

Wednesday June 20th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, McLean, Smith, Young, Walker, Otto, and Pettipas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORTED:- (See report pages 471 and 472)

After considerable discussion it was moved by Councillors Otto and McLean, that the whole matter be investigated by the Council in Committee and reported back at the regular meeting of the Council. The report of the Water Committee, (clause 1) as previously placed before the Council at last regular meeting was unanimously adopted, on motion of Councillors Smith and McLean, and the increase in rates confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ; Report read clause by clause .

Clause one was adopted, clauses two, three, and four read and received. Clause five was referred back to the Finance Committee to take whatever action they saw fit for the collection of the outstanding amount of \$25.00. (See report page 474)

RE BUS LICENSES applied for by

L.M. Bell,

John A. Gillis, Jr.,

Burton Turple.

were granted on motion of Councillors Otto and Young, subject to the signing of an agreement between the Town and the applicants.

The following resolution was also unanimously passed on motion of Councillors McLean and Walker. "RESOLVED that the Town Council cooperate with the Dartmouth Board of Trade in protesting against the charges made by the Public Utilities Board and Local Government for Buses running from Dartmouth to Imperoyal.

Councillors Otto and Young moved that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement between the Town of Dartmouth and Tax Collector Russell Brooks, for the current year.

Re Police Vacations, it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the Police Committee as in previous years.

Councillor Young asked that steps be taken to put Queen Street in proper condition. Repairs to this street was badly needed. The Engineer was instructed to attend to this matter along with other streets that had been previously complained of.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT, read,

1. Re Water Supply, he recommended that authority be given him to give the water mains a thorough inspection and cleaning. On motion this clause was adopted and the Chairman of Streets and Water Committeds authorized to buy a suitable pump required by the Town Engineer.
2. Re Victoria Park:- The cost of proposed fountain for the centre of this park will be in be in the vicinity of \$250.00, but as that part of the Park is low some grading or fill will have to be provided which will run the cost up higher than otherwise.

On motion this report was adopted.

Letter received from J.L. Allen applying for the position of SECRETARY TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION, made vacant by the sudden death of Walter Creighton. On motion this appointment was deferred, until applications had been called, such applications to be received up to the 28th June. The Clerk was instructed to insert an add in the Dartmouth "Patriot", calling for applications.

The Finance Committee was authorized to obtain a suitable die with Town Coat of Arms for office stationery.

Clerk was instructed to notify plumbing Inspector Forbes to make a systematic Plumbing Inspection and report on the different water fixtures and condition thereof of all houses barns, etc., in the Town.

Number of accounts passed for payment duly signed by two Councillors.

Meeting adjourned and met as,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Re Estate of Caroline Young, Boggs Street. This matter was left with the Mayor, to issue final notice to put plumbing in the house referred to. Meeting adjourned.

Walter Inisher...Mayor.

.....Clerk

APPROVED.

Dartmouth, June 18th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members Town Council,
Gentlemen:-

Your committee on finance beg to report that at a recent meeting, consideration was given to a number of matters.

1. Tenders were received for the printing of forms used in the office, as follows:-

Independent print, \$16.00; Dartmouth Patriot, \$16.25.

The tender of the Independent print, being the lowest, is recommended.

2. A conference was held with the manager of the bank which with the Town does its business with regard to a lower rate of interest on overdrafts or a higher rate of interest on credit balances. The conference was a very satisfactory one. Your committee is not prepared at this time to make a recommendation but hopes to be in a position to do so at the next meeting.

3. The claim of the Workmen's Compensation Board covering amount due on assessment for 1922 and 1923 has been dealt with as directed by Council at the last meeting. Since then a cheque for \$1,108.79 has been forwarded to the Compensation Board, leaving a balance of \$240.00 due on September 1st, this year. The amount of assessment for 1923 has been reduced \$24,000 on two items, representing a tax of \$150.00.

Your Committee would recommend that the engineer write the Compensation Board giving the duties of the electrician, it being felt that the rate of \$3.50 now charged is not a fair one inasmuch as the town is not now operating its own plant and that the council authorize the engineer to request an adjustment of the rate.

Your Committee is pleased to state that every courtesy was extended to the Town by the official in connection with a revision of the original estimate covering expenditures during the year.

4. In view of the importance of increasing the revenue at this time from unpaid taxes due on 1923 assessment, your committee recommends that a discount of one per cent be allowed on all taxes paid from the 19th day of June up to and including the 1st day of August. Information in possession of the committee emphasizes the importance of this step being taken.

5. Consideration was given to an outstanding account amounting to \$30.00 - 5.00 = \$25.00 arising out of a loan authorized by a previous member of a council for 1921, but never approved, so far as can be determined, by the council at that time. The circumstances of this loan is such as to see that it is refunded into the civic treasury even should it be found necessary to ask that the ex-councillor make it good. There appear to be no authority enabling any councillor to loan money out of the civic treasury and the question arises as to whether it does not come in the class of "misdirected administration". If the matter were allowed to go unnoticed it is just possible that in later years the officials might be held responsible as is so frequently done. One member of the finance committee who was a member of the council at that time has no recollection of the loan ever having been authorized. The fact that the amount involved is comparatively small does not alter the principle, for that reason your committee recommends that the solicitor be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to recover the amount in favor of the ratepayers. All correspondence is attached for the information of the council.

sgd. A.C. Pettipas,
P.J. Otto,
C.A. McLean.

Dartmouth, N.S., July 10th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, McLean, Smith, Young, Walker, Otto and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Annual report read from the V.O.N., re visiting schools
This was received and placed on file.

Report read from Chairman of FINANCE COMMITTEE (see pages inserted). After considerable discussion this report was adopted. Councillors Pettipas Walker, and Young voting "for" and Councillor McLean "against". Town Solicitor was instructed to draft letter to be sent to other Municipalities.

Report read from Water Committee, as follows:-
"With reference to the supply of water to the Canadian National Railways the following report is submitted and recommendations made in that connection and all metered consumers. The agreement between the Town and the C.N.R. with regard to the supply of water expired in April and they asked for a renewal of the Agreement; the Council expressed willingness to have the agreement renewed conditional on the rate per 1,000 gallons being increased from 10¢ to 20¢, it being felt that the Railway Department should not pay any less rate than other consumers. Since the last meeting of Council Messrs Appleton and Simpson (representing the C.N.R.) have had an interview with your chairman, the Deputy Town Clerk and myself when they pointed out that in no case in the Dominion are they paying more than 10¢ per 1,000 gallons. When water is sold by the meter some consideration should be given to the amount sold, or in other words a consumer taking 10,000,000 gallons should be rated less per 1,000 than one taking only 10,000 gallons. I am therefore submitting a new schedule of meter rates which I would recommend for adoption and to date from January 1st, this year. These rates could be included in the matter to be placed before the Public Utilities Commission at the forthcoming hearing. The schedule of meter rates referred to above is as follows:-

<u>gallons of water per quarter.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 gallons .</u>
Up to 25,000	20 cents.
25,000 to 50,000	19
50,000 to 75,000	18
75,000 to 100,000	17
100,000 to 125,000	16
125,000 to 150,000	15
150,000 to 175,000	14
175,000 to 200,000	13
200,000 to 225,000	12
225,000 to 250,000	11
250,000 or over.	10

On motion of Councillors Smith and Walker this report was adopted.

LETTERS WERE received from the following:-

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ARTHUR S. COOPER appealing against sewer rates charged him on Sinclair Street for a 10 foot right of way, as he cannot build on this property. Moved by Councillors McLean and Young this be cut 50%. Adopted.

STARR MFGR. CO. LTD. re water rates charged for rolling mill. Moved by Councillors Young and Smith this amount stand and Starr Mfgr. Co be notified. Adopted.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD re hearing on Water Estimates, this meeting is now set for July 12th, 9.30 a.m. Standard time, being adjourned from date first fixed.

C.L.DODGE, Municipal Clerk, Kentville, N.S., re Dunsworth case. Councillors Pettipas and Young moved this be referred to Charities Committee and Mr. Dodge notified. Adopted.

MRS. SARAH CREIGHTON, expressing thanks for sympathy extended to her in the sudden death of her husband, Walter Creighton, late secretary-treasurer to the Housing Commission. Moved this be received and placed on file.

MR. CAUGHLAN, Edward Street claiming damages for oil that splashed^h on his sister-in-laws clothing from the Town Oil sprinkler. Referred to Street Committee for report.

Re Issue of Water Debentures (\$6,000). (See resolution attached). Councillors Pettipas and Smith moved these Deb. run twenty years and rate of interest to be 5%. Councillors Smith and Walker, moved the Clerk be instructed to call for tenders for these bonds in the usual way. Carried.

Letter received from Marks-Cross Arena Co. Ltd. asking that water connections be made at once as they were all ready to start. It was moved this be left to Water Committee to deal with at once. Carried.

S.M.CONROD. re sewer frontage on Elliot Street charged him. Town Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Conrod that this amount could not be changed as his case was not an exception, on motion of Councillors Walker and McLean.

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BRIGHTWOOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, heartily offering their grounds for the reception to his Excellency the Gov. Veneral, Lord Byng of Vimy, and informing the council, they had appointed a committee to work in co-operation with a committee from the Council. On motion the Mayor with Councillors Pettipas and McLean were appointed.

MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF CANADA offering to supply their paper to Mayor and Council at special rates. Motion passed this be filed. Applications for the position of Secretary to the Housing Commission were received as follows:-

Clyde Donald,
J. Lorne Allen,
Jas. W. Sidebottom,
Alfred Charlton.

Councillors McLean and Smith moved that Clyde Donald be appointed. Carried.

Letter received from Michael Noonan. Councillors Pettipas and Young moved this be referred to Street Committee and Town Engineer. Mr. Noonan to be notified to be present at next meeting.

BANOOK CANOE CLUB: making application for usual grant of \$200.00 and asking that August 2nd be proclaimed a holiday. On motion Councillors Walker and Young were appointed as a committee and the usual ^{grant} was authorized to be made.

WILBERT MOSHER: re line fence at his property on Prince and Boggs St. Referred to fence viewers to deal with.

FREDERICK WALKER: re his non-paying tenants etc., On motion the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Walker, and inform him that the Council have not authority to pay his rents or force his tenants to pay.

Re Salaries of Mr. Barnes and Nichols who signed the Pay sheet "on account", the cut in salaries having gone into effect this month. On motion it was decided that the council in committee hold an investigation with respect thereto on Friday July 13th. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Nichols to be notified to be present.

Number of bills signed by two councillors passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned and met as:-

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Letter received from Nova Scotia Trust Co. re Estate Caroline Young, House Boggs Street. On motion they were given 30 days to make the necessary connections.

Letter received from Sanitary Inspector John A. Wrin and Plumbing Inspector W.N.Forbes reporting list owners Brookside Avenue, and Hester Street who did not have their houses connected with Water and Sewer mains. They were given the usual 30 days in which to make said connections.

Meeting adjourned.

.....CLERK.

APPROVED

.....*Walter Fisher*.....MAYOR.

Dartmouth, N.S., July 16th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, Young, Otto,
Pettipas also Town Solicitor Murray.

Town Solicitor Murray submitted opinion of T.R. Robertson,
Barrister of Halifax, as under:-

"I have carefully considered the questions regarding certain appointments by the Town Council of Dartmouth, which you have submitted to me. The Superintendent of Water Works has been appointed by virtue of Chapter 56, Acts 1902, Section 51, which enacts that the Superintendent of Streets for the Town of Dartmouth shall as at present be Superintendent of Water Works, and the present and all future incumbents of such office shall hold office during good behaviour. The Town's Incorporation Act provides that in the event of the Council reducing the salary of an official holding office during good behaviour, such official shall have the right of appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court. I am of the opinion that the Town Council has power to reduce the salary of the Superintendent of Water Works, but such reduction is subject to reconsideration before a Judge, if the officer appeals. I am of opinion that the Town Engineer, in view of the wording of Acts 1920, Chapter 106, Section 24, holds office for the year, but I am of opinion that his salary may be reduced by the Town Council. If he is not satisfied with the reduction he has the privilege of resigning in accordance with the provisions of the Town's Incorporation Act, Section 127. I am further of opinion that the recent resolution rescinding the appointment of certain Town officials is not valid insofar as both these officials are concerned, and that the proper procedure is to reduce their salaries to such an amount as the Council deems fit, leaving the Superintendent of Water Works to his remedy of appeal, and the Town Engineer to his remedy of resignation, if he so desires." Signed T.R. Robertson.

On motion this was received and adopted.

After some discussion the following motion moved by Councillor Otto and seconded by Councillors Smith and Young was adopted:-

"Whereas in the opinion of this Council it is vital to the interests of the Town to economize in its expenditures and amongst other methods of accomplishing this object it is imperatively necessary that the pay of officials of the Town should be reduced. THEREFORE RESOLVED that commencing the 1st day of August 1923, the present rate of pay of the hereinafter named officials be reduced and that they be paid after the said 1st day of August at the rate per year without recognizing any term of office, at the rate per year set opposite their respective names.

H.E.R. Barnes, Town Engineer.....\$2200.00

E. Nichols, Supt. of Water Works.. 1500.00

Further Resolved that the resolution of the Council passed on the 21st day of May 1923, be rescinded as far as it affects the above mentioned officials in the reduction of their pay. "

On motion of Councillors Smith and Young the following resolution was adopted:- RESOLVED that the water be extended to the Dartmouth Skating Rink and be connected to the Park School if agreeable to the School Board, the minimum charge to be \$25.00 per year including meter rental.

The rate for booths at Lake Banook for Natal Day was fixed at \$5.00 for a single lot and \$10.00 for a double one.

On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Young the following resolution was passed:-

WHEREAS the upkeep of roads and streets in the different towns throughtout the Province of Nova Scotia is very burdensome and a heavy drain upon the resources of the respective town; and Whereas the Provincial Government not only levies upon the towns a tax in respect of highways, which has to be paid by the said towns, but also prevents the said towns from levying any license or fee upon the motorists who reside in the said towns, and who are greatly responsible for the deterioration of the streets and roads in the said towns, the fees for operating the motors being paid exclusively into the Treasury of the Provincial Government; Be it resolved that it is the opinion of the Town Council of Dartmouth that the exclusive method of levy adopted by the Provincial Government, whereby the fees in respect to motors are payable to the Provincial Treasury, without return being made to the towns, is unfair, inequitable and unjust, and that it is further of the opinion that tat least half of the fees so collected by the Provincial Government should be remitted to the cities and towns for the upkeep of their streets and roads, each town to be paid one half of the fees paid into the Provincial Government by motor owners residing in the said towns wherein their motors are operated.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Union of Municipalities for the Province of Nova Scotia and to the cities and towns throughout the Province with a view to securing united action of the part of the Towns of the Province of Nova Scotia to request the Provincial Government to amend the present legislation so that at least half of the fees collected as aforesaid shall be remitted to said cities and towns, "

Moved that Town Engineer be instructed to put down a bridge at or near the corner of Maple and Thisle Streets, much needed at that place.

Councillors McLean and Young moved that the Dartmouth citizens band be engaged for Natal Day. Some discussion took place and the general opinion was that if the Citizens band is engaged for that day then the proposed grant be with-held.

Number of accounts duly signed by two councillors passed for payment.

Meeting then adjourned.

.....Clerk.

Approved

Walter Inisher.....Chairman.

Dartmouth, July 10th, 1923

His Worship The Mayor
And Members Town Council

Gentlemen:-

With your permission I beg to report on the position of the Town financially, particularly with respect to current expenditures and the ability to provide for same.

This report is prompted by the action taken by me, on information received from the Bank, directing that no cheques be issued other than for salaries. The action taken was immediately communicated by letter to the mayor as follows:

Dartmouth, July 5th/23

His Worship the Mayor
Town of Dartmouth

Dear Sir:-

As chairman of the finance committee I feel it is my duty to acquaint you with the position of the town financially and also of the action taken in an endeavor to improve the situation.

In conversation with the manager of the Royal Bank, I find that the town is overdrawn to a larger extent than the Act allows, or will be if further cheques are authorized for payment, unless more taxes are received. In view of this fact, and after a long conference last evening with the town clerk, I instructed him not to issue cheques payable to the order of the town other than for salaries. I would respectfully request that you confirm my action until meeting of council on Tuesday evening. If you feel, however, in your judgment that this is not the proper course to pursue, the order given by me, of course, is automatically rescinded, but in that event I would ask to be relieved of further responsibility

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as chairman of the finance department.

Trusting for your ~~very~~ co-operation and advice in this matter,
I remain,
Sincerely Yours,
(Sgd) A.C.Pettipas

This letter was delivered to the mayor on the morning of the 6th. Letters were also sent to the town clerk and the bank manager notifying them of the action taken. The letter to the Town clerk reads as follows:

Dear Sir:-

Accept this as your authority for refusing to sign any cheques payable to the order of the town, except those covering salaries, unless otherwise authorized by His Worship the Mayor. This order becomes effective from this date and under no circumstances is it to be disregarded without permission as stated, or by the undersigned.

In conversation with the mayor the following evening (July 6th) he stated that the action taken was quite satisfactory to him and that he would confirm it. ~~This~~ is how matters stand at the present time and I feel should be left that way until there is an improvement.

In case it may be enquired why the necessity for adopting such a rather severe course, I might explain that it was imperative to do ^{in order} so to prevent a more embarrassing situation developing. Under our power to borrow one and one half per cent of our total valuation on real and personal property, bank statement shows that the maximum amount has been loaned. Were payment of accounts chargeable out of general revenue continued, the statutory authority would be exceeded. This would impose upon the Bank the unpleasant duty of refusing to honor cheques payable to the order of the town. This is what has happened in other places. It is not desirable that it should occur in Dartmouth. The town council is the proper body, it appears to me, which should decide a matter of policy of this nature, not the Bank, but failing to do so, the Bank would be compelled to do so in their own interest and as a guarantee of protection.

The estimated expenditure for the current year is, in my opinion, a mistake and this raises the important question, and a controversial one, as to whether the entire system should not be changed under which estimated expenditures for the year are made. Each year, I believe, should be made to take care of its obligations by fixing a tax rate which would produce the revenue required. It is very doubtful if the Town's Incorporation Act gives the Council the right to prepare estimates in the way in which they have been prepared for the past number of years. The matter is one which should be carefully and thoroughly gone into by future councils, with the solicitor, to determine whether statutory authority is not now being violated.

Payment of taxes this year has been much better than expected and had it not been for the large overdraft at the end of 1922, the shortage of ready funds for general purposes, would not now be felt. From the 1st day of January this year up to and including the 30th day of June, ~~\$97,616~~ ^{\$97,616} has been received in taxes, this including ^{in part} \$62,049 on 1923 assessment; \$118.13 on this year's poll taxes; \$14,427 on 1922 assessment; \$156 on 1922 poll taxes; \$8,623 on 1921 assessment; \$4745 on 1920 assessment and a few other smaller amounts.

