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CIVIC YEAR, 1905-6.

ROBERT T. MacILREITH, Esquire, Mayor.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 1st, 1905.

Robert T. MacIlreith, Esquire, having been on the 27th day of April, 1905, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1905-6, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the first day of May, inst., duly sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by taking and subscribing the oaths by law required, in the presence of Aldermen Archibald, Taylor, Hawkins, and Powell, Alderman-elect Murray, Mr. F. H. Bell and the City Clerk

And that upon the same day His Worship was duly sworn as a Justice of the Peace by the City Clerk.

L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, HALIFAX, N. S., May 1st, 1905.

Lewis Archibald for Ward No. One, Walter C. Murray for Ward No. Two, George A. Taylor for Ward No. Three, Andrew Hubley for Ward No. Four, William H. Cawsey for Ward No. Five, and Charles W. Hayward for Ward No. Six, having been on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1905, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, declared duly elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for three years ending April 30th, 1908, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Alderman they were severally duly sworn before His Worship the Mayor on the first day of May, 1905, by taking and subscribing the oaths of allegiance and qualification and oaths of office of Alderman and Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Aldermen.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 4th, 1905.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above hour. Present, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Archibald, Geldert, Johnson, Powell, Murray, Foster, Gastonguay, Taylor, Doyle, Lamphier, Hubley, Martin, Cawsey, Hawkins, MacKenzie and Hayward.

The meeting was called to appoint committees for 1905-6, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted :—

- Report Board of Fire Wards by Alderman Cawsey, Chairman.
- Report Commissioners of Common by Alderman Taylor.
- Annual Report Governor City Prison by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.
- Report Library Committee by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee for April by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :—

- Report Committee on Works re Monthly Accounts.
- Report City Engineer re Workmen's Wages.
- Report City Engineer re water extension Oakland Street.
- Report City Engineer re water extension North Street.
- Report Police Commission covering accounts.
- Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.
- Annual Report Salt and Grain Measurers for 1904-5.
- Report License Inspector covering applications for hotel liquor licenses.
- City Collector's cash statements for April.
- Application of Halifax Electric Tramway Company for permission to extend certain turnouts.
- Letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re place of meeting, 1905.
- Application for refund of liquor license deposit of Thomas Larder.
- List of committees for 1905-6 as nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for April.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

APRIL 28, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

Members present: The Chairman, Aldermen Archibald, Powell and Hayward.

The report of the Superintendent shows that from April 1st, to 28th, there were 18 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 6 died and 52 discharged. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Lunenburg County, and 11 to the City. The total number of inmates of the institution at this date is 332, made up of 180 men, 147 women, and 5 children.

The following accounts were examined and found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:

Estate D. Gunn, \$138.75. A. L. Doyle & Co., \$319.22. W. A. Maling & Co., \$315.23. J. & M. Murphy, \$189.88. George Regoie, \$30.00. P. T. Shea, \$105.43. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$76.50. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$14.79. Fleischman & Co., \$3.90. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$22.13. E. J. Fenton, \$30.43. Inter-colonial Coal Mining Co., Ltd., H. D. Mackenzie Agent, \$196.20. John F. Kelly \$2.65. Department of City Works, \$38.36. V. G. Hospital, \$103.63. J. Henry Barnstead, \$28.80. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., \$2.52. G. M. Cullen & Co., \$1.70. W. N. Brown, \$18.15. Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$8.25. Crowell Bros., \$4.10. A. J. Grant & Co., \$1.25. A. M. Bell & Co., \$3.00. N. S. Furnishing Co., Ltd., \$18.00. City of Halifax, \$500.00. B. Mulcahy, \$342.32. Pay Sheet, \$859.33. Farquhar Bros., \$5.78. N. S. Hospital, \$32.50. M. A. LeBlanc, \$27.00. Gordon & Keith, \$57.65. J. F. Cameron, \$4.50. F. R. Gow, \$5.00. W. S. Craig, \$33.20. Total, \$3550.01

Also a bill from the Estate of D. Gunn, for flour delivered at the contract price for May, 1905, amounting to \$222.00 chargeable to 1905-6.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and passed.

Read report Chief of Police in re violations of the Liquor License Act on Sunday. Filed.

SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, May 4th, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re violations of Liquor

License Act on Sunday, I beg to submit a list of violations reported to me since last meeting of Council :—

Nathan Cornfoot 67 Granville Street, April 30th, 1905.
John Bert 71 George Street, April 30th, 1905

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Read Cash Statements City Collector for April. Filed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards on various matters.

FIRE WARDS ACCOUNTS, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 1st, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to report as follows :

1. Agreeably to resolution of the City Council, your Board again opened up the case of James A. Gibbons, call-man No. 1 steamer, and gave him another full hearing.

As to the charge made by Mr. Gibbons' solicitor at the Council meeting that other firemen had been permitted to allow substitutes to sleep in the engine houses while Mr. Gibbons was denied this privilege, your Board find this allegation entirely without foundation, every member of the Department having personally "slept in" for at least a fortnight whereas Mr. Gibbons had not "slept in" at all

Mr. Gibbons finally admitted the charge, but claimed that he had not disobeyed orders out of malice.

Your Board again recommend Mr. Gibbon's dismissal from the Department.

