

largely increasing the same. Heretofore all amounts collected on account of above services have been placed to the credit of their respective accounts and used for construction. This should not be continued, as the sidewalks will in time require repairs and in some cases renewing, and what we may now class as an asset will be gone and nothing left to represent it." The truth of this extract is shown by the small amount at the present time remaining to the credit of the Permanent Pavement Fund and the state of some of our so called permanent pavements constructed out of that fund.

EXCESSIVE STREET MILEAGE.

Before getting away from this question of our debt perhaps it would be well to point out that no city with the population of Halifax has anything like the same street mileage that we have. Though the increase in population during the past ten years has been only about 3,500, the street mileage has increased in the same time from 83.5 miles to 94 miles, and water extension from 51½ miles to 68 miles. This is largely brought about by people who have been living in the older parts of the city building dwelling houses in the outlying portions. The construction of houses, as pointed out by the city auditor in his last annual report, has proceeded much more rapidly than the demand for them and much faster than the increase of population warranted, with the result that street, sewerage, lighting and water extension has apparently had to follow, while the houses vacated, and in many cases still vacant, were already supplied with these services. The Board of Health has the power, when houses are located in the outlying portions of the city and not provided with drainage, to order sewer construction when they deem it in the interests of the public health. The better course would seem to be to empower the Board of Health to prevent houses being built in unhealthy or swampy localities instead of ordering sewer construction to remedy the evil thus making a further addition to the debt. While citizens know they can have water and sewerage extended to their houses, in no matter how out-of-the-way place they may locate them, the building in such places will continue.

SINKING FUND.

While our gross debt, (not including floating debt which amounts to \$22,922.00) is \$3,481,590, our sinking fund at the present time is exceedingly small in comparison. It is made up as follows :

Under Chap. 25, Acts of 1882 (\$100,000 loan).....	\$93,607 92
Under Chap. 27, Acts of 1996 (General)	12,309 03
Under Chap. 65, Acts of 1898 (\$6,000).....	630 81
Total.....	\$106,547 76

By the operation of the 1896 General fund \$28,000 of debt has been paid off.

It would seem desirable to establish a general sinking fund into which should be placed the collections from permanent sidewalks and sewerage referred to above, the premiums received from loans and all the unexpended balances after the sum of \$75,000 to be used as a "Reserve Fund," referred to below, has first been allowed to accumulate from unexpected balances. These sinking funds should be hedged around with the strictest regulations in order that the money may only be used for the purpose of paying off our public debt and for no other purpose whatever. In this connection, it would seem desirable that the fund should be vested in trustees, as one of our sinking funds is now, and taken away altogether from the control of the Council, the trustees only having the power to use it for the purpose above indicated. The trustees should be made personally liable for allowing any of such funds to be diverted for current or other expenditure, the sum so diverted being recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction by the city or any ratepayer thereof.

One other matter with reference to the sinking fund—At the present time we are required by the Legislature to either invest our fund, with the exception of the 1882 fund, in Dominion Government debentures, or to deposit the same in some chartered bank at a rate of interest not lower than 4 per cent. It is needless to point out the impossibility of securing 4 per cent. interest on Dominion Government debentures, and it is only a matter of time when the banks will refuse as the money market becomes less stringent to allow 4 per cent. interest on deposits. As it is the Treasurer has had some difficulty in securing this rate of interest. Therefore it would seem advisable that the "4 per cent." should be struck out of the act and the words "highest rate of interest obtainable" substituted. Unless this is done a day will come when we will be unable to legally invest our sinking funds. The City should also have the power to invest its sinking fund in its own debentures. This is done in several of the larger cities of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, the sinking fund of Buffalo being altogether invested in this way and the greater portion of the Sinking Fund of Albany, N. Y., being also so invested. By this means the sinking fund would secure the benefit of any premium and at the same time where the City issued a loan for a long period at 4 per cent. and in a few years found that the same money could be obtained at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. instead of losing the $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. by paying the 4 per cent. to an outside purchaser, they would have the satisfaction of knowing that the sum was going into their own sinking fund.

RESERVE FUND.

At the present time it is the practice, when sufficient taxes are not collected to meet expenditure, to go to some one of the banks and borrow money at 6 per cent., which borrowing is in the shape of an overdraft. At the present time this overdraft amounts to about

\$100,000, and at a certain period of the year reaches the sum of \$120,000. This sum is borrowed in anticipation of the payment of taxes outstanding and interest paid on the same at 6 per cent. While the city does not lose anything by the payment of interest on the overdraft, as it charges the delinquent taxpayer 6 per cent. interest on his overdue taxes, it must be plain that we are practically only doing business for the banks. I would suggest that the unexpended balances should be taken from year to year and invested until the sum of \$75,000 is reached, which fund could be known as the "Reserve Fund," and from which the city could borrow on account of overdrafts. While not being used by the city the fund could be placed on deposit and draw interest, and while being used by the city we would not be compelled to pay 6 per cent. interest on an overdraft to the bank, as we would have the money in this reserve fund of our own to draw from; and which would, of course, be repaid to the "Reserve Fund" as outstanding taxes would be collected. After said amount of \$75,000 is accumulated, I would suggest that the unexpended balances should be paid from year to year into the Sinking Fund and not taken, as at present, for the purpose of reducing taxation.

Under section 287 of the City Charter the Recorder has given a written opinion to the effect that money drawn from the bank as overdraft is illegal. It will be necessary, as these overdrafts are indispensable to the proper government of the city, to have this section of the Charter amended so as to empower the Council to borrow money in anticipation of the year's taxes, paying it back when taxes are collected. This course is followed in Massachusetts where Chap. 29, sec. 6, of the Public Statutes enacts that cities by ordinary vote may incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of year's taxes and requires repayment of such loans to be made when such taxes are collected.

SCHOOL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The school debt at the present time amounts to \$292,600, for which no sinking fund up to last year was provided. At last session of the Legislature an Act was passed requiring the Board to assess not less than 1 per cent. of the total debenture debt for a sinking fund from year to year. This appears in this year's estimates for the first time, and amounts to the sum of \$3,000.

In this connection it is well to notice that the School Board, under Section 14 of the Acts of 1901, Chap. 57, has power to borrow money and issue debentures for the same for such sums as they decide upon, payable with interest in 25 years from the date thereof free from taxation, and such debentures are a charge on the City of Halifax. Though the City of Halifax has no control over this power of the School Board to borrow money, still the city is liable; and it is a matter well worthy of consideration whether or not the City should endeavor to control in some manner such borrowing power.

EXHIBITION DEFICITS.

The City's proportion of the Exhibition deficits from the year 1897 down are as follows:—

1898	\$3,984 78
1897 & 1899	4,888 86
1900	3,299 11
1901	4,343 94
Total.....	\$16,516 69

This is an expenditure over which the Council has no control, being required by statute to pay one-half of the deficit of the Provincial Exhibition. These payments are spread over periods of from 3 to 6 years.

MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Under Chap. 37 R. S., 1900, a Medical Examiner was appointed for the City of Halifax, whose duty it is to enquire into sudden deaths and to perform other duties set out in the Act. The City is called upon to pay the fees of this officer, which amount yearly to an average sum of \$500. The only part the City plays is to pay the bill. It has nothing to do with the appointment of the official.

It is a matter of opinion whether or not our own Medical Officer should not be able to perform the duties of this officer without any additional salary, and thus save to the City the sum paid to the Medical Examiner.

VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

As the increase of taxable property does not keep pace apparently with the growing demands of the city, it would not appear to be possible, under the present method of assessment to prevent an annual increase in the rate per centum unless the strictest economy is practised. At the same time, I desire to say that it must be plain to any one, who will stop to consider, that a very large portion of personal property is escaping taxation. As appears by the tables of comparison, which I have already given,

Personal Property was assessed, in 1884, at.....	\$4,999,430.00
And in 1901, at.....	4 306,800.00
Or a decrease of.....	\$692,630 00

The assessors state that this decrease in the valuation of personal property represents the reduction of 25 per cent. which they were required to make in the value of stocks of merchandise. If this is correct, and supposing the value of personal property to have remained stationary for 17 years, the value of stocks of merchandise must be \$2,770,520, leaving the sum of \$1,536,280 as the value of all other personal property. When one considers what the term "personal

property" covers under the act, the smallness of the valuation is apparent. The section reads as follows :

306. "Under the term personal property shall be included all household furniture, moneys, goods, chattels, wares, merchandise and effects wheresoever situate within the city, owned by any citizen, company or corporation, and all ships and vessels shall be assessed at one quarter their value. . . . The term personal property shall also include all moneys belonging to the inhabitants of the city, invested in public or private securities within the city; and all bullion and coin of gold and silver, all Dominion notes, and notes of solvent banks, in the province or elsewhere, which may be in the possession and the property of any citizen, or in the custody of a bank, or other party except money deposited on deposit receipt, shall be considered as his money, and be assessed accordingly."

As, at the present time, there is a committee consisting of six members of this council and three prominent business men of Halifax—one, the President of the Board of Trade—considering the question of taxation, I will refrain from going into it further and from offering any suggestions, as to do so would be to attempt to anticipate the report of that committee.

Now, sir, while there are many other points which we could profitably consider, I do not propose to deal with them at this time, but with your permission I desire to offer the following suggestions for the consideration of Council :

SUGGESTIONS.

Take balance due Permanent Pavement Fund as collected and balance on hand in that fund and put into a general sinking fund.

Take the balance due on Sewerage extensions as collected, and also put in general sinking fund.

Appoint trustees for sinking fund and hedge it with safeguards so that it can only be used for the purpose of reducing the debt, and for no other purpose whatever, making the trustees personally liable for the diversion of any of the moneys.

Put into sinking fund all unexpended balances after the sum of \$75,000 has first accumulated for the establishment of the "Reserve Fund," and also premiums secured or obtained on loans.

Permit the City to invest this sinking fund in its own bonds as well as in Dominion of Canada debentures and bank deposits.

Amend the law which requires sinking fund to be invested at not less than 4 per cent. to read "the highest interest which can be obtained."

Amend the law so as to legalize overdrafts to meet current expenditure, i. e. empower the City to borrow in anticipation of the year's taxes, which is merely legalizing the course which has been followed illegally for years, such overdrafts to be repaid as taxes are collected.

Establish "Reserve Fund" made up from unexpended balances and throw around it every possible limitation to prevent it being used for any other purpose than to meet temporary loans (i. e. over-

drafts) made in anticipation of year's taxes, in other words place it in exactly the same position as the bank, requiring repayment to it of loan with interest out of taxes as same are collected.

As reserve fund exceeds amount fixed i. e. \$75,000, by accumulations of interest, &c., pay the excess into the sinking fund.

Cease adding to debt until (less water debt) it has been reduced to a limit not exceeding 10 per cent. of the valuation of real estate, that is to say, make our *debt limit 10 per cent. of the valuation of real estate*, any bonds issued in excess of such amount to be void, bonds now outstanding in excess of this amount not to be affected.

On the present valuation of real estate this would fix our debt limit at \$1,704,337, which of course would not include our water debt or floating debt for the reasons already given.

These suggestions are offered in the hope that they may lead to a discussion of the financial affairs of our city and cause the Council and our citizens generally to take a more intelligent and deeper interest in this most vital matter of our credit. To sum up in a few words let me say that it seems to me the heroic way is to face our debt; to provide a sinking fund to extinguish it, not all at once but a little at a time; to stop borrowing for street, water and sewer extensions and to live within our appropriations.

ESTIMATES 1902--03.

Now sir, I come to the estimates for the ensuing year and I propose to deal very briefly with them as each item will be fully discussed as it is taken up.

I desire to say that while the majority of the committee recommend increases in the salary list amounting to \$250.00, I cannot agree with them with the exception of one increase of \$50.00 to the stenographer which I feel must be granted.

The following reductions have been made, viz :—

SALARIES.	
Caretaker of City Property (position not filled).....	\$1,200
City Auditor \$1500—\$300.....	700
Liquor License Inspector \$1200—\$1000.....	200
	\$2,100.00
LESS INCREASES.	
To 1st Clerk Collector's office.....	\$100
" 2nd do. do. do.	50
" 3rd do. do. do.	50
" Stenographer	50
	\$250
Less increase stenographer charged to Sewerage Department.....	50
	\$200.00
Total decrease.....	\$ 1 900
In Police Department.....	240
In St. Patrick's Reformatory.....	100
Total decrease.....	\$ 2 240
To which must be added additional probable income Liquor License Department.....	1 000
Making a total reduction in estimates of....	\$ 3 240

The following are proposed increases, viz :

City Works Department.....	\$5,500.00	
County of Halifax.....	500.00	
Public Schools.....	5,000.00	
Interest on advance to Public Schools.....	500.00	
Poor's Asylum.....	800.00	
Board of Health.....	1,500.00	
Increase in floating debt and interest.....	989.04	
Additional amount added for short collection.....	124.96	
		<u>\$14,914 00</u>
LESS.		
Reduction.....	\$ 3,240.00	
Additional amount from unexpended balances.....	2,000.00	5,240 00
		<u>5,240 00</u>
Total increase over estimate for 1901-2.....		\$ 9,674 00

I propose now, sir, to deal in a few words with the increases asked for—

CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The additional amounts asked for are : Streets, \$3,000 ; Horses and Drivers, \$2,500.

The additional appropriation for streets requires no explanation. Our streets speak for themselves. The increased amount for horses and drivers is called for on account of the removal of ashes, the Board having decided to remove ashes all the year round and to have the men remove the barrels from the yards. To accomplish this work three additional carts with horses and drivers are required.

COUNTY OF HALIFAX—\$500.00

The county clerk notifies us that this additional sum will be required for this account next year. It is beyond our control, but we are required to assess for it.

The increase asked for by the

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

amounting to \$5,500, is made up as follows :—

Teachers' Salaries	\$1,000	
Salary of Truant Officer	100	
Janitors	300	
Rents	500	
Interest on debentures	900	
Fuel	200	
		<u>\$3,000</u>
Total increase		\$3,000
Add Amount required by law for sinking fund	3,000	
Interest on advances to Public Schools.....	500	3,500
		<u>3,500</u>
Total		6,500
Less increase in probable Government grant and revenue from Academy		1,000
		<u>1,000</u>
Net increase.....		\$5,500

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

These increases are made under regulation of the Board adopted twenty-five years ago, and form the basis of contract entered into with each teacher. The scale is as follows:

	Increase per year for 5 years.		Maximum.
Grade B.... Male.....	\$500.....	\$40	\$700
“ C.... “	400.....	20	500
“ D.... “	350.....	20	450
Grade B.... Female	300.....	30	450
“ C..... “	250.....	30	400
“ D..... “	200.....	20	300

JANITORS.

This increase of \$300.00 is to provide a salary for the Janitor of the new Manual Training School.

RENTS.

This increase of \$500.00 is made up as follows:—

Compton Avenue Hall.....	\$ 50.00
(Compton Avenue School being too small to accommodate all the pupils, the Board found it necessary to hire a hall as a school room to accommodate the overflow.)	
St. Patrick's Convent.....	10.00
(For a room in St. Patrick's Convent, to accommodate overflow from St. Patrick's School.)	
Summer Street School (under terms of new lease).....	438.00

INTEREST ON DERENTURES.

Interest on \$21,000.00 debentures for Manual Training School....\$900.00

FUEL.

Increase\$200.00

This is accounted for by the increased price of coal and additional amount required for Manual Training School.

POOR'S ASYLUM—\$800.00

This amount is asked for on account of the increased cost of coal and provisions; also to make necessary repairs and to do some painting to main building and outbuildings.