Out of the total amount received in, however, provision had to be made for the large overdraft, an appropriation of \$20,000 ^{in account} had to be made for maintenance of the public schools and the cost of running the general service of the town had to be provided for. From these figures it can readily be seen that sufficient revenue, satisfactory though it appears unaiding present circumstances, has not been received to enable the town to adequately finance for all purposes. There still remains to be collected ^{approximately} \$75,000 on the 1923 assessment and ~~about \$7,000~~ on the 1922 assessment, a total of \$122,000, but unfortunately the larger portion of this will not be available for another year; in the meantime the town is compelled to make arrangements for an overdraft at the Bank to manage its affairs. And this amount does not represent all as there are

are several thousands of dollars represented in uncollected poll taxes for the past three years and also ^{in taxes} ~~an amount~~ on the 1921 assessment which will not be paid until the Lien Law becomes effective.

Under such conditions it is quite unreasonable to expect that the council can continue to carry out without meeting with certain temporary financial difficulties. The present tie-up, if it will emphasize upon taxpayers the importance of meeting their obligation to the civic treasury will have accomplished a great deal. The situation might be expected to improve by the payment of taxes by the larger ~~holdings of~~ ^{owners} property due to the penalty of seven per cent interest charges on and after September 30th.

In order that the situation may be kept well in hand and that unnecessary embarrassments may be avoided I would recommend that accounts for general purposes be withheld for payment until there are funds out of general revenue to meet them. This would mean that the present order in force not to ~~issue~~ cheques other than for salaries stand and that no such accounts be paid, even when funds are available, without the consent of the mayor and the chairman of the finance committee.

With a view of effecting an improvement in future years I would make the following recommendations:

That this Council pass a resolution petitioning the provincial Government to contribute to each city and incorporated Town in Nova Scotia one half of the revenue received from automobile fees registered from ~~that~~ each particular city or town, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each city or incorporated town and also to the convention of the Nova Scotia Municipalities at Amherst in August, asking for endorsement of same.

That the fees now charged by the Workmen's Compensation Board be materially reduced, and that this recommendation be treated in a similar way to the one mentioned above.

That a material reduction be made in the provincial high way ^{tax} which is now one tenth of one per cent of the total assessment.

The merit of the first recommendation can hardly be questioned. The cost of maintaining streets, due to the increased automobile traffic, without any direct or indirect returns to compensate the town for the damage inflicted, is greater than the taxpayers are in a position to bear under existing conditions.

That water rates be fixed concurrently with the general tax rate instead, as is now the case, six months after the year has advanced. If this is done it will help materially to improve the town's position financially.

Respectfully submitted,

A.C. Pettipas



August 6th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young, Walker and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE report was submitted as follows:-

"Your Street Committee having met on the 24th ultimo, beg to submit the following report:-

1. Letter from Mr. N.W. Noonan:- Mr. Noonan appeared before us and explained in person the complaints contained in his letter -- that is that he thought he should not be charged for half cost of curb and gutter, the law being changed after the Petition had been accepted by the Council; also that he thought price too high and further that the side-walk is now too low; We have considered this case and are of the opinion that the cost is excessive and in view of the fact that the law was changed after the property owners had petitioned for the side-walk we would recommend that the cost of the curb and gutter be borne wholly by the Town.
2. Letter from Mr. W.J. Coughlan:- As we felt this matter was somewhat out of our jurisdiction the question of the claim for damaged clothing has been referred to Mr. R.H. Murray, Town Solicitor, for an opinion as to the Town's liability.
3. Esson Road Widening:- We have had before us a plan prepared by the Town Engineer showing proposed division into building lots of the surplus land purchased last year for the widening of Esson Road -- we recommend that this plan be approved by the Council and that the lots be sold at a minimum price of Four Hundred Dollars per lot. The cost of land purchased amounts to \$1485.00, a small piece is being obtain at no cost other than some grading-- if the four lots can be sold for \$1600.00 the improvement will work our very light in cost, especially when considering the large area taken in by the new widened street.
4. Street Lighting:- In order to complete putting the Street Lighting scheme on a systematic basis the Town Engineer is asking for authority to purchase aluminum numerals for the purpose of numbering each street light on the pole and so keep a card index of each fixture-- this is recommended for approval, 576 numerals will be required at a cost of \$36.00.
5. Tenders for coal: we would recommend that tenders be asked for the supply of coal for the Public Buildings-- Bituminous coal for the Town Hall, Police and Fire Stations and Anthracite for the Police and Fire Stations.

On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Smith, this report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT read from the TOWN ENGINEER, relative to the swamp adjoining Hawthorne School Property. After considerable discussion this was referred to the Street Committee and Town Engineer to confer with Mr. McDonald, on motion of Councillors McLean and Young.

Town Engineer also reported that several properties on Portland and Queen Street had been flooded during the recent heavy rain storm. The main sewer into which the above properties drain not being capable of handling the drainage during excessive rain fall. On motion this was referred to Water Committee with the Town Engineer to report cost of putting in new sewer.

Chairman McLean of the Public Property Committee stated that he had received letters re the condition of the paths and roads in the Public cemetery, on motion the Town Engineer was instructed to have a man detailed for this work.

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LETTERS WERE read from the following:-

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD:- re water connections with Park School to the new Arena building on Wyse Road. Councillors Young and Smith moved the adoption of this letter. *come*

A. CROWELL: asking to be refunded \$5.00 paid for booth at Lake Banook, on Natal Day, as he had not been able to occupy this land. Moved by Councillors Pettipas and Young that his request be granted.

W. S. DEBRUSS, Manchester, N.H.:- asking the cost of sign Artist License. Clerk was instructed to inform him that no fee is charged for this work.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER I.O.D.E.: requesting permission of the Mayor and Town Council to ask His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Byng of Vimy, to place a wreath on the Memorial Tablet, which would be supplied at their expense. On motion their request was granted.

Charity case of Roy Dunsworth, was further referred to the Town Solicitor, Councillor Pettipas and Chief of Police. *London*

Charity case of John Archer was referred to the Charities Committee with authority to send this man back to Ottawa with his wife and children.

Hackney Taxi license was applied for by Mrs. J.C. Nicholâ, and being approved by the Hackney Inspector, was granted.

Vendor Wm. McKenzie was granted two weeks holiday and Mr. G.J.T. Russell appointed as his substitute for that period.

Number of bills duly signed by two councillors passed for payment.

Meeting then adjourned, and met as,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Letter received from Percy H. Cooper re his house on Edmwood Ave. After discussion it was decided this place would have to be connected with the sewer or vacated, as being unfit for a dwelling.

Meeting adjourned.

Walter Musher
Mayor.

W. Bellist
Clerk.

August 14th, 1923.

Special meeting of the Town Council held this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Walker and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Town Solicitor Murray read draft of regulations prepared by him re sale of a portion of the park property proposed to be deeded to the Marks-Cross Arena Co. Ltd., as the site for a skating rink and other purposes. After discussion on motion of Councillor McLean and Walker, the same were unanimously agreed to. (See copy annexed).

in Rates for water

METER RATES: Town Engineer Barnes read correspondence between the Public Utilities Board and himself re increase of Water Rates supplied to consumers by meter. Letter of the Public Utilities Board did not refer to the increase in rates from 10 to 20 cents per 1000 gallons asked for by the Town. After discussion the Council authorized the Engineer to get the Public Utilities Board to approve the increase asked for, which seemingly had been omitted as shown by their letter. *the*

Number of bills duly signed by two councillors were passed for payment,

Meeting then adjourned.

Walter Mosher
Mayor.

W. Bellis
Clerk.

August 15th, 1923.

REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS
RELATIVE TO THE MARKS CROSS ARENA,
LIMITED.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 7 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1923 as follows:-

"On and after the passing of this Act the title to all that portion of the Dartmouth Park bounded and described as follows; Beginning at the Junction of the Western side line of School Street with the North Eastern side line of Wyse Road; thence North Westerly along the North Easterly side line of Wyse Road for a distance of five hundred feet; thence North Easterly and at right angles, to the North Easterly side line of Wyse Road for a distance of three hundred feet; thence South Easterly and parallel with the North Easterly side line of Wyse Road until it strikes the Western side line of School Street; thence southerly along such Western side line of School Street to the place of beginning, shall be vested in the Town of Dartmouth, and may be granted and conveyed to the person or persons, organization or corporation, for the purpose of the grantee erecting thereon a skating rink, and which land and buildings shall be exempt from taxation for the period of ten years while the said rink is continuously in operation. The said conveyance shall also be subject to such regulations and limitations in the use of the said land and buildings as may be approved and passed by the Town Council and which shall be contained in a resolution of the Town Council, and which regulations and limitations shall be embodied in a conveyance from the Town to the said grantee. Without limiting the regulations and limitations as aforesaid one of the regulations shall be that the water supplied to the said building shall be paid for by the said grantee at a fixed rate or otherwise as may be mutually agreed between the said Town and the said grantee and failing such agreement the said rates shall be fixed and collected in the usual manner by the Town".

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that by virtue of said section the said land hereinbefore described shall be granted and conveyed by the Town of Dartmouth, hereinafter referred to as "the Town", to the Marks, Cross, Arena Limited, a body corporate, hereinafter referred to as "the grantee", for the purpose of erecting thereon a skating rink, hereinafter referred to as "the buildings", in accordance with the provisions of said Section 7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by virtue of said Section 7 the following shall be the regulations and limitations, and shall be embodied in the conveyance from the Town to the grantee;-

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1. The Water supply to the buildings shall be paid for by the grantee at a fixed rate or otherwise as may be mutually agreed to between the town and the grantee, and failing such agreement the said rates shall be fixed and collected in the usual manner by the Town.
2. The buildings shall be used continuously from year to year during the skating season for the purpose of a skating rink.
3. The land and the buildings may be used at other seasons for such other purposes as the grantee may desire, subject, however, to the Town having the right and privilege of preventing the use of the said land and any buildings thereon for any purposes which it considers not to be in the interests of the citizens of Dartmouth.
4. The buildings shall always be kept in a good state of repair, and in a sanitary and clean condition, and if the grantee fails in the fulfillment of these regulations, the town may repair and keep the said buildings in a sanitary and clean condition, and the costs thereof shall be borne by the said grantee and form a lien thereon, the amount of which lien may be collected in the same manner by the town as in the case of default in the payment of taxes.
5. No other buildings than a rink shall be erected on the said land without the grantee first securing the approval of the Town Council.
6. Proper and sufficient exits and fire protection shall be maintained in the buildings.
7. The said lands or any buildings erected thereon shall not at any time be used for the purpose of any trade, or manufacture, or business of any description other than for entertainment purposes nor shall anything be done which may become an annoyance or a nuisance to the town or the neighborhood. .
8. The town shall have the right and privilege of nominating and appointing an official of the Town who shall have the right and privilege of visiting and inspecting the said land and buildings at all reasonable times.

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9. In the event of the grantee failing to use the land and operate the buildings for the purpose contemplated by said Section 7, the Town shall have the privilege of purchasing the said land and buildings thereon at a price to be determined by arbitration - one arbitrator to be appointed by the town, a second by the grantee, and a third by the two arbitrators already appointed. Should the grantee fail to appoint an arbitrator, application shall be made to a Judge of the Supreme Court, who shall appoint such arbitrator. In view of the land having been granted by the town to the grantee without money consideration, the arbitrators in determining the value thereof, shall confine their findings on the value of the said land to the extent only of the improvements made thereon by the grantee and the said findings shall be considered as the whole value of said land. The findings of said arbitrators as to the value of said land and buildings, less all encumbrances, shall be final, and the Town may purchase the said land and buildings at the value awarded if approved by the rate-payers after the question has been submitted to them under the provisions of Sections 190-194 inclusive, of Chapter 156, of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1902. The Deed of Conveyance may be executed by the grantee or by the said arbitrators, which shall thereupon vest the title to the said land and buildings in fee simple in the town.

10. The conveyance and the regulations and limitations shall be binding on the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.

11. The conveyance to the Marks-Cross Arena Limited shall be executed on behalf of the Town by the Mayor of the Town and the Town Clerk, and by the Marks Cross Arena Limited by the properly authorized officers thereof.

Signed. C.A.McLean,

Dated at Dartmouth, N.S.,
August 14th, 1923.

F.W.Walker,
COUNCILLORS.

Dartmouth, N.S., Tuesday, Sept. 4/23.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young, Walker, Otto and Pettipas.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

Re Sewer Rates on Old Ferry Road, between Portland and Pleasant Streets, it was decided this be remeasured and the matter referred to Councillor Smith. Bills to be sent out promptly on receipt of measurements.

On motion of Councillors Young & Smith resolved that 500 ft. of fire hose, rubber, be purchased and that tenders be asked for the same.

Letters read from the Following:-

F.E.LAWLOR: Medical Supt. N.S., Hospital, making application for permission to obtain water for the Hospital from the six inch main now running from the Town of Dartmouth to Woodside. This was referred to the Water Committee.

THOS J. BROWN: Depy. Minister of Public Works, stating that he had had an interview with the Minister with reference to securing permission for Dr. Allison to connect a pipe with Maynard Lake to secure water for factory purposes, and that the Minister had approved this, giving the Town the right to use the stream that is now supplying water to the factory. This was also referred to the Water Committee.

CAPTAIN of S.S. "Hiawatha", at Pictou, re the heroism of Mr. Timothy Graham of this Town in saving the lives of a number of people when Red Mans Bridge collapsed at Pictou. He recommended that some gift of appreciation be presented him. This matter was referred to the Mayor, with Councillors Pettipas and Town Solicitor Murray.

Town Engineer was authorized to connect up the Water and Sewer mains with the property on Old Ferry Road, of Mr. Allison, This was left in the hands of the Water Committee and the Engineer to report on.

PETITION received from the ratepayers of Hastings Drive praying that a temporary bridge be built at that place. The Town Engineer was instructed to carry out their request.

SECRETARY DARTMOUTH ENGINE COMPANY asking that steps be taken to have the traffic regulations enforced as at a recent fire some teams deliberately blocked the road. Clerk was instructed to inform Secy. Devan that this matter would receive prompt and careful consideration.

JOHN H. BARKER: Dawson St., asking that he be allowed a small amount weekly for Board of Joseph Shrum; referred to Councillor Pettipas, to deal with.

H. BREMNER, P.A. Road, asking permission to install a gasoline tank at his premises. Referred to Street Committee for report.

CARL D. THOMPSON, Chicago, Secy. Public Ownership League, of America. Action deferred.

JOHN E. ISNOR, asking to be relieved of paying sewer interest on his property, Pine St., on motion his request was granted. He claimed he did not receive notice of the Sewer Rates until two years after the sewer was built.

W. B. MCCOY Director of Housing acknowledging receipt of Town Bonds from the Dartmouth Housing Commission for \$13000. Letter received.

MANAGER ROYAL BANK stating that they had transferred to the Town's General Account \$9,666.68 representing the balance outstanding in Street Relief account. Received.

Read

REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD: dated August 16th, 1923 re application of the Town for the approval of the schedule of Meter rates, which was passed at a meeting of Council held on the 16th inst. The report showed that they passed an order that the schedule of Water Rates approved by the Board for the Town of Dartmouth on Oct. 5th, 1921 be amended by striking out the words and figures "20¢ per 1000 gals thereupon" and by substituting the following therefor .

(see page 475):

<u>Gallons of water per quarter;</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 gallons.</u>
Up to 25,000	20cents.
25,000 to 50,000	19
50,000 to 75,000	18
75,000 to 100,000	17
100,000 to 125,000	16
125,000 to 150,000	15
150,000 to 175,000	14
175,000 to 200,000	13
200,000 to 225,000	12
225,000 to 250,000	11
250,000 or over	10

Letters from the Town Councils of Dominion and Bridgetown stating that they had unanimously endorsed on July 16th, 1923, the same resolution adopted by the Dartmouth Town Council, regarding the Provincial Government Tax on Motor Cars. Received.

Number of bills duly signed by two councillors passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

W. H. Bellis
Clerk.

Approved.

Walter Husher
Mayor.

Dartmouth, N.S., Monday,
September 18th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young, Walker, Otto and Pettipas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

REPORTS: were read from the following committees:-

SEWER AND WATER COMMITTEE: Re Nova Scotia Hospital Water Supply, it was recommended that this request for a greater supply to be used in cases of emergency be granted:- subject to an agreement first being drawn up by the Town and signed by the Government; and that such agreement be at once drawn up by the Town Solicitor and Engineer and submitted for the Council's approval at the meeting early in October. Councillors McLean & Pettipas moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

STREET AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:-- re application from H. Bremner. It is recommended that permission be granted for the installation of a gasoline tank and pump on the side-walk opposite No. 130 P.A.Road, subject to a deposit of Ten Dollars being first paid to the Town Treasurer which will be refunded one month after such installation has been completed, provided the work is done to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

Re swamp near Hawthorne School:- This question has been before the Town Council for some time. The Committee recommended that the matter be referred to the School Board and suggest that they ask for tenders to erect a fence or wall along the southern boundary of the School site and so remedy that portion of the swamp. Councillors Smith and Otto moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE:- Recommending the purchase of 500 ft. "para" rubber hose, @ \$1.35 per ft. made by the Dominion Rubber Co. Two Tenders had been received. After some discussion Councillors McLean and Smith moved this report be adopted. Carried. Councillor Pettipas voting against.

Councillor Young complained that the approach to the D.A.A.A. grounds, Windmill Road, had been made a dumping ground. Referred to the Chief of Police to prosecute offenders in such cases.

LETTERS were received from the following:-

CANADIAN RED CROSS:- Making an appeal on behalf of the Japanese sufferers of the terrible disaster, and asking the Town Council to do all they could to help this cause along. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Councillor Pettipas that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Mininterial association, endorsed by the Town Council. Carried.

CONSUMERS CORDAGE COMPANY asking that someone else be appointed to look after the books of the Dartmouth Park Commission as Mr. R.L.Graham, the present Secretary has been on the sick list for sometime. On motion the Clerk was instructed to look after said books until a permanent appointment was made.

NOVA SCOTIA MOTOR LEAGUE: asking the Town to pass a new bye-law in regard to all vehicles being lighted after dark. On motion this was referred to the Police Committee with the Town Solicitor for report.

ROY POWER, Erskine Street., asking that the interest paid by him on sewer rates be refunded. On motion this was referred to the Finance Committee.