2. It is recommended that Loraine T. Heisler, Supernumerary, be appointed call-man on No. 1 steamer in place of Gibbons.

3. In lieu of the previous recommendation that the Chief have authority to shift men from engine house to engine house whenever he deems it in the interest of the Department to do so, your Board now beg to recommend that this power be conferred upon the Chief and the Chairman of the Board.

4 The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—

J. A. Dunn, nickleplating, \$1.00. John Davison & Son, lumber, \$6 97. Michael Griffin, cab hire, \$3 00. Estate T. A. & E. Hubley, rent, \$112 50. Victoria Laundry, work, \$6.59. J. S. Cashen, forage, \$209.33. MacDonald & Co, machine work, \$12.30. W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$9.18. John Foley, plastering \$40.00. Jas. Dempster & Co, lumber, \$4.17. Dr. M. Chisholm, attendance on W. B. Fidler, \$1.00. A. A. Thompson, medicine for W. B. Fidler, \$7.05. J. E. Myres, plumbing, 50c. George. Thompson, brooms, \$2.75. J. H. Mont & Co, carriagework, &c, \$9.30. John F. Kelly, saddlery, \$14 58. Nicoll & Sutherland, Reprs. S. G. Road house, \$49.20. Brown & Webb, shellac, &c, \$5.48. David Roche, moulding, &c, \$4 93. Horseshoeing, P. Porrier, \$1.35; O'Connell Bros, \$8.89; Meagher & MacKenzie, \$8.95; Wm. Kline, \$5.-93; T. Robinson, 16c.; J. R. Purcell, \$3.77. Blackadar Bros, advertising, \$4.38. "Herald," advertising \$2.00. W. N. Brown, carriage work, \$4.15. Malcom & Johnstone, sand 50c. Baldwin & Co., bracket, 50c. Mrs. Quirk, meals, \$3.50. J. Frank Crowe & Co, soap \$4.00. G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$4.00. Stairs, Son & Morrow, tools, etc, \$2.78. H. McFatridge, veterinary services, \$93.00. Wm Roche, coal, \$74.13. Cragg Bros. & Co., tools, &c. \$3.50. A. J. Grant & Co., bolts, 13c. P. R. Colpitt, tools, \$7.75. Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., power, \$5.16., gas, \$2.00., \$7.16. N. S. Telephone Co., S. G. house phone, \$12.50. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$4.50., Farquhar Bros, electric supplies, &c., \$13.33. Haliac Elec. Tram. Co., lighting, &c., \$26.94. Total, \$797.63.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts therein referred to.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed.

Read report Halifax Common Commissioners covering accounts for payment.

PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 3rd, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common was held this 4 p. m., present, Vice-Chairman Kelly, Commissioners Taylor, Gastonguay, Powell, Messervey and Superintendent Power.

They had before them the accompanying bills of which the following is a summary. The same were approved and passed for payment and the Acting-Secretary instructed to forward them to the City Council for their information and concurrence :—

Halifax Tram. Co., \$9.77. Nicholas Lowe, \$10 00. Brown & Webb, \$1.20. Wm. Robertson & Son, \$3.50. Jas. Donoghue, 7.52. Baldwin & Co., \$3.60. Brookfield Bros., \$3.80. Melvin & Co., 35c. S. Cunard & Co., \$7.75. Brown Bros. & Co., \$112.50. J. M. McGrath & Co., \$5.00. R. Power, freight, \$8.27. Steele Briggs Seed Co., \$30.75. James Walsh, \$15.00. E. J. Fenton, \$6.00. James Umlah, \$14 00. Chas. W. Davies, 50c. A. M. Bell & Co., \$28.93. R. Power, for H. Dreer Acct., \$37.70. R. & J. Farquhar, \$18.59. Total, \$324.73.

W. E. MESSERVEY, *Secretary pro tem.*

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That the report of the Gardens Commissioners be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of the accounts therein recommended.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee for the month of April.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, May 2nd, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Taylor (Chairman), Powell, Lamphier and MacKenzie, the following accounts, amounting to \$291.08, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz. :

John J. Carnell, reps. carts, \$36.75. W. I. Hubley, groceries, \$26.75. W. H. Isnor & Son, 1 horse, \$175.00. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$10.08. N. S. Telephone Co., 6 months rent telephone, \$27.00. Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., light, \$1.00. E. J. Fenton, hay, \$14.50. Total, \$291.08.

The monthly reports of the Governor and Matron were approved of and are herewith attached.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Powell, and passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for payment :

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 1st, 1905.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith respectfully submit for payment the attached accounts for supplies furnished this department which have been submitted for approval and passed.

Street Lighting including 10% retained for year	\$3488 92
Water Maintenance	229 37
Streets	112 95
Sewerage	107 17
Teams and Stables	58 88
City Hall Lighting	38 47
Official City Plan	7 50
Water Construction	52 30
	\$4095 56

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read application of George E. Faulkner, Official Assignee, for refund of amount deposited by Thomas Larder with application for liquor license.

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

Read report Police Commission covering accounts for payment.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 29th, 1905.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission beg to recommend for payment the following accounts :—

“Recorder,” advertising for uniforms, etc., \$3.88. “Herald,” advertising for

uniforms, etc., \$9 30. C. W. Davies, reps hand cuffs, etc., \$5.75. G. A. Burbidge, candles, 20c. Total, \$19.13.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor and Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the report of the Police Commission be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein recommended

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

Read Annual Report Governor City Prison for 1904-5. Filed.