BOARD OF HEALTH—\$1,500.00.

This amount has already been voted by Council, and is asked for by the Board of Health on account of the expenditure entailed by the presence of small-pox in the city.

TEMPORARY LOANS.

The increase under this head is caused by the Provincial Exhibition deficit, the Duke of Cornwall loan and payment to purchase hose.

The Estimates, as submitted, show an increase in the totals over last year of \$9,789.

In justice to this Council, I should point out, sir, that the following increases are altogether outside of and beyond the control of the Council, viz.:

County of Halifax	\$ 500 00
Public Schools and interest on do.....	5,500 00
Board of Health	1,500 00
Provincial Exhibition deficit.....	671 00 8,171 00

I desire further, sir, to point out that while the increase in the general assessment, which is the portion immediately under the control of this Council, only amounts to \$2,260, we have increased the appropriation of the Board of Works by \$5,500. In other words, if we appropriated the same amount to the Works Department as last year we would have reduced our general assessment under that of last year by \$3,240.00.

Before closing, I desire to express my thanks to the Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Engineer, and to the various clerks in these departments, for the willingness shown by them in furnishing me with all the information possible.

Now, sir, without any further remarks, I beg to lay before the Council the Estimates, as prepared by the Committee on Public Accounts, for the year 1902-3 and to ask that in dealing with the different items the council should follow the principles of strict economy.

The Estimates are now read as follows:—

His Worship the Mayor	\$1,000 00	passed.
His Honor the Recorder	1,200 00	"
The City Treasurer	1,500 00	"
The City Clerk	1,500 00	"
Assist City Clerk	1,000 00	"
Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2,000 00	"
City Engineer.....	2,400 00	

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Barry, that this item do pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the salary of the City Engineer be fixed at \$1800.

Said amendment being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Crosby, Lamphier, O'Donnell, Martin, Hawkins—5.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Ryan, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the salary of the City Engineer be placed at \$2000.00. Said amendment being put is lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Crosby, O'Donnell, Lamphier, Martin, Chisholm, Hawkins—6.	Alderman Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Ryan, Rogers, Creighton—8.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.
The original motion placing the salary of the City Engineer at \$2400 is now put and passed.

Assistant Engineer\$1,400.00

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this item be struck from the estimates.

Said motion is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lamphier, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Hawkins—4.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Crosby, Ryan, Martin, Rogers, Creighton—10.

The item Assistant Engineer \$1400.00 is now put and passed.

City Auditor\$800 00

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the salary of the City auditor be..... \$1200 00 per year.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Barry, Lamphier, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton—9.	Aldermen Archibald, Robertson, Crosby, Martin—4.

Collector of Rates & Taxes, & 4 Sub-Collectors, \$4000 00

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the salary of the Chief Collector be fixed at \$1,500 per year, and that he be allowed one sub-collector, at a salary of \$500 per year—Total \$2,000.

Said motion, being put, is lost, 2 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lamphier, Hawkins—2.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Crosby, O'Donnell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Creighton—12

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the item "Collector and 4 sub-collectors (as in Estimates), \$4000," do pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening. Motion put and lost.

1st Clerk in Collector's office.....\$800 00

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the salary of this official be fixed at \$700 per year. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Crosby, O'Donnell,
Martin—3.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Robertson, Campbell,
Barry, Lamphier,
Ryan, Chisholm,
Rogers, Creighton—10.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this item \$800 do pass. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against. Names being taken, there appeared :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Robertson, Campbell,
Lamphier, Ryan, Chisholm,
Rogers, Creighton—9.

Aldermen Barry, Crosby,
O'Donnell, Martin—4.

2nd Clerk in Collector's office.....\$700.00

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this item be made \$650.00.

Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Barry, Crosby,
O'Donnell, Chisholm,
Martin—5.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Robertson, Campbell,
Lamphier, Ryan, Rogers,
Creighton, Hawkins—9.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the item \$700 do pass. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration of the last three items, viz: Salaries of City Collector, 1st Clerk in Collector's office, 2nd Clerk in Collector's office.

3rd Clerk in Collector's office.....\$700.00

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that this item do pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this salary be placed at \$650.00.

Said amendment is put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being taken there appeared :

For the amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Barry, Crosby, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin—5.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Lamphier, Ryan, Rogers, Creighton, Hawkins—9.

The original motion (\$700) is now put and passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

City Assessor.....\$1200 00 passed.
2 Assistant Assessors \$1000 each..... 2000.00

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Assistant Assessor Cairns' salary be \$1,000 per year. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the salary of Assistant Assessor Stevens be \$800 per year. Motion lost. Item \$1000 passed—4 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening. Motion lost.

Registrar of Voters.....\$200.00

Moved by Alderman Crosby, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this item be struck from the Estimates. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Barry, Crosby, Lamphier, O'Donnell, Martin—5.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Robertson, Campbell, Ryan, Rogers, Creighton—7.

Item—Registrar of Voters.....\$200.00. Passed.
Janitor City Hall..... 800.00 “
City Medical Officer\$1,000.00

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Aldermen Lamphier, that the salary of the City Medical Officer be reduced to \$600.00. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Lamphier,
Hawkins—2.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Robertson, Campbell,
Barry, Crosby, O'Donnell,
Ryan, Martin, Rogers,
Creighton—11.

Item—City Medical Officer.....\$1000.00. Passed.

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Aldermen Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Creighton,
that the Council do now adjourn. Motion lost.

Secretary Board of Health.....\$420.00. Passed.

Clerk of Works Department.....\$1000.00

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell,
that the salary of the Clerk of Works Department be \$1100.00.
Motion passed, 10 voting for the same and 2 against it. Names being
called for there appeared.

For the Motion.

Aldermen Archibald, Barry, Crosby,
Lamphier, O'Donnell,
Ryan, Martin, Rogers,
Creighton, Hawkins—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert,
Robertson—2

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins,
that the Council adjourn till 8 o'clock this evening. Motion lost.

Stenographer\$ 550.00. Passed.

Superintendent of Streets and Sewers 1000.00. “

Superintendent of Water Department 1200.00. “

Water Inspector..... 676.00. “

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration in the matter
of the salary of Water Inspector.

License Inspector.....\$1000.00

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Aldermen Ryan, that
this item do now pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman
Hawkins, that the salary of the License Inspector be placed at
\$800. Said amendment, being put, is lost, 3 voting for the same and
9 against it.

Names being called, there appeared as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lamphier, O'Donnell,
Hawkins—3

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Creighton,
Robertson, Barry,
Crosby, Ryan, Martin,
Rogers, Creighton—9.

The motion to fix the salary of License Inspector at \$1,000 is now put and passed.

Librarian Citizens' Free Library	\$ 450 00	Passed.
Assistant Librarian.....	300 00	"
2nd Assistant Librarian	200 00	"
Plumbing Inspector.....	800 00	"
Electrician	1000 00	"
Foreman City Works Shops.....	700 00	"

Total amount salaries.....	\$33996 00	"
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LESS:

Charged to Water Department:

Asst. City Engineer.....	\$1400 00	"
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	700 00	"
Superintendent Water Dept.	1200 00	"
Water Inspector	676 00	"
Foreman City Workshop	700 00	"
Total	4676 00	"

Charged to Sewerage:

Clerk Department of Works....	1100 00	"
Stenographer " "	550 00	"
Half salary Supt. of Streets....	500 00	"
3rd Clerk Collector's Office	700 00	"
Total	2850 00	"

Charged to various appropriations:

License Inspector (License Fund)	1000 00	"
Librarian and Asst. Librarians (Library)	950 00	"
Secretary and Inspector Board of Health (Board of Health)..	1220 00	"
Half salary Supt. Streets and Sewers (Streets)	500 00	"
Total	3670 00	"

\$22,800 00

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Martin, that this Council adjourn till 8 o'clock this evening. Motion passed.

EVENING SESSION.

8 o'clock p. m.