PETITION from a number of ratepayers of ELLIOT STREET, praying to have some lights placed on that street. On motion the Town Engineer was instructed to put up one or two lights on this street and other new lights as previously passed by the Council.

E.E.DAUPHINEE complaining of the poor water supply on Cameron Street. On motion this was referred to the Water Committee with the Town Engineer for report.

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Councillor Pettipas of the Charities Committee reported re Joseph Strum, pauper, he recommended that an agreement be entered into with Mr. Barker to maintain Mr. Shrum at \$2.50 per week up to the 1st day of March after which the new council may deal with the matter as they see fit. The date of entering into this agreement to be the 1st day of October, 1923. Adopted.

Number of accounts duly signed by two councillors passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

.....*W. Elliot*.....TOWN
CLERK.

Approved.

Walter Misher
.....MAYOR.

October 1st, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, Young Walker, and Pettipas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED as follows:-

" At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee consideration was given to a number of matters.

A letter was read from Mr. Roy Power asking for a REFUND OF THE INTEREST paid on capital charges in connection with sewer rates on the grounds that he had not received a bill for sewer service until two years after the work was completed. Careful consideration was given to this matter and view of its importance and the possible loss to the Town of much money were the request granted, it was decided that no refund be made. The Committee was unanimous that no person be relieved of interest under any such circumstances where bills are not received. To do so would eventually have to be supported by direct taxation. This would mean that many would be required to contribute twice for the same expenditure.

REGARDING PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD under Lien Law it was decided not to interfere, but to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Town Clerk whose duties are specified by law. As a matter of fact the committee has no right to interfere.

It is recommended that in future the Town Clerk sign all plans received from the engineer's department giving streets on which sewer are laid and in use showing the frontage each property owner is responsible for. This plan will serve as a check in determining who is responsible in future for delays in sending out accounts covering sewer frontage charges.

It was decided that October 10th be the last date for the payment of poll tax and that after the expiration of it the police be requisitioned to see that the tax is paid. This means that a Town Clerk's warrant will be issued and payment can be demanded upon presentation by the police of the warrant, failing which arrest will follow. "

On motion this report was adopted.

Deed of Marks-Cross Arena Company was submitted by the Town Solicitor and reported as correct by the committee. The Mayor and Town Engineer were appointed to inspect the building and obtain necessary information regarding the construction of the building.

RE SNOW PLOUGHING:- The Town Engineer asked if the Council had definitely decided to cancel the service of ploughing the sidewalks after the snow falls and after some discussion it was approved that this service be discontinued and that the Engineer be instructed to submit a new By-Law dealing with the removal of snow from sidewalks.

WATER SUPPLY N.S.HOSPITAL: The Town Engineer submitted an agreement prepared by the Town Solicitor and himself dealing with the proposed auxiliary supply of water to the N.S.Hospital as requested by the Minister of Public Works and Mines through the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital. This agreement was approved.

FERRY COMMISSION WATER SUPPLY The Town Engineer read a request from the Manager of the Ferry asking for a new connection from the Town Main to the Ferry Station ~~House~~ this being in connection with a scheme to improve the system by eliminating waste of water. Together with this connection the Engineer asked for authority to instal a meter-- one being on hand-- this work was sanctioned by the council.

EATON AVENUE AND STAIRS LANE: The Town Engineer introduced the question of laying sewer and water in Stairs Lane and Eaton Avenue, there being no approval by Council for executing this work-- after some discussion it was resolved that the Engineer interview the owners and report back to council.

LETTERS WERE received from the following:-

MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF CANADA: The Clerk was instructed to sign for two subscriptions one for the Mayor and one for the Town Engineer.

F.S. COOMBES: objecting to pay the amount charged him for water rates, and stating that he had an agreement with the Town for a special rate. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Coombes and inform him that as a large pipe had been placed on this street his agreement is now void, the following resolution was then adopted:-

RESOLVED: that Mr. F.S. Coombs be notified in reply to his communication of September 18th that the agreement if any, entered into by him with the Town has no longer any effect owing to the fact that a six inch pipe has been laid along Crichton Avenue and the original agreement only covered a two inch galvanized water pipe.

CANADIAN RED CROSS:- Asking for information in regard to one of the Town workmen, namely C. Bennett. This letter had previously been handed to the Town Engineer who reported on the matter. A Copy of the report was authorized to be sent to the above society.

H.A. DICKSON:- Secretary G.W.V.A., asking that that Association be allowed to sell poppies on the street on November 10th, "Poppy Day". On motion his request was granted.

ROSS GAY:- Asking if he had to pay Poll Tax for the current year as he had paid in 1921 and 1922, being then underage. Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Gay that the law that had come into effect this year did not affect previous years.

Statement of Taxes received up to September 30th, was read and ordered to be filed.

Number of bills duly signed by two Councillors were passed for payment.

Meeting then adjourned.

.....*W. C. Clifton*..... CLERK.

APPROVED.

Walter Mosher..... MAYOR.

October 15th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young, Walker, Otto and Pettipas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A delegation consisting of the President and other members of the Dartmouth Board of Trade was heard re discontinuing of snow ploughing on the sidewalks of the Town. Mr. Stanford the president discussed with the council, the matter at considerable length and on motion of Councillor Pettipas, seconded by Councillor Young the following resolution was put to vote, "RESOLVED that this council adhere to its former practice of clearing the sidewalks of snow by the operation of the civic snow plough during the winter of 1923-1924." three Councillors voted "for" and three "against" whereupon the Mayor declined to give his casting vote at this meeting, and postponed doing so until next meeting namely, November 5th.

STREET COMMITTEE reported that the Golf club had stone to sell for street building purposes, after discussion this was referred back to the committee for a complete report/subject.

TOWN ENGINEER reported recommending certain important changes in connection with our Water supply and sewer construction in the Town, to go before the legislature at its next session. Action thereon deferred until a future meeting.

MAYOR AND TOWN SOLICITOR reported re case of Mr. Caughlan, Edward St., who some time ago claimed recompense for damage to his sisters' clothing and alleged that same was caused by negligence on the part of Town Workmen. ^{Mayor} He declined making a recommendation at this meeting.

Letter received from Mr. J. McL. Fraser of the Marine Fisheries, asking that R. Williams be appointed sworn weigher. His request was granted.

Re Town land expropriated by the Government for Railway purposes this was discussed and referred to the Town Solicitor for report.

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Number of bills duly signed by two councillors were passed for payment, and meeting adjourned and met as,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Letter received from Dr. H.A. Payzant, Medical Health Officer regarding the condition of the tenement house on Windmill Road, owned by Frederick Walker. He said this house was in a very unsanitary state owing to the fact that the tenants had not paid rent and Mr. Walker had the water cut off. As the water had now been turned on again this letter was ordered filed.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk.

Approved.

Mayor.

AE/MDW.

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Dartmouth, N.S., Monday Nov. 5th, 1923 .

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors Smith, McLean, Young, Walker Otto and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mayor Mosher, gave his casting vote in favor of using the snow plough on the sidewalks during the coming winter.

Report read of Plumbing Inspector Forbes embracing an inventory of all the Water fixtures in the Town and a complete list of all those liable for Water Rates, was on motion of Councillors Otto and Young, referred to the Water Committee to take up with the Clerk.

Mr. Benjamin, (Portland St.,) being present was given a hearing on motion of Councillors McLean and Young. He asked that his assessment for the current year be reduced as at the time he received his assessment notice he did not understand English well enough to know he had to put in a written appeal. The opinion of the Town Solicitor having been asked, Mr. Benjamin was informed that it was now too late to do anything about his assessment.

Report signed by Geo. H. Holder, of the firm of Lee & Holder Town Auditors, was read regarding the books of the Dartmouth Housing Commission. He reported that these books were found correct, but would recommend a new system of book-keeping. On motion of Councillors Smith and Otto the matter of a new double entry system for the Housing Commission books be taken up by the Finance Committee and Mayor with the Housing Commission to consider and report back to the Council.

LETTERS were received from the following :-

PUBLISHERS OF THE MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF CANADA, Montreal, soliciting advertising for their journal was received and ordered to be filed.

MR. PAUL H. CREIGHTON: asking to be allowed the privilege of connecting the factory of the Eastern Toys Ltd., recently purchased by him, with the Town Water main at Woodside. On motion of Councillors Otto and Smith the following resolution was put to vote and carried:-

RESOLVED that Mr. Paul H. Creighton be given the privilege of connecting with the 2" water pipe at Woodside and carrying a pipe to the plant now or recently occupied by the Eastern Toys Ltd., subject to him previously securing the consent of the Acadia Sugar Refinery Company and with the further understanding that the water may be turned off at any time on the resolution of the Council. A meter shall also be installed and the charges for the supply of water and rental of meter shall be according to the schedule in force for meter consumers from time to time. A formal agreement shall be duly executed. Min rate to be \$10 per annum.

MRS. JOHN A. WRIN, (nee Mollie D. Brazier), tendering her resignation from the Town office staff, to take effect Dec. 31st, 1923. On motion of Councillor Otto this resignation was accepted with much regret.

HENRI HENRY:- offering \$500.00 for lots No. 1 & 2, as shown on plan of Esson Road widening was read and the following resolution adopted:-

RESOLVED that the Town Council accepts the offer of Henri Henry for the purchase of lots No. 1 and 2 indicated on plan of Esson Road widening at Junction with Pleasant Streets at \$250.00 for each lot \$500.00 in all and that the matter be left in the hands of the Town Engineer to make the necessary arrangements and then report back to council for ratification.

RE TAXES OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND INVESTMENT CO. on motion of Councillors Pettipas and Young the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED that the Town Solicitor be instructed to take action in Court ~~if~~ necessary to collect civic taxes due on property owned by the Shipbuilding and Investment Company Ltd., for years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923.

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Report of Tax Collector Crooks for the month of October was read and his bill for commission ordered to be paid.

Report of Finance Committee for the last nine months was read and on motion of councillors Otto and Young, received and ordered filed.

Re the re-establishment of the welfare bureau for the coming winter. This was referred to the Mayor and Charities Committee to take up with Col. Vidito, Chairman of that Association, at a meeting to be held on Friday evening the 9th inst., at the Town Hall.

Re the advertising in the Halifax Herald and Evening Mail, for the Rink number, this was referred to the Mayor and advertising committee.

Re Poll Taxes overpaid the past few years by Rueben Sellers, and Clyde Donald, referred to Finance Committee with the Town Solicitor for report.

On motion of Councillor Young the Fire Committee was instructed to purchase 500 feet of Maltese Cross Hose, as per tender submitted at a previous meeting, if same could be obtained at this price. The five hundred feet of hose previously purchased having been destroyed at a fire at the home of Dr. H.O. Simpson.

Councillor Young of the Fire Committee was also authorized to purchase a base-burner for the engine house at the lowest possible figure.

Councillor Young of the Fire Committee announced that he had received word from Mr. Rudland, Fire Marshall that he would hold an investigation into the cause of the late fire at Melvors house, Stairs Street, on Thursday next at 7.30 p.m., and asked that the Council Chamber be loaned for this occasion. Passed.

Number of bills duly signed by two Councillors was passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED.

Walter Mosher MAYOR.

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Dartmouth, N.S., November 19th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, McLean, Smith, Walker, Otto and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Presentation was made to Chief of Police and Mrs. John A. Wrin, by Mayor Mosher, of a purse of gold on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council, he wished them every happiness and success. Chief of Police Wrin thanked the Council on behalf of himself and Mrs. Wrin.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

REPORTS:-

Sewer and Water Committee:-

1. SEWER THROUGH PROPERTY OF W.H.COVERT: Having interviewed Mr. Covert an arrangement is recommended for approval of the Council whereby Mr. Covert agrees to deed to the Town a strip of land some 500 feet long by 50 feet wide to be laid out as a street as shown on a plan prepared by the Town Engineer, compensation for such land to be made in the nature of an exchange for the sewer frontage account for the Old Ferry Road Sewer.

2. LETTER FROM MR. E.B.DAUPHINEE RE WATER SUPPLY:- The question of intermittent water supply on Cameron Street was thoroughly discussed and your Committee recommend that the only way to remedy conditions during the coming winter will be to instruct the Town Engineer to prosecute all persons who deliberately leave water running to prevent freezing or for other causes and that the attached notice be published in the local Press.

3. SEWER - HARE LANE TO WATER STREET:- In 1920 a sewer was laid in Hare Lane and through private properties to Upper Water Street without any written agreements; we now recommend that agreements be drawn up with those owners through whose property the sewer is laid, to give the Town authority for such sewer.

The properties referred to are those of the Dartmouth Dev. Co., J. Forsyth and J.H.McElmon. In view of the peculiar conditions we would recommend that the frontage charges of W.R.Jennett be fixed at sixty feet and that H.H.McElmon's account be fixed at One Dollar in lieu of certain concessions granted to the town.

4. PLUMBING INSPECTOR FORBES' REPORT:- We have deferred any action in connection with the inspection recently completed by the Plumbing Inspector; the Town Clerk's Department are now comparing the water accounts with the latest list of fixtures in order to bill those water consumers who may have been omitted. A further report will be submitted in due course.

Councillors Otto and McLean moved the adoption of this report. Carried.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER:- Re Esson Road Lots, as follows:-
" I have interviewed Mr. H. Henry, who recently made an offer to purchase Lots 1 and 2, Esson Road Improvement, and he has offered the following proposed method of paying therefor. Purchase price, as before offered, to be \$500.00 an initial payment of \$50.00 will be made forthwith; thereafter at least \$10.00 per month will be paid in quarterly payments, it being understood that interest will be added to the unpaid principal.

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Esson Rd. Lots continued:-

When half the purchase price (250) has been made Mr. Henry is to be given a warranty deed of Lot. No. 1., and the deed of Lot. No. 2, to be given when the total of \$500.00 -- with interest added-- has been paid. This, it is believed, is similar to the way that the Town has disposed of Lots on Windmill Road. "

After some discussion the council decided the amount of interest to be charged would have to be at the rate of 7%. This was adopted and the Town Solicitor instructed to draw up an agreement with Mr. Henry to this effect.

LETTERS were received from the following:-

" MISS SCOTT Secy. Orphans Home, Halifax, re board of ALBERT GRISWOLD. On motion of Councillors Walker and Smith it was moved this bill be paid. Carried.

ALBERT HIGGINS, Boston, Asking that a license to peddle be granted him. After discussion it was decided that his request be not granted.

RE V.G.HOSPITAL accounts; A lengthy discussion took place regarding these accounts, and it was decided that the Clerk be instructed to notify the V.G.Hospital authorities within 14 days of their admittance of any patients belonging to the County of Halifax, as per statute, regarding same. It was also decided that these bills be handed to the Chief of Police for collection through his Department.

PETITION read from Rate payers of Gaston Road regarding repairs required by that street Councillors Smith and Ot to moved this matter be left in the hands of the Street Committee. Adopted.

Number of accounts passed for payment duly signed by two councillors.

Meeting adjourned.

W. Elliot CLERK.

Walter Walker MAYOR.

Dartmouth, N.S., Dec. 3rd, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young, and Otto, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Town Engineer reported with regard to unpaid Water Rates as per original copy annexed. (see page 501.) This was referred to Chairman Smith of the Water Committee. He also reported re STREET LIGHTING, as follows:-

"Authority is requested to make certain changes to the system on the Lake Road by removing the line from the right hand side of road to the new pole line on the left hand side of the road. This will give better lighting and will save the rental now being paid by using the Telephone Company's poles.

The cost of this work is estimated at \$110.00 and the saving will be approximately \$20.00 per annum.

Authority is also requested to connect the two traffic signs on Water Street with the Street Lighting System - this is estimated to cost \$175. and will save approximately \$3.50 per week trimming and filling oil lamps.

Referred to the Street Committee and Town Engineer for report.

Town Engineer further reported on the water used at the Sugar Refinery and the Towns agreement with the Company; etc., as follows:-

"I wish to draw attention to a resolution of the Council passed in June 1923 dealing with the supplying of water to the Acadia Sugar Refinery - I would suggest that, if the Town has no power under the existing agreement at least some good might result from a conference with the management of the Company.

My reason for bringing this matter to your notice is prompted by the fact that a serious shortage of water has again occurred on Cameron Street, which I have traced to be brought about by the Acadia Company using Town Water.

Energetic measures are being, and will continue to be taken to stop waste and running of water relentlessly - but apparently nothing can be done so far as the Acadia Company is concerned under the present agreement.

Referred to Town Solicitor Murray for report thereon.

LETTERS were received from the following:-

THOMAS NOTTING. stating that Town Engineer H.E.R. Barnes, had handed him a bill for collection amounting to \$100.00 for wages due. This was referred to the Town Solicitor for report.

His Worship Mayor Mosher and
Members of the Town Council,
Dartmouth. N. S.

Gentlemen:-

Unpaid Water Rates.

The date set this year for the shutting off of water where the rates were unpaid was October 16th.; about that date there were 250 water accounts for the year 1923 unpaid.

This number included a large number of properties liable for pipe rate only, and in a few cases properties not connected with the water service; in such cases it is of course, impossible to hasten payment by shutting off the supply.

After revising the list to include only those properties that could be shut off the number of accounts was reduced to 149; as is usual a man was then sent round to warn the occupants that the water would be shut off without further notice, this naturally resulted in quite a number of accounts being settled and also in many cases owners paid sums on account, promising to pay the balance "soon", in such cases the water has been left on.

In some cases the properties were found vacant - the water was shut off but this does not bring payment.

Previous to getting after this year's accounts it was found that there was a substantial amount outstanding for 1922 the majority of which has now been paid, excepting such places where the water cannot be shut off or premises are vacant.

I am unable to say how much is now outstanding for 1922 and 1923, but it is quite a substantial sum, and should if possible, be collected before the end of the year.

It is claimed that if only those actually using water from the Town's System were liable for water rates the delinquents would be considerably reduced - and in all cases the turn-key could be used.

The foregoing is to acquaint Council of conditions as they exist and to ask that early consideration be given to any proposed change in the Waterworks Department, particularly with regard to Finances.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. B. Borne

Town Engineer.

Town Hall,
Dartmouth. N. S.
Dec. 3rd. 1923.

*Read
Dec. 3/23*

Refr. Ch. Water Com

W.P.POTTER, Barrister, Lunenburg relative to the family of Willis Walters who claim they have a settlement in the Town of Dartmouth, Referred to Charities committee.

C.E.CLARKE, appealing against his son paying Poll Tax for the current year as he was 21 years of age and away from June 1923, until Nov. 1923, Council decided that Mr. Clarke be notified to file an affidavit as to his age, at the office of the Town Clerk.

E.H.MCENIMON re relative to a leaky pipe at his mill, which he stated he had already been reported to the Town Engineer. Town Engineer was instructed to have the water turned off at this place.