Read Annual Report Salt and Grain Measurers for 1904-5. Filed.

Read letter Union of Canadian Municipalities re place of holding Convention of 1905.

LETTER UNION CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES RE PLACE OF MEETING, 1905.

MONTREAL, April 23th, 1905.

His Worship Mayor MacIlreith and Aldermen :

HALIFAX, N. S.

GENTLEMEN,—After considerable discussion as to the best place,—in the interests of the Union,—to hold the Annual Convention, and full consideration of the various invitations so kindly extended, the Executive has decided to accept the invitation of Winnipeg, Man.

The Executive desire to convey their thanks to yourself and through you to the City Council for the hearty invitation you have extended, and will look forward to accepting it at some future time.

W. D. LIGHTHALL, *Hon. Sec.-Treas. U. C. M.*

Ordered to be acknowledged and filed.

Read report City Engineer re water extension North Street.

WATER EXTENSION NORTH STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 4th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from George A. Hubleby for water extension on North Street east of Windsor Street.

The district is high service, length of pipe 125 ft., size 6", estimated cost :

Pipe.....	\$ 75 00
1 6' valve	20 00
Excavation and pipe laying	156 25
1 service pipe	25 00
Lead and paint	75
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	\$277 00

Interest on estimated outlay at 5%.....\$13 85

I would recommend that the extension be made on the same conditions as already

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adopted for Longard Street and other extensions on the high service, the special rate to be not more than \$13.85.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re water extension Oakland Street.

WATER EXTENSION OAKLAND STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 4th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Graham Creighton for Water extension on Oakland Street south of South Street :—

The district is high service, size of pipe 6', length 88 ft, estimated cost :—	
Pipe	\$52 80
Excavation	88 00
1 service pipe	25 00
Lead and paint	50
	\$166 30

The interest on the estimated outlay at 5% is only \$8.31, but the petitioner must pay his proportion of the cost of the extension already made as it would not be fair to give him a lower rate than those who have borne the burden of the cost of the rest of the pipe.

I would therefore recommend that the extension be made on the same conditions as already adopted for Longard Street and other extensions on the high service, the special rate to be not more than \$12.20.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Library Committee re account.

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

CITY HALL, May 4th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a special meeting of the Library Committee, held this day, present the Chairman, Alderman Taylor, Cawsey and Hayward, the annexed account was presented and is recommended for payment on delivery of the books therein mentioned.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., 39 Volumes Library of Technology..... \$156 00

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the Library Committee presented this day be adopted and that the account be paid as therein recommended.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, and passed.

Read report License Inspector covering applications for "Hotel" liquor licenses, as follows:—

William Wilson, 222—226, Lockman St., "King Edward Hotel."

George A. James, 290—292, Upper Water St., "Victoria Hotel."

Read application of William Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Mackenzie, that the license be granted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read application of George A. James.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsev, that the license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Halifax Electric Tramway Company for permission to lay certain double tracking and turnouts.

DOUBLE TRACKS.

OFFICE OF HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., May 1st, 1905

His Worship the Mayor and City Council of Halifax.

GENTLEMEN,—In order to enable us to give a more satisfactory service to the City, we request your honorable body to grant us permission for certain double tracking and turnouts as follows:—

To extend double track on Spring Garden Road from North Street to Admiralty Gate.

To extend Young St. turnout to Hanover St.

To extend Spring Garden Road turnout at the Gardens to Robie St.

To extend Agricola St turnout south to West St.

To extend Gottingen Street turnout south to Cogswell St.

In order to complete this work this season it will be necessary to have your reply immediately to enable us to wire for necessary material.

Trusting the above will receive your favorable consideration I remain,

J. W. CROSBY *Manager. per D.*

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the request of the Tramway Company be granted.

By request of Council the City Engineer made a verbal report recommending the granting of the request of the Company.

The motion is put and passed.

Read report City Engineer re Workmen's wages City Works Department.

WORKMEN'S WAGES.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, May 4th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 27th day of April, 1905, contain a resolution adopting a report from His Worship the Mayor recommending an increase of pay for the laborers working for the City.

His Worship stated that the increase would effect all laborers employed by the hour, as shown by the accompanying letter. The Clerk of Works claims that his instructions are to increase the wages of all men on the pay roll weather laborers, mechanics or foremen to a rate of two cents higher than that which they are receiving at present. I therefore ask that the officials of the Department may be instructed as to the intention of the Council in reference to men who are employed as foremen or in other important positions who although paid on the time book by the hour are rated by the day or week and in many cases are practically permanent employees.