Council resumes business pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Aldermen MacIlreith, Deputy-Mayor, Archibald, Geldert, Robertson, Campbell, Barry, Crosby, O'Donnell, Lamphier, Chisholm, Rogers, Martin, Creighton and Hawkins.

The consideration of the Estimates is continued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and Men.....\$30,460.00

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the salary of the Chief of Police be placed at \$1000, and that the salary of the Deputy-Chief by \$750.00 per year. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier, O'Donnell,
Hawkins—3.

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald,
Robertson, Crosby,
Chisholm, Martin, Barry,
Rogers, Creighton—9.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Crosby, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the pay of the policemen be increased to \$600, that the Sergeants of the Police Force receive \$700, that the salary of the Detective be increased by \$50.00, making an increase in the appropriation for Police Service of \$2200.

Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 4 against it.

Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Robertson,
Barry, Crosby, O'Don-
nell, Martin, Rogers,
Hawkins—8.

Aldermen Geldert, Lamphier,
Chisholm, Creighton,
—4.

Alderman Chisholm gives notice of reconsideration.

The Deputy-Mayor rules that it would be useless to place the additional amount in the Estimates as it might affect the assessment, the salaries of the Police Force being fixed by law. The item Chief of Police and men, \$30,460.00 is now put and passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	\$1200 00	Passed
Underkeepers and Officials	2144 00	"
Maintenance	2556 00	"
Total	\$5900 00	"

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS,

Streets	\$25000 00	Passed.
Internal Health	14000 00	"
Teams and Stables	4500 00	"
Fuel	850 00	"
Telephones	238 00	"
Lighting City Hall	725 00	"
Lighting Streets	18500 00	"
Insurance	800 00	"
City Property	2000 00	"
Total	\$66613 00	"

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance	\$30000 00	Passed
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery	\$2500 00
Interest on Commutation Fund (Common Lots)	330 54

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this item be struck from the Estimates. Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said item \$330 54, for Interest on Commutation Fund (Common Lots), do pass. Motion passed.

Contingent

\$3000 00.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the item be placed at \$2000 00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the appropriation for the Contingent Account be \$1000 00.

Said amendment on being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lamphier, O'Donnell,
Chisholm, Creighton,
Hawkins—5

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Robertson,
Campbell, Barry, Crosby,
Martin, Rogers—7.

The motion placing the amount for Contingent Account at \$2000 is now put and passed.

Revising and Printing Jury Lists....\$300.00. Passed.

Total \$160903 54

LESS :

Probable Income.

Liquor Licenses.....	\$14000 00	
Hacks, Trucks and other licenses.....	2500 00	
Fines and Fees, Police and City Courts.....	5000 00	
Rents City Property.....	2000 00	
Dog Tax.....	1250 00	
Current interest.....	2000 00	
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.....	5000 00	
		\$31750 00

Total General Assessment..... \$129153 54 Passed.

EXTRA ASSESSMENT.

County of Halifax\$10,000 00

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this item be reduced to \$9000.00.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Barry, Lamphier,
O'Donnell, Hawkins—4.

Aldermen Archibald, Robertson,
Campbell, Crosby,
Chisholm, Martin, Rogers,
Creighton—8.

On motion this item is placed at...\$ 10000 00

Public Schools.....	103500 00	Passed.
Interest on advance to Public Schools.....	3000 00	"
Poor's Asylum.....	24300 00	"
Public Gardens and Common.....	5000 00	"
Point Pleasant Park.....	2500 00	"
Citizens' Library.....	2500 00	"
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue....	750 00	"
School for Blind, 13 pupils at \$75...	975 00	"
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 10 pupils @ \$75 each.....	750 00	"
Industrial School for Boys.....	1000 00	"
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys..	1600 00	"
Truants under Compulsory Act.....	1500 00	"
Infants' Home, Tower Road.....	300 00	"
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street...	300 00	"

Protestant Home for Girls.....	300 00	Passed.
Roman Catholic Home for Girls	600 00	"
Camp Hill Cemetery.....	500 00	"
Dalhousie University	500 00	"
County Rifle Association	1 00	"
Victoria School of Art and Design ..	500 00	"
Board of Health.....	5500 00	"
Court of Appeal from Assessment... ..	300 00	"
One-half subsidy of Dry Dock	5000 00	"
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Total.....	\$171176 00	"

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

1/15th loan \$15,000, 10th year (Sink- ing Fund).....	\$ 1000 00	
Interest 1 year on \$15,000, at 4½ p.c.	675 00	
Fourth payment on loan of \$10,859 for various purposes	2000 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid, at 4 p.c.	120 00	
Fourth payment on Loan for Public Baths (\$8,000).....	800 60	
Interest on balance of same unpaid, at 4 p.c.	208 00	
Third payment on Loan for Library, etc. (\$3,000).....	1000 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid, at 4 p.c.	20 00	
Second payment on Loan for Deficit Prov'l Exhibition, etc. (\$11,500)	2500 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid. at 4 p.c.	370 00	
First payment on Loan to Purchase Hose (\$2,200).....	550 00	
Interest on same, 1½ years at 4 p.c. .	121 00	
First payment on Loan Duke of Cornwall (\$3,000)	500 00	
Interest on same, 1½ years, at 4 p.c. .	170 00	
First payment on Loan for Deficit Provincial Exhibition (\$3,300)..	550 00	
Interest on same, 1½ years, at 4 p.c..	121 00	
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Total	10705 00	Passed

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Old Sewerage Debentures, \$30,000, at 6 p.c.	\$ 1800 00	Passed.
Less estimated reduction	500 00	"
	<u>1300 00</u>	
City Hall Debentures, \$50,000, at 4½ p.c.	2125 00	
	<u>3425 00</u>	"

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

\$ 805,000, at 5 p.c.	40250 00	"
1,143,700, at 4½ "	51466 50	"
971,390, at 4 "	38855 60	"
67,000, at 3½ "	2345 00	"
60,000, at 4 " 47 days	309 04	"
	<u>133226 14</u>	

Less

Charged to Water Department:

\$153,000, at 5 p.c.	\$ 7650 00	
679,600, at 4½ "	30582 00	
214,000, at 4 "	8560 00	
10,000, at 3½ "	350 00	
	<u>47142 00</u>	
Total	<u>86084 14</u>	Passed.

SINKING FUNDS.

Sinking Fund for Special Loan (\$100,000) Acts 1882	3000 00	"
Sinking Fund, under Chapter 27, Acts 1896	3000 00	"
Sinking Fund, under Chapter 65, Acts 1898	200 00	"
Total	<u>6200 00</u>	"

Grand total	406743 68
Add one per cent. for short collection	4068 32
	<u>410812 00</u>
Less this amount from Unexpended Balances...	5000 00
Total Assessment	<u>\$405,812 00</u>

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the General and Ordinary City Assessment, amounting to \$129,153 54, and the Extra Assessment, amounting \$281,658 46, as per the yearly

Estimates for 1902-1903, less \$5000 00 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, be confirmed and now do pass and that the inhabitants and the property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$405,812 00 ;

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimate, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st December, inst., and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1903, on the basis of the said amount of \$405,812 00.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Robertson and passed.

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Alderman McCreith, Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts, for the able manner in which he presented before this meeting the financial affairs of the City, and that his address on bringing down the Estimates be printed and a copy furnished each Alderman. Motion passed.

Read report of Charities' Committee for the month of November :

POOR'S ASYLUM, Halifax, N. S., December 4th, 1901.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$3,020.74 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Superintendent's report for November shows that during the month there 37 admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 3 born, 13 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted, 16 were chargeable to the province and 21 to the city. Total number of inmates, November 30th, was 349, made up of 206 men, 139 women and 4 children.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amount of accounts mentioned therein.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell and passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners recommending sundry accounts for payment.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 30th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to recommend the following accounts for payment, viz. :

Robert Horner, horseshoeing, \$23 42 ; McDonald & Co., repairing S. F. E. Victoria, \$576.50 ; McDonald & Co., repairing S. F. E. No. 5, \$80.48 ; John Starr, Son & Co., gravity jars, \$2.40, wire, \$4.25—\$6.65 ; Crowell Bros., rope, etc., \$16.50 ; G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$2.85 ; John F. Kelly, sett of reins, \$3 75 ; T. C. Allen & Co., running cards, \$12 00 ; David Power horseshoeing in November, \$8.00 ; John O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$10.75. Total \$740.90.

