

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 8th, 1920

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour, present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power and Hubley.

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

SALARY STENOGRAPHER IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Alderman Finlay informed the Council that he will not move for the rescission of resolution of Council passed December 19th, re salary of stenographer in the City Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :-

Reports (8) Finance Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman., viz:-

Police Patrol Car account.
V.G. Hospital Accounts Oct. 1st, 1917
to Dec, 31st, 1918
V.G. Hospital Accounts May 1st, 1919
to Oct. 31st, 1919
Independent Audit.
Schools Loan from the Sinking Funds
\$35000.00
Schools Loan \$417,559.50
General Accounts
North West Arm Trunk Sewer Right of
Way expenses.

Report City Home by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.
Library Accounts by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.
City Prison Report, by Alderman Ritchie, Chairman.

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Reports (5) Fire Department by Alderman Hoyt,
Chairman, Viz:-
November Accounts.
December Accounts.
Monthly report for December.
Explosion Painting Fire Stations accounts.
Prince of Wales Reception - Firemen's
Arch Account.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following

named accounts :-

Health Board Accounts.
Police Department Accounts.
Public Gardens Accounts.
Reports (2) Committee on Works, Viz:-
Explosion Damages City Property Account.
Petition Robert Clancey, Sub Collector
of Taxes for superannuation.
Fire Department and Water Department Improve-
ment report Board of Trade.
~~Physiatric~~ Clinic letter Local Council of Women.
Public Comfort Stations letter Army and Navy
Veterans, covering resolution Ladies
Auxiliary.

Psychiatric

Other Headlines.

Salary Stenographer in City Clerk's Office.
Tuberculosis Hospital City Grant.
Alderman Douglas.
Chairman.
Governments contributing towards Civic
Taxation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS, NOVEMBER.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards recommending
accounts for the month of November for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 9th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The committee of Fire Wards beg to
recommend for payment the following named accounts.

S. Cunard & Co.	Fuel	75.00
David Roche	Glass	3.30
H. D. McFatriage	Horse shoeing	13.15
Robert Horner	do	27.75

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Saml. Marshall	Contractors	522.00
Imperial Oil Ltd.	Gasoline	69.12
J. G. Crump	Plumbing	1.80
Wm. E. Collings & Son	Machine repairs	13.15
Martin & Morre	Glass	2.40
Northern Electric Co.	Supplies	1.20
Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd.	do	3.30
R. N. McDonald	do	20.25
American LaFrance Fire Eng. Co.	do	46.10
S. C. Thompson	Feed	491.70
Ungars' Laundry	Laundry	22.11
N. S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	37.32
Halifax Vulcanizing Works	Repairs	105.65
Robinson's Ltd.	Supplies	9.25
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Supplies	37.50
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		\$1502.05

W. W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman
Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts
paid. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER

Read report Committee of Fire Wards recommending
for payment accounts for the month of December.

Committee Room, City Hall,

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards beg to
recommend for payment the following named accounts.

Fire Alarm System.

Northern Electric Co.	Line Work	18.38	
E. S. Cottingham	Motor Car repairs	60.03	\$ 78.41

Fire City Hall

Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Temp. Phone	13.79
Can. Gen. Elec. Co.	Fire Extinguisher	10.00

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Northern Electric	{ Switch Board		
	{ and Battery		
	{ repairs and		
	{ wiring.	73.93	
Farquhar Bros.	do	85.72	
G.M. Smith & Co.	Cheese cloth	1.20	
E.S. Eddy	Fibre Tub	1.35	\$185.99

Department Accounts.

S.C. Thompson	Feed	308.02	
Farquhar Bros. Ltd.	Supplies	2.53	
H. J. Barrowman	"	1.84	
A. J. McNutt	Repairs	2.00	
John McInnes & Son	Lumber	15.52	
T. Hogan & Co.	Repairs	39.10	
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	3.00	
Robinsons Ltd.	Supplies	9.25	
National Fire Protection	Subscription	6.00	
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light	16.65	
H.L.D. MacKenzie	Coal	69.75	
O. C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	27.18	
H. D. McFatridge	do	21.90	
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	75.00	
Robert Horner	Horseshoeing	37.25	
Imperial Oil. Ltd.	Gasoline	279.39	
Halifax Broo, Factory	Brooms	10.00	
C. H. Petch	Oil Clothes	378.00	
Northern Electric	Elec. Supplies	.36	
National Drug Co.	Stores	4.80	
Frank Reardon	Supplies	4.50	
T. A. S. DeWolfe & Son	Salt	3.00	
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Telephones	24.55	
Chief Churchill	Express charges	18.27	
E. Eveleigh	Rep. waggons	7.75	
David Dunlop	Repairs to		
	Spring Garden		
	Rd. House	277.98	
Morrissey & Purcell	contract,		
	Plumbing Sp.		
	Garden Rd. House		
		344.00	
Northern Electric Co.	Fights out-		
	side Fire		
	Stations	12.52	
Dr. F. R. Little	Prof. Services	65.00	\$2065.00

W. W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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PRINCE OF WALES RECEPTION-FIREMENS ARCH ACCOUNT.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards re account for construction of Citizen's Arch by the Fire Department on George Street.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 9th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report that the special Committee on Reception to H.R.H. Prince of Wales at a meeting on August 12th, 1919 ordered the erection of a firemen's ladder arch on Gottingen Street to be put up by the Firemen and their expenses paid.