The men who cannot be considered as ordinary laborers are the following:—

NAME.	WORK.	RATED BY DAY OR WEEK	ENTERED IN TIME BOOK AT
J. W. Brush	Storekeeper	\$ 2 00 per day	
Geo. Brush	Head carpenter	2 50 " "	28c. per hour.
Hugh Gillis	Asst.	1 50 " "	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
R. Henrion	Steam Roller	2 25 " "	25c. "
Colin McGillivray	Sewer Foreman	2 25 " "	25c. "
Ed. Meagher	Street	2 00 " "	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
Jas. Downie	Sidewalk	2 50 " "	28c. "
J. E. Kemp	Street	2 00 " "	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
Wm. Burley	"	2 00 " "	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
D. J. McLean	Water	12 00 per week	22c. "
John McAskill	"	12 00 " "	22c. "
Jas. Romans	Turnkey	10 00 " "	18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
N. McRea	"	9 60 " "	17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
John Hanrahan	Asst. Blacksmith	10 00 " "	18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
Jas. Jarrett	"	10 00 " "	18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
Nicholson, Chas.	Keeper Pipe House	10 00 " "	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
Nicholson, Geo.	"	2 00 " "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
Hartland, Geo.	"	8 00 " "	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
Kane, Jas.	Street Foreman	2 00 per day	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. "
Power, M.	Water Work	10 00 per week	18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. "
D. McLeod	City Blacksmith	700 00 per year	
D. Hennigan	City Plumber	2 00 per day	\$ 2 00 per day.
H. Inglis	Stableman	9 00 per week	9 00 per week.
M. Cochran	City Driver	10 00 " "	10 00 "
H. McAlpire	"	10 00 " "	10 00 "
M. Lawless	"	10 00 " "	10 00 "
Edw. Martin	"	9 00 " "	9 00 "
B. Kinsman	"	10 00 " "	10 00 "

I would respectfully point out to the Council in this connection that the rate of wages of all the above employees has been fixed from time to time by the City Engineer or the Committee on Works.

The stablemen and drivers have had their pay increased recently and are now receiving more than the average driver employed by the City merchants.

Mr. Hennigan, the plumber, is paid at the Union rates.

Mr. McLeod, the City Blacksmith, is paid by the year.

Mr. Gillis, the assistant carpenter and Mr. M. Power of the Water Department, who was formerly a foreman, have become so feeble that they are unable to earn even the wages that they are paid. I have reported the matter to the Committee on Works and they have allowed them to continue in the service up to the present.

Mr. Romans and Mr. McRea, the two turnkeys, have been reported to the Committee on Works as incompetent, unreliable and unsatisfactory in their work. During the last year we have been obliged to train other men in the turnkeys' work pending the decision of the Committee on Works or the Council in the matter.

The men who are rated by the week are all practically permanent men losing no time for wet days.

Of those rated by the day only the plumber, carpenters and store-keeper are sure of full time at the wages named.

I also feel it my duty to point out that Mr. Hartland and Mr. Chas. Nicholson, keeper of the pipe house at Spruce Hill Lake and Chain Lake respectively, are not only paid the wages named but are provided with a house and their work is not onerous.

George Nicholson, who receives \$2 00. a week, is provided with a house at Long Lake and is free to work at any employment that he sees fit. He is paid the sum named to live at the dam so that he may be on the spot in case of any signs of weakness or danger. He does no work for the City for the \$2 00.

I beg to make these explanations so that the Council may be in a position to understand the matter as clearly as possible when instructing the officials as to their intention with reference to the wages of the men named above.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 28th, 1905.

DEAR MR. HOPEWELL :

All men working in the City work and paid by the hour are to have the advantage of the 2c., per hour increase and no man paid by the hour is to have less than 16c., per hour

I trust this will be plain and no possible chance of being misunderstood.

A. B. CROSBY, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that employees named in the City Engineer's report shall not participate in the increase of wages adopted by resolution of Council at the last meeting. Motion passed.

Read list of committees and boards for civic year 1905-6 as nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE AT HALIFAX.—Aldermen Geldert, Hubley and Hayward. Approved.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Geldert, Johnson, Taylor, Hubley and MacKenzie. Approved.

CITY HEALTH BOARD.—Aldermen Halliday, Powell and A. C. Hawkins, M. D.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the nominations be approved of.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that Dr. George M. Campbell be appointed a member of the City Health Board in place of Dr. Hawkins.

The vote on the amendment being taken, there appeared :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Murray, Gastonguay, Foster, Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, MacKenzie.—8.	Aldermen Geldert Archibald, Johnson, Powell, Taylor, Martin, Hayward, Hawkins.—8.

Alderman Hubley objected to Alderman Hawkins voting on the question on the ground of interest under clause 12 of the rules of Council and asked for the ruling of the chair.

His Worship the Mayor decided that Alderman Hawkins was entitled to vote as the rule makes a clear distinction between an Alderman's private right and his public interest.

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the amendment and declared it lost.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Hubley asks that His Worship the Mayor procure the opinion of His Honor the Recorder in writing for the next meeting of Council as to Alderman Hawkins' right to vote.

The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—Aldermen Taylor and Martin. Approved.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Halliday, Powell, Foster, Lamphier, (The Alderman to be elected for Ward Five) and MacKenzie.

Alderman Foster asked to be excused from serving on this Committee.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that Alderman Gastonguay be substituted for Alderman Foster on the Charities Committee and that the nominations as amended be approved. Motion passed.

FIREWARDS.—Aldermen Archibald, Powell, Taylor, Hubley, Cawsey, Hawkins. Approved.

CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Archibald, Murray, Gastonguay, Hubley, Martin, Hawkins. Approved.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Geldert, Murray, Gastonguay, Doyle, (The Alderman to be elected for Ward Five) and MacKenzie. Approved.

BOARD OF FIRE ESCAPES.—Aldermen Archibald, Doyle and Hayward. Approved.

