APPARATUS.

The hose waggons and sleds (with the exception of four sleds) are all in good condition, having been thoroughly overhauled and repaired during the year. (For condition of steam fire engines and hose see report of Chief Engineer).

There are at least three horses which should be replaced, and I recommend the purchase of new ones as soon as possible. The Department will then be in a fair state of equipment in this regard.

There are three pieces of apparatus requiring fire gongs, viz:— Nos. 2, 3 and 5 steam fire engines, and I would recommend that they be equipped with these immediately.

GENERAL REMARKS.

With regard to the members of the Department there is not much to be said. The permanent members thereof are as heretofore and have given every attention to their duties. As to the call force there has been a decided improvement for the better in this portion of the Department, a few of the undesirable members thereof referred to in my previous report, having been dismissed therefrom and their places filled with others. There still remains, however, room for further improvement and I hope in the course of time to be able to bring about this much desired result.

There is one feature in connection with the filling of vacancies on the call force which I specially desire to bring to your notice and that is there is a supernumerary or waiting list from which I have to make selections to fill such vacancies as may from time to time occur. The importance of obtaining young men suitable in every respect to become members of the Department needs no comment. As it is at present I find it extremely difficult to so obtain such desirable young men to form a supernumerary force by reason of the fact that they are required to pay a medical examination fee and also furnish a certificate of birth, which also entails a fee. This in itself is not a very great hardship, but upon their proving satisfactory and being assigned to a fire company to act as supernumeraries there is no encouragement whatever for them to continue as such, as they receive no remuneration for any fire service they may be called upon to perform. The need of something being done in this particular is worthy the consideration of the Board.

There were eight resignations, one dismissal and three suspensions for various causes from the Department during the year. In the latter case all were reinstated by the Board.

The apparatus of the Department at present consists of—

Five steam fire engines.
Two chemical engines.
Two ladder trucks and ladders.
Seven hose waggons.
Seven sleds.
One spare hose waggon.
One spare sled.
Two ladder sleds and the Chief's waggon and sled (new).
There are twenty-six horses in use in the Department.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I beg to return my thanks to all civic officials and those who in any way rendered me assistance in the discharge of my duties, as also for their uniform courtesy towards me at all times, and in an especial manner to the Chairman and members of the Board; and in so doing would respectfully request your co-operation in enabling me to maintain that discipline in the Department which is so essential to its well being and of the utmost importance.

Attached hereto you will find statement in detail showing list of fires and causes thereof.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. BRODERICK,

Chief Halifax Fire Department.

CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS.

Tests	3
Sparks from chimney	22
Chimneys on fire	12
Boys setting fire.....	9
Rubbish.....	2
Tar pot	1
Throwing burning wood out of window.....	1
Unknown	6
Spontaneous combustion.....	3
Gas explosion	1
Bedding on fire	1
Overheated oven (dwelling).....	1
Excelsior (in lounge).....	1
Electric wire.....	1
Incendiarism.....	2
Hot coals of fire grate.....	3
Fat in oven.....	1
Decorations in dwelling.....	1
Parafine oil in shop.....	1
Overheated stove.....	6
Upsetting of lamp	1
Defective chimney.....	3
Defective hearthstone	1
Matches in coat.....	1
Overheated furnace.....	1
Window blind.....	1
Fire boards (wooden).....	2
Mantel draperies	2
Old junk.....	1
Burning grass.....	3
Supposed fires (reflection)	2
Total	96

ALARMS OF FIRES.