J.F.O'CONNELL, Chairman of the N.S.Tourists Assoc., asking to be informed as to what arrangements, if any, had been made for the Town to cooperate with the proposed Old Home Summer Celebration, as planned for next summer.

Affidavit with regard to Mrs. Emma Elliot, a native of Nfld. with regard to her place of settlement was submitted. Her husband Wm. Elliot is being held in custody at Yarmouth charged with assault and she is without any means of support, Action in this matter was deferred.

Water Committee were authorized to engage Alex. Hutchinson on Sewer construction work as foreman at the Covert Property at the rate of 45¢ per hour.

It was resolved that the Town Solicitor be instructed to draft an agreement with J.N.McElmon, W.R.Jennett, and John Forsyth in regard to the Hare Lane sewer laid down through their properties.

Number of accounts duly signed by two councillors were passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

.....*W. Elliot*.....Clerk.

Approved.

.....*Walter Musher*.....Mayor.

December 17th, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, Smith, McLean, Young Walker, Otto and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Delegation consisting of a number of ratepayers and a few of the clergy of the Town were given a hearing regarding the purchase of suitable land for proposed new cemetery. After some discussion it was moved by Councillor Pettipas and seconded by Walker, "Resolved, that we advertise for property suitable for cemetery purposes to be not less than twenty acres. Said tenders to be in not later than Dec. 28th, 1923. It was passed unanimously.

The Mayor stated that he had been interviewed by Mr. V.F. Farrell, agent for the owners of the so-called Farrell property of Fairbanks Street and Upper Water Street, objecting to pay the interest charged for sewer rates due on this property.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:- RESOLVED that the council cannot accept Mr. Farrells offer to pay the sewer rates without interest."

Town Solicitor reported in regard to letter of Thomas Notting attorney for Town Engineer Barnes, and his bill for wages due. After discussion the following resolution was moved by Councillors Young and McLean, "RESOLVED that Mr. Barnes be requested to send in his resignation to take effect on Feb. 6th, 1924, and that he be paid the balance of his salary at the rate of \$2600.00 per year to Feb. 6th, 1924, ~~providing he resigns out of office of Town Engineer.~~ Adopted.

On motion of Councillors Pettipas and McLean the following resolution was adopted. :--

WHEREAS it has become necessary to effect a temporary loan from a chartered bank for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Town which has been duly authorized by the Council.

RESOLVED that the Council approve of the making of an overdraft for securing such loan upon the Royal Bank of Canada, a chartered bank, doing business in the Town of Dartmouth for the sum of \$95,000.

FURTHER resolved that the interest on such loan shall be provided in the annual estimates and that the loan be secured by the outstanding taxes amounting to \$68,000 and that the balance of \$27,000 be assessed for in the usual way for the year 1924,

Adopted.

On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Walker the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED that the Dartmouth Housing Commission be asked to pay an account of \$125.-- contracted for by the Council in an independent audit of the books of the said commission.

LETTERS were received from the following:-

HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY:- requesting that the grant received by them from the Town be increased to \$100.00 per year. On motion it is was referred to the ^{Incoming Council} ~~Finance Committee~~ for report.

J. LORN ALLEN, Secy. Dartmouth Development Co., offering property fronting on Portland Street belonging to that company as a site for a public semetry. Action on this matter was deferred.

SALVATION ARMY HALIFAX, asking for a grant to enable them to carry on work. Clerk was instructed to inform them that the Council were unable to comply with their request at the present time.

FORSYTH & TOWNSEND, Dentville, N.S., In reference to Jas. McDonald & Family, stating that they would take proceedings against the Town of Dartmouth if the amount due for maintenance of the above was not paid at an early date. After discussion this was referred to Mayor Mosher with authority to go to West Gore, and investigate this case.

WOODSIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOC., asking that their thanks be extended to the Dartmouth Fire Department for their prompt action at a recent fire at the home of Mr. Dorey, Woodside.

Number of bills duly signed by two councillors was passed for payment.

Council adjourned.

.....*Abeliot*.....Town Clerk.

Approved.

.....*Walter Fisher*.....Mayor.

Dec. 21st, 1923.

Town Council met this date at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors, McLean, Smith, Young, Walker, Otto and Pettipas.

Applications were received for the position of stenographer from:-

Miss Daisy Edwards,
and

Miss Rita Dillman,
both of Dartmouth, N.S.

On motion the application of Miss D. Edwards was accepted. Appointment to date from January 1st, 1924. Salary at rate of \$15.00 per week.

The Charities Committee recommended that \$150.00 be granted to the Welfare Bureau for the coming year. On motion this was adopted.

The Committee also recommended that \$3.00 per week be granted to Mrs. D. O'Hearn while her husband, David O'Hearn, who was recently committed to the County Jail remains there.

Number of bills duly signed by two councillors, were passed for payment.

Council adjourned.

W. Elliot
.....Clerk.

Approved.

.....Mayor.

January ^{7th} 15th. 1924.

Town Council met on Monday the 7th. of January, 1924,
at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Otto,
Smith, Young and Pettipas. Minutes of last meeting read and approved

CEMETERY - In response to public notice given the following
tenders were received.

- (1) The Dartmouth Development Company offering a piece of land owned by them fronting on Portland Street and Gaston Road containing 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres for the price of \$8500.00, also an additional piece of land fronting on Gaston Road containing 3 acres. Both properties were offered for the price of \$9000.00.
- (2) V. F. Farrell offering a piece of land fronting on Windmill Road at a price of \$4000.00.
- (3) Robertson & Meagher, Attornies for A. T. O'Leary offering 20 acres of land fronting on the East side of Windmill Road, known as the "Cunard Property" for the price of \$3500.00.

On Motion of Councillors Pettipas and Young, the following
Resolution was adopted:-

"RESOLVED that the tenders of Robertson & Meagher, per J.T. O'Leary (Agent) and that of The Dartmouth Development Company, per Capt. J. T. Allen, and V. F. Farrell, for land suitable for Cemetery purposes be referred to the Town Council as a Committee, with authority to go into the question of a Cemetery, particularly with respect to inspecting the sites offered for sale or any other sites which the Town may have in view."

Delegates consisting of residents of Gaston Road and vicinity were given a hearing.

Mr. Fillis and others objected to a Cemetery being placed so near the dwelling houses in the neighbourhood.

Others objected to the condition of the high way at the junction of Gaston Road and Portland Street, the same being badly in need of repair.

After some discussion on motion of Councillor Pettipas it was resolved that the Mayor and Councillor McLean be authorized to have the place referred to, put in good repair.

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RE TOWN BOUNDARIES: The Town Engineer reported at length re proposed new boundaries of the Town with a complete description of the changes in the boundary lines. Consideration^{thereof} was deferred till next meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that water Bonds of the Town amounting to \$3300. due December 31st. 1923 had been paid off on January 2nd. inst.

On Motion the Mayor and Town Treasurer were authorized to destroy said bonds.

Councillor Young reported that there was a street light on corner of Windmill Road and Wyse Road, in very bad repair, and on motion the Town Engineer was authorized to put up a new light or re-adjust the old one.

Re James McDonald and family. This family residing at West Gore, Hants County, and the Mayor having reported that in his opinion, after investigation, that they were a charge on the Town of Dartmouth. After some discussion on motion of Councillors Otto and Walker, the Town Clerk was instructed to write Mr. McDougall and ask him what amount they would take to look after this family, consisting of four adults. The Mayor reported that he had visited this place and recommended the Council to pay the bill incurred for their maintenance.

The following letters were read:-

From the Citizens Research Institute of Canada, Toronto, offering the services of their Staff in solving Municipal problems. To be filed for reference.

From Dr. M. A. B. Smith re George Leitch, residing on Fairbanks Street, that he was a young man ill with tuberculosis, and should be placed in Hospital. Referred to Councillor Pettipas to investigate and report to Mayor and Councillor Walker.

From P. Archibald, Municipal Clerk of Halifax, stated that a Doctor's Certificate showing a clean bill of health would be required in future on the admission of any patient to that Home.

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From Fred Walker, complaining that the tenants in his house on Windmill Road, refused to pay the rent and had done considerable damage to the inside of his house. Referred to Charities Committee for report.

Council adjourned.

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Town Clerk

Approved.

Walter Walker

Mayor.

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in further*

January 21st. 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Otto, Pettipas and Young.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

TOWN BOUNDARIES - The Street and Public Property Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee on Streets and Public Property beg to report that since the last meeting of Council, a joint meeting with a Committee from the County Council has been held to deal with the report and plan submitted by the Town Engineer in connection with the Town Boundary.

We have to report that the proposal as submitted has been approved of unanimously by the County Council Committee and ourselves, and recommend the following Resolution for adoption by Council and that a copy of same be forwarded to the County Clerk.

"RESOLVED that the proposed boundary lines of the Town of Dartmouth as shown on a plan prepared by the Town Engineer (with description attached) having been considered and approved of at a joint meeting of a Committee from the County Council and your Street Committee held on the 17th. day of January 1924, be approved of by Council, and that, if also approved of by the County Council when in annual session next month, the necessary amended legislation be sought at the forthcoming session of the Provincial Parliament."

It has been mutually agreed that, if this proposed boundary is adopted, suitable monuments will be erected to permanently locate the boundary, the cost to be borne equally by the Town and County."

After some discussion the report was unanimously adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to the County Clerk.

The Town Engineer submitted a draft Agreement proposed to be entered into by the Town and the Dartmouth Development Company, John Forsyth and John N. McElmon, in connection with a main sewer extending from Hare Lane across the properties of the above-named and Upper Water Street. On motion the said Agreements were approved and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign same on behalf of the Town.

ERSKINE STREET - It was unanimously agreed that the number on Mrs. Ada Harding's House fronting on Portland Street be changed from 297 to 299, and that the number 297 be attached to E. G. Whitman's house on the same street. Councillor Pettipas gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the name of Stairs

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Street be changed to Park Avenue. *also by extension*

MUNICIPAL VOTERS LIST - The Tender of the Dartmouth Printing and Publishing Company was accepted for 50 copies of Voters Lists at the price of 4¢ per name for 50 copies; each ward = 150 copies, 50 additional copies for \$15.00. The Tender of the Dartmouth Printing and Publishing Company for printing 400 copies of the Town Report for year 1924 at the price of \$2.25 per page was accepted. This price includes the cost of printing the Town Financial Statements in the Dartmouth "Patriot".

The Council adjourned and met as the Board of Health.

Report of Chief Sanitary Inspector Wrin re defective plumbing in the house on Cunard Street owned by Mr. Vincent of Newfoundland (Agent J. Lorne Allan) and the house on Cunard Street owned by Miss Louise Walker, were read. The condition of the Vincent House is unsanitary. After some discussion it was moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Pettipas that the following Resolution be adopted. Carried.

"RESOLVED that the Agent of property on Cunard Street, Dartmouth, Captain J. Lorne Allan, owned by Mr. Vincent and occupied by Mr. Fred Fisher and family, be notified to provide proper drainage for the plumbing fixtures in said house within ten days from this date, failing which the said house be declared unfit for habitation and the tenants be notified accordingly and thereafter the tenant be notified to vacate."

BILLS PASSED - Number of bills passed for payment.

Council adjourned to meet on Friday next at 7:30 P.M.

Approved

Walter Inisher
-----Mayor.

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TOWN CLERK.

January 29, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Otto, Smith, Young and Pettipas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Town Water and Sewer Debentures to the value of \$3300. dated December 1st. 1923 and paid off January 2, 1924, were handed in by the Town Treasurer and destroyed by the Mayor.

Draft Agreement with the C. N. Railways, re Water Supply from the Town was taken up and after considerable discussion was left in the hands of the Town Solicitor to negotiate further with the Railway authorities and further report.

Letter was read from the Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada (Mr. Douglas) enclosing for completion the usual yearly Agreements for the loan of money by the Bank to the Town.

- (1) Covering overdraft of \$55,000. representing advances under General Account for 1924.
- (2) Agreement covering advances of \$95,000. covering overdraft authorized by a meeting of the Council dated December 17, 1923.

The following Resolution was on motion then adopted.

"WHEREAS it has become necessary to effect a temporary loan from a chartered Bank for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Town which has been duly authorized by the Council.

RESOLVED that the Council approve of the making of an overdraft for securing such loan upon the Royal Bank of Canada, a chartered Bank doing business in the Town of Dartmouth for the sum of \$95,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the interest on such loan shall be provided in the Annual estimates and that the loan be secured by the outstanding taxes amounting to \$68,000., and that the balance of \$27,000 be assessed for in the usual way for the year 1924."

RE - DEATH OF MRS. LOUIS COULTER - On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Walker the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

"RESOLVED that the Council approve of a thorough investigation into the circumstances which caused the death of Mrs. Louis Coulter at her home, 34 Thistle Street, Dartmouth, and that this Council pledges its support in connection with the enquiry bearing on the fatality which has been ordered by Dr. Finn to be held by Judge Foster."

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TOWN AUDITORS REPORT - The Annual Report of the Town Auditors, Messrs. Lee & Holder, was read as follows:-

"We have audited the books and accounts of the Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Dartmouth and also the accounts of the Board of School Commissioners of Dartmouth, for year ending December 31st. 1923, and find same correct.

We enclose abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures on the following accounts, namely:- Town General Account, Board of School Commissioners, Current Account, Board of School Commissioners, Capital Account, Permanent Sidewalks, Widening Windmill Road, Ferry Interest Account, Firemen's Fund, Tax Sale Fund, Water & Sewer Construction Account and Water Maintenance Account.

Statement of the bonded indebtedness of the Town and also statement of Sinking Fund Investments as on December 31st. 1923, are also enclosed. "

On motion the report was received and ordered to be incorporated in the Annual Town Financial Report.

RE - JAMES McDONALD AND FAMILY - Letter read January 29th. 1924 from William B. McDougall, Overseers of Poor, Gore District, Hants County, N. S., stated that they were willing to accept \$229.41 being the cost of maintenance of James McDonald and family, and that they were willing to accept \$25.00 a month board for the family in future. The total sum of \$279.41 was ordered to be paid, being the board for January & February 1924.

On motion two offices at the Town Hall were approved as Polling Booths for the Election on February 5th. The following officials were appointed:-

Booth Number One, George Douglass, P.O. and C. Ritchie, P.C.

Booth " Two, Lyle Walker, P.O. and ^{Harold B.} William Brown, P.C.

The matter of Tax Collection on the Order paper was deferred until next Meeting.

Council adjourned.

Approved.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK.

----- Mayor.

I, Walter Mosher, Mayor, elected for the Town of Dartmouth do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V, as lawful sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Dominion of Canada, dependant on and belonging to said Kingdom, and that I will defend him to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies or attempt whatsoever which shall be made against His Person, Crown and Dignity, and that I will do my utmost to disclose and make known to His Majesty His Heirs and Successors, all treasons or traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Him or any one of them, and all this I do swear, without any equivocation, mental evasion or secret reservation.

SO HELP ME GOD.

SWORN to before me, this
fifth day of February
 A.D., 1924.

W. T. Smith
 -----J.P.

W. T. Smith
 -----J.P.

In and for the County of
 Halifax.

Walter Mosher

I, Walter Mosher, do swear that I am duly qualified as required by law, for the office of Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of Mayor while I hold office to the best of my ability.

SO HELP ME GOD.

SWORN to before me, this
fifth day of February
 A.D. 1924

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In and for the County of
 Halifax.

Walter Mosher

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, S.S.

We, the undersigned.

E. L. Smith.	Councillor for Ward One
H. A. Young.	Councillor for Ward Two
A. C. Pettipas.	Councillor for Ward Three

For the Town of Dartmouth do severally, sincerely promise and swear that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V, as lawful sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Dominion of Canada, dependent on and belonging to the United Kingdom, and that we will defend Him to the utmost of our power against all traitorous conspiracies or attempts whatsoever which shall be made against His Person, Crown and Dignity, and that we will do our utmost to disclose and make known to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all treason or traitorous conspiracies and attempts which we shall know to be against Him or any one of them, and all this do we severally swear, without any equivocation, mental evasion or secret reservation.

SO HELP ME GOD.

SWORN to at Dartmouth,
this 5th day of
February, A.D., 1924.

Walter Inisher
MAYOR.

E. L. Smith

H. A. Young

A. C. Pettipas

Feb 5/24.

On motion it was resolved that
he may be authorized to take charge
of his office (Town Engineer) and the
Town Property and the keys therein.

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TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, S.S.

WE, the undersigned

<i>E. L. Smith</i>	Councillor for Ward One
H. A. Young	Councillor for Ward Two
A. G. Pettipas.	Councillor for Ward Three

For the Town of Dartmouth, do severally solemnly swear that we are duly qualified as required by law for the office of Councillor for the Town of Dartmouth, and that WE will faithfully perform the duties of Councillor while we hold office to the best of our ability.

SWORN to at Dartmouth,
this 5th day of
February, A.D., 1924.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Walter Mosher
MAYOR

E. L. Smith

H. A. Young

A. G. Pettipas

I CERTIFY, that the oaths of office of Walter Mosher as Mayor, Charles A. McLean, Frank W. Walker, and Pius J. Otto, as Councillors, were duly taken on the day of February, A.D., 1924, the said oaths as taken, appearing in these minutes and dated the said 5th day of February, A.D., 1924, and identified by my initials.

DATED at Dartmouth, N.S. this 5th day of February, A.D., 1924.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK
Town of Dartmouth.

February 5, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Annual report of the Finance Committee was read by Chairman Pettipas. On motion the report was approved and ordered to be printed in the Town's Annual Report.

Petition read from a number of residents on Portland Street (East) praying that the water and sewer main be extended along that street to supply the residents between Maynard Lake and Prince Arthur Avenue. This was referred to the Water and Sewer Committee to report thereon.

The following letter was read from Dr. Burris.

"I am writing formally to state that my automobile which was damaged in collision with the ladder truck of the Dartmouth Fire Brigade on February 1st, 1924, is now at Mr. Charles Siggins repair shop on Portland Street. I am instructing Mr. Siggins to ascertain the extent of the damage done. If in the interest of the Town you would desire to have a representative to take notes on the same matter (i.e. the extent of the damage) will you arrange to have your man on hand when Mr. Siggins is proceeding with the work."

It was ordered that the letter lie on the table.

RE : TAX COLLECTOR - Taken up, and consideration deferred.

Letter read from Miss Margaret Scott, Secretary Protestant Orphan's Home asking whether it was the wish of the Council to give all future control of the boy, Albert Griswold, to the Home. If so, they required a written agreement so as to make any future arrangement for the boy, a legal transaction. There was a prospect for the boy at the Home at the present time. In connection with this a draft Agreement between the Town and the Protestant Orphan's Home relative to this child was accepted, by the Council. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same on behalf of the Town.