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE.—His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Johnson, Taylor and Hayward. Approved.

COMMITTEE ON WORKS.—Aldermen Taylor and Cawsey. Approved.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Foster, Doyle, Cawsey and Hawkins. Approved.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.—Alderman Halliday, Murray, Foster, Doyle (The Alderman to be elected for Ward Five) and Hayward. Approved.

HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay and MacKenzie. Approved.

DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK.—Aldermen, Halliday, Murray, Foster, Lamphier, Martin and Hayward. Approved.

COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.—Aldermen Archibald, Powell, Gastonguay, Taylor, (The Alderman to be elected for Ward Five) and Hayward.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Alderman Doyle be substituted on this Committee for Alderman Taylor.

The motion being put is lost, 4 voting for and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Johnson, Lamphier, Hubley, Martin.—4.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Murray, Powell, Gastonguay, Foster, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—10.

Aldermen Taylor and Doyle excused from voting.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Powell, that Alderman Doyle be substituted on this Committee for the Alderman to be elected for Ward Five.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Powell, Taylor, Gastonguay, Foster, Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins.—10.	Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Martin.—5.

Alderman Doyle excused from voting.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Committee as amended be approved. Motion passed.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Halliday, Murray, Foster, Hubley, (The Alderman to be elected for Ward Five) and MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that Alderman Lamphier be substituted for Alderman Foster on this committee. Motion passed. Nominations as amended approved.

SHIPBUILDING COMMISSIONERS.—Aldermen Geldert, Johnson and MacKenzie. Approved.

COMMISSIONERS OF CABS.—Aldermen Johnson and Cawsey. Approved.

LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.—Aldermen Geldert, Johnson, Gastonguay, Hubley, Martin and Hawkins. Approved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CO-OPERATE WITH NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION *re* DOMINION EXHIBITION, 1906.—Aldermen Geldert, Murray and Hayward. Approved.

The Council now proceeds to appoint two citizen commissioners of Halifax Common in place of W. F. Pickering and John F. Kelly whose terms of office have expired.

Aldermen Martin and Cawsey nominate W. S. Rogers in place of W. F. Pickering.

Aldermen Powell and Hubley nominate H. D. Holloway in place of W. F. Pickering.

The vote being taken there appeared:—

For W. S. Rogers.

Aldermen Geldert, Gastonguay,
Foster, Doyle,
Cawsey, Martin,
MacKenzie, Hayward,
Hawkins.—9.

For H. D. Holloway.

Aldermen Archibald, Johnson,
Murray, Powell,
Taylor, Lamphier,
Hubley.—7.

His Worship the Mayor declares W. S. Rogers duly elected a Common Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that John F. Kelly be re-appointed a Common Commissioner. Motion passed.

By leave of Council Alderman Powell submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of an asphalt walk seven feet wide on the north side of Spring Garden Road from the corner of South Park Street to the corner of Summer Street and report at the next meeting.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Murray and passed.

By leave of Council, Alderman Cawsey submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That a light be placed on Maynard Street corner of Charles Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to permit Alderman Johnson to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

Alderman Johnson submits the following resolution:—

Whereas, It is desirable that the City Council pass a resolution respecting Mayor Crosby's completion of his term of three years as Chief Magistrate of this City.

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his duties as Mayor of this City

We believe his aim has been to promote the best interests of the City, being always ready to spend his time and energy in furthering any movement that would tend to build up and help the city in general.

We also wish to express to him our thanks for the uniform courtesy which he extended to the Council during his occupancy of the chair.

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be engrossed and forwarded to Ex-Mayor Crosby.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and passed unanimously by a standing vote of Council.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to permit Alderman Geldert to submit an Ordinance. Motion passed.

Alderman Geldert submits an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Street Music in the City of Halifax."

Said Ordinance is now read a first time.

Said Ordinance is now read a second time.

On motion the Order of the Day is further suspended to permit Alderman Johnson to move a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an ordinance respecting billiard rooms and bowling alleys under the provisions of sub-sec. 3 of sec. 5 of an Act relative to the City of Halifax passed 1905. Motion passed.

The Order of the Day is further suspended to permit Alderman Geldert to submit a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Laws and Privileges Committee together with His Honor the Recorder prepare an ordinance relating to buildings under the provisions of sec. 70 of chapter 27 of the Acts of 1896. Motion passed.

On motion the Order of the Day is further suspended to permit Alderman Johnson to submit a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Committee on Laws and Privileges report to the Council the existing regulations regarding the office hours of officials at the City Hall. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice that he will at a future meeting submit charges against the License Inspector.

The Council now proceeds to the appointment of a Presiding Alderman for the year 1905-6.

Alderman Johnson is nominated by Aldermen Lamphier and Murray.

Alderman Hubley is nominated by Aldermen Powell and Cawsey.

The vote being taken, there appeared :

For Alderman Johnson,

Aldermen Geldert, Archibald, Murray,
Taylor, Lamphier, Martin,
MacKenzie, Hawkins.—8.

For Alderman Hubley.

Aldermen Powell, Foster,
Doyle, Cawsey.—4.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Johnson duly elected Presiding Alderman (Deputy-Mayor) for ensuing year.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Martin, that No. 6 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed,

Read No. 6, viz. : Report City Engineer re curb and gutter, Artz Street.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Committee on Works construct such portion of the curb and gutter on Artz Street this year as they deem practicable.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, that the block of Artz Street between Lockman and Brunswick Streets be constructed this year.