P. F. MARTIN,
A. C. HAWKINS,
D. H. CAMPBELL,
A. J. CROSBY.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein mentioned.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 11.55 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION,

8 o'clock p. m.

JANUARY 24TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Crosby, Creighton, Rogers, Lamphier, Robertson and Archibald.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the time for meeting be extended till 8.30 o'clock.

Motion passed.

8.30 roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Barry, MacIlreith, O'Donnell, Martin, Ryan and Chisholm.

The Council was summoned to receive the returns of the bye-elections for Wards Nos. 3 and 6, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

Alderman O'Donnell, Chairman, submits a report from the Charities Committee

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits a report from the special committee on civic taxation.

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Alderman MacIlreith submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Rogers, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from Chas. E. Mott in re Sewerage rates.

Report special committee relative to the construction of hospital in connection with Poors' Asylum.

Report Board of Fire Commissioners re Accounts.

Applications of Abner Hart, W. F. Cotter, W. W. McLellan, W. E. Messervey, and H. H. Banks, for the position of License Inspector.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re the appointment of License Inspector.

Letter King & Barss re damages alleged to have been sustained by Dr. Fitch through overflow of drain on Spring Garden Road.

Letter H. McC. Hart relative to the railway crossing in connection with the Cold Storage warehouse.

Letter from City Works Commission, covering a report from the City Engineer, recommending that a fund be created to provide for the purchase of material, breaking of stone and urgent repairs required on streets.

Letter City Works Commission, covering report of the City Engineer re purchase of new steam roller.

Letter City Works Commission, covering petition of laboring men, asking that the City provide them with work during the winter months.

Application of Robert Cook for the position of Hay Weigher.

Mrs. Reilly's claim for extra work performed by her late husband.

Letter from W. H. Wiswell, County Clerk, covering letter from A. Bleu re census matters.

Letter from Halifax Coal Co., re building of sheds at foot of Morris street
Petition of J. L. Archibald and others for an electric light corner of Edward
street and Coburg road.

Letter Col. Evans, 2nd C. M. R., acknowledging the receipt of copies of some
songs composed and presented by C. T. Lewis.

City Clerk's return of bye-elections for Wards Nos. 3 and 6.

City Collector's returns of rates and water rates for the months of November
and December.

City Treasurer's cash statements General and Water for the months of
November and December.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that
the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted.
Motion passed.

Read return of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of
Thomas Spry, and declaring him to be the only candidate nominated
for the office of alderman for Ward No. 3, at the election held 17th
January, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declares Thomas Spry duly elected an
alderman for Ward 3 of the City of Halifax.

Read returns of the City Clerk, covering the nomination papers of
James Adams and declaring him to be the only candidate nominated
for alderman for Ward No. 6, at the election held 17th January, inst.

His Worship the Mayor declares James Adams duly elected an
alderman for Ward No. 6 of the City of Halifax,

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that
the order of the day be further suspended to swear the aldermen elect
into office. Motion passed.

Thomas Spry and James Adams having taken the oath of qualifi-
cation, the oath of office of alderman, the oath of Justice of the Peace
and the oath of allegiance, sign the roll of Aldermen and then take
their seats in the Council.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Spry as a member
of the Public Accounts, Library, Tenders, Laws and Privileges, Board
of Trade, joint Committee on Taxation, Special Committee to confer
with the Board of Trade re Fire Insurance Rates, and Committee on
Civic Taxation, vice Alderman Halliday resigned.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Adams to fill the
vacancies on the committees caused by the death of Alderman Mosher,
viz: Point Pleasant Park, City Works Commission, Public Accounts,
City Prison, Laws and Privileges, Board of Trade, joint Committee on
Taxation, Commercial Committee, Steel Shipbuilding Commission and
Civic Taxation.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Crosby, that
said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Tenders on printing list of voters.

PRINTING LISTS OF VOTERS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 16th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting held this afternoon, present Aldermen Hawkins. (Chairman) O'Donnell, Campbell and Chisholm, tenders for printing the List of Voters for the City of Halifax for the year 1902 revision, were opened as follows :

T. C. Allen & Co	1½	cent per name.
Halifax Herald	1½	“ “
J. Burgoyne	1¾	“ “
Holloway Bros	1½	“ “
The Maritime Homestead	95	cents per 100 names.

Your committee beg to recommend that the tender of the Halifax Herald be accepted.

Your committee are pleased to be able to report that whereas the cost of printing the lists last year was \$305.61, the Registrar of Voters has by securing the rates above tendered reduced the cost this year to about \$100, thereby effecting a saving of about \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from King & Barss, in re alleged damages sustained by Dr. Fitch through defective sewer on Spring Garden road.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read return of Coal Measurers for the month of November. Filed.

Read resolution passed by the City Health Board re duties of City Medical Officer in connection with small-pox hospital.

IN RE CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD,

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17th, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday I was instructed to forward you the enclosed copies of resolutions for your information and that of the Council.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. WAITERS,
Secretary C. H. B.

Copies of resolutions attached.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD,

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17th, 1901.

[EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY HEALTH BOARD, HELD SEPT. 25TH, 1901.]

Read an opinion of His Honor the Recorder relating to the Duties of the City Medical Officer, as follows :

"In answer to your letter enquiring whether the City Medical Officer is bound to attend the small-pox patients in the Small-pox Hospital, that officer, as well as all the health officers of the City, are under the control and orders of the Board, and if they direct him to attend patients in the hospital he is bound to do so.

He is also, by section 559, bound to perform the services now or formerly performed by the City Medical Officer and the Surgeon of the City Prison. The former duties of the City Medical Officer required him to attend to all small-pox patients, and the same duty devolves upon the present officer. There are other duties required to be performed by the City Medical Officer outside of that, such as attending the sick at the Poores' Asylum, City Prison and Sanitary matters. Whether it would be in the best interest of the City to permit him to attend to these duties, or employ another officer, is entirely at the decision of the Board. If the Board decides to require the City Medical Officer to attend and be quarantined at the Small-pox Hospital, it will be well for the chairman of your Board to consult with the Mayor as regards obtaining an Assistant Medical Officer to attend to these outside duties; but the matter is entirely in the hands of the Board, and they have full and ample power to take all steps necessary for the suppression of any infectious or contagious disease."

Moved by Dr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. Neal, that the City Medical Officer be requested to attend all patients at the Small-pox Hospital, and to remain at the hospital until the quarantine is raised. Motion passed. Alderman Crosby dissenting.

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY HEALTH BOARD HELD
SEPT. 26TH, 1901.

Dr. Trenaman, City Medical Officer, stated that he had procured Dr. Purcell to attend the sick at the Small-pox Hospital, and that he was prepared to go at once.

Moved by Dr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. Neal, that Dr. Purcell's services be accepted, on condition that he be paid by the City Medical Officer. Motion passed. Alderman Crosby dissenting.

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that it be taken up with a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges on same matter. Motion passed.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee in re account of Dr. J. M. Purcell and the duties of the City Medical Officer in connection with cases of contagious diseases.

IN RE CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

COMMITTEE ROOM, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., Jan. 23rd, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges have had under consideration account of Dr. J. M. Purcell for \$200 for services as resident physician at the Small-pox Hospital, and also a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Health, enclosing a resolution by that body and bearing on the appointment of Dr. Purcell, together with an opinion of His Honor the Recorder thereon, all of which papers are hereto annexed.