RE: TOWN ENGINEER - On motion it was resolved that the Mayor be authorized to take charge of his office and the Town Property and the keys therein.

Adjourned.

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Pursuant to an adjournment the Council met on February 8th, 1924.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Otto, Smith, Young and Pettipas, also Town Solicitor Murray.

The Senior Councillors' McLean, Otto and Walker were appointed a Committee to nominate Standing Committees and Commissioners. They retired and shortly after submitted their report as under:-

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1924.

Councillor Young was appointed Presiding Councillor.

COUNCILLORS

FINANCE - Pettipas - McLean - Otto.

STREET & P. PROP. - McLean - Walker - Otto.

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POLICE & LICENSES - Otto - McLean - Young
 FIRE APPARATUS - Young - Mc Lean - Smith
 CHARITIES - Smith - Young - Walker *Pettipas*
 WATER & SEWERAGE - Walker - Smith - Pettipas
 D. A. A. A. - Young - Walker
 BUILDING - Smith - McLean.

COMMISSIONERS

SCHOOLS - McLean - Otto - Smith
 FERRY - Mc Lean - Pettipas
 PARK - Pettipas - Young
 TOWN PLANNING - Mayor - Pettipas - Young - H.A. Russell - J.P. Whebby.
 COUNTY COURT HOUSE - Town Solicitor.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

APPEAL COURT - Jas. A. Tobin - Reuben Bowser
 REVISORS OF JURY LISTS - Smith - Pettipas - Young
 LEGISLATION - Mayor - Pettipas - Walker
 INDUSTRIES - Mayor - Pettipas - McLean
 FIRE WARDS - McLean - Young - Smith
 VENDORS - Young - McLean - Deputy Clerk
 COMMITTEE TO REVISE RATE ROLL - Pettipas.- Walker - Young.

Other Town Officers were appointed as follows:-

FENCE VIEWERS - G.W. Misener - Reuben Bowser.
 FIRE CONSTABLES - Jas. Garde - D. Himmelman - P.J. Dunn.
 SURVEYORS OF LUMBER - Alex. Smith - D. McElmon
 CARETAKER OF ENGINE HOUSE - John Dunn.
 ASSESSORS - H. S. Goudgon - G.A. Orman - M.A. Lahey.
 HEALTH OFFICER - Dr. H. A. Payzant.
 SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS - Eugene Nichols.
 CHIEF OF POLICE, LICENSE INSPECTOR, Etc. - John A. Wrin.
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, SANITARY INSPECTOR, Etc. - A.S. Johnston.
 POLICE OFFICER, SANITARY INSPECTOR, ETC. - J. T. Clarke.
 POLICE OFFICER, SANITARY INSPECTOR, ETC. - John J. Lawlor.
 POLICE OFFICER, SANITARY INSPECTOR, ETC. - D. J. O'Connell.

All salaries to be the same as last year.

On Motion the Report was approved.

On motion Town Solicitor Murray was authorized to revise the Town Charter and Town Bye-laws. He was also authorized to investigate and draft proposed new legislation.

On motion it was resolved that the Council hold an investigation into the cause of the recent collision of Dr. Burris's Car with the Town Motor Ladder Truck on Tuesday February 12th. 1924, at 5 P.M.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) be paid to Dartmouth Welfare Bureau.

A number of accounts signed by two Councillors were authorized to be paid.

Town Solicitor Murray reported on certain matters referred to him as under:-

"The following matters are all the matters which are pending before the Council as far as I can find in the Town Clerk's Office.

(1) Affidavit for Appeal from Assessment. This Affidavit has been prepared by me and is now in Mr. Elliot's control, who will give it to any person desiring to make an Appeal.

(2) Town lands. This matter was referred to the Town Engineer to give me a list of the property which had to be dealt

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with by the Dominion Government.

(3) Judgment against the Shipbuilding and Investment Company. On the 29th. day of January, 1924, Judgment was recovered against this Company for \$3693.95, which bears interest at 6%. Nothing can be done until the expiry of the year, after the date of Judgment. I think in the meantime, however, that the Judgment will be paid, from the result of my conversation with the parties interested.

(4) Water supplied to the C.N.R. After the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting, the Release was returned through Mr. Barnes, as I believe, to Mr. Hallisey of Truro, with whom Mr. Barnes had been previously negotiating, suggesting these changes.

(5) Re - Sewer Agreement, McElmon et al. This Agreement has been signed by John Forsyth and will likely be signed by the Dartmouth Development Company when they arrange a Meeting to ratify it. I understand Mr. McElmon desires an additional clause added whereby he will not have to pay any sewerage. This is for the consideration of the Council."

Memo. of Judgment.

Amount of claim, debt	\$3616.56	
Interest	51.18	\$3667.74
Costs	23.71	
Certificate and recording	2.50	26.21
	Total	<u>\$3693.95</u>

Mr. Murray was appointed Chairman of Committee on Legislation.

On motion of C. A. McLean and H.A. Young the following resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED that Legislation be prepared, by the Solicitor, to abolish all appointments to office during life or good behavior and that hereafter all appointments to any town office be made annually."

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY LINE - A description of proposed new Municipal Boundary Line was read, taking the place of line agreed to January last, as under:-

"The Town of Dartmouth is bounded as follows:-

BEGINNING at a point on the shore of Halifax Harbour at the South Western Corner of a lot of land formerly owned by the late Judge Johnston, and by him conveyed to John Esdaile; thence North Easterly to the road leading to the property of the late John Esson, now known as Esson Road; thence by the Southerly side line of such Esson Road and following the course thereof Easterly to such Esson Property (now owned by the N.S. Government); thence along the South Western Boundary of such property South Easterly to the South Eastern corner thereof; thence North Easterly in a straight line (approx. N. 40 degrees E.) to the North Eastern side line of Gaston Road; thence in a straight line (approx. N. 39 degrees W.) North Westerly to the Western extremity of the causeway at Hurley's on Lake Banook and Prince Albert Road; thence in a straight line (approx. N. 41 degrees 30 minutes W.) North Westerly across Crichton Avenue to the intersection of the Western side line of Crichton Avenue with the South Western side line of Albro Lake Road; thence North Westerly and South Westerly along the South Western and South Eastern side lines of Albro Lake Road to Wyse Road; thence following the South Eastern side line of Albro Lake Road, (Approx. W. 26 degrees 30 minutes S.) across Windmill Road and continuing in a straight line to the shore of Halifax Harbour; thence South Easterly

following the shore of the Harbour to the place of beginning. All water lots, docks, quays, wharves, slips and structures connected with the shore shall, within the foregoing description be deemed to be included in and form part of the Town of Dartmouth."

The following letter from H.E.R. Barnes was read:-

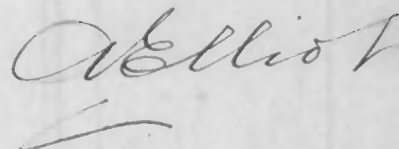
"Take notice that notwithstanding the resolution of Council adopted on the 5th. instant and the act of the Mayor this day in taking possession of the office and property of the Town which were in my possession, I tender my services as Engineer of the Town for the remainder of the period of my employment."

On motion the letter was received.

RE: MRS. LOUIS COULTER. - Relative to the recent accident caused by dangerous conditions of electric light wiring resulting in the death of Mrs. Louis Coulter, a discussion ensued resulting in the proposal to appoint in the near future, an electrician whose duties would include responsibilities for the condition of electric light wiring in the Town.

Council adjourned.

Approved



TOWN CLERK.

Walter Mosher Mayor.

Dartmouth, Feb. 12th, 1924

A special meeting of the Town Council was held this date at 5 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of enquiring into the circumstances in connection with the collision between the Motor Ladder Truck and the private car of Dr. Burris.

The Mayor presided and all the Councillors, besides the Town Solicitor were present.

Several witnesses were examined. The following resolutions were introduced:

Resolved that Mr. R.H. Murray, K.C. be named Solicitor representing the Town to handle the claim of Dr. Burris arising out of a collision between his privately owned car and the Motor Ladder Truck, with instructions to accept service of a writ if necessary.

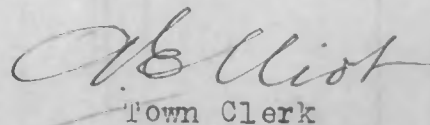
Moved by Councillor Pettipas Seconded by Councillor Walker that the Resolution be approved. Motion put and passed.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to engage Mr. Haley, Auto Mechanic to act as appraiser for the Town in connection with the claim of Dr. Burris for damage to his privately owned car.

Moved by Councillor Pettipas Seconded by Councillor Smith that the Resolution be approved. Motion put and passed.

No further business presenting the meeting on motion adjourned.

Approved



Town Clerk

Walter Mosher Mayor

Feb. 18th. 1924.

The Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors McLean, Walker, Otto, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion Alfred Carter was appointed on the vacancy on the Appeal Court in place of Reuben Bowser, who declined to serve. Mr. James A. Tobin was appointed a member of the Court of Appeal. Mr. W. N. Forbes was re-appointed Plumbing Inspector at the same salary as last year. Councillor Pettipas was appointed on the Charities Committee in place of Councillor Walker Young.

LETTERS were read from the following:-

CLARENCE HATTON, Janitor, asking for an increase in salary. Also from Miss T. R. MITCHELL, asking for an increase in her salary. Both applications referred to the Finance Committee for report.

POLICEMEN CLARKE, O'CONNOR and LAWLOR asking that their telephones be placed on the same basis as those in the houses of the Chief and Deputy Chief, as they were for the use of the public. Referred to the Police Committee for report.

THE COMMANDANT OF THE SALVATION ARMY, asking for a contribution towards their funds. Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, Secretary Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, offering to supply an Electrical Inspector, and thought that satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Town, which could be done at a monetary saving to the Town and prevent increase in Insurance Rates. Ordered to lie on the table until after the investigation re recent electrical accident at Mr. Louis Coulter's house at Dartmouth,

MISS MARGARET SCOTT, Secretary Protestant Orphan's Home re Albert Griswold, asking for information relative to his parents, in view of the probable adoption of this boy in to a private family. The Clerk was instructed to comply with Miss Scott's request.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE COMPANY re sewer rates on property of Mrs. Roose, Eaton Avenue. Referred to Water Committee for report, as it is uncertain whether there is any sewer rates chargeable on this property;

DR. M. G. BURRIS in reference to the collision between his Car and the Town's Motor Ladder Truck on February 1st. 1924.

HENRY ROGERS & COMPANY stated that they had been retained by Dr. Burris to make a claim against the Town for damage to his Car on February 1st. If their client is not recompensed for his loss, they are instructed to bring action against the Town to the amount of \$1850. Referred to the Town Solicitor.

RE - JOHN SAWLOR - Mr. Conrod, Superintendent of the County Home reported that John Sawlor, a patient at the County Home, belonging to Dartmouth, had been in receipt from the Prudential Life Insurance Company of \$125.00 a year. On motion Town Solicitor Murray was appointed to make application to the Supreme Court to enable the Town to secure these funds towards paying the board of said John Sawlor.

John Sawlor holds a life Insurance Policy for \$1000.00 paid up. A disability clause therein gives him a yearly allowance of \$125.00.

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On motion of Councillor Pettipas it was resolved that the name of Stairs Street be abolished and known in future as "Park Avenue."

REPORT read from Eugene Nichols, Superintendent of Streets, regarding the joint use of the electric light poles on King and Edward Streets with the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company. He reported that he with the Company's Superintendent, Mr. Howell, made an inspection of the lines on the above mentioned Streets and recommended certain changes to conform with the National Safety Code. These changes are set out in detail in his letter and placed on file. Superintendent Nichols was ordered to make the necessary changes for safety in the wiring on the corner of King and Ochterloney Streets.

WILLIAM A. TEMPLE - Town Solicitor Murray reported that George A. Nichols, Manager of the Royal Trust Company, had been appointed guardian in the Estate of William A. Temple, a patient at the Nova Scotia Hospital, and that if any money came into his hands, he would have to pay it over to the Town. On motion his report was received. The amount of his indebtedness to the Town is \$724.64 up to December 31, 1923.

TAX COLLECTOR - This appointment was referred to Finance Committee for report.

RE: WILLIS WALTERS AND FAMILY - Re the sum of \$160.00 back board for this family at Blue Rocks, (New Ross) Lunenburg County, claimed by the Overseers of Poor of that place. This was ordered to be paid.

Number of accounts passed for payment.

Council adjourned.

Approved

A. Elliot

TOWN CLERK.

Walter W. W. W. W. - Mayor.

Dartmouth, N.S., March 6th. 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Walker, Otto, Smith and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion the Order of Business was suspended and Mr. V. F. Farrell being present was given a hearing respecting the sewer rates accruing on the Farrell property fronting on Fairbanks and Water Streets. His letter was read, objecting to the interest charge made him on sewer rates. On motion of Councillor Pettipas, seconded by Councillor Walker the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"RESOLVED that the disputed account of the Misses L. and E. Farrell covering sewer rates on property owned by them on Fairbanks, Best, Water and Mott Streets, Dartmouth, totalling \$712.31, be adjusted by a reduction of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) without prejudice to the claim, providing the account is settled within ten (10) days from March 5th. 1924, and that Mr. V. F. Farrell, Agent, be notified accordingly."

Police Committee reported re a letter signed by Policemen, O'Connell, Clarke and Lawlor, was considered. They asked that they be given the same privilege that the Town pays for rent of telephones in the dwellings of the Chief and Deputy Chief. The Committee recommended that their request be not granted.

The Finance Committee reported against the application of an increase in salary of Miss T. R. Mitchell.

Consideration was given to the application of Mr. Clarence Hatton, Janitor, for an increase in pay from \$18.00 per week to \$21.00 per week. In view of daily special work performed by this official outside of that required of him as Janitor, the Committee recommended that he be paid a bonus of \$50.00 on December 22nd. 1924 and that said amount be placed in the estimates for the current year. It is to be distinctly understood that this bonus is not to be considered in the light of an increase in pay as the Committee is opposed to increasing salaries at this time, neither are they in sympathy with reducing the salary now paid to any official.

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SALVATION ARMY - With regard to the request of the Salvation Army through their Commandant, Mr. P. Woolfrey, for the annual grant of \$100.00, the Committee regretfully find it necessary to recommend against. The Committee is desirous of keeping down expenses as far as possible and for that reason find it necessary to refuse all such requests for financial support.

COMMITTEE on WATER and SEWER reported that at a meeting held on February 22nd. inst., consideration was given to an application for the extension of the sewer on Portland Street. The Committee would recommend that, in view of present conditions and the undesirability of increasing the Town's capital debt, the request of the petitioners be not complied with.

The Committee would recommend that legislation be sought authorizing the borrowing of \$5,000 with the consent of the ratepayers to cover cost of house connections. It is understood, however, that if no applications for house connections are received no amount be borrowed.

The work of extending the old Ferry Road sewer as far as Rodney Road is practically completed; the connections are made, but some filling in still remains to be done.

LETTER read from Robert C. Pettipas, as follows:-

"As I am a ratepayer of the Town, I wish to draw your attention to the curb and gutter that was layed on Portland Street in 1922. I understand there was a protest sent in by one of the ratepayers of the Town, stating that the curb and gutter, be considered an over-charge. I also understand it was put before the Council and the Committee and that the Town wholly and solely agreed to bear the expenses of same. I am informed that the ratepayer I refer to, has been granted a new statement for the sidewalk only, as I am one that signed the same petition, also claim that the curb and gutter was an over-charge and all work done in front of my property was of a very poor nature, the work is entirely unsatisfactory."

After some discussion on motion it was resolved that the exemption for the curb and gutter on the north side of Portland Street from Prince Albert Road granted to M. Noonan, apply to all owners of properties between St. James Church and Pleasant Street, on the north side of Portland Street.

Councillor Pettipas called attention to the large bills rendered property owners on Windmill Road (Synott's Hill) for the new curb and gutter laid down on that street in 1922. After some discussion

the matter was referred to the Street Committee to report on at next meeting.

LETTER read from the Fire Committee applying for supplies as per list:-

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| 500 ft. Maltese Hose | 12 Hats. |
| 6 Lanterns | 2 Nozzle Tips |
| 12 Coats | New Willard Battery for Engine |
| 12 prs. Boots. | Belts. |

Referred to the Fire Committee for report.

Letter read from the Nova Scotia Accident Prevention Association of Halifax enclosing a copy of the bulletin issued by the National Safety Council, on Resuscitation.

They claim that a knowledge of this method of reviving persons who are injured by coming in contact with electricity, has been the means of saving many lives. They sent a copy of the bulletin with the request that same be displayed in some prominent place where it can be read by employees. It was ordered that their request be complied with.

On motion it was resolved that a meeting of the ratepayers of the Town, Real Estate owners be held on the 21st. inst., and a vote taken on Saturday the 22nd. inst., from 12 to 7 P.M. to approve of the borrowing money upon Debentures the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of making water and sewer connections with buildings in the Town.

As the Annual Convention of Nova Scotia Municipalities is to be held in Dartmouth, in August of this year, it was resolved that legislation be asked to expend the sum of \$500.00 to provide for the cost of their entertainment.

A number of accounts passed for payment.

Council adjourned.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK.

Approved

[Signature]

----- Mayor.

Dartmouth, N. S., Friday, March 14, 1924.

A special meeting of the Town Council held this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Otto, Pettipas, Smith and Walker.

The estimates of the different Standing Committees were presented and on motion were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion it was resolved that Superintendent Nichols be authorized to sign the building permits in place of Mr. Barnes.

Council adjourned and met as the

BOARD OF HEALTH.

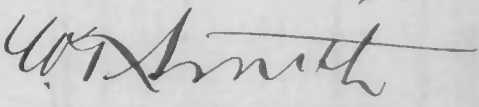
On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Walker the following Resolution was adopted.

"IT WAS RESOLVED and carried that the Town Clerk notify the Eastern Trust Company, the agents of the Lynch Estate, which owns the premises number 83 Water Street, in the Town of Dartmouth, be notified under the provisions of "The Public Health Act" to provide an abundant supply of wholesome drinking water for the occupants of the said premises and further that in default of supplying such water that the said supply shall be made at the expense of the said Estate.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED and carried that the Clerk notify the agents of the Estate responsible for this leakage of the water on the premises and that the Town would take action, if necessary, to enforce any penalties against the Estate."

Meeting adjourned.

Approved.


DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.

-----Mayor.