Alderman Foster asks permission to withdraw the original motion. Alderman Johnson, the seconder, declines permission for withdrawal of the motion.

Alderman Foster now seconds the amendment.

The amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the matter of repairing the walk across Grafton Park be referred to the Common Commission for report. Motion passed.

Alderman Powell calls attention to the want of better police protection in the west end of Ward Two.

On motion the Order of the Day is further suspended to permit Alderman Hawkins to introduce a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that a granite curb and gutter be constructed on the east and west sides of Gottingen Street, from North Street to Black Street, according to the estimates prepared by the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Lamphier, seconded by Alderman Archibald, that the Council adjourn.

The vote being taken there appeared :—

For adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Archibald, Johnson, Taylor, Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey—7.	Aldermen Murray, Powell, Gastonguay, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward, Hawkins—7.

His Worship the Mayor votes against adjournment and declares the motion lyst.

Moved in amendment (to the original motion) by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the work of laying granite curb and gutters on the portion of Gottingen Street referred to be proceeded with when the Committee on Works deems it advisable.

The amendment being put is passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.40 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, May 10th, 1905.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above hour. Present, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Halliday, Archibald, Johnson, Murray, Foster, Gastonguay, Taylor, Lanphier, Hubley, Martin, Cawsey, Hawkins and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to appoint City Officials, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted by His Worship the Mayor:—

- Report Coal Weighers for April.
- Annual Report Coal Weigher's for 1904-05.
- Opinion of F. H. Bell re Alderman Hawkins' right to vote.
- Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations.
- Report Charities Committee covering accounts.
- Report Special Committee re Market Site.
- Applications of City Officials for re-appointment.
- Report Committee on Works re telephone poles.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee covering accounts.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

MAY 10th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts:—

1904-5—Gordon & Keith, beds, &c., \$57.00. Rhodes, Curry & Co., flooring, \$63.00. Clayton & Sons, clothing, \$71.50. Crowell Bros., paints, \$29 10. Total, \$220.60.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*
W. H. CAWSEY,
LEWIS ARCHIBALD,
N. V. GASTONGUAY.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the bills just read, amounting to \$220 60, be paid and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the same.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Archibald, and passed.

Read report Coal Weighers for April. Filed.

Read Annual Report Coal Weighers for 1904-5. Filed.

Read report Committee on Works re Telephone Poles.

TELEPHONE POLES.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, May 10th, 1905.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached letter of the Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Ltd., under date May 9th, 1905, in removing telephone poles on the north end of Granville Street, was read and referred to Council with a recommendation that its request be granted with the exception of that part relating to the attachment of an anchor, which was refused.

It is also recommended that the work must be completed before June 1st, 1905.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

His Worship the Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on Works:

SIR,—The Granville Street Merchants' Association has requested us to take such steps as will enable us to remove the telephone poles on the north end of Granville St. It is our desire to meet the wishes of the Association as nearly as possible. In order to do this, it will be necessary for us to lay an underground branch on Duke St. to the first electric light pole west of Granville St., to extend our underground from the north end of Granville St. to the east side of Water St., to move the pole now in front of R. J. Whitten's store about ten ft. further south, and to erect another pole at the corner of O'Connor's wharf, also to attach an anchor to the first mentioned pole

This is to ask if you will authorize the Engineer to give us a permit for all of the above work. As the matter is rather urgent, owing to the fact that the paving of Granville St. is now being commenced, we would ask the favor of an early reply.

THE NOVA SCOTIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD.,

J. H. WINFIELD, *General Manager.*

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Read opinion of F. H. Bell in re right of an Alderman to vote to appoint himself as a member of Board of Health.

ALDERMAN HAWKINS' RIGHT TO VOTE.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor of Halifax.*

SIR,—It seems plain to me that the phrase "private right" in rule 12 of the Ordinance relative to meetings of the Council, as used in contrast to "public interest" can only refer to the individual and personal interest of the Alderman. As for instance, his rights under some contract between himself and the city. The restriction at the end of the clause upon his voting when he is acting as the solicitor or agent of a principal dealing with the city is of the same character. A vote by an Alderman for himself as a member of a committee of the Council in no way seems to me to be a matter affecting his private right in this sense. His place on the committee is in no sense a private right but part of his discharge of public duty, and if he considers himself the best qualified or entitled to the position I am unable to see in what way his voting to impose the duty of the position on himself is anything but a part of his regular functions as an Alderman.

F. H. BELL.

Filed.

Read report Chief of Police in re violations of Liquor License Act.

SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, May 9th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday, I beg to submit a list of violations reported to me since last meeting of Council:—

Sunday, May 7th, 1905, Sarah MacDonald, 112 Albemarle St.
Edward Lewis, 80 Albemarle St.
Richard Wheaton, 239 Brunswick St.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

By request the Chief of Police reports verbally that the violations mentioned in the report were reported by the police.

The report is filed.

Read applications of City Officials for re-appointment.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.—H. S. Rhind. Re-appointed.

CLERK OF LICENSES.—

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Robert Theakston be appointed Clerk of Licenses and that the duties of the office be performed by H. S. Rhind as at present.