After hearing Dr. Trenaman, your Committee find that the duties of the City Medical Officer are defined by Section 559 of the City Charter. Among other things he is required to perform the services now or formerly performed by the

City Medical Officer and of the Surgeon of the City Prison. It appears that the previous incumbent of the office, Dr. Lawson, attended the Small-pox Hospital, and under the law as it stood at that time was also able to perform the other duties attached to his office. In 1891 the City Health Board passed a rule which required the physician in attendance at the Hospital to be quarantined there, which rule would make it quite impossible for an officer to attend to the other duties required of him by the Charter to be performed. This would make it necessary in order that the City Medical Officer should perform all the duties at the present time laid down by the Charter to either go into quarantine himself at the Small-pox Hospital and engage a medical man to perform the other numerous duties which he is required to do outside of that institution, or on the other hand, to follow the course which Dr. Trenaman has followed on this occasion of sending a medical man to the Small-pox Hospital and attending to the outside duties himself. Under the Charter as it stood in 1876 the salary of the officer was fixed at a sum not less than \$600 and not exceeding \$1,000. Dr. Trenaman was appointed at a salary of \$1,000 and there appears to be no record of the duties which he should perform other than as laid down in the Charter. As the present state of affairs in this department has been brought about by circumstances over which Dr. Trenaman has had no control, namely: a resolution of the Board of Health which makes it impossible for him to act as physician at the Small-pox Hospital, and also to perform the duties outside—if it were physically possible for one man to perform them, your Committee feel that it would be unfair and not within the spirit of the Charter to require him to pay for the services of the physician now resident at the Small-pox Hospital. It may be further pointed out that by section 562 of the Charter the only case where the City Medical Officer is required to pay for the fees of another medical practitioner is where owing to his absence from the City without leave or neglect or other misconduct on his part it is necessary to call in such medical practitioner. As the law stands at present the City Medical Officer appears to be under the absolute control of the Board of Health and it is a question whether or not such control should not be vested in the City Council he being an officer appointed by that body.

Your committee would recommend:

1st. That Dr. Purcell's bill for services be paid by the City, and as this extra expenditure has been made necessary owing to the presence of small-pox in the city, the Board of Health having the power to ask for funds in the case of epidemics, should ask for the necessary funds to pay it, the Council having no fund so far as your committee knows to draw upon.

2nd. That as the committee feels that the salary of the C. M. O. was fixed at \$1000, apparently with the expectation of his being able to attend to small-pox cases, his duties should be referred to a committee of Council to revise the same, and the clause requiring him to attend small-pox cases should be dropped and his salary reduced to a sum of about \$500 which would be sufficient salary for the services he would then be called upon to render.

3. That when small-pox or any other epidemic should break out the Board of Health should employ a special physician to attend to the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. MACLLREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Macllreith, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against. Names being called for, there appeared:—

<p>For the motion.</p> <p>Aldermen Macllreith, Spry, Crosby, Lamphier, O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin, Rogers. Adams—9,</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Archibald, Robertson Campbell, Barry, Chisholm—5,</p>
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Read report of Charities Committee for the month of December :

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, January 8th, 1902.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2395.19, and to construction for \$21 95 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

The superintendent's report for December shows that during the month there were 40 persons admitted into the Poores' Asylum—6 born, 2 died, and 23 discharged.

Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province and 32 to the City. Total number of inmates December 31st was 368, made up of 218 men, 141 women, and 9 children.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign warrants for the payment of the amount of the accounts mentioned therein.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Barry, and passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Commissioners, recommending sundry accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

24th January, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to submit the following accounts for payment : Melvin & Co., hardware, \$5 25 ; T. C. Allen & Co., cards, \$12 ; Nickerson Bros., carpenters' work, \$36 ; H. Schaefer & Sons, supplies, \$1 70 ; John Starr & Son, electrical supplies, \$11 84, \$3 and \$2 40—\$17 24 ; Poor's Asylum, wood, \$27 50 ; N. S. Telephone Co., 1 pole, \$16 ; J. E. Myers, plumbing work, West Street, \$1 35, Queen street, \$3 30, Central, \$5 25, Chemical, \$2 45—total \$12 35 ; W. B. Arthur, 40 cents ; Thos Forhan & Co. repairing ensign, \$1 ; Canada General Electric Co, clay tubes, 20 cents ; J. E. M. Taylor, glazing, \$5 70 ; Halifax Electric Tram Co, West Street, \$20 21, Quinpool Road, \$27 99 ; Neil Fox, harness work, \$4 90. Total \$238 42.

P. F. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the amounts therein contained.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Crosby, and passed.

Read application of Robert Cook for the position of Hay Weigher at Kempt Road.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Robert Cook be appointed Weigher of the scales on Kempt Road. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Taxation in re Dominion and Nova Scotia Governments contributing towards the maintenance of the Civic Government.

GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO CITY TAXES.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 13th, 1901.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Civic Taxation beg to recommend that they be authorised to enter into communication with the Dominion and Nova Scotia Governments with the view of obtaining from them some contribution towards the maintenance of the Civic Government in return for the various municipal services from which the said Governments now enjoy benefits free from taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers seconded by Alderman Crosby, that the request contained in said report be granted. Motion passed.

Read report of the Committee on Public Accounts in re account of Johnstone and Davies, for services rendered as arbitrators in the matter of Fenwick Street widening, and also recommending that sundry accounts be paid.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

CITY HALL, January 23, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they have considered the accounts of R. M. Johnstone and Wm. Davies for services in re arbitration Fenwick St. The arbitrators claim \$20 each. The law in regard to arbitrators fees fixes the amount at \$6 for each lot appraised. In this case there were two lots appraised, entitling the arbitrators to \$12 each; but in addition to the ordinary duties of appraising the duty devolved upon the arbitrators to make an award apportioning among the heirs the amount to be paid each, and these services necessitated the holding of several meetings subsequent to the finding in regard to the value of the properties. The Committee recommend that the arbitrators be paid the sum of \$12 each, and also that if it can be legally done that they be paid for the additional services imposed upon them the further sum of \$8.00. The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Acadian Recorder subscription to Dec. 31, '02, \$5 00; Acadian Recorder advertising to Dec. 23, '01, \$10 27; Halifax Herald, printing List of Voters, \$112 45; London Rubber Stamp Co, stamp, \$1 75.

T. C. Allen & Co, printing, stationery, &c:—City Clerk, Nov, \$24 95; Dec., \$4 40—29 35; City Assessor, Nov., \$7 30; City Auditor, Dec, \$13 80; City Treasurer, Dec., \$1 45; City Recorder, Nov., \$1.50; City Collector, Nov., \$16 65; Dec. \$5; \$21 65 \$75 10—Total, \$204 57.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that said report be adopted. Motion passed, 8 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called, there appeared:—

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Robertson,
MacIlreith, Campbell,
Spry, Crosby, Lamphier,
Adams—8.

Aldermen Barry, O'Donnell,
Martin—3.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Halifax, N. S., Jan. 15th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report on the several matters referred to them as follows :

EXPROPRIATION OF GRAHAM PROPERTY QUINPOOL ROAD.

Your Committee have investigated this case and find that Mrs. Graham's complaint arose through the negligence of one of the solicitors conducting the matter; but that the case had been settled about three months ago by payment to Mrs. Graham of the amount due her.

NOISE MADE BY VEHICLES.

The Board of Trade petitioned the Council to take steps to minimise the noise made by vehicles, and the petition was referred to this Committee. Your Committee beg to report that this is a matter which comes more properly within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Cabs, and recommend that it be referred to them.

R. N. McDONALD'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Your Committee's former report on this matter was referred back to ascertain if there had been any delay on the part of the city officials after Mr. McDonald had complained of the leak into his cellar from a City water pipe. The Committee heard the evidence of Mr. McDonald and of the City Engineer and the foreman and a sub-foreman of water works on this point, and find that there was no undue delay.