Also another arch to be put up by firemen on George Street to be known as the Citizen's Arch, all costs to be paid including pay of Firemen either directly or into the Firemen's Superannuation Fund.

The pay of Firemen for building the Citizens Arch amounts to \$250.00 half of which is payable by the City and half by the Province.

It is recommended that the account be paid half by the City and half by the province and the whole amount credited to the Firemen's Superannuation Fund.

W.W. Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Hibley that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

SCHOOLS LOAN \$817,559.50

Read report Finance Committee re loan \$817,559.50 for Public Schools, covering copy of Order in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the amount required and also opinion City Solicitor on the subject.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Jan. 8th, 1920

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached order in Council with reference to request of the Board of School Commissioners for the City to borrow the sum of \$817,559.50 for the con-

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struction of four new school buildings was read also the opinion of the City Solicitor that the said sum can be borrowed as required from time to time.

Your committee recommend that the opinion of the City Soliditor be concurred in and that the amount asked \$817,559.50 be borrowed as required.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN

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Office of City Solicitor,
8th, January 1920

A. Whitman, Esq.,
Chairman Finance Committee,
Dear Sir;-

In reply to your inquiry whether or not the money directed to be borrowed by the City for Schools can be borrowed from time to time as required I beg to say as follows :-

The moneys so borrowed are to be a part of the Consolidated Fund under Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1905 which includes (Sec 2) not only the three million refunded but any additional amount thereafter added.

Section 4 of the Act provides that the stock and debentures or moneys forming part of the Consolidated Fund may be issued from time to time as the Council from time to time determines and Section 10 that unless it is otherwise directed in any act by which the City was subsequently authorized to borrow money shall be borrowed in conformity with the provisions of the Act of 1905 which includes of course the provision already quoted.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted.

After discussion it was moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The original motion is put and passed.

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL CITY GRANT.

Alderman Colwell submits the following notice of motion.

That legislation be sought to grant to the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League the sum of Two Thousand dollars for general work of the League and for a further sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the Parker Hospital.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WATER DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT REPORT BOARD OF TRADE.

Read letter Secretary Board of Trade covering report of Fire Insurance Committee of said Board re Fire Department and Water Department improvement.

Board of Trade, Halifax, N/S,
January 7, 1920

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council,
Halifax, N.S.
Gentlemen:-

Acting under direction of the President and members of Council of this Board, I enclose copy of report submitted by a committee in connection with the matters referred to there in, viz., inadequate Water Supply, present unsatisfactory condition of Fire Alarm system, better Fire protection, etc., etc., and I trust same will be thoroughly discussed at the next meeting of your Honorable Body.

Thanking you in anticipation of favourable consideration.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

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Halifax, N.S. Jan. 6, 1920

To the Council of the
Halifax Board of Trade.
Gentlemen:-

Your Fire Insurance Committee begs leave to report that two consultations have been had with the Mayor and City Engineer in connection with the in-

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adequate water supply in the low service, the present disabled condition of the fire alarm service, the providing of fire proof accomodation for the fire alarm central, and the installation of wells or tanks on the water from from the harbour for fire protection services.

INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY ON THE LOW SERVICE

The City Engineer has drawn up a report on this matter which is to be submitted to the Board of Works at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 7th. We have good reason to think that this report reiterates the previous position taken by the Engineer that the remedy for the lack of water is the metering of the entire low service system. We have, therefore, to recommend in this regard that the Council of the Board of Trade represent strongly to the Mayor and City Council the fact that the mercantile community is very seriously concerned in regard to the very dangerous state in which the City is now placed as regards the fire menace owing to lack of water, and are prepared to back up the City Council to the limit as regards the installation of meters and any other steps that may prove feasible to overcome the present situation. Your Committee considers that our citizens are living in a fool's paradise as owing to the lack of water it only requires certain conditions to result in a large part of the City being destroyed in a general conflagration.

FIRE ALARM SERVICE

Notwithstanding the fire alarm service has been out of order for practically two months, no prompt steps are in view to put the service in condition - the excuse being given that no funds are available. In view of the fact that the safety of the City depends to a great extent on the good working order of the fire alarm system, it would appear to your committee that if there was any one thing which would warrant the City Council in going to the Executive of the Government and getting a guarantee to provide legislation to protect them in the expenditure of the necessary money, surely the putting of the fire alarm system in good shape is one of such matters.

FIRE PROOF ACCOMODATION FOR FIRE ALARM CENTRAL.

City Authorities have this matter under consideration, and apparently had decided on continuing the fire alarm in the attic of the City Hall where it was damaged by fire some two months ago, with the proposed improvement of tin lining the room and making same as much fire proof as possible. It appears to us that the Council of the Board of Trade should protest against such a procedure and urge upon the City Council that if it is not feasible to have a small fire proof building constructed to take care of the fire alarm central, that a fire

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proof room should be provided at one of the engine houses or in some other outside building that would not have the same fire hazard as exists at the City Hall.

SALT WATER TANKS.

The Engineer advised that he considered that the proposed scheme of providing salt water wells or tanks on Water Street quite feasible, and that the matter would have probably had some attention but for the Halifax disaster which upset so many proposed city plans. We would, therefore, recommend that the Council of the Board of Trade strongly recommend to the City Council a prompt investigation of this scheme and its immediate carrying out if the proposals will help out the fire risk situation.

