

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That Alexander McDougall having been declared elected keeper of the Camp Hill Cemetery, be referred to the Committee on the Cemetery, who shall define his duties, privileges, and make such regulations regarding the Cemetery as in the opinion of the Committee may be deemed advisable, and report back to the Council. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Allen, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 37 on Order Paper, viz., Rules and Regulations for Licensed Plumbers and Connection of House Drains. Motion passed.

Rules for Connection of House Drains are first taken up, and considered clause by clause.

Read section 1, with sub-sections 1 to 15 inclusive, which are passed.

Read sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, which are severally passed.

Read section 16, which was amended by striking out the words : "Each consumer in a tenement building shall be supplied with a separate stop and waste cock on the service pipe inside the building, unless metered." Section 16 passed as amended.

Read sections 17, 18, 19, which were severally passed.

Read section 20, which was amended by striking out the words "Superintendent of the Water Works Department" and substituting therefor the words "City Engineer." Section 20 passed as amended.

Read section 21, which was amended by striking out the words "Water Works Department" and substituting therefor the words "City Engineer." Section 21 passed as amended.

Read sections 22, 23, 24, which were passed.

The following additional clause, No. 25, was next submitted, viz. : Any person violating any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars and not more than eighty dollars, on summary conviction, before the Stipendiary Magistrate, for each offence and in default of payment to imprisonment in the City Prison for a term not to exceed ninety days. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said section pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the highest penalty do not exceed twenty-five dollars. Amendment put and lost. The original motion was then put and passed.

Rules to License and Regulate Plumbers was next taken up and considered clause by clause.

Read 1st, and 2nd, 3rd clauses, which are amended by striking out the word "General" wherever it appears in said sections, said clauses passed as amended.

Read 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th clauses, which are severally passed.

Read Rules to Provide for the Appointment of Plumbing Inspectors. Read sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, which are severally passed.

The following section, No. 6, viz.: Any person violating any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than eighty dollars, on summary conviction before the Stipendiary Magistrate, for each offence, and in default of payment, to imprisonment in the City Prison for a term not to exceed ninety days.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the rules as amended do pass, and be referred back to the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that No. 48, on order paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 48, Alderman Wier's resolution, *re* purchase of Fire House, viz:—*Whereas*, The agents of the White Cross Brand of Fire Hose have failed to furnish the usual guarantee; *Therefore Resolved*, That the tender of Austen Bros., be accepted for 500 feet of Maltese Cross Brand at \$1.10 per foot, less 5% with usual guarantee. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Dennis.

Moved in amendment, by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the balance of contract be awarded to the lowest tender for Rubber Hose.

The amendment on being put was lost, four voting for the same, and ten against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen McFatrige, Foster, Ryan, Hamilton—4.	Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Adams, Lyons, Sanford, Wier, Dennis, Keefe, Allen, Pickering—10.

The original resolution was then put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 43 on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 43, Report Board of City Works, on letter of W. & T. S. Lownds, *re* offer of piece of land between Walnut street and Coburg Road, for Water extension.

October 12th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the enclosed letter from Messrs. W. and T. S. Lownds, offering to the City a piece of land between Walnut street and Coburg Road, on condition of the City extending the Water supply through the same. When it was decided to report to the Council, recommending that the offer of Messrs Lownds be accepted.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman*.

HALIFAX, October 5th, 1891.

To the Chairman of the Board of City Works.

SIR.—We beg to inform you that we are ready to hand over to the City the piece of ground held by us, and situate on Coburg Road, running from Coburg Road to Walnut Street, for a sixty feet road, which, by widening Walnut will connect Jubilee Road with Coburg Road, providing the Board will fulfil its promise by bringing the water through the same, thereby giving the residents in the western locality a better supply of water, which is badly needed. This step will also lead to the rapid building up of the proposed new road.

W. LOWNDS.

THOMAS S. LOWNDS.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of City Works be received and adopted, *And further Resolved*, That the Water be immediately extended down LeMarchant street. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn at 10.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

NOVEMBER 2nd, 1891.

At a meeting of the City Council summoned for this evening at the above hour, there were present. His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Sanford, Outhit, Wier and Hamilton. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the time for meeting be extended twenty minutes. Motion passed.

8.30. Rolled called. Present: The above named, with Aldermen Allen, Dennis, Pickering, Sweet, Ryan, Lyons, McFtridge, Foster, Mosher, and Adams.

The Council was summoned to appoint two Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax. To appoint two Citizen Commissioners of Halifax Common, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Sweet submits a petition from W. J. Cook, for water extension to his house on LeMerchant Street.

George J. Troop and Byron A. Weston, delegates from the Dartmouth Ferry Commission being present on an invitation extended by the Council, in reply to a letter from B. A. Weston, asking that a delegation from said Commission be heard by the Council, with a view to an abatement in the amount now charged by the City for the Halifax Ferry Landing. It was moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow said delegation to address the Council on the subject referred to. Motion passed. Mr. Weston then addressed the Council at some length on the subject, and was followed by Mr. Troop. His Worship the Mayor assured the delegation that the matter would receive the careful consideration of the Council. And after thanking the Council for the courtesy extended, they withdrew.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved: On hearing the representatives of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, that the City of Halifax from this date, make an abatement in the rent of the Ferry Dock, to correspond with the fare charged to ordinary passengers. Putting the rent at \$1000.00 when a five cent fare is charged, and abating it at the rate of \$200.00 for each cent reduction in the fare from time to time.—Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, and being objected to, is laid over.

Read petition of W. J. Cook, asking extension of the water service to his house on LeMerchant Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Alderman Sweet submits resolution by way of notice, *re* widening Lockman Street.

Re-Appointment of School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the appointment of the School Commissioners to fill the vacancies on the Board of School Commissioners caused by the retirement of Alderman Dennis and Lyons, be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher gives notice of motion relative to rescinding the resolution now in force, prohibiting the Council from appointing citizens outside of its own members to the position of School Commissioners.

The appointment of two Commissioners for the Public Gardens was now considered, and Messrs. Charles C. Blackader and Michael Conroy, the retiring Commissioners, re-elected.

[ORDER OF THE DAY.]

Read 3rd and 4th Clauses of report of Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* violation of Hack Ordinance and sale of Market Building. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the 3rd clause of said report be referred to the Hack and Truck Committee for their consideration. Motion passed (see minutes of February 13th, 1891). Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the special Committee appointed to complete the sale of the Market Building be requested to make a report of the same to the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 35 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 35, Petition of G. E. DeWitt and others, asking that the Council lay out, appraise and expropriate an extension of Inglis street westerly about fifteen hundred feet through the property of Brenton H. Collins, or until it strikes the eastern line of Belmont, so called.

When the following resolution was introduced: *Resolved*, that the Engineer be instructed to lay out and survey a street from the westerly end of Inglis street, running west through the property known as the Collins property until it reaches the eastern line of Belmont, and make a plan thereof, and that appraisers be appointed to value the street so laid out and report to the Council. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that James Shand and William J. Butler be appointed appraisers under the foregoing resolution. Motion passed.

No. 2. Letter City Engineer asking information in *re* High Service Water Extension and Street Paving was now read. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said paper be struck off the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 3. Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1873 in *re* Assessment.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the consideration of this matter be deferred for the present and that the Clerk communicate with the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee having the matter under consideration, with the view of ascertaining if they have any proposition to lay before the Council, relative to the same. Motion passed.

Read No. 4, Alderman Pickering's resolution in *re* paving, etc., portion of sidewalk on Barrington street. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the consideration of said resolution be deferred until the City Engineer reports thereon. Motion passed.