There were two causes giving color to the charge of delay; but as to neither were the officials to blame.

First—That Mr. McDonald did not report the matter at the City Hall where it could be entered on the report book; and

Second—That after the cause of the overflow was remedied another pipe burst and Mr. McDonald's premises were again overflowed.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. McDonald said he did not dispute the dates given by the officials.

The Committee recommend the adoption of their former report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MACILREITH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee, recommending sundry accounts for payment.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, January 21st, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts :

Arthur Fordham, shoe findings, \$12 81; J. F. Kelly, harness work, \$6 10; W. J. Power, dry goods, \$9 10; D. J. McIntosh, horse shoeing, \$10; J. A. Leaman & Co, oxheads, \$9; T. Major & Sons, groceries, \$33; Moir, Son & Co, bread, etc., \$13 24; Mumford Bros, poultry, \$10 80; George Rent, stove fittings, \$17 54. Total, \$121 59.

Respectfully submitted,

W. STETSON ROGERS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts therein recommended.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, and passed.

Read Letter from Charles E. Mott, in re Sewerage rates.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Crosby, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from H. McC. Hart, relative to railway crossing to proposed Cold Storage Plant, Upper Water Street.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 34 on Order Paper, viz: "Letter H. McC. Hart, re Railway Siding on Upper Water Street, to proposed Cold Storage property," be now taken up. Motion passed. The same is now read.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved,—That the request of the Cold Storage Co. for permission to lay a track across Upper Water street from the I. C. R. track to the premises of the said company be granted on the condition that said track shall not pass in front of any private property other than that of the said company; that it shall be laid and paved to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and free of expense to the city.

Further Resolved,—That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation for the giving effect to this resolution.

Further Resolved,—That in order to avail itself of this resolution the said company must have its buildings erected and be in operation as a going concern within nine months from this date.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Robertson

Read petition of Penny and others, submitted to Council August 16th, 1900, against the laying of the said siding.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the matter lay on the table till such time as the property owners will have an opportunity to appear before the Council.

Said amendment is put and lost.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Alderman Chisholm gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report of Special Committee relative to the construction of hospital at the Poor's Asylum grounds.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, JANUARY 24th, 1902.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition in relation to the Hospital being fitted up in connection with the Pooors' Asylum beg to report as follows:

The Committee met at the Pooors' Asylum on Friday, January 17th.

There were present Aldermen Mitchell, Campbell, Creighton and Geldert.

On motion, Ald. Geldert was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to inspect the proposed Hospital building and found the work in an advanced state.

On returning to the Committee room at the Asylum, Mr. Dow, Superintendent of the Asylum, was heard.

Mr. Dow stated that there is no vacant room in the Asylum building except in summer and that persons afflicted with consumption, cancer and other diseases of an offensive or objectionable character must be placed in the same wards with other inmates.

He admitted, however, that the number of such cases is small and that at the time the Committee met there was not a single case in the Asylum requiring to be so separated.

It appeared also that in one ward of the Asylum where there were formerly 53 inmates there are now at the present time only 26.

In view of the latter fact and especially in view of the fact that the number of inmates afflicted with diseases of the character mentioned and requiring to be separated from other inmates is at no time large the Committee are of the opinion that the expenditure involved in fitting up a separate building for the accommodation of such cases was unnecessary, and that ample provision could have been made in the present building for the cases referred to.

The Committee are further of the opinion that in view of objections raised by residents and property owners in the neighborhood the work in connection with the proposed hospital should not have been proceeded with until after opportunity had been afforded for enquiry and report.

The Committee are further of the opinion that if it had been shown after enquiry that additional accommodation was required in connection with the Asylum for cases of the character mentioned it would have been much better in the interests of the institution and of the persons requiring to be separated from other inmates that the required accommodation should have been provided either by the erection of a suitable addition to the present building, or by fitting up the outside building intended to be used as a hospital for the accommodation of officials who now occupy a considerable amount of space in the Asylum, either of which courses would have avoided the objections raised to the proposed hospital.

The Committee are strongly of the opinion that the policy adopted by the Charities Committee of extending the Asylum in the way they have done is an objectionable one and is likely to lead to further extensions of a similar character.

They are further of the opinion that the building in course of alteration is not likely to prove satisfactory for the purpose for which it is intended and they would recommend in view of the expense already incurred that an effort be made to use the building for the accommodation of officials and that any cases requiring separation be provided for within the walls of the main building.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

Objected to by Aldermen O'Donnell, Ryan and Chisholm, and placed on the Order Paper.

Moved by Alderman MacIlreith, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the work be stopped until the report is dealt with.

Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, MacIlreith,
Campbell, Spry,
Crosby—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Archibald, Robertson,
Barry, Lamphier,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
Chisholm, Martin, Rogers
Creighton, Adams—11.

Read report of the City Works Commission, covering a report of the City Engineer in re providing a fund for the carrying on of work in the month of April.

STREET WORK AND BREAKING STONE.

January 23, 1902.

The City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The City Works Commission, at a meeting of the 16th instant, considered the accompanying report of the City Engineer which recommends

that a fund be created to provide for the purchase of material, breaking of stone and urgent repairs required on streets towards the end of the civic year when appropriations are exhausted, and decided to forward said report to the Council, with a recommendation that the same be adopted.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 16th, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The Works Department are embarrassed each year by lack of funds during the winter and early spring. The working season closes about the first of December, and as long as there is money in the appropriation it is impossible to retain the amount required to provide material for next season's work and commence repairs as soon as the frost is out of the ground. There is so much work to be done, and so small an appropriation to do it with, the fund is exhausted by the time the cold weather comes. It is necessary to provide the quantity of broken stone required for the season's work before the beginning of the civic year. In the past, part of the money for this work has been provided by the Poor Association by borrowing at the bank. The remainder has been taken from the Permanent Pavement Appropriation. The Permanent Pavement is about exhausted, and I would recommend that in order to provide funds for the purchase of material, breaking of stone and urgent repairs required in the month of April, a fund be created by borrowing \$5000.00 to be repaid in ten annual instalments, the annual payment and interest to be taken from the street appropriation each year so that there will be no increase in the assessment; that the fund shall be placed on deposit in a chartered bank, and that no money shall be drawn from it except between the first of January and the first of May in each year, and that the amount used during that time shall be repaid from the street appropriation not later than the first of September in each year so that there shall always be at the first of September in each year not less than \$5000.00 to the credit of the fund. Further, that the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act in accordance with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Report of the City Works Commission re purchase of a new steam roller.

STEAM ROLLER.

HALIFAX, N.S., January 23, 1901.

The City Council :

Gentlemen,—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer recommending the purchase of an Aveling & Porter Steam Roller, and suggesting that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act empowering the City Council to obtain the sum required (\$3,000.00) to be repaid in six annual instalments. The payments, with interest, to be taken from the Street Appropriation each year.

The City Works Commission, at a meeting held on the 16th inst., decided to forward said report to the Council with a recommendation that the same be adopted.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Jan. 16th, 1902.

His Worship The Mayor :

Sir,—about a year ago the Council had before them a communication from Hugh Cameron, representing the Waterous Engine Company, offering to sell to the City a Buffalo-Pitts roller for \$5,500. It was decided at that time to ascertain the cost of other rollers before purchasing. A tender has been received from the makers of the roller which we have been using for the last ten years which would make the cost delivered in Halifax about \$3,000.

As stated in reporting on the other tender, I have no hesitation in saying that the work to be performed each year cannot be overtaken by one roller. The rolling is only partially done and in many cases is unsatisfactory, as it is not always practicable to do the street work at such a time that the roller is available. As soon as each work is done stones placed on the street, especially along the car track, are often knocked about for some time before the surface can be compacted. The work during the first part of the season, after the frost comes out of the ground, requires two rollers to perform it satisfactorily. Every street which has been affected by the frost should be re-rolled, and it is obvious that with our great mileage of streets one roller cannot overtake it. If streets which have been upheaved by frost are rolled as soon as the frost comes out of the ground they do not require repairs provided there is sufficient wearing material on them and one day's rolling saves the expenditure of hundreds of dollars. While we should not keep two rollers in service during the whole season with our present street appropriation there is no question that a great saving would be effected by having a second roller available when required.