Your Committee in consulting with the City authorities advised them that they could count on the hearty co-operation of the merchants of the City as represented by the Halifax Board of Trade and that considering the risk involved and, as we understand it, the likelihood of further increases in the rates of insurance, that the Council could rest assured that they would be fully backed up even in fairly large expenditures that would mean the safe-guarding of property and life.

A. H. Whitman,
Vice-Chairman.

Referred to the Committee of Fire Wards and also to the Committee on Works for reports.

SCHOOLS LOAN \$35000.00 FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Read report Finance Committee re loan on \$35000.00 for public schools covering offer from the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the said sum.

Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Treasurer acting on behalf of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan to the City the sum of \$35000.00 or any part thereof for a period of six months at the rate of 5½ per cent interest per annum at part for school purposes was read. Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds

*Clerk of Works
Committee of Fire Wards
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be accepted and the attached resolution dealing with the same adopted.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

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Office of City Treasurer,
January 5th, 1920

Alderman Whitman, Chairman
and Committee on Finance.
Gentlemen:-

The loan for school buildings, as directed by the Governor's order in Council not being floated and the Trustees of the Sinking Funds being aware that the contractors for St. Patricks School (the said school not being included in the agreement with the Halifax Relief Commission) require payment on their progress certificates I am instructed by the said Trustees to offer to loan the City of Halifax the sum of \$35000.00 or any part thereof for a period of six months from January 1st, 1920 at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent interest per annum at par.

James J. Hopewell,
Sec-Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted :-

WHEREAS the trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax the sum of \$35000.00 or any part thereof as may be required to pay the progress certificates of the contractors for St. Patrick's School, under an order of the Governor in Council dated October 25th, 1919.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the said offer to loan the City of Halifax a sum of \$35,000.00 or any portion thereof at par for the ~~per~~ purposes specified be accepted.

The period to be six months, the date January 1st, 1920 and the rate of interest 5 1/2 per cent per annum.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett and passed.

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CITY PRISON.

Read report City Prison Committee for the month of December.

Committee Room, City Hall,
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The City Council:
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison met this afternoon, present Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Colwell, Hoyt, Hubley, and Murphy.

The Committee begs to report and recommend as follows :-

1- That the Chairman and the Governor of the Prison be authorized to purchase from the City Health Board a hydraulic pump not now used by them for the purpose of augmenting the water supply at the Prison.

2- That the Governor be authorized to call for tenders for groceries for the period ending April 30th, 1920 the Governor to telephone to dealers for quotations.

3- That the Governor be authorized to call for tenders for necessary new plumbing on specifications by the City Plumber.

4- The following named accounts are recommended for payment :-

Lynchs Ltd.	Bread	160.50
Moirs Ltd.	Christmas bread	23.00
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	255.42
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Beef	167.60
S.C. Thompson	Feed	60.65
A.L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware etc.	13.40
Robert Taylor Co.	Shoes	7.95
J.&M. Murphy Ltd.	Dry Goods	59.25
Maxwells Ltd.	Uniforms	288.00
Maxwells Ltd.	Uniforms (July)	45.00
J.F. Tapp	Blacksmith	6.90
Neil Fox	Harness Rep.	2.70
Frank G. Ritchie	Electrician	88.76
Hillis & Sons	Supplies	3.00
Imperial Oil Ltd.	Floor oil	4.18
Black & Flinn	Lime	5.20
Rhodes & Curry Co. Ltd.	Lumber	29.10
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	14.25
Evans & Co.	Hardware	45.08
Thomas J. Egan	Rep. to Revolvers	2/85
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.15
Mar. Tel & Tel Co.	Rental	9.33

*als Ritchie
Governor
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N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	Light (May ³¹ /19)	71.64
do	do (Oct. 31/19)	4.00
do	do (Nov. 29/19)	30.52
do	do (Dec. 31/19)	24.29
		<u>\$1423.72</u>

George Ritchie,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Library Commission recommending accounts for payment.

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

The Library Commission beg to recommend the following bills for payment.

T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery etc.	20.40
A.L.A. Pub. Board.	Books	1.50
Mutual Subscription Agency	Subscriptions	<u>167.15</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 189.05</u>

L. Barnaby,
Librarian.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

EXPLOSION-ACCOUNT REPAIRS TO CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to explosion damage to City Property.

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Office of Clerk of Works,
January 8th, 1920

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 7th day of January accounts from the following firms, viz:- Walter Lownds \$226.65, Crpagg Bros. & Co \$5.10 Piercey Supply Co. \$41.14 David Roche \$47.68 - Grand total \$320.61 were approved and recommended to Council for payment, Alderman Finlay dissenting.

A. F. Meservey,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

ROBERT CLANCEY SUPERANNUATION.

Read petition Robert Clancey a sub-collector in the City Collector's office for superannuation.

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

Feeling that my physical condition is such that I cannot give to the City the service that I should like to render, and which I know could be performed by a younger man, I desire on July 1st, next to retire from the city employ.

I have been a servant of the city for a period of forty years and none other of its present employees can show so long a record. During those years I have worked for a low salary and have therefore been unable to lay aside anything to assist me in my declining years.

Under the superannuation act I am entitled to draw approximately only \$640.00 per annum. You will therefore see that it would not be possible to support myself and dependents unless further assistance were granted to me.

I trust that you will give my case your careful consideration and that I may be dealt with as favorably as other officials with less service to their credit have been treated by your predecessors.

Robert Clancey,

*Asst. City
Clerk.*

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Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending
accounts for payment.