Read No. 5, Report Board of City Works on the unsatisfactory manner in which the Street Railway Company are repairing the streets through which their tracks run; when the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report be referred to the Recorder, and City Engineer to report on the present condition of the Street Railway, and as to what steps are necessary to put it in good condition. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn 10.25.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

NOVEMBER 9th, 1891.

The City Council met this evening. Present: His Worship the Mayor in the chair, Aldermen Boak, Allen, Keefe, Dennis, Wier, Sanford, Pickering, Hamilton, Sweet, Lane, Ryan, Lyons, Foster, Mosher, Adams and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Keefe, Vice-Chairman of the Board of City Works submits three reports from said Board, viz :

Report *re* Recorder's opinion on Veith Street Water Extension.

Report on Sewer—Gerrish and Gottingen Streets. Reports *re* Water Extension on Uniacke Street. Also a letter from J. C. Merlin *re* Planing Mill, Maynard Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits an opinion from His Honor the Recorder *re* Woodill and Harris Streets. Also a communication from the same *re* street excavations.

A letter of thanks of Town Council of Dartmouth for loan of steam engine.

Letter from F. H. Bell, solicitor for John A. Thompson and others, *re* removal of railway fence and condition of Upper Water Street.

A letter from R. Theakston, City Collector, covering an account from Robert Sedgewick for Counsel fee in suit Cogswell vs. O'Brien. Monthly report October of Weighers and Measurers of Coal.

Return of City Collector of Rates and Taxes and Water Rates collected during the month of October.

Assessment Roll for the use of the Revisors of Electoral Lists 1891-92.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in this day. Motion passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works on opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* Veith Street water extension. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be received and adopted and the water extended in said street in accordance with report of City Engineer thereon. Objected to.

Read Report of Board of City Works on Letter from the City Health Board *re* sewer Gerrish and Gottingen Streets with report of City Engineer thereupon.

November 9th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that having had under consideration the enclosed letter from City Health Board *re* sewer on Gerrish and Gottingen Streets and report of City Engineer thereupon when it was ordered to send the report to the City Council with the recommendation that the work be done in its turn.

M. E. KEEFE, *Vice-Chairman*.

November 2nd, 1891.

GERRISH AND GOTTINGEN STREET SEWERS.

Chairman Board of Works :

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition of the City Health Board and minute of Council respecting the construction of a new sewer on Gerrish and Gottingen Streets.

The present stones drains are not deep enough to drain the cellars and will not carry off the surface water.

There has been a good deal of trouble and inconvenience caused by the drain on Gottingen Street during the summer.

Estimated cost.....	\$4300 00
" rates.....	1937 00

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

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the matter be referred back to the Board of City Works to have said sewer placed on the Order Book for construction in its turn. Motion passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works on Water Extension on Uniacke Street with report from the City Engineer on the same. To go on Order Paper.

Read letter from J. C. Merlin relative to converting a building formerly used as a soap factory on Maynard Street into a planing mill with sketch plan of same. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to hear the parties interested and report back to the Council. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder *re* Harris and Woodill Streets. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Honor the Recorder communicate with Mr. Warner and ascertain from him the amount he requires for the encroachment in front of his property, and that the further consideration of the reports be deferred until said information is gained. Motion passed.

Read communication from His Honor the Recorder in *re* street excavations. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Boak, that the matter be referred to His Honor the Recorder with the City Engineer to give the names of the parties encroaching on

the streets in the manner referred to and advise the Council as to the best manner of remedying the evil complained of. Motion passed.

Read letter from Alfred Elliot, Town Clerk of Dartmouth, conveying thanks of the Town Council of Dartmouth for loan of steam fire engine Chebucto. Placed on file.

Read letter from F. H. Bell, solicitor for John A. Thompson and others *re* railway fence on Upper Water Street and complaining that present condition of said street causes the water to accumulate upon the sidewalk in front of their houses and flood their cellars etc. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works to take such action thereon as they may deem necessary to prevent litigation. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Collector covering an account from Robert Sedgewick (\$200.00) for counsel fee in suit Cogswell vs. O'Brien, being an appeal to Supreme Court of Canada of the Tax suit of Cogswell vs. Holland. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges with His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of October, 1891. Filed.

Read return of City Collector of Water Rates and Rates and Taxes collected during the month of October. Filed.

The Copy of Assessment roll for the use of the Revisors of Electoral Lists as submitted by the Chief Assessor was ordered to be sent to said Committee.

Alderman Mosher rises to a question of privileges *re* repairs to Quinpool Road.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Foster to introduce a resolution. Motion passed and the following resolution was introduced.

Whereas the Docks on Water Street in the burnt district are being filled in, and whereas a city sewer empties between DeWolf's and Hamilton's wharf, *Therefore Resolved*, that the City Engineer be instructed to inspect and report to the Board of Works what extension of the city sewer, if any, is needed to improve the sewerage in that neighborhood. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering that No. 45 on order paper, *viz.*: appointment of two Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax, be now taken up. Motion passed.

The Council now proceed to appoint two School Commissioners. On the first vote being taken there appeared for Alderman Lane, 13, for Alderman Allan 3; on the second vote there appeared for Alderman Allen, 7, for Alderman Wier, 7. Aldermen Allen and Wier being

excused from voting, His Worship gave his casting vote in favor of Alderman Wier, and then declared Aldermen Lane and Wier elected School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the ensuing term.

His Worship the Mayor then named Alderman Allen as a Commissioner of the Board of City Works Vice, Ex-Alderman Mackintosh resigned.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the appointment of Alderman Allan, as a Commissioner of Board of City Works be confirmed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that No. 28 on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 28, report of Board of City Works and City Engineer, on Sewer, Jubilee Road and Louisburg street. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the report of the City Engineer be concurred in, and the Sewer be placed on Order Book in the office of the Board of City Works for construction in its turn. To which the following amendment is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the consideration of the report be deferred until the City Engineer submits a plan, showing the houses fronting on the proposed Sewer, and any further information on the subject, and the Recorder report as to what streets in the neighbourhood have been taken over. Which amendment on being put is passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Boak, Hamilton,	Aldermen Allen,
Sanford, Pickering,	Keefe,
Sweet, Lane,	Dennis,
Ryan, Lyons,	Wier—4.
Foster, Adams,	
Mosher, Outhit—12.	

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that No. 6, Report of Board of City Works in *re* repairs to Quinpool Road, and the most suitable material for paving the streets be struck from Order paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that No. 14, Alderman Pickering's resolution by way of Notice, in *re* repairs to Quinpool Road be struck from Order paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 37, report of Board of City Works in *re* sidewalk Spring Garden Road be struck from Order paper.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that No. 33 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 33 report City Health Board in *re* account of His Honor the Recorder for services.

September. 15th, 1891.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held this day, they had before them the annexed account from His Honor the Recorder for

services rendered the Board, when it was resolved to forward the same to the City Council for information viz: as to whether the Board is compelled to pay for the services of His Honor the Recorder.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Allen, that His Honor the Recorder be heard by the Council on the subject. Motion passed. The Recorder then addressed the Council and explained why said account was rendered and what it was for. A part of it being for costs expended by him for printing. The following resolution was then introduced:

Resolved, That the bill of W. F. McCoy sent to the Council *re* remuneration for services rendered by him to the Board of Health, be referred back to the Board, they being a separate and distinct corporation having control of their own appointments and expenditures.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Sweet, to which the following amendment is moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton:—*Whereas* all expenditures of the Board of Health has to be met from the general taxation of citizens,

Resolved, That the Council regard the Board of Health as part and parcel of the corporation and regard it as the duty of civic officials to render any service to said Board that it may require, subject to the approval of the Council. Which amendment on being put was lost, 6 voting for the same, 8 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Dennis, Hamilton, Sanford, Lyons, Boak, Outhit—6.	Aldermen Pickering, Allen, Foster, Keefe, Wier, Sweet, Adams, Mosher—8.