- 1904.
- May 4. Box 37. Insurance test.
- " 5. " 9. Thos. Theakston, dwelling, W. Young Street.
Caused by sparks from chimney setting
fire to roof of house. Damage \$40 00.
- " 5. Call No. 1. Boys setting fire to woods back of " Studley."
- " 7. " No. 2. Wm. Murray's dwelling, No. 120 Agricola
St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to
roof. Damage \$27.00.
- " 8. " No. 1. Boys setting fire to woods in Point Pleasant
Park.
- " 9. Box 7. Mrs. Paw, dwelling, 423 Brunswick St. Rubbish
in cellar.
- " 17. Call No. 1. Phelan's wharf. Upsetting of tar pot.
- " 25. " A. Birmingham, dwelling, No. 26 Starr St.
Sparks from chimney setting fire to roof.
Damage \$10.00.
- " 29. Box 51. Mr. A. McFatrige, dwelling, No. 36 Falkland
St., occupied by families of Military.
Throwing lighted wood out of kitchen
window in yard. Damage \$59.00.
- June 2. Box 14. Mrs. Fletcher, dwelling No. 44 Inglis Street.
Cause, chimney.
- " 3. " 21. Exhibition. Run of H. F. Department for
moving pictures.
- " 7. " 3. Willis' Carriage Factory, 117-119 Brunswick
St. Cause unknown. Damage \$2,000.
- " 7. " 3. E. W. O'Donnell, dwelling No. 121 Brunswick
St., occupied by tenant. Damaged by same
fire, extent \$100.
- " 12. Call No. 1. Mr. Justice Wallace's dwelling, S. Park St.
Cause, chimney.
- " 15. " Halifax Infirmary, Barrington St. Sparks
setting fire to roof. Damage \$14.93.

- Jnne 17. Call No. 1. A. & W. Mackinlay, book store, Granville St. Cause, spontaneous combustion.
- " 19. Box 26. W. H. Johnson, dwelling, Carlton St. Cause, chimney. Loss building, \$560; furniture, \$263.00.
- " 19. Call No. 2. Telephone pole, Richmond. Cause, sparks from locomotive. Damage \$200.
- " 25. " No. 1. New Victoria Hotel, cor. Hollis and Morris Streets. Cause, gas explosion premises. Damage \$20.00.
- " 25. " No. 2. John Walker, dwelling, Mumford Road. Bed setting fire to house. Damage \$100.00.
- July 2. " No. 1. Mrs. Taylor, No. 104 Birmingham St. Cause, chimney.
- " 22. " No. 1. Martello Tower, Point Pleasant Park. Sparks from chimneys setting fire to roof.
- " 28. " No. 1. Woods at Point Pleasant Park.
- Aug. 4. " No. 2. Jas. Dempster's planing mill, N. George St. Cause, overheated lumber in dry room.
- " 6. Box 63. John Punch, dwelling, Robie St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to roof. Damage \$500.00.
- " 9. Call No. 1. G. A. Sandford & Sons, marble works, Argyle St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to roof. Damage \$10.00.
- " 15. Box 6. St. Patrick's Boys' Home, Mumford Road. Boys setting fire to barn. Damage \$1,000.
- " 16. Call No. 1. Mrs. Young, dwelling, No. 5 Victoria Lane. Cause, excelsior.
- " 18. " No. 2. Mrs. Burnell, dwelling, No. 95 Agricola St. Chimney.
- " 29. Box 6. Thos. Healy and John Nickerson, two barns on Oxford St. Boys setting fire. Loss, Healy, \$600.00; Nickerson, \$300.00.
- " 31. Call No. 1. Albion Hotel, Sackville St. Electric light wire.
- Sept. 12. " Dump, Exhibition Grounds.