Office of City Health Board,
January 8th, 1920

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

The attached accounts from City Health Board, amounting to \$1,032.76 1/2 passed at a meeting of the Board, are forwarded for your information and necessary action, please.

John .A. Watters,
Secretary C.H.B.

Small Pox Hospital.

Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fish	4.11
Ross Print	Printing	10.75
H.D. McKenzie	Coal	98.22
Mar. Tel & Tel Co.	Phones	48.89
G.M. Meagher	Bread	7.14
Public Health Dept.	Vaccine	12.40
City Taxi	Service	4.25
J. & M. Murphy	Dry goods	10.89
Oragg-Bros.	Messengers	7.15
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	9.40
Farquhar Bros.	Plumbing	17.62
T.H. & T. Francis	Table Cloth etc	31.30
S.D. Innes	Milk	15.60
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Meat	22.45
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	36.57
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		\$ 336.74

Isolation Hospital

Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fish	3.98
H.D. McKenzie	Coal	124.00
Mar. Tel. Company	Phone	26.22
G.M. Meagher	Bread	19.00 1/2
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.30
Michael Day	Plumbing	5.03
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	15.80
N.S. Undertaking Co.	Conveyance	
	Patients	107.00
R.W. Hemming	Repairs	58.81
Kinleys Ltd.	Drugs	66.10
Longards Ltd.	Furnace work	8.95
S.D. Innes	Milk	24.70
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Meat	52.29
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	73.85
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		\$590.031/2

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Ross. Print	Printing	10.50
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Phone	61.51
Halifax Herald	Advertising	8.40
John Starr Son & Co.	Battery	.40
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.00
Farquahr Bros.	Plumbing Work	13.38
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	6.30
Morton & Thomson	Battery	.50
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		\$ 105.99

Grand Total \$1032.76 1/2

Moved by Alderman Fenlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME

Read report Charities Committee for the month of December.

Halifax, N.S. January 7th, 1920

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

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present, the Chairman, Aldermen Hubley and Alderman Ritchie.

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of December 1919, there were 25 persons admitted into the City Home, 17 were discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 7 were chargeable to the Province and 18 to the City.

The total number of inmates, December 31st, was 286 made up of 161 men, 122 women and 3 children. On the same date last year there were 156 men, 119 women and 7 children a total of 282.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:-

Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	1119.73
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Meat	657.70
Davis & Fraser	Pork	84.64
Smith & Proctor	Butter	357.84
H.D. Grant	Milk	199.57
Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fish	89.35
The Flieschman Co.	Yeast	4.55
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Clothing	229.46
S.C. Thompson	Feed	83.91
H.D. MacKenzie	Coal	1168.80
N.S. Tram & Power Co.	Light	59.96

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Mar. Tel & Tel Co.	Telephones	25.38
Geo. Hutchinson	-fee-	105.00
A.&W.Mackinlay Ltd.	Books	.75
John Lawrence		24.91
Faulkner & Co.		33.36
T.Hogan & Co.	Plumbing	37.97
Howard McFatridge	Horseshoeing	17.55
J.J. Scriven & Co.	Bread	46.20
Saml. Marshall & Son	Plastering	57.60
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables	1191.11
City Prison		264.00
Snow & Co. Ltd.	Coffin	2.15
C.R.Hoben & Co.	Plumbing	2750.00
Gordon & Keith	Furnishings	1500.00
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	28.44
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Stove fittings	34.85
Victoria General Hosp.	Dispensing	149.59
J.H.Buchanan	Cash expended	279.11
Salaries	December	1022.39
		<u>\$11625.87</u>

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC (HOME FOR FEEBLE MINDED)

Read application Local Council of Women for a civic grant towards the up keep of a psychiatric clinic or home for feeble minded children.

Local Council of Women of Halifax
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To the Mayor and
Members of Halifax City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Local Council of Women of Halifax, have been asked to raise a fund for the purpose of starting and maintaining a Psychiatric Clinic in Halifax. Its ministrations will be free to all comers. Its benefits will be far-reaching.

1. Nervous and mental cases will be diagnosed and treatment advised, thereby avoiding much unnecessary suffering, and in many cases helping to arrest a mental break-down, which would otherwise result in confinement in the hospital for the insane.

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2. The Clinig will be in close co-operation with the Juvenile Court of Halifax, giving that body splendid opportunities for helping the delinquent boy or girl by determining their mentality, so that suitable reformatory measures may be taken.

3. Parents, Teachers, Social Works and other will send to the Clinic children of doubtful mentality, so that their present and probably future capacity may be determined and the education of even the most unresponsive child may be adapted to his capacity and needs.

4. Students of the Medical College and of the classes in Psychology may, but by attending this Clinic, gain practical experience in a subject of vast importance in the modern world of curative effort.

It is estimated that the yearly cost of up-keep of this Clinic will be about \$2500.00 and we feel that it is but necessary to call your attention to the establishment of so valuable an asset to our community to insure your sympathetic and immediate help.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Wm. Sterns, Treasurer, Tulip Street, Dartmouth.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation we are.

The. L.C. of W. of Halifax,
H.K. Stead, Cor. Secty., pro tem.