The original motion was then put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it. The names being called for, appeared thus:

For the resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Mosher, Adams, Sweet, Wier, Keefe, Foster, Allen, Pickering—8.	Aldermen Outhit, Boak, Lyons, Sanford, Hamilton, Dennis—6.

Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn 10.40 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1891.

At a meeting of the City Council held this evening, at the above hour, there were present: Alderman Sweet, Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Wier, Sanford, Foster, Keefe, Hamilton, Allen and McFatridge. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the time for meeting be extended 20 minutes. Motion passed.

8.20—Roll called. Present—the above named, with Aldermen Dennis, Pickering, Lane, Lyons, and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from the City Health Board, with draft rules and regulations for Water-takes, Plumbers, &c.

Alderman McFatridge, Chairman, submits a report from City Prison Committee, covering sundry accounts.

Alderman Keefe, Chairman, submits a report from the Police Committee. Also, a petition from residents of Fenwick street, asking exemption from sewerage rates.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* storage of oil, accounts, etc.

The Deputy Mayor submits the following papers:

A communication from Lt. Colonel Arthur Hill, Commanding Royal Engineers, *re* proposed formation of new roads by the City authorities through the South and Glacis Barracks, with plans, etc.

A petition from A. L. Melvin, President Halifax Land Company, Ltd., asking that the City expropriate certain land for the extension of Agricola street.

A letter from ex-Alderman Mackintosh, returning thanks for resolution of sympathy.

A report from His Honor the Recorder, *re* encroachment on Woodill street by Archibald Warner.

A letter from Stephen Tobin, President, and M. B. Almon, Secretary of Fire Insurance Association, *re* storage of oil in the city.

A report from Board of City Works, *re* appointment of Alderman Keefe as Chairman of the Board.

Alderman Keefe, Chairman, submits two reports from the Board of City Works, *viz*:

A report on application of W. J. Cooke, for water extension, LeMarchant street.

A report on letter of J. C. Merlin, *re* Flaning Mill, Maynard street. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read reports from Board of City Works, and City Engineer, on application of W. J. Cooke, for water extension, LeMerchant street.

November 16th, 1891.

The Board of City Works beg to report, that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the application of Mr. W. J. Cooke, for water extension on LeMarchant street, and report of Engineer upon the matter. When it was ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman*.

November 16th, 1891.

WATER EXTENSION, LEMARCHANT STREET.

Chairman Board of Works :

SIR,—The accompanying petition of Mr. W. J. Cooke, having been referred to me, I beg to report:—To supply the house an extension of the High Service of 95 feet will be necessary.

The estimated cost of laying 6 in. pipe and service pipe, is about.....	\$194 00
Estimated revenue.....	4 00
95 feet 6 in. pipe, 73c.....	\$69 35
95 feet excavation, 75c.....	71 25
1 6 in. Stop Cock.....	30 00
100 lbs. Lead, 3½c.....	3 50
1 Service Pipe.....	20 00

\$194 10

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

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the report of the City Engineer be concurred in, and the Clerk be instructed to forward Mr. Cooke a copy of said report, and inform him that the Council are not in a position to grant the prayer of petition, as the income would not meet the interest on the outlay. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of City Works, on the appointment of Alderman Keefe, as Chairman of the Board.

November 16th, 1891.

At a meeting of the Board of City Works, held this day, Alderman Keefe was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Board for the balance of the Civic year, and the Clerk was instructed to report the election to the City Council for its approval.

W. B. McNUTT, *Clerk of Works*.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that said appointment be concurred in. Motion passed.

- Read petition from G. Faulkner and others, asking exemption from sewerage rates on Fenwick street. Objected to.

Read report from City Prison Committee, for the month of October, covering sundry accounts,

November 3rd, 1891.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee, held this day, there were present Alderman Wier, Sanford, and Chairman. They had before them a number of accounts, which on examining were found correct, and are herein submitted, amounting to \$653.38.

Wm. Roche	\$449 40
Geo. E. Forsyth & Co.	21 01
Wallace & Stephens	20 48
Leaman & Co.	31 15
J. J. Carnell	71 02
R. T. Braine	13 20
G. E. Smith & Co	8 42
R. H. Margeson	6 25
McLearn & Co.	22 45

\$653 38

WM. MCFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution was introduced :—*Resolved*, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted, and the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amounts named therein. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Wier, and passed.

Read petition from Halifax Land Company, Ltd., A. L. Melvin, President, asking the Council to expropriate certain lands at North end of Agricola street, for street purposes. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to the City Board of Works, with the City Engineer, to report on. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, re storage of oil and payment of accounts. Objected to.

Read letter from J. D. Mackintosh, acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by City Council on his retirement from the Council. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the same be received and placed on file. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works on application of J. C. Merlin, for permission to establish a Planing Mill on Maynard street, near West street.

November 18th, 1891.

The Board of City Works beg to report that having had under consideration, at a meeting held this day, the minutes of Council and

letter from J. C. Merlin, with respect to a Planing Mill, which he desires to establish on Maynard street, near West street, and a report from a Committee sent out to inspect the proposed site. When it was decided to recommend to the City Council that the desired permission be given.

M. E. KEEFE, *Acting Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the report of the Board be adopted, and desired permission granted. Motion passed.

Read report of Police Committee, *re* appointment of Policemen, and other matters. The same was on motion considered clause by clause.

Read 1st clause, *re* supplementing the Police Superannuation Fund. Objected to.

Read 2nd clause, *re* purchase of Patrol Waggon. To go on Order Paper.

Read 3rd clause, *re* appointment of Policemen.

November 18th, 1891.

The Police Committee beg to report, that at a meeting held Nov. 3rd, inst., it was decided to recommend that the City Council supplement the Police Superannuation Fund by an amount sufficient to allow three men now on the force, who are too old for active duty, an allowance of \$250 each, per annum.

The Committee also decided to again recommend to the Council, the purchase of a Patrol Waggon in connection with the Police Department.

A meeting of your Committee was also held on the 11th inst., to receive applications from persons willing to fill the vacancies on the force caused by the resignations of Gorman and Drysdale, and the dismissal of Beckham. There were nine applications. After inspecting the applicants your Committee decided to recommend the appointment of William S. Bayer, Philip Boyle and Joseph A. Martin. Bayers and Boyle to be placed on the permanent staff, and Martin to be a supernumery.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder, relative to encroachment on Woodill street by Archibald Warner.

IN RE WOODILL STREET.

To His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In obedience to the resolution of Council, I wrote Mr. Warner, relative to his alleged encroachment on Woodill street. In answer thereto he denies encroaching, but will sell the strip of land to the City for \$50. The City to put up a new fence similar to that on Agricola street, cut the end out of the shed and water closets and renew all

taken down and repair damages done, and build a new water closet on No. 9 lot; or he will sell the strip of land and repair all damages and remove all obstructions for the sum of \$100,

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Messrs. James Shand and Michael Walsh, be appointed to appraise the land of A. Warner, on Woodill street, for the purpose of expropriating the same by the City. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, and passed.

Read report of the City Health Board, covering draft Rules and Regulations for Water-takers, Plumbers, &c.

1.—Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person (except the officers and servants of the City, in the discharge of their duties) to attach, put in, lay, re-lay, introduce, extend or alter any water pipe, tap fitting, apparatus or appliance, by or through which City water may be supplied, drawn, distributed or used, unless such person or his employer holds a license from the City as a duly authorized Plumber for that purpose,

2.—All urinals, except those which are especially sanctioned and rated by the Board of Works, shall either be supplied through a meter, or shall have some approved valve or apparatus attached thereto, or in connection therewith, by which the same may be flushed with not more than two gallons of water, at intervals not exceeding 30 minutes, or with not more than one gallon of water each time of use.