- Sept. 13. Call No. 1. Ervin property, No. 65 Cornwallis St. Boys setting fire to shingles. Damage \$100.00.
- " 15. " Mrs. Wallace, dwelling. Sparks from chimney.
- " 15. Box 36. N. & M. Smith and surrounding properties. (See remarks elsewhere.) Cause, sparks from chimney. Damage \$300,000.00.
- " 18. Call No. 2. St. Patrick's Boys' Home, barn. Cause, unknown. Damage \$500.00.
- " 19. Box 37. Black Bros. and Pickford & Black properties. Cause unknown. Damage \$170,000.00.
- " 21. Box 93. W. A. Hendry, Fairview Road, 2 barns. Cause, incendiarism. Damage \$1,000.00.
- " 23. Box 93. W. A. Hendry, Windsor Road, 3 barns. Cause, incendiarism. Damage \$2,000.00. (In both these cases culprit was apprehended and upon conviction was committed to Dorchester Penitentiary).
- Oct. 5. Box 51. Geo. McGuire, dwelling, No. 48 Maynard St., occupied by tenant. Boys setting fire to bedclothing. Damage \$12.00.
- " 8. Box 5. Mrs. Boutilier, dwelling, No. 26, Falkland St. Cause, chimney. Damage \$12.00.
- " 23. Box 6. Wm. Harvey, dwelling, No. 202 Jubilee Road. Cause, children setting fire to old papers. Damage \$5.00.
- " 26. Call No. 1. Miss Ellen Brodie, No. 160 Spring Garden Road. Bakepan catching fire in oven.
- Nov. 1. " No. 2. R. L. Archibald, No. 226 Robie St. Decorations catching fire. Damage \$10.00.
- " 4. " No. 1. W. S. Craig, Upper Water Street. Barrel paraffine oil on fire. Damage \$5.00.
- " 4. " No. 1. Schwartz spice mill, Upper Water Street. Reflection from store.
- " 10. " No. 1. Capt. Harrison, dwelling, Bland Street. Chimney.
- " 10. " No. 2. Mr. Clayton, dwelling, Gottingen Street. Chimney.

- Nov. 23. Call No. 1. Wm. Oldfield, dwelling, No. 20 Blowers St. Reflection from grate.
- " 28. " No. 1. Walsh Bros., Barrington St. Spontaneous combustion. Damage \$1,700.00.
- " 29. Box 51. I. Moser, shop, No. 159 Gottingen St. Overheated stove setting fire to partition.
- Dec. 3. Call No. 1. R. J. Whitten, shop, Upper Water Street. Lighted lamp upsetting. Damage \$10.00.
- " 9. Box 6. Geo. Rent, dwelling, Chebucto Road. Live coals falling from grate. Damage \$1,000.00.
- " 11. Call No. 1. Mrs. Coppinger, dwelling, No. 47 Birmingham St. Cause, unknown.
- 1905.
- Jan. 12. " No. 1. St. Mary's Convent, Barrington St. Defective chimney. Damage \$10.00.
- " 14. " No. 1. Rooney & Lovett, Bell's Lane. Stove setting fire to barrels.
- " 15. " No. 1. Miss Kelly, dwelling, No. 16 Harvey Street. Defective hearthstone. Damage \$100.00.
- " 25. Box 56. Dr. A. C. Hawkins, dwelling, cor. Gottingen and Cunard Streets. Cause, unknown. Damage \$475.00.
- " 27. " 37. Mrs. Coleman, "Eureka House," Water Street. Coat on fire.
- Feb. 11. Call No. 2. Mr. Dunn, dwelling, Maitland St. Chimney on fire.
- " 16. " No. 1. Huestis' yard, off Lockman St. Chimney on fire.
- " 17. Still alarm. Baptist Church, Spring Garden Road. Fire board in basement. Extinguished by Janitor. Damage \$25.00.
- " 19. Call No. 1. Immigrant shed, Deep Water Terminus. Cause unknown.
- " 19. Box 32. Miss McNab, dwelling, No. 92 Birmingham St. Cause, defective chimney. Damage \$150.
- " 19. Still alarm. Mr. Webb, dwelling, cor. Duke and Argyle St. Cause window blind.