Dartmouth, N.S., March 18, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Otto, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

RE - PETITION FROM THE SALVATION ARMY - Commandant Woolfrey on motion was given a hearing. He spoke eloquently of their work in helping the poor in the Town and asked the Council to grant them \$100.00 this year as they had last year. The Finance Committee recommended that the grant of \$100.00 for this year be not made. On motion of Councillor Otto the action of the Finance Committee was sustained.

On motion of Councillor Otto and Walker it was resolved that the period of service of active firemen ~~be~~ be 12 years as now. THE AXE & LADDER COMPANY was given a hearing and was represented by Mr. James DeVan, as spokesman, and he asked that Legislation be amended so that their exemption will be increased and the exemption of the firemens widows, be increased to give them a total exemption on \$500., upon property in addition to the exemption already enjoyed. After some discussion on motion of Councillor Young and Walker the following motion was adopted.

"RESOLVED that the widows of deceased members of any of the Companies mentioned in section 14 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1902, who have actively served for twelve years as such, shall be entitled to exemption from taxation on Real and Personal Property to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars in addition to any other exemption provided by law and that Legislation be procured to cover this provision."

TOWN SOLICITOR was authorized to accept services of Writs issued by Dr. Burriss and Engineer Barnes against the Town.

RE - ELECTRIC LIGHTING SYSTEM - On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Otto the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

"RESOLVED that the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets, Nichols, be appointed to work in conjunction with the Dartmouth Electric Light Company and the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, in effecting whatever changes and improvements are found necessary for the safety and protection of life and property, in the street lighting system, in the Town of Dartmouth

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and that the Mayor and Superintendent Nichols be empowered to engage the services of workmen and purchase supplies required to make any such changes in the aforementioned lighting system, in the Town of Dartmouth."

COUNCILLOR PETTIPAS gave Notice of Motion as follows:-

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the May meeting of the Council, I will move a Resolution that the name of Water Street, unless objections are registered, be changed and thereafter be known as "Commercial Street."

LETTERS were read from the following:-

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD giving notice that the estimates for the current year for school purposes amounted to \$59,296.

Referred to the Finance Committee to include in the Town's estimates for the current year.

THE CHRONICLE PUBLISHING COMPANY, offering a large space in the Morning Chronicle Tourist Edition to be published the last of April. After some discussion the letter was referred to Councillor Pettipas as a Committee on advertising for report.

DR. BURRIS reporting the case of Mr. Clarke, of 91 Water Street asking to make the necessary arrangements in order that he (Mr. Clarke) may be admitted to the Morris Street Tuberculosis Hospital. Referred to the Mayor and Councillor Pettipas to deal with.

RE - EXEMPTION as to cost of Curbs and Gutters on Portland Street.

"RESOLVED that the exemption granted to Robert C. Pettipas for the cost of curbs and gutters on Portland Street lying between St. James Church property and Pleasant Street, be applied to all the property owners fronting on the north side of said Street."

On motion of Councillor Pettipas, seconded by Councillor Young, the following Resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED that this Council express its appreciation of the honors won by the hockey team representing the Dartmouth Amateur Athletic Association, in winning the championship of the Halifax-City Hockey League, this being the second consecutive year the local Association has been successful in capturing similar honors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President and Officers of the D.A.A.A., and that this Council also express its appreciation of the conscientious and faithful work of the Committee managing the hockey team which is largely responsible for the fresh laurels and honors won for the winter season of 1923-24."

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LEGISLATION re interest on delinquent taxpayers. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Town Council adjourned and met as

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

LETTER from Dr. A.C. Jost Provincial Health Officer addressed to the Town Medical Officer, H.A. Payzant to the effect that Mrs. M. Roose, Eaton Avenue, Dartmouth, had complained of what she states is a very unsanitary condition at certain houses fronting on that street. The water was not laid down on that street and no provision made for sewerage. On motion the letter was received and ordered to be filed.

On complaint of the Town Medical Officer, H.A. Payzant re Lynch Property at 83 Water Street, that the water must be turned on at that house, for sanitary reasons, it having been turned off by reason of defective water therein. On motion of Councillor Pettipas seconded by Councillor Walker the following Resolution was adopted.

"IT WAS RESOLVED and carried that the Town Clerk notify The Eastern Trust Company the Agents of the Lynch Estate which owns the premises number 83 Water Street, in the Town of Dartmouth be notified under the provisions of "The Public Health Act" to provide an abundant supply of wholesome drinking water for the occupants of the said premises and further that in default of supplying such water that the said supply shall be made at the expense of the said Estate.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED and carried that the Clerk notify the Agents of the Estate responsible for this leakage of the water on the premises and that the Town would take action, if necessary, to enforce any penalties against this Estate."

DR. T. M. SIENIEWICZ, M.D., Acting Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts-Halifax Health Commission recommending a series of recommendations to be followed in developing an ideal public health programme for Halifax and Dartmouth.

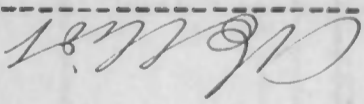
At the request of the Commission, its medical members considered these recommendations individually, and, at a meeting of the Commission ^{on} March 5th. they were again brought before the Commission together with an itemized report.

Recommendation One, PASTEURIZING PUBLIC MILK SUPPLIES, was approved by this Sub-Committee, and unanimously adopted by the Commission. He was directed to inform the Chairman of the Health Board of Dartmouth, of the Commission's action in this matter."

Mayor.

Approved

Clerk.



Council adjourned.

Deferred for further consideration.

Dartmouth, N. S., March 26, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Otto, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

LETTER read from Colonel Montgomerie, President of the Nova Scotia Publicity Bureau. After some discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Finance Committee to consider and report thereon. Captain James DeVan of the Dartmouth ^{Engine} ~~Axe and Ladder~~ Company and other members of the Company were present. Captain DeVan called attention to the case of Lester Corkum who is now seriously ill in Boston, Mass., U.S.A. They desired some assistance in the way of paying his passage back to Halifax. Councillors MacLean and ^{Walker} ~~Otto~~ were appointed a Committee to solicit contributions, for that object. Captain DeVan said that the Company desired that someone be sent to escort Mr. Corkum from Boston to his home here. This matter was left in the hands of Councillors Otto and ^{Young} ~~Walker~~.

COUNCILLOR PETTIPAS as Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted his report on the finances of the Town together with the receipts and expenditures for the financial year 1923, and Estimates for year 1924. This report with some amendments was adopted.

REPORTS from Dr. Payzant called attention to Mr. L. B. Clark, a resident of Dartmouth, who was ill with tuberculosis. He recommended that Mr. Clark be sent to the Sanatorium at Kentville for treatment. Left in the hands of Councillor Pettipas to arrange details so that the man could be placed in said Hospital. Dominion Coal Company, employer of man referred to, agreed to contribute \$125.00 towards his expenses.

RE - LYNCH HOUSE, 63 WATER STREET; - Letter read from The Eastern Trust Company relative to this place and its unsanitary condition. The matter was left in the hands of Town Solicitor Murray to deal with, to see that the decision of the Council was carried out. On motion of Councillors Pettipas and Young the following resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED that the Town Solicitor, R.H. Murray, K.C., be authorized to take whatever action he deems necessary to see that a wholesome supply of fresh water is provided to the tenants occupying premises, 83 Water Street, Dartmouth."

Dartmouth, March 26th, 1924

His Worship the Mayor
and Members Town Council

Gentlemen:-

Your Committee on Finance, as directed by resolution of Council, has carefully considered the estimates presented by the Chairmen and members of the several departments covering services for the year 1924.

As Chairman of the Committee I wish to present my second annual report, with recommendations, on the work done.

The estimates for the year submitted called for an expenditure of \$251,520, less estimated revenue totalling \$81,523, leaving a net balance of \$ 169,997 to be raised by direct taxation. To do this would require a tax rate of \$3.47 on every \$100 assessment, an increase of fifty-two cents compared with the corresponding year. The assessable property in Dartmouth for the year, according to the returns of the assessors and finally approved of by the Court of Appeal, is valued at \$ 4,903,580, made up of \$3,909,750 on real estate and \$993,800 on personal property. There is a serious decrease in the value of assessable property compared with last year, the returns for which showed a valuation of \$ 4,926,100 made up of \$3,903,100 on real estate and \$ 1,023,000 on personal. ~~From~~ A comparison of these figures with those for 1924 shows a serious shrinkage ~~in~~ valuation of \$22,520. The valuation of real estate for 1924 shows an increase of \$6,680 compared with the previous year, but this is wiped out by a decrease in the valuation of personal property for 1924, compared with last year, amounting to \$ 29,200, making a net decrease, as stated above of \$22,520.

This decrease in the value of assessable property creates an undesirable situation for the council. It simply means that if the ordinary services are to be provided for and a ~~similar program~~ ~~public improvement~~ program of public improvement, similar to that of last year, which was limited, is to be carried out, the tax rate must be fixed at \$3.47. The decrease in assessable property represents forty-five points in the rate and it is the first time since 1895, where the record is available, that the assessment has shown a decrease. In each year since the date mentioned, up to this year, there has been a steady increase in the assessment up until the present year. The loss, fortunately, is due entirely to personal property, indicating that there has been no change on the adverse side with respect to wholesome development as might be experienced where buildings, if destroyed by fire, had not been replaced. The assessment returns for the year, as stated, show a reasonable increase in real estate values.

The Finance Committee carefully considered the estimates as submitted, with a view of effecting substantial reductions wherever possible, but found it was only reasonable to effect a ^{net} saving of \$1,800. It was found that an item of \$2,100 had to be included to cover the cost of improving the street lighting system as a safeguard against loss of life and damage to property. By a co-operative plan, suggested by the mayor, the improvements will only cost about one-half what was at first thought and the additional amount of \$2,100 added by the committee to the estimates will, with an item of \$400 originally included, cover the purchase price of new fixtures besides, as stated above, put the entire street lighting system beyond the scope of danger to our citizens.

Apart from the item of \$2,100 the estimates were only increased beyond those submitted by \$690.00 and of this amount \$500.00 is to take care of the expenses in connection with the holding of the convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. This is an important gathering and it is the first time that Dartmouth has been extended the honor of having the convention within its confines. Municipal rulers from all parts of the Province will assemble here in August.

Decreases in the estimates totalled \$ 4,700.00, while the gross increases totalled \$2,900, leaving a net decrease of \$1,800.

As the estimates are submitted covering each department in detail, under separate cover, only the totals and the largest items in each service, are reviewed in this report. The ~~\$666X~~ estimated expenditure as revised by the Finance Committee, totals \$228,520 as against \$251,520.00 originally submitted, less estimated revenue \$81,523, leaving a net balance to be raised by direct taxation of \$ 146,997. This amount, of course, is subject to an item of \$30,000 clipped off the overdraft of \$91,009 as at December 31st, 1923. The financing of this \$30,000 item is explained in detailed further on in this report.

The estimated expenditure of \$228,520 is made up as follows:

Balance due bank (less \$30,000).....	\$61,009
Finance committee.....	39,197
Fire.....	7,639
Charities.....	12,633
Police & Licenses.....	7,152
Streets & public property.....	25,759
Schools, including sinking funds....	69,331
Exemption to firemen and their widows	1,000
Discount 2½ per cent on taxes.....	1,800
Allowance for non-collectable taxes.	3,000

The estimated revenue, as stated, is placed at \$81,523, made up as follows:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 573.00
Cash on hand, vendor.....	30.00
Municipal school fund.....	7,500.00
Taxes overdue.....	63,400.00
Poll tax.....	2,000.00
Bank taxes.....	459.00
Fines.....	400.00
Court Fees.....	500.00
Licenses.....	500.00
Dog tax.....	500.00
Interest overdue taxes.....	2,800.00
Rent Walker property.....	120.00
Legal vendor.....	2,000.00
Brightwood Golf Club.....	750.00

The estimated expenditure of the finance committee totalling \$39,197 comprises, among other items, ~~\$2,876~~ county court rates, (joint expenditures) \$2,076; interest overdraft bank, \$4,400; interest on bonds, \$5,962; portion of officials' salaries, \$9,356; Municipalities convention, \$500; sinking funds, \$2,125; provincial highway tax, Acts 1917, 1/10 of 1 per cent of the assessment, \$4,903; health department, \$300.

The ordinary items make up the fire estimates totalling \$7,659, the three largest are ^{two} drivers of motor engines, (2) \$2,800; fuel, \$1,000 and hose \$1,400 of which \$700 is already spent.

The estimates of the police and licenses provide for nothing additional compared with those of last year.

The streets and public property are already pruned too close to properly maintain the necessary service, the total for street work, separate from the wages for drivers, upkeep of horses, electric light service and improvements to the street lighting system, only total \$12,538 and include part salary of two officials at \$1,000. The items in detail follows:

Tarvia and asphalt.....	\$ 2,000
Oiling streets.....	500
Macadam road work.....	4,000
Drains and culverts.....	500
Cleaning Sts and gutters.....	1,000
Levelling dungs.....	100

Snough plough.....	\$300
Repairs to carts.....	400
Sidewalk grading.....	400
Sidewalk sanding.....	150
Watering streets.....	100
Retaining walls and fences.....	250
Minor repairs and sundries.....	500
Parts for crusher.....	264
Repairs to crusher.....	500
Repairs buildings.....	500
Cemetery.....	100

The balance of this estimates includes \$4,004 for wages of four drivers; \$1,350 feed for horses and two other items of \$250 each, the balance being made up of lighting service totalling \$ 7,367, and includes \$3,050 for lighting and \$2,500 for improvements to the system and purchase of xitures, in addition to several smaller items.

The original estimate of the charities committee totalled \$13,133. This has been reduced by \$500 on the item of maintenance of patients at the hospital, it being felt that a portion of the charges will be received as revenue.

In dealing with the tax rate it must be taken into consideration that what are rightly termed "fixed charges" or uncontrollable expenditures, total approximately \$100,000. This requires a tax rate of \$2.00 on every \$100 of the assessment. The amount is roughly approximately made up as follows:

Public schools.....	\$62,800
Highway tax.....	5,000
Sinking fund charges....	2,125
Interest on bonds.....	5,962
Street lighting.....	3,000
Charities.....	13,000
County rates.....	2,076
Bank interest.....	5,000

The above figures will enable the ratepayers to form some idea how the council spends the revenue received from them and further shows that with a tax rate of \$2.95 only 95 cents on every \$100 of the assessment is available for caring for the ordinary public services such as streets, fire, police, public health.

Practically all the revenue received from the ratepayers, including that received from various other sources, is spent before it is received. The fact is that for years the tax rate has been insufficient to provide for the needs of the town and this false economy is now being felt and will be for some years to come. A mistake was made some years when the total amount of outstanding taxes was included in as "revenue", instead, as had been the practice up to about four years ago of only including a percentage of it in as "revenue". Unfortunately the practice has to be continued as a protection against an exorbitant tax rate. Had this not been done the tax rate at that time would have had to be boosted to \$3.25 and have had to remain at that during the past few years, but would have had a wholesome effect today in a lower rate of taxation.

Another fact which has to be considered, and it will no doubt surprise all the taxpayers-is the amount of exempted property. It now stands at ~~\$1,488,100~~ \$1,683,300, made up of \$1,496,100 on real estate and \$187,200 on personal property. This large amount includes, however, property owned by the town, such as schools, town buildings, fire buildings and Park property and ferry, \$ (\$32,000 on personal) the assessed value of which is fixed at ~~\$618,600~~ ^{\$621,600} made up of \$509,400 on real estate and \$ 112,200 on personal, leaving a balance of \$1,061, 700 privately owned property. The official list for 1924 of all the items of exempted property follows:

	Real Estate	<u>Personal</u>
Christ church.....	\$ 36,000	
Methodist church.....	25,000	
Roman Catholic.....	25,000	
St. James.....	15,000	
Stairs Memorial.....	10,000	
Salvation Army.....	5,000	
St. Peter's Society.....	4,000	
United Baptist church.....	30,000	
Victoria Road Baptist church...	1,000	
D.B.C.A.....	700	
Hfx Relief Commission.....	5,000	
Town of Dartmouth.....	34,800.....	\$ 50,000
U.P.C. (fire hall).....	1,600.....	200

Dartmouth Park.....	130,000.....	
Public schools.....	343,000.....	25,000
Dominion Government.....	762,000.....	75,000
Provincial Government.....	5,000	
Marks-Cross arena Ltd.....	20,000	
Ferry Commission.....		32,000
Exemptions to widows and spinters	43,000	5,000

From the above figures it will be seen that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ratepayers enjoy certain privileges which are not reflected in the tax rate and considering this should have little reason to complain of a higher tax rate than they have called upon to bear.

The Finance Committee is not disposed to recommend a tax rate of \$3.47 or slightly higher, in order to meet obligations for the current year. For that reason they recommend a new plan to relieve the taxpayers of such a burden. It is therefore recommended that instead of including the full amount of the overdraft, \$91,009 in the estimates, that with the consent of the bank and legislative authority, \$30,000 be classed as a temporary loan spread over a period of **five** years, the first instalment of which, with interest, amounting to \$ 7,800 be included in this year's estimates. At the end of five years the full amount would be wiped out without any extra burden to the taxpayers. The instalments would work out as follows:

1st year.....	\$7,800
2nd year.....	7,440
3rd year.....	7,080
4th year.....	6,720
5th year.....	6,360

These amounts includes ~~the~~ interest charges at six per cent. In view of the fact that council previously passed a resolution agreeing to include the full amount of the overdraft in this year's estimates the consent of the bank must first be obtained in addition to legislative authority. If the bank disapproves the only other course to pursue is to make a five year bond issue, subject to approval of the ratepayers at a plebiscite and authorized by legislation. The committee recommends that either one of the alternatives.

Should the ratepayers disapprove of this method of financing, the only other alternative is to impose a tax rate of \$3.47. The present council is in no way responsible for the existing condition. As pointed out in this report earlier the decrease in the assessment is the cause, coupled with the fact that there is no possible way whereby the several sources of revenue can be increased. All such channels are tapped by either the provincial or federal governments.

In order to encourage the prompt payment of taxes your committee is recommending that 8 per cent interest be charged on all overdue taxes for 1924; taxes overdue for previous years not being affected by this charge. Those overdue for 1923 are affected by a seven per cent charge and those for other years to a six per cent charge.

The finance committee make the following recommendations:

1. That legislation be sought to enable the council to take care of \$30,000 of its overdraft either by a temporary loan at the bank or a bond issue.

2. That the mayor sign all orders for supplies, the chairmen of each committee having the right to have an order recorded in the office of the town clerk but not validated until counter-signed by the mayor and that public notice be given that goods purchased on behalf of the town without an official order shall not be paid for.

3. That the salary list of each official appear in the estimates in total so that ratepayers may know exactly what each one is receiving.