The Aveling & Porter roller has proved itself to be a first-class machine and a compound roller, with all latest improvements, can be landed in Halifax for \$500 less than the Buffalo-Pitts roller.

I would recommend that the City Works Commission be authorized to make arrangements for the purchase of a roller and that the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act empowering the Council to obtain the sum required (\$5,000), to be repaid in six annual instalments; the payments, with interest, to be taken from the street appropriation each year. There would thus be no increase in the assessment and the amount taken each year from the street appropriation would be returned in the better value of work done and the increased amount.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman MacIlreith that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Works Commission, covering petition from the laboring men asking that the City provide them with work during the winter months.

EMPLOYMENT OF LABOREES IN WINTER.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 23rd, 1901.

The City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The accompanying petition, signed by a number of working men of the City, asking that employment be provided for them during the winter months, was read at a meeting of the City Works Commission, held on the 16th inst., when it was decided to forward the same to the Council.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced.

Whereas there is a great number of men out of employment throughout the City, and no prospect of anything to do;

And Whereas there is a great deal of rock work that can be done as cheap, if not cheaper, in the winter months than it can be in the summer;

Therefore resolved, That the Engineer be instructed to carry the sewer and water through Yale, Yukon and Beech streets.

And further, that the Engineer be instructed to carry no sewer deeper than seven feet to the invert.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Lamphier.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the whole matter be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell has leave of Council to introduce the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Council instruct the Engineer to prepare an estimated cost with plan if necessary to repair the Common sewer and give his opinion as to whether it would be cheaper to build a duplicate sewer to relieve the present sewer.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Lamphier. On motion, the same is referred to the City Works Commission for report.

Alderman Crosby has leave to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an Ordinance or an Act if necessary to prevent men sailing under a foreign flag from doing work known to be dock laborers or long shore work.

Moved by Alderman Crosby, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the appointment of a License Inspector be now dealt with. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder re appointment of Inspector of Licenses.

APPOINTMENT ON INSPECTOR OF LICENSES.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Jan. 15, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR, —At the time the Act was passed last year, vacating the office of Inspector of License for this City, Mr. Banks held his office during good behaviour. By that act his office was vacated and the council empowered to appoint an Inspector "for the remainder of the current year" and the difficulty has been to ascertain what those words mean. If Mr. Banks has, previous to the passing of the Act, been appointed for a certain period, and his office had been vacated or those words had been used whoever was appointed to the position would have held it for the balance of the term of office; but that not being the case I can give no construction to the Act other than that the term of Mr. Bank's office expired on the 31st of the last month. I can give no other construction to the words "the remainder of the current year."

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Ryan that the same be adopted. Motion passed

Read applications of H. H. Banks, Abner Hart, W. F. Cotter, W. W. McLellan and W. E. Messervey for the position of Inspector of Licenses.

The Council now proceed to elect an Inspector of Licenses.

On the vote being taken, there appeared:—

1st Vote:—H. H. Banks, 7; W. W. McLellan, 1; W. F. Cotter, 3; W. E. Messervey, 3; A. Hart, 2.

2nd Vote:—H. H. Banks, 7; W. W. McLellan, 6; W. E. Messervey, 3.

3rd Vote:—H. H. Banks, 7; W. W. McLellan, 4; W. F. Cotter, 4; W. E. Messervey, 1.

4th Vote:—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. W. McLellan, 5 ; W. F. Cotter, 1 ; W. E. Messervey, 4.

5th Vote:—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. W. McLellan, 3 ; W. F. Cotter, 7.

6th Vote:—H. H. Banks, 6 ; W. W. McLellan, 6 ; W. F. Cotter, 1 ; W. E. Messervey, 3.

7th Vote:—H. H. Banks, 7 ; W. W. McLellan, 4 ; W. F. Cotter, 1 ; W. E. Messervey, 4.

8th Vote:—H. H. Banks, 9 ; W. W. McLellan, 5 ; W. E. Messervey, 2.

His Worship the Mayor declares H. H. Banks duly elected Inspector of Licenses for the City of Halifax.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 11.40 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 29TH, 1902.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, together with Aldermen Lamphier, Adams and Mitchell.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the time for meeting be extended till 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Robertson, Campbell, MacIlreith, Barry, Spry, Crosby, O'Donnell, Ryan, Rogers, Chisholm, Martin and Creighton.

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

Alderman MacIlreith, Chairman, submits a report from the Laws and Privileges Committee in re C. E. Mott's taxes.

Alderman Spry submits a petition of J. Penny & Sons and others against the construction of a railway siding across Upper Water Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report City Works Commission re work for laboring men during the winter and also as to the construction of sewers on Yale, Yukon and Beech Streets, also LeMarchant and Vernon Streets.

Report City Engineer re Water Construction Fund.

Report of His Honor the Recorder re suit Hart vs the City of Halifax.

On motion the Order of the Day is suspended to read the papers submitted, commencing with those left over from last meeting.

Read letter from Mrs. W. F. Reilly, claiming the sum of \$250 for alleged extra work performed by her late husband (W. F. Reilly) on Index Books.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Robertson, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from W. H. Wiswell, County Clerk and Treasurer, covering a letter from A. Blue, Special Census Commissioner, in re Census matters.

Moved by Alderman Robertson, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Halifax Coal Company re building of sheds foot of Morris Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of J. L. Archibald and others for an electric light at the corner of Edward Street and Coburg Road.

Moved by Alderman McIlreith, seconded by Alderman Barry, that the same be referred to the City Works Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Colonel Evans, commanding 2nd C. M. R., covering letter from C. T. Lewis in re copies of western songs presented by Mr. Lewis to the 2nd C. M. R. Filed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the months of November and December. Filed.

Read returns of City Collector of Rates and Water Rates collected during the months of November and December. Filed.

Read petition of J. Penny & Sons and others against railway crossing across Upper Water Street (Cold Storage Warehouse).

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that this matter be taken up with No. 1 on Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read report of City Works Commission on petition of laboring men for work and resolution of Alderman O'Donnell re Winter work on sewers, and covering report of City Engineer re work for sewer laborers.

WORK FOR SEWER LABORERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Jan. 29th, 1902.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution of council your commission beg to report on the accompanying petition from laboring men asking that the city provide employment for them during the winter months, also the resolution attached hereto with reference to sewer and water extension on Yale, Yukon and Beech Streets.

At a meeting of the City Works Commission held this day the City Engineer submitted the accompanying report declining to recommend that this work be carried out; but suggesting that in order to provide employment for the sewer laborers a sewer be constructed in LeMarchant Street, between South Street and Coburg Road. Your Commission beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 29, 1902.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from sewer laborers asking for employment during the winter, and the resolution of the City Council with reference to the construction of sewers and water extension through Yale, Yukon and Beech Streets.

The construction of a sewer in Beech Street is out of the question, as the fall of the street is towards Quinpool Road, and the elevation of Quinpool Road at its junction with Beech Street is 25 feet lower than the elevation opposite the Engine House. It will therefore be manifest that it is impossible to drain Beech Street into the present sewer system.

The property owners living on Yukon and Yale Streets have never petitioned for sewer construction, and it is not customary to construct sewers in any street until a majority of the property owners are in favor of it, except where the necessity is very urgent, the delay in construction would result in greater expense or the work is strongly recommended by the Board of Health. Neither of these conditions exists in these cases. While no surveys have been made of these two streets for sewer extension, it is probable that they would have to drain eastwardly and find an outlet through the proposed street which is not yet thrown open. Further, the construction of sewers in Yukon and Yale Streets