3.—After the 31st day of December, 1892, it shall be unlawful for any person whomsoever to have upon his premises and connected with the City Water Supply pipes, any Water Closet which is not provided with a suitable and effective valve and cistern, or other substantial arrangement, approved by the City Engineer, by which the water supply may be cut off automatically after flushing the closet with a quantity of water, not exceeding three gallons each time it is used.

4.—Every Water Closet or other water fitting subject to pay a water rate, found on any premises and claimed to be unused, must pay the customary rates, whether supplied directly with water or not. In order to escape payment for the same the water closet or the fittings must be taken out.

5.—Applications for the laying of service pipes shall be made in writing at the City Engineer's office, and upon the required forms.

6.—All service pipes upon the premises of water takers shall be laid at a depth of not less than five feet below the surrounding ground, and must not be turned up or laid at a less depth where they pass through or under a cellar wall or into or through any private premises and where they cross or are near any other excavation they must be properly protected against settlement.

7.—In all cases the water taker must show that the pipe laid within his premises is laid in accordance with the requirements of the City,

and unless the same is shown to the satisfaction of the City Engineer connection shall not be made with the street pipe.

8.—No two premises supplied with water from the water works shall be dependent upon one service pipe beyond the street line, but each separate and distinct tenement or premises shall be supplied through a separate pipe provided with proper stop cocks or other means of cutting off the water,

9.—Every house or building separately assessed on the line of street is entitled to one half-inch service pipe. Where pipe is supplied larger than half-inch an extra charge will be made.

10.—When a service pipe has once been put into a house or premises by the City, the owner or occupant of the premises consenting, or not objecting to the position of such service pipe, then no subsequent removal of such service pipe, shall be made except at the expense of the owner, agent or occupant of the said premises.

11.—All persons shall keep their service pipes, stop cocks, and other fixtures on their own premises and from the line of the street in good order and repair and protected from frost, at their own risk and expense.

12.—Stop and waste cocks must on no account be covered over with coals, vegetables or anything which will prevent the inmates of the house, or the Water Inspector from getting access to them at once. And whenever any Licensed Plumber is called in to any premises, his first care shall be to see that this rule is attended to, and also to see that the stop and waste cock is in good order and easily turned.

13.—Taps, faucets, cocks or fittings in porches or sheds or outside of buildings are strictly prohibited. Any such supply required must either be by means of a suitable approved hydrant, or by special written sanction of the City Engineer.

14.—The water supply to stables, barns, outbuildings, or any other description of buildings or property must come under the operation of Rules 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15, and must conform in all other respects with the requirements of these rules and regulations. If after every practicable precaution has been taken the pipes or fittings cannot be wholly and effectually protected against the action of frost in the severest weather they must be cut off and removed, or an approved hydrant with valve well below the reach of frost may be substituted in order to procure the required supply.

15.—All pipes in building's must be so laid and placed as to be easily accessible.

16.—Water pipes or fittings on private premises must never be laid, carried along, or put near any external wall, doorway or window opening, or in any exposed position, or other position where they would be liable to freeze without being thoroughly boxed in, encased or protected to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, or his authorized officer, so as to prevent the action of frost.

17.—If necessary to prevent freezing the pipes must be carried at a sufficient depth underground below the cellar to some convenient point in the interior of the building, from thence the pipes must be properly encased in suitable boxing of ample size, stuffed with some suitable approved non-conducting material, the pipe being carefully placed and secured in the centre of the box.

18.—In case of leaky or improper pipes or fixtures on any premises the City Engineer shall have authority to cut off the supply of water by shutting the stop cock or by detaching the service pipe from the main, and before the water is again turned on the pipes and fixtures shall be repaired or altered, as required and the cost of detaching and re-attaching or of turning off and on the water shall be paid by the person owning or occupying the premises, and no person supplied from such service pipe shall have any claim against the City by reason of such cutting off of the water.

19.—Whenever any water taker has reason to fear that the water may freeze in any of the pipes or fittings in his premises in spite of all precautions taken to prevent the same, he must be careful to see that the water is shut off from the premises at the stop and water cock, and the pipes emptied of water, except when actually needed for use.

20.—It is positively forbidden to let or allow water to escape or run to waste from any pipe, tap or water fitting or apparatus in order to prevent freezing, or for any other reason. And any person who willfully or carelessly leaves any tap or water fitting open, or knowingly permits the same, or knowingly allows any water pipe, tap, fitting, or water apparatus to remain in a leaky or defective condition upon his premises will be held guilty of a misdemeanour, and wherever such waste, or any waste of water is detected in any premises it shall be the duty of the Board of Works, or any of its officers, to cause the water to be shut off as speedily as possible from such premises, as required by Section 12 of the Act relating to Water Rates of 1885.

21.—The fact of water being found running to waste from any pipe, tap or other water fitting will be held to be sufficient notice from the Board that the water is to be at once shut off from the premises as required by law. Water takers are cautioned that as a rule any noise heard in a pipe, even though no defects are visible, is an indication of leakage and waste of water somewhere on the premises and calls for immediate investigation and stoppage.

HAND HOSE, AND SPRINKLERS, &C., &C.

22.—Water-takers are not permitted to use hose or sprinklers for washing windows or carriages, or for watering lawns or gardens, or for any other purpose without a special permit from the Board of Works for which such charge will be made as the Board of Works may deem equitable, and such hose or sprinklers may be used only within the hours named on the permits, and for the purpose therein

stated, but no hose shall be used on any street, sidewalk or thoroughfare between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 10 o'clock p. m.

WATER FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.

23.—Persons requiring a water supply for building purposes or for the purpose of making alterations in their buildings or premises or for any other purpose than that for which they are charged and actually pay water rates, must obtain a permit from the Board of Works before taking or using City water for any such purposes required, and must also pay in advance, if so required, the amount charged by the Board of Works for the same.

24.—No person being an occupant, tenant or inmate of any house supplied with water from the water works shall vend, sell or dispose of the water therefrom, or give away or permit the same to be carried or taken away, or use or apply it to the use or benefit of others or to any other than his own use or benefit.

25.—The City does not guarantee that the water will rise above the first floor in any premises.

26.—The Board of Works or their authorized officers shall have the right to shut off the water temporarily at any time, or stop the supply from any premises during a fire, or for repairs, alterations or extensions to any portion of the works, or in case of a burst or leakage in any main or service pipe, or for any other necessary purpose, and the City shall not be held responsible for any damage that may result. Persons having boilers or other appliances liable to injury in case of the water being off must provide such tanks, air valves or other means as may be necessary to prevent accidents or damages to their property.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be printed in the Minutes, and placed on the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read letter from Lieut. Col. Arthur Hill, R. E., C. R. E. relative to the proposed formation of new roads by the City, through the South and Glacis Barracks. Objected to.

Read letter from the Nova Sootia Fire Insurance Association, asking that the City Council provide J. D. Irons, an Inspector appointed by the Fire Underwriters, with the necessary authority to search all premises in which Petroleum and its products may be supposed to be stored. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Keefe to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—*Resolved*, That the Mayor be authorized to sign a warrant for the payment to the widow of the late Policeman Manning the sum of Two Hundred Dollars from the Superannuation Fund, in accordance with Clause 18 of the Police

Regulations. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman McFatridge.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Allen, that said resolution be referred to the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund for a report from them as to the amount paid into the Fund by the late Policeman Manning. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Alderman Hamilton's Notice of reconsideration of resolution, passed at last meeting of Council *re* account of His Honor the Recorder, for services rendered the City Health Board, was now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the same be now reconsidered. On the vote being taken there appeared

For the reconsideration.