4. That the deputy clerk be held responsible for ~~the~~ checking, protesting and collection, with the assistance of the chief of police, all charges preferred by the V.G. Hospital for treatment of patients, and that council be notified of the inability of any to pay, and further that those found able to pay be prosecuted for the charges under the Act.

5 That the tax collection be re-appointed on the same terms and conditions as last year and that he report daily to the town clerk.

6 That the tax rate for 1924, if the recommendation respecting the item of \$30,000 is approved, be \$3.00.

7 That ~~all~~ overdue taxes for the year be subject to an interest charge of 8 per cent.

8 That a discount of 2½ per cent be allowed on all taxes if paid on or before the ^{30th} ~~15th~~ day of ^{July} ~~June~~, 1924, ~~and that 1 per cent be all-~~ } Amended
owed if paid from the 15th day of June and up to July 31st, 1924.

Amended. That 8 per cent interest charges be made on all taxes due on and after ^{July} ~~August~~ 1st which are applicable to the 1924 assessment.

9 That Eugene Nichols, Superintendent of streets be paid \$1,700 per annum from April 1st, the same as he had been receiving prior to a reduction of \$200 last August.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur C. Pettipas,

Chairman

10 That the Nova scotia Trust Company be appointed Trustees for the Town in connection with the establishment of a sinking fund, if approved by legislative enactment, to take care of the Ferry indebtedness, the amount to be set aside each year is not to be less than \$500.00.

// That legislation be sought authorizing the Council to spend \$500.00 in connection with the Convention of the Nova Scotia municipalities meeting here in August.

Arthur C. Pettipas,
Chairman Finance Committee

March 26/24

Read

passed as amended
5-to-1/ Otto
Cly

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APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS - Messrs. Lee & Holder, Chartered Auditors, were appointed Auditors of the Town accounts at the same salary as last year, namely, \$500.00.

On motion of Councillor Pettipas seconded by Councillor MacLean the following Resolution was adopted.

"RESOLVED that the Assessment Roll as finally passed by the Court of Appeal and completed and now laid before this meeting be and the same is hereby confirmed and the Rate Book approved and that this Council authorize the levying and collection of a rate for the current year of three dollars (\$3.00) per one hundred Dollars (\$100) on the assessed value as per Assessment Roll which assessment Roll Rates and Rate Book are hereby confirmed, that the 30th. day of June 1924, be and is hereby fixed as the date the current years rates and taxes so rated shall be payable and that a discount of two and one half per cent be allowed thereon up to said 30th. day of June, 1924.

FURTHER RESOLVED that interest shall be charged on all rates and taxes not paid by the 1st. day of July 1924, at the rate of eight per cent per annum."

VOTE OF RATEPAYERS \$5,000 FOR WATER PURPOSES - Town Clerk reported that the vote of the Ratepayers held on the 22nd. inst., re borrowing \$5000 for water purposes was passed. The return showed that twenty-five voted for and fifteen against the proposal. Majority in favor of borrowing the money ten.

ERVIN MCPHEE - Councillor *Walker* brought up the case of Ervin McPhee who was assessed and paid taxes for certain lots on Rose Street year 1921 (1900) 1922 (1900) and 1923 (1900) in error. Owner is Crimp. On motion of Councillor Walker resolved that Mr. McPhee be refunded any taxes overpaid by him on the property referred to. The Mayor and Assessor Congdon were authorized to see that the owner would be assessed for the lots in question:-

The Finance Committee reported as under:- See file herewith. In addition, certain recommendations, 11 in all, were made as follows:-

The report and recommendations were adopted, 5 to 1. Councillor Otto objected.

Meeting adjourned.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK

Approved

Walter Washer
-----Mayor.

GENERAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Balance due Royal Bank of Canada. 61,009 -

AMOUNTS REQUIRED PER REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE	39,197	
FIRE	7,639 -	
CHARITIES	12,633 -	
POLICE & LICENSES	7,152 -	
<u>STREETS & PUBLIC PROPERTY.</u>	<u>25,759</u>	92,380

SCHOOLS per estimate		59,296.	
Schools sinking fund	11,200 @ 2%	224 -	
" " "	94,000 @ 1%	940 -	
" " "	125,000 @ 1%	1,250 -	
" " "	12,500 @ 2%	250 -	
" " "	30,000 @ 2%	600 -	
" " "	12,000 @ 2%	240 -	
<u>Municipal School Fund</u>		<u>6,531</u>	69,331

Exemption to Firemen & Firemen's Widows	1,000
Discount on taxes	1,800
Allowance for non-collectable	<u>3,000</u>
	\$228,520

REVENUE.

Cash on Hand.....	573	
Cash on Hand, Vendor.....	30	
Municipal School Fund.....	7500 -	
Taxes overdue	63400 -	
Poll Tax	2000 -	
Bank Taxes.....	450 -	
Fines	400 -	
Court Fees	500 -	
Licenses	500 -	
Dog Tax	500 -	
Interest on Overdue Taxes.....	2800 -	
Rent Walker Property.....	120 -	
Legal Vendor.....	2000 -	
Brightwood Golf & Country Club Co.	<u>750</u>	<u>81,523</u>

Net amount to be assessed on Real & Personal Property \$146,997

Real Estate 3,909,780

Personal. 993,800

4,903,580

4,903,580 rate 3.00 per 100	147,120
	<u>146,997</u>

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Increased</u>	
County Rates (Amt. fixed by County)	2076			2076
Grants:- Victorian Order of Nurses	250			250
Town Planning Board				
Salvation Army				
Welfare Bureau	75			75
Banook Canoe Club	250			250
Interest on Overdraft at Bank	4400	1800		2600
" " Bonds (Con. Debt) \$18,500 @ 5%	925			
Less from School Board	260			
	<u>665</u>			
Interest on Bonds Perm. Sidewalks				
" " " " \$12,500 @ 4½%	562			
" " " " \$18,500 @ 5%	925			
" " " " \$16,000 @ 6%	960			
" " " Motor Fire Eng.				
\$15,500 @ 5%	775			
" " " Steam Roller				
\$4,000 @ 6%	200			
" " " Motor Ladder Truck				
\$14,000 @ 6%	840			
" " " Wid. Wm. Rd.				
\$15,500 @ 5%	675			
" " " Electric Light				
\$8,000 @ 4½%	360	5962		5962
Public Health:- Salary, Health Officer	200			
Supplies, Antij-tax. etc.	<u>100</u>			300
Registration of Births & Deaths	100			100
Salaries Town Clerk and Treasurer	1200			
Deputy - do -	1260			
Steno. No. 1.	880			
" No. 2.	780			
Stip. Magistrate	350			
Town Solicitor	500			
Messenger & Janitor	936			
Bonus	<u>50</u>	986		
Auditors	500			
Assessors	1200			
Revisors, Electoral Lists	200			
Tax Collector	<u>1500</u>	9356		9356
Contingent:-	2900			2900
Convention of Municipalities			500	500
Sinking Funds:- Perm. Sidewalks Bonds	520			
2% Electric Light Bonds	160			
1% Consolidated Debt	15			
Acts 1919 4% Motor Fire Engine	620			
2% Steam Roller	80			
1% Widening Wm. Rd.	80			
2% Motor Truck	280			
Acts 1921 2% Perm. Sidewalks Bonds	200			
2% " " " "	120			
1% Widening Wm. Road	<u>50</u>	2125		2125
Provincial Highway Tax, Acts 1917, 1/10 of 1% Assessment				4903
1st. Payment re special borrowing of \$30,000	4903		6000	
Arrears Interest on same			<u>1800</u>	7800
	<u>\$32,697</u>			<u>\$39,197</u>

FIRE APPARATUS COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES

Drivers of Motor Engines		
W. Harrison	\$1500	
H. Stevens	<u>1300</u>	\$2800
Drivers of Apparatus		260
Electric Light, U.P.C., Engine House		250
Fuel		1000
Telephone		80
Stove Service		125
Accessories for Motor Engine		200
Repairs to Apparatus		200
Gasoline, Oil, Etc.		300
Insurance (2 engines)		130
Repairs Fire Extinguisher p.		31
<u>Dartmouth Engine Co.-</u>		
500 ft. rubber hose p.		706
New rear tires for Pumper p.		272
Lettering Coats and Hats p.		15
Padlocks for Lockers P.		17
500 Rubber Hose		700
12 Coats		140
12 Hats		12
12 pr. rubber boots		60
2 Nozzle Tips		
1 Willard storage Battery		50
<u>U.P.C.</u>		
2 large Waterproof Covers p.		90
Tire, Tubes, Jack and Weed Chains p.		52
<u>D. A. & L. Co.</u>		
11 Coats p.		126
6 prs. Boots		30
3 Hats		3
2 Lanterns		<u>10</u>
		<u>\$7,659</u>

POOR

Estimates Submitted Estimates Reduced Total Total

Maintenance paupers County Home 1 yr. to June 30/24.	2900		2900	
" " V.G. Hospital 1 " to June 30/24	2000	500	1500	
" Halifax Industrial School Jan. 1/23 to Dec. 31/23 G. & W. Bishop A. & F. Tynes W. Mitchell	594		594	
" St. Patrick's Home Bert. Goyetche Feb. 2/22 July 16/23 Jack Griffin, Apr. 12/22 Apl. 12/23	207 150		207 150	
" Protestant Orphan's Home Dec. 1/23 to	200		200	
" Supt. Neglected & Delinquent Children March 31/24 Earle Shrum & Margaret Brown	312		312	
" Tuberculosis Hospital Mar. 31/23 to March 31/24	1000		1000	
To Abraham Knickle, Maintenance Mrs. Willis Walters & Family, at Blue Rocks @ \$40.00	480		480	
To Overseers of Poor, West Gore, Maintenance of James McDonald & family to Dec. 31/23	229		229	
" " " " " @ \$25.00 per mo. for yr:	300		300	
Board of Poor in Town	1200		1200	
Halifax Visiting Dispensary, Annual Grant	60		60	
Groceries, Coal, Etc.	1400		1400	
Sundries	<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	
	\$11,132		\$10,632	\$10,632

LUNATICS

Nova Scotia Hospital	<u>\$2,000</u>		<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
	<u>\$13,132</u>			<u>\$12,632</u>

POLICE & LICENSE COMMITTEE 1924

John A. Wrin, Chief of Police and Inspector N.S. Temperance Act	\$1600
A. S. Johnston, Deputy Chief and Sanitary Inspector	1200
J. T. Clarke, Policeman and Sanitary Inspector	1200
John J. Lawlor, Policeman and Sanitary Inspector	1200
D. J. O'Connell, Policeman and Sanitary Inspector	1200
Special Police	
Clothing:-	300
Lighting Lock-up	40
Fuel	150
Prisoners Meals	30
Telephone, Lock-up (Har.868)	40
Advertising & Printing	25
Stove Service & Plumbing	15
Cleaning & Sundries	25
Telephone, Chief of Police (Har.828)	90
" " " " (Har.933 house)	<u>37</u>
	<u>\$7152</u>

STREETS & PUBLIC PROPERTY

	<u>Estimates Submitted</u>	<u>Estimates Reduced</u>	<u>Estimates Increased</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary E. Nichols	200		200 150	400 350
" T.R. Mitchell				624
Tarvia & Asphalt	2,000			2000
Oiling Streets	500			500
MacAdam Road Work	4,000			4000
Drains & Culverts	2,000	1500		500
Cleaning Streets and Gutters	1,000			1000
Levelling and Cleaning Dumps	300	200		100
Snow Plough	1,000	700		300
Repairs to Carts	400			400
Sidewalk Grading	300		100	400
" Sanding	150			150
Watering Streets	50		50	100
Retaining Walls and Fences	250			250
Minor Repairs and Sundries	500			500
Parts for Crusher	264 p.			264
Repairs to "	500			500
n " @ Buildings	500			500
Cemetery	100			100
	<u>\$14,638</u>	<u>\$2400</u>	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$12,538</u>

TOWN HORSES

Wages of drivers:-				
1 @ 20	20			
3 @ 19	57			
52 Weeks @	<u>\$77</u>			
		4,004		4,004
Feed		1,350		1,350
Shoeing		250		250
Repairs to Harness, putz cream, soap etc.		250		250
		<u>5,854</u>		<u>5,854</u>

LIGHTING

D.E.L. Co. Current		3,050		3,050
" Rent Sub-station		120		120
M.T. & T. Co. Pole Rental		203		203
Salary E. Nichols		120		120
Lamps	375 p. 246 b. <u>600</u>			
		1,221		1,221
Fixtures		153		153
Improvements to lighting		500	2000	<u>2,500</u>
		<u>5,367</u>		<u>7,367</u>

STREETS & PUBLIC PROPERTY
TOWN HORSES
LIGHTING

\$12,538
5,854
7,367

Total \$25,759

Report of Finance Committee.

Dartmouth, April 11th, 1924

His Worship The Mayor
And Members Town Council

Gentlemen:-

*Read
Apr. 11/24*

With your permission I wish to report with further reference on the previous recommendation made by the Finance Committee, and approved by council, that a \$30,000 portion of the 1923 overdraft, totalling \$91,009, be taken care of in a special way/ by arranging for a temporary loan at the Bank, payable in five annual instalments. The alternative plan was to finance the amount by a bond issue covering five years.

Since that plan was submitted and approved new developments occurred with the result that it is now found necessary, in order to have the original recommendation of the committee and council ratified, to make a slight modification. I have pleasure in recommending that this be done. My recommendation, therefore, is that the resolution fixing the tax rate at \$3.00 on every \$100 of the assessment be rescinded and substituted for one which will fix a rate of \$3.10 on every \$100 of the assessment for the year 1924.

The legislation sought to approve of the original plan of financing the \$30,000 item provided for negotiating a temporary loan at the Bank. This plan is not satisfactory to the Bank from a banking point of view, but is not regarded by our Bankers as a poor business proposition as many have contended. After a conference with the Bank officials at headquarters at Halifax I am pleased to recommend the financing of the \$30,000 by a bond issue of five years. until this can be arranged for the Bank is quite pleased to take care of the full amount of the overdraft.

I wish also to report that legislation along the lines referred to has not only been submitted but is well advanced

in the House of Assembly, having been unanimously approved of by the Committee on Private and Local Bills. Assurance was given to me during the week by Chairman Graham ~~xxxxxxx~~ and members of the committee that the legislation would be approved if the council would confirm my recommendation to increase the rate to \$3.10.

The slight increase in the rate, coupled with the policy of rigid economy in the matter of expenditures decided upon by council, to take care of the yearly ~~yearly~~ instalments maturing on the bond issue. The adjustment I regard as highly satisfactory and a complete vindication of the position and stand taken by the finance committee and the council in this matter. By this means the taxpayers who naturally find it difficult to meet their civic obligations will reap the benefit and will not be burdened with such a burden as a \$3.50 rate would impose. The plan is a complete protection to this class and it should commend itself to everyone affected.

I have no hesitation in saying that is the first real effort made to enable the town to adjust its financial situation until such time as conditions become more prosperous. I still maintain, despite statements to the contrary, that the present council is not responsible for the position it finds itself in today. It is not my purpose here, however, to offer any criticism of the unfair and apparently organized attempt made to discredit the present administration and to insinuate that dishonest was rampant in the conducting of town affairs. My sole aim is to direct the public affairs with a minimum of inconvenience and hardships and a maximum of advantageous results.

The proposal of the finance committee to adjust the town's financial affairs was made with every honest intention and with no intention of misleading the council or the public and I feel that ~~the treatment it received at the hands of the Provincial~~

the treatment it received at the hands of the Provincial Legislators may be regarded as gratifying, indicating as they did that they had a keen appreciation of the task the council had to deal with and at the same time not forgetting the unfortunate position in which many of the ratepayers find themselves.

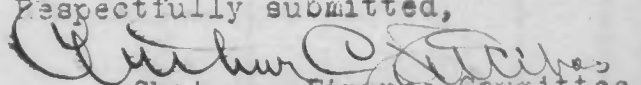
The success which has favored the council's position will permit of the original street estimates remaining intact, thus providing a fairly generous ~~1/2~~ program of work this summer.

The slight increase in the rate of ten cents simply means that a person assessed \$2,000, which is the average on homes, ~~1/2~~ will only have to pay \$2 extra. In view of this small amount I take this opportunity to make an earnest appeal to the ratepayers to accept the reasonable increase in the way that it is intended.

In conclusion I wish to thank the provincial legislators for the sympathetic hearing they permitted on the controversial legislation and the consideration they gave to it, also the council in standing firm and supporting me in what I regard as an unfair attack, specially organized for the purpose, from a select clique.

Another matter I wish to call council attention to is the importance of having the water bills sent out so that revenue from this source may be obtained in order to keep our credit in this department up to standard.

I would also recommend that no orders be issued for supplies provided for in this year's estimates which can be delayed, until after the 30th day of June when revenue from this year's assessment will be available to meet debts contracted. If this is done the financial situation will greatly improve.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Finance Committee

Dartmouth, N.S., April 7, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Otto, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

DR. J.W. ALLISON was present and given a hearing relative to his Assessment. He claimed that his property rated was an excessive amount. He asked for a reduction. A decision of the matter was deferred.

WILLIAM SWAFFER of the North Brook Hockey Club being present with other members of that Club. He was presented by the Mayor with a Cup donated by the Starr Manufacturing Company.

EARLE McELMON appeared as a representative on behalf of his father E.H. McElmon. He claimed that they were charged water rates for their mill for the period from April to December 1923. As the water pipes in the Mill were frozen that winter he thought they were entitled to a deduction in the water rates charged.

TOWN SOLICITOR MURRAY read a draft of the Legislation submitted by him to be presented to the Legislature at the next session. Councillor Young moved, seconded by Councillor Smith that the Town Solicitor be authorized to draft Legislation to pay for an independent audit of the Town Books. Passed.

COUNCILLOR called attention to the amount paid John C. Webber for the rent of his house at \$8.00 per month. This arrangement had been made by the then Charities Committee some years ago towards the maintenance of his daughter who was left by the death of her husband, a widow with several children to support. On motion of Councillor Pettipas seconded by Councillor Otto the following Resolution was passed.

"RESOLVED that the Agreement, if any, existing between Mr. John C. Webber and Town of Dartmouth, requiring the Town to pay to Mr. Webber Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per month rental for occupancy of house in Stairs Lane occupied by Mrs. Webber, who has since married, be and is hereby cancelled on and after the 30th. day of April, 1924, and that Mr. Webber be notified accordingly."

In the case of MRS. D. O'HEARN and two children whose husband had been recently committed to the Penitentiary for the period of two

years for a Criminal Offence was left in the hands of Councillors Smith and Pettipas to deal with.