- Feb. 20. Call No. 1. Mr. Jos. Chisholm, dwelling No. 22 Carlton St. Cause fire board.
- " 23. Still alarm. Cor. Grafton and Duke Sts. Mantel drapery.
- Mar. 4. Call No. 2. Dwelling No. 167 Agricola St. Cause chimney.
- " 12. Still alarm. County Gaol. Cause, chimney. Extinguished by No. 1 chemical.
- " 21. " Miss Jackson, dwelling No. 117 Spring Garden Road. Smoke from stove pipe hole in attic.
- " 23. Box No. 4. Building cor. Bell's Lane and Argyle St., occupied by J. W. Grant as drug store and J. J. McLaughlin as picture store. Overheated stove in McLaughlin's store. Loss, Grant, \$225.00. McLaughlin, \$175.00.
- " 30. Box No. 51. Jas. McDonald, dwelling, No. 94 Cornwallis St. Old rags and paper in cellar. Damage \$50.00.
- Apl. 2. Call No. 1. Mr. L. J. McGhee, dwelling, No. 76 Morris St. Wood burning hard coal stove.
- " 4. " " Mr. Wallace, No. 55 Queen St. Defective stove pipe fittings.
- " 5. Box 17. Double dwelling occupied by Messrs. Wallace and Nickerson 44-46 South St. Defective chimney. Loss, Wallace, \$146.00. Nickerson, \$200.00.
- " 9. Call No. 2. R. C. Orphanage, Quinpool Road. Spontaneous combustion in barrel used for wax cloths. Damage \$10.00.
- " 12. " No. 1. Mrs. C. F. Harrington, dwelling, No. 115 South Park St. Overheated stove pipe.
- " 15. " No. 1. Wm. R. Powell, dwelling, No. 2 Carlton St. Cause unknown. Damage \$27.00.
- " 16. " No. 1. Mrs. Kinnear, dwelling, 28 South Park St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to spout.
- " 18. " No. 1. C. F. West, dwelling, No. 168 South St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to barn. Damage \$5.00.

- Apl. 18. Call No. 1. Burning grass, Albro St. school field. Boys setting fire thereto.
- " 18. " No. 2. Test alarm.
- " 20. " No. 1. J. Farrell, dwelling, No. 68 Wellington St. Live coals falling from stove. Damage. \$50.00.
- " 21. Box 26. Dwelling of D Woods and G. Gerrior, 166-168 Spring Garden Road. Sparks from chimney setting fire to roof. Damage \$50.00.
- " 24. Call No. 2. Grass in field off Gerrish St.
- " 26. Box 63. T. H. Skinner, 270 Robie St. Sparks from chimney setting fire to roof. Damage \$80.00.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER H. F. D.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 21st, 1905.

To the Chairman and Board of Fire Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I beg to submit my report for the year ending 30th April, 1905 :

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

Engine No. 1.—Is in first-class condition.

Engines No. 2 and 5.—These engines are in very poor condition, and as pointed out in my previous report, are not reliable in event of their being called upon to work for any length of time. In both of these cases I would draw your attention to the fact that these engines are a source of expense by reason of their having to be frequently repaired.

Engine No. 3 and 4.—With regard to these engines, they are both in good condition, with the exception that the boiler on engine No. 4, and which I referred to in my previous report, requires attention and that as soon as possible.

The addition of a lathe to the repair shop has been a want supplied and which has proven itself satisfactory. There is, however, an addition thereto which requires the consideration of the Board, and that is the thorough equipment thereof with regard to tools, &c., thereby obviating the necessity of going to a machine shop to borrow the same.

In the case of No. 1 fire engine, I would recommend the purchase of a large hydrant connection same as the equipment of Nos. 3 and 4 steam fire engines.

HOSE.

In this connection I would draw the attention of the Board to the fact that it is necessary to procure new hose couplings to be

kept in stock so that in event of any of them becoming damaged they can be replaced without much loss of time.

There is at present in use in the Department:

- 1000 ft. hose "Maltese Cross," New.
- 50 ft. hose Canadian Rubber Co., "
- 50 ft. hose (Para) do "
- 6600 ft. hose "Maltese Cross." (This hose has been tested at a pressure of over 150 pounds and is in good condition.
- 1000 ft. hose suitable for hydrant use only and which will only stand a pressure of between 40 and 60 lbs.
- 750 ft. hose condemned.
- 650 ft. hose on chemical engine—and
- 100 ft. hose (new) ordered.
- 150 ft. hose condemned.

In conclusion, I beg to return my thanks to the chairman and members of the Board, as also all civic officials, for their kindness in enabling me to discharge the duties devolving upon me.

I am, your obedient servant,

EDWARD CONDON,

Chief Engineer H. F. D.