Alderman Hawkins asked for the Recorder's opinion on the matter.

Read Recorder's opinion on the matter dated April 30th, 1903.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Amendment put and passed.

CLERK OF WORKS.—James J. Hopewell.

Re-appointed.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—Jeremiah Barnstead.	Re-appointed.
FENCE VIEWERS.—Wm. T. Horton.	"
John Grant.	"
INSPECTORS PAINTERS' WORK.—J. E. M. Taylor.	"
David Roche.	"
MATRON POLICE STATION.—Mrs. Mary Spruin.	"
INSPECTORS OF MASONS' WORK.—Samuel Marshall.	"
John McCrow.	"
POUND KEEPERS :	
Provincial Exhibition Grounds.—Ronald McInnis.	"
Old " " James Jarrett.	"
North West Arm—Edward Brunt.	"
Robie Street.—John Punch.	Deferred.
WEIGHERS OF BUNDLE HAY.—Chris. Connolly.	Re-appointed.
John Punch.	"
J. S. Hubley.	"
WEIGHERS OF LOOSE HAY—W. McC. Boak.	"
Thos. Keating.	"
J. S. Hubley.	"
Thomas Knowles.	"
FOREMAN BLACKSMITH.—Daniel McLeod.	"
LIBRARIAN.—Josephine Warren.	"
ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.—Edith Wiswell.	"
Lizzie Barnaby.	"
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC GARDENS.—Richard Power.	"

His Worship the Mayor now reads and submits an address to the City Council.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 10th, 1905.

Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, I desire to follow the practice established by my predecessors in office and to refer as briefly as possible to a few of the matters connected with our civic government to which it seems to me your attention should be directed.

Now that the elections have taken place and the ratepayers have entrusted to us the task of carrying on the civic government for the coming year, all differences should be laid aside and we should all work together for the best interest of the City. On my part, I shall do all that lies in my power to assist in the progress and good government of Halifax, and I ask for, and know I can rely upon, your cordial support to assist me in my endeavor.

The affairs of our City for the purpose of this address can well be considered under three heads:—

First,—Financial Matters.

Second,—The Enforcement of Law and Order.

and Third,—Matters of Trade and Commerce and Public Utility.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Four years ago when, as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, the duty devolved upon me of bringing down the estimates for the following year, I took occasion to go very fully into the question of the City's finances, pointing out what our civic debt amounted to, the proportion which it bore to the real estate valuation, and suggesting that until either the amount of debt had been reduced, the sinking funds had been increased or the amount of taxable property had been added to, no further borrowing should be resorted to. The Council of that day agreed with the suggestions then made and adopted an Act which was subsequently passed by the Legislature which prevented further borrowing on the part of the Council until such time as the debt should fall below ten per cent of the valuation of real property.

Coming into office now I find that at the last session of the Legislature the section limiting the debt was repealed and authority was taken to borrow the sum of \$207,000 for the following purposes:—Sewerage, \$150,000; Fire Department, \$30,000; widening Agricola Street, \$27,000. This borrowing will increase the amount payable under the head of Interest and Sinking Fund by approximately \$11,000, which is equivalent to an increase in the rate of civic taxation of five cents per \$100. It is expected, though, that this increase will be offset by additional revenue, expected to accrue from liquor licenses under the amendment to the Liquor License Act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

When the estimates for the year upon which we are now entering were prepared, last December, it was found that in order to provide for other necessary services the street appropriation would have to be reduced by the sum of \$3,065. Then at the last meeting of the 1904-5 Council an increase of wages was granted to men employed on the City Works which will affect the streets and internal health appropriations it is estimated to the extent of \$4,500, giving the Council this year instead of \$39,000—the appropriation of last year a sum equivalent to \$31,535.

In view of the appropriation being so materially lessened we cannot hope to do much work of a permanent nature this year, advisable though it undoubtedly is that streets leading up our steep hills should be permanently curbed and paved.

The Council also obtained authority at the last session of the Legislature to assess an additional sum of \$10,000 for general purposes.

TAXATION.

The foregoing naturally leads one to the consideration of the old but ever present and burning question of taxation. The money for the carrying on of the public services must be provided and the problem confronting most cities and towns is what is the best system of taxation, how can taxation be most equitably levied, and how can it be rated upon persons fairly entitled to bear it. Having dealt very fully with the matter of taxation in my address to the Council in 1902 when retiring from the office of Deputy-Mayor and also in presenting the estimates to the Council on the occasion previously referred to, it does not seem necessary that I should again go over the ground then so fully covered more than to say that the views which I gave expression to at that time embody the opinion which I hold to-day.

In passing, it seems to me that the Council might have some advertising matter prepared embodying the terms of the Act passed some years ago for the encouragement of manufacturing industries in Halifax and cause the same to be circulated wherever it could be sent to advantage.

The City is to be congratulated on the fact that the Reserve Fund established in 1902 has already reached the sum of \$44,500 and that instead of borrowing this sum from the banks and paying six per cent. interest thereon as in the past the City is now able to borrow from its own trustees and the fund reaps the benefit of the interest.

While on the matter of interest, attention should be called to the fact that at the present time the City is paying to the bank on overdrafts interest at the rate of six per cent. and is receiving on daily balances interest at the rate of four per cent. I am satisfied that some arrangements more advantageous to the City can be made, and while it is perhaps not wise that the account should be changed from one bank to another every year, it would seem desirable that say every three years the different banks should be asked to tender for city's banking business.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER.