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

Committee Room, City Hall
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To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following accounts amounting to \$1779.41 were examined found correct and recommended for payment viz -

Dr. Finn, Certificate of death of-	
Abram Cox, 4.00	Andrew Hayes 4.00
Stanlay Mitchell, 4.00	Harry Parker 4.00
Madeline Michaud 4.00	Annie Fleming 4.00
Religious of Good Shepherd	Maintenance
	of Girls to Dec. 31/19
E. H. Blois, Supt. Neglected and Delinquent Children.	24.00
Maintenance of Children	
to Dec. 31/19	1154.76
T. C. Allen & Co.	Printing & Stationery
	City Treasurer 10.00

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	City Auditor	6.35	
	" Assessor	58.35	
	" Clerk	<u>201.25</u>	275.95
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Badges etc.		
		7.00	
		11.00	
		2.35	
		<u>7.00</u>	27.35
A. Milne Fraser	Desk Clamps		1.25
Blackadar Bros.	Subscription to		
	Recorder 1919		5.00
A. & W. Mackinlay Ltd.	Books		
	City Treasurer	10.70	
	" Clerk	<u>3.75</u>	14.45
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising		
		3.50, 5.60	9.10
Halifax Herald	do		7.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	do		
		5.60, 11.20	<u>16.80</u>
			\$1779.41

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

• POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Halifax, N.S.
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To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this day, the following named accounts amounting to \$906.40 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Telephone Company	Service	45.85
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works	Repairs Patrol	9.25
Dr. McFatrige	Board horses	28.50
Frank Hanrahan	Cash expended	8.70
Miss Garnier	Hat	9.00
Mrs. Virtue	"	10.50
T. C. Allen & Co.	Office supplies	27.55
Clayton & Sons	Police Ulsters	558.00
Carrol & Smille	2 Weillaphones	25.00

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Robert Taylor Ltd.	Overshpes	15.00
John Starr S n & Co.	Electric light	2.35
Dominion Rubber	Tyres	2.50
F.W.Fraser	Feed	21.37
Burns & Keeler	brass buckles	4.45
H.R;Bergman,	Engraving	17.70
Kellys Ltd.	Supplies	5.85
Nova Motor	Repairs to Car.	29.65
A.&W.MacKinlay Ltd.	Books	38.70
J.W.O'Brien	repairs and services	46.48
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		\$ 906.40

J.S Parker,
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

EXPLOSION PAINTING FIRE STATIONS.

Read report Committee on Fire Wards recommending for payment accounts for painting fire stations on account of damage caused by the explosion.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 9th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards beg to recommend for payment the following accounts of victor McLaren in settlement of contract for painting Fire Stations on account of damages caused by the Explosion.

West Street Ststione	\$667.00
Central Station	165.00
Quinpool Road Ststion	215.00
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	\$1047.00

W.W.Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Farlay that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNT.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common
recommending accounts for payment.

Mayer's Office, City Hall,
December 9th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen :-

The Commissioners of Halifax Common met
this evening when the following named accounts were
examined, found correct and recommended to the City
Council for payment :-

Current Account.

S. Cunard & Co.	Hard coal	
	8 tons @ \$5.00	120.00
Hugh D. Mackenzie Ltd.	soft coal	
	48 tons @ 7.75	372.00
Baldwin & Co.	Flower Pots	5.07
A. H. Lamphier	Repairs to	
	Waggons	82.25
Buckley Drug Co.	Disinfection	3.65
Michael Day	Plumbing	7.60
S. C. Thompson	Feed	43.22
R. J. Farquhar	Seeds	35.95
Henry Ritchie	Dahlia's	21.66
J. A. Summers	Tulips	113.90
	Total.....	<u>\$805.30</u>

Loan Account.

Sherwin Williams	Paint for fence	24.20
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	24.30
Brookfield Bros.	Sand	6.00
	Total.....	<u>\$ 54.50</u>

Prince of Wales Reception Account

J. T. Whalen & Co.	Flags	78.00
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J. S. Parker,
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman
Power that the report be adopted and the accounts
paid. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts
for payment.

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City Works, Office,
Jan. 7, 1920

His worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are accounts of the City
works Department for the month of December 1919
amounting to the sum of \$18,119.85 chargeable to
the following services, which have been approved
by the Works Committee and are recommended to the
Council for payment.

Streets.	608.08
Permanent Pavement	172.48
Loan Assessment Improvement	271.97
Market Revenue	103.81
City Hall Lighting	179.30
Telephones	218.18
Abattoir	47.44
Street Lighting	4017.68
Fuel City Hall	387.50
Town Clock Maintenance	55.00
Electric Wiring Inspection	32.44
Sewerage	1413.57
Internal Health	307.10
Teams & Stables	200.48
City Property	310.33
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	\$ 8325.36
Water Maintenance	144.08
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	\$ 8469.44
Water Construction	\$4989.79
Water Maintenance	4660.62
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	9650.41
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	\$18119.85

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman
Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the accounts
paid in so far as funds will permit. Motion passed.

ALDERMAN DOUGLAS

Alderman Douglas here arrives and takes his seat
in Council.

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POLICE MOTOR PATROL CAR.

Read report Finance Committee recommending payment of the principal sum and cost of law suit in connection with the purchase of a police patrol car from the Halifax Auto Company.

Committee Room, City Hall
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of L.A. Lovett, Esq., K.B. asking for payment of \$2453.10 amount of Judgment and costs in case Halifax Auto Company vs The City of Halifax was read. It is recommended that same be paid \$2000.00 from loan for Police Patrol and \$453.10 Police Appropriation 1919-20

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS 1917-1918

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment the sum of \$292.24 in settlement of Victoria General Hospital accounts from October 1st, 1917 to December 31st, 1918 covering correspondence.

Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Auditor in re adjustment of disclaimed accounts of Victoria General Hospital for care of City Patients from October 1st, 1917 to December 31st, 1918 was read. This account has been submitted to arbitration and the arbitrators have fixed the amount for which the City

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is liable at \$292.24

Your Committee recommend that the sum of \$292.24 be paid in full settlement of this claim.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Office of City Auditor,
August 13th, 1919

Alfred Whitman, Esq.,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

I send herewith the letter from the Hon. Com of Public Works and Mines under date of 10th May 1919 with account therein referred to \$747.50 and would ask that same be placed in line so as to get final adjustment of what is now the only matter so far as I know in dispute between the Victoria General Hospital and the City of Halifax.

I beg to call attention to the fact that whatever amount is fixed on by the Arbitrators in settlement of this account will require to be financed by Legislation to be obtained in the future.

W.W.Foster,
City Auditor.

Office of Works and Mines,
May 10th, 1919

W.W.Foster, Esq.,
City Auditor.

Re. V.G. Hospital Accounts.

Dear Sir:-

With a view to arriving at a settlement of the accounts now outstanding between the City of Halifax and the V.G. Hospital Commission as set forth in the memorandum attached hereto, I beg to suggest that I am quite willing to abide in any decision which your Mr. W.E. Messervey and Mr. F.W. Smith, Secretary of Public Charities, may make. In case these two are unable to agree, I am prepared to abide by any independent Arbitrator which they may select. If they fail to agree on a third person I am quite satisfied that the naming of such third person shall be made by Mr. Justice Chisholm of the Supreme Court.

E.H. Armstrong,
Commissioner of Public Works & Mines.

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Office of City Auditor,
Nov. 7th, 1919

Alfred Whitam, Esq.,
Chairman, Finance Committee.
Dear Sir:-

Accompanying please find adjustment of accounts Victoria General Hospital for the old account in dispute, \$747.50 to December 31st, 1918 signed by the referees, F.W. Smith and W.E. Messervey, fixing same at \$292.24. This amount has to be financed as there is no fund from which it can be paid.

At same time I wish to call attention to the fact that from May 1st, 1919 to date no accounts for patients at the Victoria General Hospital have been paid; although I know that the bills are sent in regularly by the Superintendent, and to date are for some reason not attended to.

The only charge for this year against the appropriation waiting to pay these bills of \$10,000.00 is for two quarters' salary @ \$100, to Mr. Messervey for attending to the matter of settlement of patients.

This is getting to be a serious matter from the standpoint of the City Finances, as we have now paid out of this account, besides bills due since May 1st, 1919 \$15,111.34 and no effort whatever has been made to collect from parties treated and the further these accounts are allowed to run, the less likelihood there is of collection.

W.W. Foster,
City Auditor.

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 14th, 1919

City of Halifax,
In account with
Victoria General Hospital, Dr.

Adjustment of Disclaimed Accounts of
Victoria General Hospital for the care of patients
from the City of Halifax from Oct. 1st., 1917 to Dec.
31st, 1918

1917.	Amount of Disclaimed accounts.	Disclaimed Accounts allowed.	Balance.
Oct.	488.00	176.00	312.00
Nov.	257.20	190.00	67.20
Dec.	22.00	8.00	14.00
	<u>\$ 767.20</u>	<u>\$ 374.00</u>	<u>\$ 393.20</u>
By cash a/c late Mrs. Laura Baker			22.00
			<u>371.20</u>
Murdoch Bequest	\$811.75		
Three months	\$202.94	proportion of 1.00 to 2.57	78.96
			<u>\$ 292.24</u>

F.W. Smith,
W.E. Messervey.

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Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted and the account paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further report.

The amendment is put and passed.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, MAY 1st, 1919
to OCTOBER 31st, 1919

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts for Victoria General Hospital patients from May 1st, 1919 to October 31st., 1919.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 6th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached accounts of the Victoria General Hospital for care of patients chargeable to the City of Halifax from May 1st, 1919 to October 31st, 1919 \$6,897.52 was read and recommended for payment.

Alfred Whitman,
chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS.

Read letter Army and Navy Veterans covering letter and resolution Ladies Auxiliary re the installation of comfort stations in the City.

Halifax, N.S. Dec, 17th, 1919

To the Mayor and
City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At our business meeting held the 4th inst. a copy of a resolution was read and unanimously adopted.

*as Whitman ✓
Asst. City Clerk ✓*

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This resolution, originated with the Ladies Aux. A. & N.V. Halifax Unit, and requests the city to provide the necessary "Comfort Stations" such as a city of this size should have. Also to see that public buildings, halls etc., are in like manner equipped.

I feel sure gentlemen that if you take the necessary action to comply with this request you will meet with the hearty approval of not only these organizations but of the citizens generally.

The meeting further elected Comrades Duffus and Monaghan to wait upon you, with this letter personally to fully explain if it should be needed the ideas we have in view and receive any objections that you may have to offer.

Trusting that this matter will receive your serious consideration.

Arthur P. Hodges,
Sec'y.

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 17th, 1919

His Worship Mayor Parker
and Alderman of City of Halifax.
Gentlemen:-

The enclosed resolution was passed at the regular meeting of The Ladies Auxiliary Army and Navy Veterans in Canada (Halifax Unit) on Dec. 2nd, 1919. It was forwarded to the Mens Unit consisting of 1700 many of whom are voters and taxpayers, for backing and support at their regular meeting on Dec. 4th. owing to the illness of our Recording Sec'y we regret it has not been forwarded to you earlier.