Aldermen Outhit, Lyons,
Lane, Sanford,
Hamilton, Dennis.—6.

Against it.

Aldermen Foster, McFatridge,
Wier, Keefe,
Allen, Pickering.—6.

The Deputy Mayor gives his casting vote against the reconsideration of the resolution.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that No. 3 on the Order Paper be now taken up. Read No. 3, Alderman Pickering's resolution by way of Notice, *re* paving, etc., a portion of sidewalk on Barrington street, as follows:

Resolved. And the Board of City Works are hereby instructed to have the sidewalk on the west side of Barrington street, from the corner of St. Paul's street to the corner of Spring Garden Road paved. The Board of Works to use such materiel as in their judgment they think best suited, and with the approval of the Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe. To which the following amendment is made:—*Resolved*, That the resolution be deferred until the City Engineer reports on what sidewalks should be paved in the city, and the order in which the same should be done, and what preliminary work is required to be done on the sidewalks before the pavement is laid down. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Lane. The amendment on being put was passed, ten voting for the same and two against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Aldermen Outhit, Lyons,
McFatridge, Lane,
Sanford, Hamilton,
Wier, Dennis,
Allen, Foster.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Pickering,
Keefe.—2.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn at 10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

DECEMBER 4th, 1891.

At a meeting of the City Council, held this evening at the above hour, there were present:—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Roy, Allen, Keefe, Dennis, Wier, Sanford, Pickering, Hamilton, Sweet, Lane, Lyons, McFatridge, Mosher, Adams, and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Hamilton chairman, submits a report from the City Health Board.

Alderman Keefe chairman, submits two reports from the Board of City Works.

His Worship the Mayor, submits the following papers :

A letter from Maria Bell, per Alfred J. Bell, in *re* piece of land on Bloomfield Streets, to extend Young Street.

A letter from M. B. Almon, Secretary Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association, asking information, *re* Fire Department, Water Supply, &c.

Also a letter from the same, asking permission to withdraw letter of 18th November, *re* Inspector to search for Petroleum.

A report from the City Engineer on present condition Street Railway.

A report from the Cemetery Committee *re* regulations for the guidance of the Keeper of Camp Hill Cemetery.

A report from His Honor the Recorder, *re* Jubilee, Louisburg and Robie Streets sewers with plan, etc.

A report from the City Engineer, *re* Hatches, Coal Holes and Gratings. Also a report from the same, with plan showing houses on route of proposed sewer on Jubilee Road and Louisburg Streets, &c.

A letter from T. M. Cutler, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, limited, relative to account received by said company for Water Rates.

A report from City Engineer, *re* Jubilee Road Sewer, with plan.

A letter from the Assistant City Clerk, covering sundry accounts for the consideration of the Committee of Public Accounts.

A letter from C. E. Harris, General Manager of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, limited, offering to place two telephones at the disposal of heads of city departments free of charge.

A letter from Mrs. James T. Manning, widow of the late Policeman Manning, asking assistance from the Council.

Return from City Collector of Rates and Taxes and Water Rates, collected during the month of November, 1891.

Cash statements of City Treasurer, for the month of October, 1891.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Mosher that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read report from the City Health Board, asking information as to the duties of His Honor the Recorder in connection with said Board.

December 3rd, 1891.

At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on the 29th Nov., ult., at which were present:—The Chairman, (Ald. Hamilton), Alderman Sanford, Dr. McKay, and W. H. Neal, Esq. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the City Council be requested to inform the Board of Health, if said Board is entitled to the services of the City Recorder in enforcing all the Rules and Regulations made under the City Sanitary Act of 1891, or enforcing any other Sanitary Act that may be in force in the city, or in assisting to draw up any Sanitary Rules or Regulations without additional remuneration.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved. That His Honor the Recorder, furnish the Health Board with what legal services they may require in enforcing the Health Act, or Sanitary Rules, without extra remuneration.—Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and on being put is passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, on loan for sewerage purposes.

November 23rd, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the City Council:

Resolved. That this Board respectfully request the City Council to instruct the City Treasurer to advertize for a loan on the credit of the city of twenty thousand dollars, \$20,000,00 for expenditure on sewer accounts, in accordance with the acts passed April 15th, 1890, such amount to be available in the early days of January, 1892.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Allen, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works on letter from Murdoch's Nephews, asking permission to enlarge the west window area in the sidewalk on Prince Street in front of their warehouse, for a general goods entrance to basement of building.

Read report from the City Engineer, *re* Hatches, Coal Holes and Gratings, with opinion of His Honor the Recorder thereon, objected to and placed on Order paper.

Read report from the City Engineer, on proposed new sewer on Jubilee Road and Louisburg Street, with plan showing the houses on said route.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder, on Jubilee, Louisburg and Robie Streets sewer's.

On motion, the same was placed on the Order paper to be taken up with No. 26, viz.

Report of Board of City Works and City Engineer on sewerage extension Louisburg Street and Jubilee Road.

Read report of Committee on Cemetery *re* Rules for the guidance of the Keeper of Cemetery. Placed on Order paper.

Read report from the City Engineer, on the present condition of the Street Railway. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that said report be received and placed on file. Motion passed.

Read letter from M. B. Almon, Secretary Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association, asking information *re* Fire Department Water Supply, &c.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be taken up with No. 46 on Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read letter from M. B. Almon, Secretary Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association, asking permission to withdraw letter of 18th November, ult., *re* appointment of Inspector to search for Petroleum. On motion, the required permission was granted.

Read letter from Maria Bell per Alfred J. Bell, *re* piece of land on Bloomfield Street, to extend to Young Street. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder, with the City Engineer to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from T. M. Cutler, Secretary Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, Limited, relative to the water rate, charged said refinery. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works to hear the parties interested, and report to the Council thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter of Assistant City Clerk, covering sundry accounts for the consideration of the Committee of Public Accounts. Moved

by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from C. E. Harris, General Manager Nova Scotia Telephone Company, limited, offering to place two telephones for the use of the City at the disposal of the heads of any two of the Civic departments named by the council. To go on order paper.

Read letter from Mrs. James T. Manning, widow of late Policeman Manning, asking the Council to render her some pecuniary assistance.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the same be referred to the Trustees of the Police Superannuation Fund for their consideration. Motion passed.

Read letter from William J. Nisbet, 2nd Assistant City Clerk, asking an increase of salary. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded Alderman Allen, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then nominates Alderman Roy to fill the vacancy on each of the following committees caused by the resignation of Alderman Mackintosh, viz.: Common, Tenders, Library, Assessment and Revisors of Electoral Lists.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Allen, that said nomination be concurred in. Motion passed.

His Worship also nominates Alderman Lane to fill the vacancy in the following committees caused by the resignation of ex-Alderman Power, viz.: Point Pleasant Park, Sanitary, City Prison and Tenders. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said nomination be concurred in. Motion passed.

Alderman Dennis, Sweet and Wier, were named by His Worship as the Committee on Publication of the Annual Civic Report, and on motion the same was concurred in.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that No 43 on Order Paper, be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 43, Report of Board of City Works on Water Extension, Uniacke Street.

November 9th, 1891.

The Board of City Works beg to report that having had under consideration the Minute of Council, *re* Water extension on Uniacke Street, and the report of City Engineer thereupon, it was decided to forward it to the City Council with the recommendation that the work be done in accordance with the report.

M. E. KEEFE, *Vice-Chairman.*

November 2nd, 1891.

WATER EXTENSION, UNIACKE STREET.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—The accompanying petition for Water Extension on Uniacke Street having been referred to me, I beg to report:

To supply the petitioner an extension on the high service will be necessary of 90 ft. of 4 in. pipe.