For some years past there has been an idea, rightly or wrongly, abroad among our citizens that the Council has not been as faithful in the discharge of its trust in reference to the enforcement of law and order as it might have been. Let the present Council see to it that it does not lay itself open to any such charge. Let us endeavor to our utmost to carry out the laws and ordinances passed for the government of the City and let us all realize that there is no dispensing power in the Mayor or Aldermen where-by statutes and ordinances may be overridden.

CITY CHARTER.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the revision of the City Charter and Ordinances is about completed and that in the course of a very short time we shall be in possession of a workable Charter and Ordinances the provisions of which will not be repugnant one to another.

Your attention and the attention of citizens should be directed to the Ordinances respecting street awnings, sweeping from premises into streets, material left on streets by persons making repairs to premises, street obstructions, the congregating of boys and youths on street corners, overhanging icicles, and expectorating on the streets and in public places. While at the first opportunity the Police Commission will call the attention of the police particularly to these ordinances, it would seem desirable that a small hand-book should be prepared for the information of the police containing brief summaries of the principal ordinances at least.

Your attention should also be called to the ordinance respecting rentals of hatchways, the ordinance respecting sailing vessels selling produce in our City and also to the provisions of the Truancy Act, under which rentals in the first case, license fees in the second case and contributions by parents of truants in the third case are payable to the City and under which very small amounts have been collected.

MATTERS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND PUBLIC UTILITY.

Dealing with the third heading of this address, I first wish to refer briefly to matters affecting the business of the community and chiefly to refer to the terminal facilities here.

As you are all well aware, the volume of trade at this port has increased very largely during the past few years and now in addition to the larger quantity of freight which the Intercolonial and Dominion Atlantic Railways are handling we have the additional freight to dispose of which the South Shore Railway will be called upon to carry, and in prospectus the increased trade which we are promised the Grand Trunk Pacific is to bring to Halifax. For years the cry for better facilities has been heard in the land. From time to time promises have been made, officials have been sent to inspect the accommodation and asked to suggest possible improvements, reports with suggestions have been presented and appropriations provided by the government of the day to carry the suggestions into effect. A year is then allowed to go round and the appropriation to lapse, another wail about lack of accommodation goes up, another official is sent to examine and report and make recommendations; once more the recommendations are approved and the appropriation is provided, and still facilities to properly handle the business required to be

done do not seem to materialize. By this delay or neglect, or whatever we may choose to call it, not only is the business and prosperity of Halifax retarded but those from abroad who are called upon to discharge cargoes at our port or to load vessels thereat carry away with them a very poor opinion of Canadian management and Canadian enterprise. This matter is not one only affecting the business men of our community but we are all more or less affected by it, and I trust that during the coming year the members of the Board of Trade and of this Council will strive to work together in unity of purpose with the one end in view of impressing upon the government the necessity of placing the port of Halifax in possession of those facilities which the importance of its business now demands. Let no political or other matters creep in to warp our judgment, but let us be patriotic and broad minded enough to place the welfare of our City ahead of every other consideration.

In this connection let me express the hope that the Commercial Committee, which is the connecting link between this Council and the Board of Trade, will no longer be a slumbering body but be wide awake and ready to work at all times and in unison for those things which will make for the betterment of the trade and commerce of Halifax.

PUBLIC MARKET.

One of the next matters of importance to our citizens is the establishment of a public market, and it would seem to be almost agreed unanimously that the Fuel Yard or the King's Wharf should, if possible, be secured in connection with this project. Already, you, gentlemen, have given this matter some consideration and have appointed a committee to wait upon the General Officer Commanding and lay before him the desires of our people.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.

The Dominion Government have decided to give Halifax next year the grant in aid of the Dominion Exhibition, and it behooves us if we are to make a success of so large an undertaking to be up and doing at once. While a general committee consisting of three members each of the City Council, Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association and the Exhibition Commission have been appointed to take charge of the Dominion Exhibition, it will at the same time be necessary for every one having the successful accomplishment of this project at heart to put his shoulder to the wheel and help the committee.

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

In this connection also it would be well to point out that while in a letter received from the Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities a few days ago, the fact was communicated that this year the meeting of that organization would be held at Winnipeg, the intimation was thrown out that in some succeeding year the Union would be glad to avail itself of the invitation to visit Halifax. It might therefore be well, as the Dominion Exhibition is to be held here next year, that a special invitation should be extended to the Union, which is made up of the Mayors and other representative men from all the large cities in Canada, to make its meeting place Halifax in the year 1906.

HIGH SERVICE WATER SUPPLY.

Another subject of much importance to our citizens and of special importance to the long-suffering residents of Willow Park, is the high service water supply. This matter is now being investigated by Mr. Chipman, an engineer of considerable experience from Toronto, and it is to be hoped that in his report something will be suggested which will supply the deficiency in the service at a reasonable cost.

TRAMWAY SERVICE.

In connection with the tramway service it is pleasing to note that the Company intends to provide a better service, and as an earnest of such intention has already commenced to practically double track portions of its line. This is a step in the right direction and should result in much improvement in the time-table of the running of the cars. In the course of a few days the roadbed of the tramway will be gone over and