Alma Brinkman,
Actg. Corresponding Sec'y.

WHEREAS it is felt to be the duty of this organization to watch for and recommend all improvements tending to beautify Halifax and make toward the healthfulness and moral uplift of its inhabitants.

AND WHEREAS in American and European Cities there are interspersed throughout the most thickly populated districts of said cities, comfort stations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this association recommend to the City Council of this City, that at least 3 Comfort Stations be opened in the central parts of the City and that the owners of theatres, restaurants and public buildings be made to provide adequate accommodation of this kind for both sexes,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent the mens unit for backing and support and also a copy of the same to the City Council for action on their part.

Moved by Miss McCrow seconded by Mrs. Hollands passed unanimously at Church of England Institute, Halifax, Dec. 2nd, 1919

*Club works ✓
Engineer ✓*

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Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Committee on Fire Wards for the month of December.

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 6th, 1920

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report and recommend as follows :-

Accident Insurance - Thomas James Connors.

1- It is recommended that the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars when paid to the City by the Railway Passengers Assurance Company on account of the accidental death of Thomas James Connors a member of the Halifax Fire Department who was drowned at Two Lakes, Sambro Road last spring be handed over to Mrs. Mary Greene, 104 Gerrish Street, the Mother of the deceased.

War - Pay of Fireman C.J. Leahy on Military Duty.

2.- The Committee recommend for the approval of the City Council the following report from the City Auditor.

Office of City Auditor,
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 29th, 1919

W.W. Hoyt, Esq., Chairman,
Firewards Committee,
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report that Sec. 5 Chap. 36 Acts 1916 provides that "Any official of the City or the City Health Board who may hereafter be engaged in active military service shall be entitled to receive from the City only the difference between the amount of his salary as such official and his pay for such military service."

I would recommend that Mr. Leahy be paid, under this Act, Like other returned civic employees the difference between his salary from the Fire Department, which at the time of his enlistment was \$65.00 per month, and his military pay, \$1.10 per

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Chief Fire
Dept - ✓
Auditor ✓

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Ord City Clerk ✓

day made up as follows :-

From Dec. 25th., 1915 to Aug. 4th, 1919 - 3 yrs. 8 mos.

Salary H.F.D., (Dec.1915 \$65.00 per month) \$2860.00

Military pay \$1.10 per day -3 yrs. 8 mos... 1449.80

Difference due under Sec. 5, Chap. 36, 1916... \$1410.20

Of this amount there is on hand in the Fire Department account 1917-1918..... 795.90

Legislation will be necessary to provide the balance.....\$614.30

I recommend that the amount on hand, \$795.90 be now paid Mr. Leahy.

W.W. Foster,
City Auditor.

Street Railway, Damages to Fire Department Property

3- The Committee submit herewith with the recommendation that the same be approved a report from the City solicitor in re claim made by the Fire Department against the Tramway Company for damages to equipment.

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S. Nov. 25th/19

Chairman of the Board of Firewards.

Dear Sir:-

The Chief of the Fire Department has obtained for me interviews with the witnesses in these claims, and I beg to report of the same. The claims are :-

1. Running over a line of hose on Windsor Street on the 12th of January.
2. Running over a line of hose on Charles Street on the 14th of January.
3. Colliding with a ladder cart on Spring Garden Road in March last about the time of the return of the R.C.R. I will deal with these in order.

1st. The evidence of the witnesses, especially John Hoganson, hoseman on the waggon, is that the night in question was fine and clear, and the light on the corner of North and Windsor Streets was burning brightly. When the line of hose was laid across Windsor Street, Hoganson went to the south corner of the streets and did his utmost to warn the driver of the tram car by standing in the middle of the track and shouting to him and waiving his hands. The driver, however, paid no attention; but came on to the north side of the street running over the line of hose and destroying the, When asked what he meant by so doing he made no answer. It appears to me that there was negligence both in not seeing the hose, and still greater negligence in not paying attention to so clear a signal, and that for this the Company should be liable.

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2nd. In this case it was a dark night and no light at the corner, and the hoseman on laying out the hose had gone to the man in charge of the engine to ascertain if it was ready to turn on the water. In the meantime the tram car came on and passed over the hose. The engine was situated on Charles Street past the corner and could easily have escaped the notice of the driver of the car. I do not think the evidence sufficient in this case to justify an action for negligence.

3rd. The evidence of the driver of the car and the Deputy Fire Chief in this was is that the car was coming down Spring Garden Road at about 12.30. The night was clear and all lights burning brightly. At the corner of Queen Street the horses were coming slowly and the driver sounded his gong continuously. There was a heavy load of ladders on the waggon, diagonally and projecting over both sides. In order to let a tram car going east pass on the north side of the driver had pulled over to the south side of the road. As soon as the car had passed he started to return to his proper side. This was nearly at Queen Street. A west bound car was seen coming up the hill at approximately St. Mary's Cathedral, coming very fast, estimated at between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour. It came right on without slackening speed, and struck the ladder truck at the hind axle, doing considerable damage. When asked what he meant the driver admitted that he had never seen the ladder truck.