Estimated cost of extension, including service pipe. . \$110.00

Estimated revenue. 6.00

The deed of this street has not been accepted by the City and cannot be accepted until the return of Bishop Courtney.

As there is every probability of the street being taken over, I respectfully recommend that the extension be made.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the reports of the Board of City Works and City Engineer, thereupon be concurred in and adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that No. 42, on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 42.—Report of Board of City Works with opinion of His Honor the Recorder, *re* water extension Vieth Street.

November 9th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the enclosed opinion of His Honor the Recorder, upon the Vieth Street petition for water extension, when it was decided to forward it to the City Council with the recommendation that the opinion as to the long use of the street being equal to a dedication be concurred in. That water be extended as desired, and in accordance with the engineers report.

M. E. KEEFE, *Vice-Chairman.*

IN RE VEITH STREET.

SIR:—I understand this street is only about forty feet in width. If it has been used by the public as a street for many years, although not deeded to the city. The long use by the public of it as a street with the assent of the owners, the law would presume a dedication to the city. A dedication of a street to the city, does not in my opinion authorize the city to open it up and lay sewers. The city has no legal right to build a sewer in it, and the street being not the width required by law, should not be recognized by the city. I am aware that there are several streets in the city of less width than 60 feet,

and in which sewer's have been built, and I suppose the city will continue to do so as long as the owners do not interfere.

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Chairman of B. of W.

P. S.—I intend to apply to the Legislature for power to enable the city to put into dedicated streets, sewers, &c.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that said report be received and adopted, and the water extended on Vieth Street in accordance therewith. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Adams, that No. 40, on Order paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 40, Alderman Sweet's resolution by way of notice, *re* widening of Lockman Street.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said resolution do now pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the further consideration of said resolution be deferred until after the first day of April, 1892.

Said amendment on being put was passed, eleven voting for the same and four against it. The names being called for, appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Roy, Allen, Keefe,	Aldermen Sweet,
Dennis, Wier, Hamllton,	Lane,
Sanford, Pickering,	Adams,
McFatrige, Lyons, Mosher.—11.	Outhit.—4.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that No. 46, on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 46, report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, in *re* storage of oil, payment of accounts, etc. Also, read letter from W. B. Almon, Secretary Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association, asking information relative to Fire Department, Water Supply, etc. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the first clause of the report relative to the claim of Messrs. McKay and Ronnan, be concurred in.

When the following amendment was introduced:—*Whereas*, The present management of the Fire Department under the Fire Commissioners has proved unsatisfactory and inefficient, and the Commissioners have neglected to report on the matter of a paid Fire Department for the City, though requested by previous resolution of the Council to do so.

Therefore Resolved, That the last report, except accounts, lie on the table, and that the letter of the Fire Insurance Board, be referred to the Fire Commissioners, and that the Commissioners be requested to report at the next meeting on the matters so referred to them, and as

to any changes necessary to improve the efficiency of the Fire service. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher, which amendment on being put was lost, five voting for the same and ten against it. The names on being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Dennis, Hamilton,
Sanford, Lyons,
Mosher.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Roy, Allen,
Keefe, Wier,
Pickering, Sweet,
Lane, McFatridge,
Adams, Outhit.—10.

Aldermen Roy and Ryan, were named by His Worship the Mayor to be Inspector of City Prison, under Sec. 26, Ord. 7, *re* City Prison.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed, and

Council adjourns 11.05 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10—P. M.

DECEMBER 11th, 1891.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day at the above named hour. There were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Roy, Boak, Keefe, Dennis, Wier, Sanford, Pickering, Sweet, Lane, Ryan, Mosher, Adams, Outhit, Lyons, and McFatridge.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Boak, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities.

Alderman Sweet, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits a report from the Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on the Subject of a Paid Fire Department.

Also a report from the said Board *re* Sale of hand engine Alma, accounts, &c.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

A report from the City Engineer *re* Sidewalks to be paved.

A letter from the administrators of the estate of the late Thomas Bayne *re* commutation of certain common lots.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the Order of the day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee on Charities *re* Appointment of Secretary and Store-keeper. Objected to.

Read report from Committee on Public Accounts *re* payment of sundry accounts.

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report, that having examined the accounts of the following, and recommend the same for payment :

Maritime Steam Lithographic Co.—Bill August 15th	\$71 45
Bill October 30th	44 55
Blackadar Bros.—Printing account to April 22, 1891, to be paid out of unexpended balance	113 79
Chas. Annand—Account to Sept. 29th, 1891.	96 30
of which \$30.25 to be paid from unexpended balances \$66.05 to be paid from printing and advertising acct.	

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts recommended therein. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Boak, and on being put is passed.

Read report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* sale of Hand Engine "Alma" and accounts.

December 9th, 1891.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that at a meeting held this date, they had under consideration the accompanying letter from Joe. D. Murphy, relative to the purchase of the hand engine Alma. When it was decided to recommend to the Council that the offer of Mr. Murphy be entertained, and that the Board be authorized to fix a price for said engine after making due enquires as to its value.

The following accounts were also examined and recommended for payment, viz:

McCarthy & Little, repairs	\$ 7.00
Charles Annand, printing	6.95
Cragg Bros. & Co., supplies.....	7.85
Power & Co., repairs to Islesville Engine House	163.49

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the portion of the report relative to accounts be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the same. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the balance of the report *re* Sale of the hand engine Alma be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report from Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on the subject of a Paid Fire Department for the City of Halifax, as asked for by the City Council. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the report, together with such portions of the information relative to the cost of Paid Fire Departments in other Cities, as Aldermen Pickering and Lyons may deem necessary, be printed in the minutes. Motion passed.

Alderman McFatrige Chairman, has leave to submit a report from the Committee on City Prison.

Read report from the City Engineer *re* sidewalks to be paved.—Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report be referred to the Board of City Works for their information. Motion passed.

Read letter from the administrators of the estate of the late Thomas Bayne, *re* commutation of common lots.—Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred

to His Honor the Recorder and the City Collector to report on.—
Motion passed.

Read report from the Committee on City Prison *re* payment of
accounts.

CITY PRISON, Dec., 8, 1891.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee held this day, there were
present:—Aldermen Outhit, Sanford, and the Chairman.

They had before them a number of accounts, which on examina-
tion were found correct, and are herein submitted, amounting to
\$180.05.

Leaman & Co.....	\$ 24 50
R. T. Braine.....	23 60
Wm. Davies.....	13 50
W. & A. Moir.....	3 24
H. Carson.....	1 00
Mrs. Manley.....	1 00
Moir Son & Co.....	7 43
W. Robertson.....	5 66
Nisbet & Drake.....	87 29
Wm. Roche.....	12 83

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WM. McFATRIDGE, *Chairman*.

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the
report of Prison Committee be received and adopted, and the Mayor
be authorized to sign warrants for payments of the accounts named
therein.—Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman
Sanford, and on being put is passed.

The Order of the Day is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Adams, that
No. 48 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 48. Report of Board City Works on letter from
Murdochs Nephews, asking permission to enlarge the west window
area in the sidewalk on Prince Street in front of their warehouse for
a general goods entrance to basement of building. Moved by Alder-
man Mosher, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report be
referred back to the Board of City Works to report upon at an early
date. To which the following amendment is introduced:—*Resolved*,
That the prayer of the petition be granted under such conditions as the
Board of Works and the City Engineer may direct. Moved by Alder-
man Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, which amendment on
being put is lost, seven voting for the same, and eight against it,
the names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Aldermen Keefe, Dennis,
Wier, Pickering,
Sweet, Lane,
Ryan—7.