The Case of L.B. CLARKE, Water Street, who was ill with Tuberculosis reported by Dr. Burris who recommended that he be sent to the Tuberculosis Hospital at Halifax, was left in the hands of Councillor Pettipas to deal with.

LESTER CORKUM Case - Councillor Young reported that Mr. Corkum of the Axe & Ladder Company, had recovered from his illness at Boston and had returned home. The Committee had met him at the station here. A portion of the sum subscribed in his aid had been paid over to him.

TENDERS for Police Uniforms from Mr. C.A. Beck and Mr. J.G. VanBuskirk were read and the tender of Mr. Beck, being the lowest was accepted, as under:-

Chief and Deputy	3 piece suits	\$62.
Police	" " "	57.

LETTERS were read from the following:-

W.R. FOSTER, Stipendiary Magistrate requesting leave of absence for a fortnight. Mr. Walter deW. Barss was appointed his Deputy at the same salary as that paid Mr. Foster.

SAFETY SILENT POLICEMEN COMPANY (Traffic Regulator) Orillia, Ont.

The price quoted for same being \$18.00 each. Referred to Street Committee.

AMPUTATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE GREAT WAR, Toronto, asking the co-operation of the Council in their work of supplying artificial limbs to disabled soldiers. They asked for the support of the Council by passing a Resolution and sending copies to the local M.P.'S. On motion of Councillor Walker and McLean the following Resolution was adopted.

"RESOLVED that the Council heartily endorse the request of the Amputations Association of the Great War that the bonus now paid to the members of the above Association and War Widows of these men, be made a permanent part of the pension, in other words, that a single total disability case shall receive a permanent basis minimum rate of \$900. per annum, or \$75.00 a month for the rest of his life, with proportionate amounts for those men with lesser disabilities, and further that the War Widows shall receive a permanent basis minimum rate of \$720.00 per annum or \$60.00 a month for the rest of her life, or until she re-marries.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the representatives of Halifax County in the House of Commons."

MARITIMES SAFETY LEAGUE, Moncton, N.B. - They asked for the support and co-operation of automobile owners to assure the success of this

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campaign for safety among school children. It was resolved that their request be complied with.

MR. STANFORD, President of the Board of Trade of Dartmouth and other members were present and given a hearing. He asked for the support of the Council by calling attention of the Provincial Highway Commission, to the main Highway along the Eastern Shore from Dartmouth, which he thought should be treated in the same manner as the main highways in other parts of the County. On motion of Councillors Smith and Young the following Resolution was adopted.

"RESOLVED that this Council record itself in favor of the proposal of the Executive of the Dartmouth Board of Trade, in making representations to the Provincial Highway Commission or the Local Government to have the main highway leading along the Eastern Shore, treated in the matter of improvements on an equal basis with main trunk roads in other parts of Halifax County.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urge the Highway Commission to improve the main highway along the Eastern Shore and that provision be made for such improvements in this year's estimates."

RE : COUNCILLOR OTTO - After a rather heated discussion between the Mayor and Councillor Otto re proposed method to be pursued in borrowing \$30,000 to meet the large overdraft at the Royal Bank of Canada, Councillor Otto handed in his resignation of the office of Councillor for Ward Three as under:-

To the Mayor and Councillors:-

I hereby tender my resignation as Councillor for Ward 3, for the Town of Dartmouth, resignation to take place immediately.

(Sgd) P.J. Otto.

Number of accounts signed by two Councillors were ordered to be paid.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved.

W. Elliot

TOWN CLERK.

Walter Innes
-----Mayor.

Dartmouth, N.S., April 11, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 7:30 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

~~Minutes of last meeting read and approved.~~

The FINANCE COMMITTEE submitted their report dated the 11th. inst. in reference to the \$30,000 portion of the 1923 overdraft at the Royal Bank which having been read by the Chairman of the Committee Councillor Pettipas, on motion the same was adopted and is filed annexed hereto.

COUNCILLOR McLEAN stated ^{that} a delegation had been appointed to go before the Provincial Legislature from the Union Protection Company to protest against the striking out of the clause relative to the exemption of firemen's widows. This clause asked that the widows of firemen be granted an additional exemption of \$500 to the \$400 allowed widows. Delegations from the various departments would be present and asked that the Council appoint a delegation to go with them. ? The Fire Committee was appointed. ?

On motion of COUNCILLOR McLEAN seconded by COUNCILLOR YOUNG it was moved that a Committee be appointed to join with the Dartmouth Fire Company's Committees re exemption to Firemen's Widows at the hearing of the Committee on Local Bills. The Fire Committee was appointed to represent the Town at the hearing referred to.

LETTER J. H. MORRISON, Trenton, N.S., offering to quote prices for Electric Street Signs and Numbers. Ordered to be filed.

On motion of COUNCILLORS McLEAN and YOUNG the following Resolution was adopted.

"A" "Unanimously resolved that rule 17 of the Rules of Order during the period of this meeting be suspended and that the following resolution passed on the 26th. day of March last, be rescinded, the said resolution being as follows:-

RESOLVED that the Assessment Roll as finally passed by the Court of Appeal and completed and now laid before this meeting, be and the same is hereby confirmed and the Rate Book approved and that this Council authorize the levying and collection of a rate for the current year of three dollars (\$300) per one hundred dollars (\$100.) on the assessed value as per Assessment Roll which Assessment Roll Rates and Rate Book are hereby confirmed; that the 30th. day of June 1924, be and is hereby fixed as the date the current

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years rates and taxes so rated shall be payable and that a discount of two and one half per cent be allowed thereon up to said 30th. day of June 1924.

FURTHER RESOLVED that interest shall be charged on all rates and taxes not paid by the 1st. day of July 1924 at the rate of eight per cent per annum."

On motion of COUNCILLOR PETTIPAS seconded by COUNCILLOR McLEAN the following Resolution was adopted.

"B" "RESOLVED that the Assessment Roll as finally passed by the Court of Appeal and completed and now laid before this meeting be and the same is hereby confirmed and the Rate Book approved and that this Council authorize the levying and collection of a rate for the current year of Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$3.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100.) on the assessed value as per assessment roll which Assessment Roll Rates and Rate Book are hereby confirmed; that the 30th. day of June 1924, be and is hereby fixed as the date the current years rates and taxes so rated shall be payable and that a discount of two and one half per cent be allowed thereon up to said 30th. day of June 1924.

FURTHER RESOLVED that interest shall be charged on all rates and taxes not paid by the 1st. day of July 1924, at the rate of eight per cent per annum."

On motion of COUNCILLORS YOUNG and SMITH the following Resolution was adopted.

"C" "RESOLVED that this Council express confidence in COUNCILLOR PETTIPAS, Chairman of the Finance Committee."

Council adjourned.

Approved

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK.

-----*Walter Mosher*-----Mayor.

Dartmouth, N.S., April 22, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Walker, Smith, Young, and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

DR. J.W. ALLISON complained at a former meeting that his property was assessed too high, and the Clerk was instructed to call his attention to a clause in the Assessment Act, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1923, Chapter 86, Section 54, and on motion of Councillors Young and Smith it was resolved that if he could comply with the provisions of the Act, the Council would grant him a hearing relative thereto.

RE: P.J.OTTO - The resignation of the Town Councillor, PIUS J.OTTO, was taken up and on motion of Councillors MacLean and Smith the same was accepted with regret.

On motion of Councillor PETTIPAS, seconded by Councillor MACLEAN, it was resolved that an election to fill the vacancy, be held on May 20th. Nominations received up to May 12th. The polling place be at the Town Hall.

On motion it was decided to re-new the lease of the Building on Water Street owned by ARTHUR WOODS for one year used by the Town's Legal Vendor at \$15.00 a month, payable monthly.

Resolution passed that MRS. D.O'HEARN be given an order for provisions to the value of \$3.00 per week on Saturday at noon of each week and at no other time.

THE CLERK was instructed to prepare a list of the persons in arrears for the amount they agreed upon to pay the Town for the electric street lighting installed the winter of 1923, and that proceedings be taken to collect the amounts from those in arrears.

The question of having an independent audit of the Town books was discussed and it was thought better to wait until the legislation now before the Local House with regard thereto, was passed.

Number of accounts signed by two Councillors ordered to be paid.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved

Walter Mosher

-----Mayor.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK.

Dartmouth, N. S., Monday, May 5, 1924.

Town Council met this date at 8 P.M.

Present:- Mayor Mosher, Councillors MacLean, Walker, Smith, Young and Pettipas. Also Town Solicitor Murray.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

REPORT of Water Committee was read with a statement showing the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year 1924, a copy of which is annexed to these minutes. On motion of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Smith the following Resolution was adopted.

"That the Water Rates be fixed for the year 1924 at the same rate as the previous year 1923, namely pipe rate 20 cents and domestic rate 60 cents per \$100, these charges netting a revenue \$16,875."

After discussion, on motion of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Smith, the following Resolution was adopted.

"RESOLVED that the report of the Water Committee covering "Water Maintenance Account" containing in detail receipts and expenditures for the current year, do hereby be approved, estimated receipts totalling \$14,619 and expenditures totalling \$38,297 leaving a balance of \$23,678 to be raised by direct taxation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council approve of the Committee's recommendation respecting water rates for the year, namely 60 cents for Domestic Rate to be assessed on value of property amounting to \$2,215,000 and 20 cents pipe rate to be assessed on property valued at \$1,802,800, netting a total of \$16,895."

On motion of Councillor MacLean seconded by Councillor Walker, the Street Committee's report was adopted as follows:-

"The Committee on Streets and Public Property beg to recommend the purchase of one tank car load of Liquid Asphalt. Same to be used on Portland Street - from Water Street to the intersection of Prince Albert Road, and on Ochterloney Street - from Water Street to the Canal Bridge. The quantity left over to be used on Water Street from Portland Street to Synott's Hill. The balance of the appropriation for this work to be spent on oiling streets. Would also recommend buying 100 tons broken up stone from M. Mitchell @ 95¢ per ton."

On motion of Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Smith, the Finance Committee's report was adopted as follows:-

"As taxes in arrears are not coming in as promptly as desired in order to meet current expenditures, I find it necessary, in the hope of improving this condition, to recommend that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue what is known, under the Town's Act, "The Town Treasurer's Tax Warrant." Under this process taxes are payable on demand, it being understood, of course, that these Warrants will be handled by the Police. Under present conditions, as much as I hesitate to make this recommendation, I find that it is absolutely in the interest of the administration to do so. Unfortunately many do not seem to realize that the Town must have money and that the only means of obtaining it is collecting it from the ratepayers. Taxes are due the Town and they should be paid and unless there is a more prompt pay-

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ment of same it will be impossible for the Street Committee, or any other Committee, to commence, with any degree of satisfaction upon its program of work planned earlier in the year. It must be remembered that the Town has to depend upon the payment of taxes due for 1922 and 1923 until near the end of June when the taxes for 1924 become due.

Tax collection for April, from all sources, totalled \$2,126.18 made up as follows:-

Assessment 1923	\$1,728.49
" 1922	391.96
" 1921	2.73
Poll Tax 1923	3.00

It will be noticed from the above figures that the amount collected for April, covering taxes in arrears of Assessments from 1921 to 1923 falls from short of what it should be, if those liable would meet their obligations.

I would urge that a more determined effort be made to collect water rates in arrears and in this connection would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to sue for rates due, or have the supply cut off, the Clerk being allowed to use his own discretion in this matter. I would further recommend that the Clerk sue for amounts due on house connections."

LETTERS were read from the following:-

J. WALTER ALLISON protesting against the Assessment made upon him the current year. He called attention to applications already made to the Town Council last year for their approval to his proposed plan of his property fronting on Pleasant Street, Old Ferry Road and Portland Street and for a sewer in front of his property and sidewalks. After considerable discussion, the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge his letter and inform him that the Town Council regret that they are not able to carry out his request for the extension of the main sewer and permanent sidewalks in front of his property on Pleasant Street; but that the other street work he referred to, would be carried out. After some discussion on motion of Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor MacLean the following Resolution was adopted.

"RESOLVED that Dr. Allison be informed that the Council regrets that it is not in a position, due to the fact that no special capital borrowing is arranged for, to lay a sewer on Pleasant Street from where it at present terminates about opposite Miss Seely's Cottage to connect with the new sewer at the junction of Pleasant Street and Old Ferry Road, so as to afford sewerage to his property on both sides of Pleasant Street;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Allison be notified that no money is available this year to construct concrete sidewalks as requested by him, on the west side of Pleasant Street as far as the Old Ferry Road;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Allison be notified that due to a misunderstanding; approval of plan of sub-division of property owned by him bounded by Pleasant Street, Old Ferry Road, Pleasant Street and Mott's Lane was not given, that a meeting of the Town Planning Board will be held at an early date when it is hoped that the plan will be approved."

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H. R. SILVER objecting to pay the pipe rate on his property fronting on Hawthorne Street and Prince Albert Road. He said he was willing to pay a nominal amount for fire protection and suggested that the sum of \$30.00 be fixed as the fee. He mentioned also that the Town owed him for a quantity of stone delivered to the Town in 1922. He had received a small portion of the amount and requested a settlement of the amount due him. Referred to the Water Committee for report.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF DARTMOUTH calling attention to the great need of a new cemetery in the Town and asked that immediate steps be taken to secure a property suitable for a cemetery and sending the following Resolution adopted by that body.

"WHEREAS the need of a new cemetery has become imperative in the Town of Dartmouth, present conditions of burial in many cases being nothing short of disgraceful, arousing the indignation of citizens who feel that decent provision is not being made for this public necessity.

AND WHEREAS succeeding Town Councils have recognized the increasing gravity of the problem, and have from time to time invited this Association to confer with them regarding it, -- the latest occasion being a few months ago when a decision was again postponed, probably owing to the approaching elections,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge upon the Town Council the duty of dealing with this crying need at the earliest possible moment to avoid further intensification of public feeling on the matter."

The Clerk was instructed to inform them that no land for a cemetery will be purchased until December next. The Council have a property in view which will be available for the purpose.

NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITY calling attention to the proposed Legislation to take away the town's right to dismiss the Chief of Police under the "Nova Scotia Temperance Act" with consent of the Government. Their Executive were of the opinion that the proposed Legislation was an unwarranted interference with the rights of our Town and they strongly protested against it. Received and approved.

AMPUTATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE GREAT WAR thanking the Council for their unanimous action in supporting their request to the Government by endorsing their stand in regard to the permanency of pensions. Ordered to be filed.

RE: JOHN LENNERTON - A resolution was adopted that the matter of sending Allen Lennerton, son of John Lennerton, to the Sanitorium at Kentville, be left in the hands of Councillor Pettipas to deal with.

Read application from L.M. Bell for a motor bus (3 buses) to run from

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Dartmouth to Imperoyal. License fee therefor will be \$80.00. (One for \$50., two at \$15.00 each).

Applications for Hackney License for Automobiles were read from the following:-

Guy Wambolt	John Myers
C. Naugle	James MacDonald
Angus Fraser	H. B. Conrad
Edward Fraser	John A. Boyle

James A. Boyle

The above being all approved by the Inspector were granted.

On motion, Councillor Walker was appointed to the vacancy on the Police Committee and Councillor Young to the School Board. This has been done to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Otto.

Number of account signed by two Councillors were passed for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved.

W. Elliot
TOWN CLERK

Walter Walker
-----MAYOR.

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WATER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Outstanding Water Rates			
Per meter	800		
Ordinary	1200		
Steamer supply for 1924	200		
Meter Rates for 1924	4000		
W.C.'s. 1777 @ 3.50	6219		
All other rates	700		
Sewer Interest	700		
Interest on sinking funds	800		14,619

EXPENDITURES

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Overdraft at Bank			5,490
Interest on Bonded Debt			
\$54,000 @ 4	2160		
109,500 @ 4½	4927		
81,000 @ 5	4050		
5,000 @ 6	300		
100,000 @ 6	6000		
50,000 @ 5½	2750		
6,000 @ 5	300		
		20,487	
Interest on Overdraft			500

600

Salaries:-

113	A. Elliot	1000	
740	W.T. Smith	740	
	H.E.R. Barnes	170	
1180	E. Nichols	1180	
800	W.N. Forbes	800	3,890

Labor

2000	Labor	2000	
300	Material & Supp.	300	
200	Adv. & Printing	200	
500	Allow. for Vac. houses	500	
100	Contingent	100	3,100

Sinking Funds.

1912	62,500 @ 2%	1250	
1915	5,000 @ 1%	50	
1916	5,000 @ 1%	50	
1919	15,000 @ 2%	300	
1920	100,000 @ 2%	2000	
1922	50,000 @ 2%	1000	
1923	6,000 @ 3%	180	4,830
			38,297
			23,678

Acts 1921 Cap. (93, sec. 16)

Water estimates continued-

Amount required to be raised by assessment on valuations for 1924 as under

Value of property subject to Domestic Rate	2,215,000 @ 60	13,290	
Value of property subject to Pipe Rate	1,802,800 @ 20	3,605	16,895

DIFFERENCE 6,783

To be out
Paid of Barnes (much Salaries)
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1924
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WATER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

1923 Balance at Credit	
Outstanding Water Rates :-	
Per Meter	800
Ordinary	1200
Steamer supply for 1924	200
Meter Rates for 1924	4000
W.C.'s. 1923 @ 3.50	6219
All other rates	700
Sewer Interest	700
Interest on sinking funds	800

14,619

EXPENDITURES

<i>Interest on Bonded debt</i>		5490
\$54,000 @ 4	2160	
109,500 @ 4 1/2	4927	
81,000 @ 5	4050	
5,000 @ 6	300	
100,000 @ 6	6000	
50,000 @ 5 1/2	2750	20487
6,000 @ 5	300	

Interest on overdraft 500

Salaries:-		
A. Elliot	1000	
W. T. Smith	740	
H. E. R. Barnes	170	
E. Nichols	1180	
W. N. Forbes	800	3890

New Work	2000	
Labor	300	
Material & Supp.	200	
Adv. & Printing	500	3100
Allow. for vac. houses	100	
Contingent		
Sinking Funds.		

1912	62500 @ 2%	1250	
1915	5000 @ 1%	50	
1916	5000 @ 1%	50	
1919	15000 @ 2%	300	
1920	100000 @ 2%	2000	
1922 (Acts 1921)			
Chapter 93, sec. 16.		1000	
50000 @ 2%		1000	
1923	6000 @ 3%	180	4830

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Water estimates continued
Amount required to be raised by assessment on valuations for 1924 as under

Value of property subject to Domestic Rate	2,215,000 @ 2%	13,290
Value of property subject to Pipe Rate	1,802,800 @ 2%	3605
		16895
		DIFFERENCE

Approved May 5/24