It is admitted, however, by the persons in charge of the latter waggon, that the waggon was showing no lights, and this point is expressly taken in the letter of the claims department of the defendant Company. The point so taken is not an easy one to dispose of. It is not clear in the first place whether the regulation requiring lights applies to the vehicles of the Fire Department, and in the second place whether the absence of lights was a matter which in itself would debar the City from recovering damages for a collision without further proof, or whether this absence was only a matter of evidence, and that the City could still recover if it was clear that the absence of lights was no excuse for the negligence of the driver of the tram car. If the matter were very large it would be worth contesting in order to ascertain exactly what the liability respectively was; but in this matter it seems to me that a compromise on the point might well be suggested.

Assuming accordingly that the facts as given to me by the officials of the Department are established and are not controverted by opposing evidence, it appears

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*see clause 3 below
H.S. Drummey
Power Co
Chief Fire Dept
Solicitor*

to me that the Company is liable for the full amount of the damage done on Windsor Street; that it is not liable for the damage done on Chalres Street and that the damage done to the ladder cart is a matter open to a reasonable compromise.

F.H.Bell,
City Solicitor.

W.W.Hoyt,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read clause No. 1 re accident insurance Thomas James Connors.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause No. 2 re pay of fireman C.J.Leady on military duty covering report from City Auditor.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Finlay that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the clause be referred to the Finance Committee for report. Amendment passed.

Read clause No. 3 re street railway damages to Fire Department property covering opinion from the City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Power that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Power that the report as a whole as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

*see p 699
Chief Fire Dept
Auditor*

*see p 700
Asst City Clerk*

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NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER COSTS.

Read report Finance Committee covering accounts for costs in connection with the expropriation of right of way for the North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 6th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached bill of costs in the matter of the expropriation of lands for the North West Arm Sewer Right of Way, from Estate late T.E. Kenny amounting to \$139.25; also costs of application for payment of money out of court in same case \$18.00; also a bill of Messrs. MacLean, Burchell and Ralston \$18.00 costs of application for payment of money out of court in the case of Pine Hill College were read and recommended for payment.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Alderman Kelly takes the Chair.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Read report Finance Committee covering letter Alderman Murphy re an Independent Audit of the City's finances.

Committee Room, City Hall
January 6th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of Alderman Murphy with reference to the necessity of an independent audit was read and referred to the City Council for its

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consideration.

Alfred Whitman,
Chairman.

Halifax N.S., Dec. 19th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The City has endeavoured for a number of years to obtain legislation permitting an independent audit of its affairs but has failed up to the present.

Last year the only item struck from our estimates was one of \$2,500.00 to carry out an audit and survey of our various Civic Departments.

The following from an editorial in a prominent Montreal paper written when the question of an independent audit was up there applies strikingly to this City :-

"A striking peculiarity of our civic administration is that there is absolutely no independent audit of the corporation's books. This is in direct opposition to the custom existing in practically all other cities of importance. The City's expenditures from revenue totals about fourteen millions a year, while a much larger sum is usually ~~quite~~ voted from the Loan Account. With enormous outlays such as these it is absurd that there should be no scrutinizing of the books by auditors not in the civic employ."

This editorial went on further to say that the introduction of an independent audit could in no way reflect on any heads of departments involved and that all business houses had adopted it as a matter of course. It further suggested that it be made incumbent on the City to adopt the policy of independent audit.

I am informed that in the neighborhood of fifteen years ago an effort was made to have the affairs of the City audited and that after the work had proceeded a couple of days conditions at that time were such that those who had undertaken it were called off.

I have no desire to suggest that the affairs of the City are in any such shape at present; nevertheless, the fact of the large amount of uncollected taxes, at present amounting to from \$600,000 - \$800,000 and the frequent questions which arise regarding taxes in general would service to indicate that an audit and survey, as proposed, is desirable and would result in the introduction of improved methods in the workings of these important departments.

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I would recommend that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and if favorably passed on by Council that necessary provision be made for the carrying through of this work.

John Murphy,

Moved by Aldermen Murphy seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Murphy that steps be taken to have an independent audit and survey made of all the City's books and accounts.

Chairman

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair,

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Murphy that consideration of this matter be deferred and taken up with the City's legislation and that the City Clerk communicate with Mr. Bradshaw of Toronto and ask him if he would make any suggestions for improvement in the City's system of book-keeping or financial affairs.

Amendment put and lost 2 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Kelly, Murphy -2

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan Douglas, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Hubley -13

The original motion is put and lost 3 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows :-

For the motion :- Aldermen Bissett, Kelly, Murphy - 3

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Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Regan, Douglas, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Hubley -12

GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS CIVIC TAXATION.

His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that the special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the matter of obtaining Government contributions towards civic taxation had gone carefully into the matter and were now about prepared to submit their report.

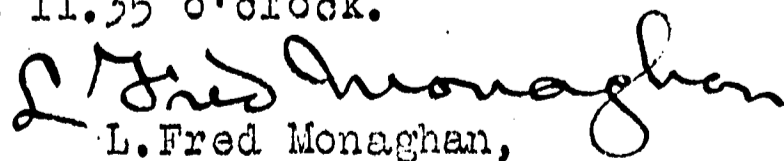
Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Colwell that this Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to nominate a delegation to proceed to Ottawa with a memorial to the Dominion Government asking for a grant from the Government in lieu of taxation on properties owned in Halifax.

The amendment is withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Ritchie that a special meeting of this Council be called by His Worship the Mayor for Thursday evening 15th inst. at 8 o'clock to receive the report of the special committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.


L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.