Against it.

Alderman Boak, Roy,
Outhit, Sanford,
McFatrige, Lyons,
Adams, Mosher—8.

The original resolution was then put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor submits the annual report of the Clerk of License for year ending April 30th, 1891, when on motion the same was referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Reports.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No. 26 on the Order Paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, Report of Board of City Works and City Engineer on sewerage extension, Louisburg Street and Jubilee Road. Also report from the City Engineer, with plan showing houses on route of the proposed sewer. Also report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the report be adopted and the sewer placed on order book, to be constructed in its turn. Moved in amendment by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the report be referred back to the Board of City Works for further information, and that the names of the property owners on line of proposed sewer be reported up to the Council. Which amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be suspended to consider the report of the Committee on Charities in reference to the appointment of a secretary and store-keeper, submitted this day. Motion passed. The same was read.

At a special meeting of the Board of Charities, held on Thursday afternoon Dec. 10, to consider applications for the position of Secretary and store-keeper at the Poor Asylum, made vacant by the resignation of John H. McDaniels. B. Mulcahy was recommended to fill the position.

GEORGE E. BOAK, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—*Resolved*, That the Board of Works report at next meeting answers to the following questions:

1st.—What amount has been expended to date on the extension of the Esplanade at the foot of Inglis Street?

2nd.—What amount was estimated by the Engineer as the cost of the work?

3rd.—What fund the work is being paid out of?

4th.—What amount will be required to complete the work?

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Boak, and on being put is passed.

The following resolution is next introduced: *Resolved*, That the attention of the Board of Works be called to the filthy condition of

Hollis Street, between Morris and Salter, and to have it put in repair. Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Roy. On motion the same was referred to the Board of City Works.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that No. 16 on order paper, viz: list of City Officials with salaries, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for their information. Motion Passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Boak, that No. 21 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 21, Petition of C. B. McDougall *re* Amount charged for Water consumed at Distillery, Pleasant Street. When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the Council notify the petitioner that the Council requires him to pay the rates charged him according to the account rendered, and the Recorder notify him accordingly. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Boak, and passed.

Alderman Sanford gives notice of reconsideration of the motion, to adopt the report of the Committee on Charities *re* appointment of Secretary and Store-keeper of Poors Asylum.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the Council do now adjourn.—Motion passed and Council adjourns at 5 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10—P. M.

DECEMBER 16th, 1891.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day, at the above hour, there were present—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pickering, Lane, Sanford and Roy.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the time for meeting be extended five minutes. Motion passed.

3.15—Roll called: Present the above named with Aldermen Keefe, Dennis, Wier, Hamilton, Sweet, Lyons, Foster and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Pickering submits report from Special Committee on Printing, report of Board of Fire Wards, *re* Paid Fire Department.

Alderman Wier submits a report from the Committee on Tenders, *re* Loan for Graving Dock.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz:—A report from the Appraisers appointed to value the property of Archibald Warner, required for the widening of Woodill street.

Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November, 1891.

Cash statement of City Treasurer for the month of November, 1891.

A report from His Honor the Recorder, *re* application of executors of estate late Thomas Bayne, for commutation of common lots.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read report of Appraiser's appointed to value the property of Archibald Warner, required for the widening of Woodill Street, with an account from said Appraisers for services.

DECEMBER 9. 1891.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Appointed by you as Appraisers to value the property of Mr. Archibald Warner, necessary for the widening of Woodill Street to the requisite width. We beg to inform you that we duly examined the same and recommend the payment, by the City, of the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars to Mr. Warner for the ground requisite and necessary alteration to the rear shed, and moving back of fence on his conveying to the City the undermentioned described land.

Commencing at the north west corner of Warner's foundation wall; thence north along east side line of Agricola Street fifteen inches, more or less; thence running easterly along south side of Woodill Street as it now stands, fifty-nine feet four inches, more or less, till it reaches the north east corner of shed owned by said Warner; thence south, along east side of said shed, one foot ten inches, more or less; thence westerly, in a straight line to the north east corner of Warner's foundation wall; thence continuing west by said foundation wall to the place of beginning.

This award has been made according to our best judgment and ability and without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SHAND, }
MICHAEL WALSH } *Appraisers.*

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the appraisal of the property on Woodill Street, owned by Archibald Warner, at Sixty dollars, made by the Appraisers appointed by this Council for widening said street, be received and concurred in.

Further resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to notify Mr. Warner of said appraisal and to appear before the City Council at its second meeting from the one now in session to make any objections he may have to said appraisal.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons and passed.

Read report from the Committee on Tenders on loan of five thousand dollars for the Graving Dock.

December 15th, 1891.

Committee on Tenders met above date. Present: Aldermen Lane, Adams, Roy and Wier, when tenders as annexed were opened. J. C. Mackintosh's tender for the Graving Dock loan, and offers 100 51.75 for $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; Farquhar, Forrest & Co's offer for the same loan, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent. Your committee respectfully recommend the acceptance of J. C. Mackintosh's tender for \$5,000 at 100, 5,175 for $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. V. WIER.

When the following resolution is introduced. *Resolved*, That the reports of the Committee on Tenders be concurred in, and that the tender of J. C. Mackintosh for five thousand dollars at 100—5175 for $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be accepted. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and on being put, is passed.

Read report from His Honor the Recorder on letter from the executors of the estate of the late Thomas Bayne, *re* Commutation of Common Lots. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the same be referred to the City Assessors and the

City Collector, to fix the value of said property and report thereon to this Council. Motion passed.

Read report from Alderman Pickering *re* printing report of Board of Fire Wards, on the matter of a paid Fire Department.

Read report of Weighers and Measures of Coal for the month of November, 1891.

The Order of the Day is now taken up.

No 1. Alderman Sanford's notice of reconsideration of report of Committee on Charities, on appointment of Secretary and Store-keeper for Poor's Asylum is withdrawn.

Read Item No. 3. Alderman Pickering's resolution by way of notice, *re* paving, etc., of portion of sidewalk on Barrington Street.— On motion, the same was struck from Order paper.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No. 13, on Order Paper, be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 13. Letter from Borden Ritchie & Co. relative to proposal to purchase the Old City Building. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, with the view of acquiring the Stairs property adjoining. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that No. 5, viz: Report of Committee of Laws and Privileges *re* Inebriates Home, be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that No. 49 be now taken up, viz:—Report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on the subject of a paid Fire Department. Motion passed. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Roy, that a special meeting of the City Council be called for Monday evening next to consider said report. Motion passed.

Item 4. Read report of Police Committee on letter from Naval Authorities *re* apprehension of deserters from the Fleet.

May 21st, 1891.

Police Committee met this evening and had under consideration the returns from the Naval Officers, and find them correct, and that all the Police Officers made the proper returns to the Marshal of the amounts received by them, with the exception of Officer Andrew Sullivan, who neither reported nor made a return of the amounts received by him until after the returns were made known to the Council, and at the request of the Chairman of the Police Committee, he then handed the amount to the City Marshal who was instructed by the Chairman to place the same to the credit of the Superannuation fund. The Marshal has also been instructed to caution the Police Force and inform them that the committee will deal summarily

with any officer who refuses or neglects to assist the Naval Authorities in placing men on board their respective ships reported to them.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the report of the Committee be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 6, viz.: Letter from His Honor the Recorder *re* violation of Building Act by Henry Lethbridge, with letter from W. A. Henry, Solicitor, concerning a petition from a number of merchants and others, on the subject be struck from off the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 7, viz.: Report Board of City Works on work requisite to be done on Barrington Street before paving, be struck off the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 8, viz.: Report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to paving between the tracks of the Street Railway be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to report on. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that No. 44, report of City Health Board, covering draft Rules and Regulations for Water takers, plumbers, etc., be now taken up. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that No. 9 be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 9, report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to paving streets and sidewalks.

June 29th, 1891.

IN RE PAVING STREETS.

Since the last meeting of Council, I have carefully examined Section 14 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1890, giving power to the Council to borrow \$250,000 for sidewalk and streets.

It is quite evident from the Act that that since given by the Legislature for the purpose:

1st.—For the purpose of covering the sidewalks with brick, flat stone, concrete or any other appropriate material approved of by the Engineer.

2nd.—For generally improving the condition of, and paving the streets, on the recommendation of the Engineer.

3rd.—For the purchase of the permanent material required for the above purpose.

In my judgment it is not in the power of the Council to improve the condition of the streets by using material approved of by the Engineer, at the expense of the fixing of the sidewalks and paving of the streets, as the Council may determine.

The money is given for the three objects, and cannot be consumed to carry out one of the objects contemplated by the Act. I think care should be taken that the sidewalks and paving should be provided for.

The expenditure must be for the object mentioned in the Act, and the streets and material is to be named by the Council on the recommendation of the Engineer, and the amount to be spent on these various heads is in the discretion of the Council.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

To His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the report be adopted and placed on file. Motion passed.

Read No. 10, report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to the blowing down of the walls of Moir's building, with resolution of Alderman Pickering on the subject. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be placed on file. Motion passed.

Read No. 11, report of Board of City Works, in *re* increase of salary to Foreman of Streets. Clerk of Works and Assistant Clerk of Works. When the following resolution is introduced;—*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Works in reference to increasing salaries, be referred to Public Accounts Committee to consider in preparing estimates, and report specially on any change in the salaries of said officials deemed advisable, with any other increase of salaries to City officials. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Read No. 12, letter from William Nisbet, Chairman Board of Fire Escapes, with copy of report from said Board. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be placed on file. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, report Board of City Works, *re* Sewer, Ontario street, with report of City Engineer thereon.

July 13, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them the petition for a sewer in Ontario Street and Engineers report thereon, when it was decided to forward the report to the City Council for its information.

J. D. MACKINTOSH, *Chairman.*

July 8, 1891.

ONTARIO ST. SEWER.

Chairman Board of Works:

Sir.—In accordance with a resolution of your Board, I beg to submit a report on the petition of property holders and residents of Ontario Street for the construction of a sewer.

The estimated cost of sewer which would require to be about 250 feet in length, is \$1,150.00, estimated sewerage rate about \$650.00.

This street has not been graded, nor has it been handed over to the City. I would respectfully recommend that no sewer be constructed in it, unless it is the property of the City.

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

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the reports be concurred in and a copy of the same sent to the petitioners. Motion passed.

Read No. 15. Aldermans Ryans resolution in *re* purchase of Feed and Forage for the City Horses. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be struck from Order paper. Motion passed.

Read No 16, report of Board of Works on Horses owned by the City.

JULY, 27th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them the accompanying report on Horses owned by the City, prepared for order of City Council, when it was decided to transmit it to the Council for its information.

J. D. MACKINTOSH, *Chairman.*

MEMO CITY HORSES.

Number at present owned by the City.

Purchased in April, 1885:

From Maurice Crane, Halifax, 1 bay horse, collar . .	\$145 00
" C. L. Rood, Pictou, 1 pair black horses and charges	305 30
" C. L. Rood, Pictou, 1 pair black horses and charges	304 00
" C. L. Rood, Pictou, 1 pair black horses and charges	304 00
" Rich. Megenry, Halifax, 1 black horse	200 00—8

Purchased in January, 1887:

From C. L. Rood, Pictou, 1 black mare	160 00
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Purchased in August, 1887:

From G. P. Henry, Halifax, 1 black horse	300 00—2
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Purchased in October, 1888:

From J. Balfour, Pictou, 1 black horse	140 00—1
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Purchased in July, 1890:

From John Horne, P. E. Island, 2 bay horses and charges	304 73
" John Horne, P. E. Island, 1 brown horse and charges	131 87—3

Purchased June, 1891:

From J. T. Paulin, Pictou, 1 black horse and charges	209 22
" C. L. Rood, Pictou, 1 roan horse and charges	169 22
" P. Grant, Pictou, 1 grey horse and charges	161 22

From D. Logan. Pietou, 1 black horse and charges	154	22
" John White, Halifax, 1 chestnut horse.....	160	00
" " " 1 grey "	150	00
" E. W. Crease, Halifax, 1 " "	175	00 7
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Died—		
1 black horse, June, 1886.....	1	
1 brown mare, " 1890.....	1	
Sold at auction by R. D. Clarke, July 28th, 1888.		
1 black horse.....	1	3
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Number of horses disposed of by sale or exchange during the last twelve months		none
Average cost per head of maintenance of City horses for last civic year, including, feed, shoeing, repairs to harness, clothing and stable implements.....	123	78

Halifax, July 27th, 1891.

W. B. McNUTT, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the same be received and placed on file. Motion passed.

Read No. 17. Resolution of Allerman Power in *re* lot of land on east side of Pleasant Street as follows: *Resolved*, That His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder be requested to ascertain the ownership of the land and water lot on east side of Pleasant Street and south of the McDougall Distillery property extending south about two hundred yards, and also at what price said property can be purchased by the City. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, and passed.

Read No. 18. Report of Board of City Works on letter from Osborne Blois asking permission to build a railway siding on Hanover Street with opinion of His Honor the Recorder, and letter from R. Shaw, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Lorne Aquatic Club on the subject. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to hear Mr. Blois and report to the Council. Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be struck from the Order Paper. The amendment was put and lost. The original motion was then put and passed.

Read No. 19, Account of E. H. Keating, ex-City Engineer, for professional services in June, 1891. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Keating that Council cannot entertain his claim. Moved in

amendment by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Dennis, the account be referred to His Honor the Recorder to report on. The amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the Council do now adjourn.—Motion put and passed, and

Council adjourns 5.15.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

DECEMBER 21st, 1891.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above hour, there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Wier, Roy, Sanford, Adams, Pickering, Mosher and Outhit.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Roy, that the time for meeting be extended twenty minutes.—Motion passed.

8.30, Roll called.—Present: the above named, with Aldermen Boak, Keefe, Hamilton, Sweet, Lane, Ryan, McFatridge, Lyons and Foster.

The Council was summoned to consider the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, on the subject of a paid Fire Department, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Keefe, Chairman, submits three reports from Board of City Works, viz:

Report on Sewer, Louisburg street and Jubilee Road.

Report *re* work at Esplanade.

Report on letter from Murdochs' Nephews, *re* Hatch.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from William Lownds, Sr *re* opening of Walnut street.

A letter from His Honor the Recorder, relative to the decision in the suit of Lordly *vs.* The City of Halifax.

A letter from Robert Taylor, Chairman, and W. C. Bishop, Secretary of the Halifax Merchants' Tax Reform Association, covering the report of said Association, in *re* Assessment.

Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read letter from William Lownds, Snr. asking that ten or fifteen days notice be given him by the City before they intend opening that part of Walnut street that runs through the property of his brother and him-self.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works, to give the requisite notice, if the Deed of said property is found to be satisfactory.. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder, informing the Council of the decision of the Judges in the suit of Lordly *vs.* The City of Halifax, and that he had appealed from said decision.

December 21st, 1891.

LORDLY vs. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

In this case the Council unanimously decided that the City was not guilty of any negligence in permitting the hydrant to remain at the place complained of.

Two Judges (one of whom doubted) that the City is bound to light the streets efficiently, and were bound for the negligence of the contractor. The other two Judges held the City was not bound to light the streets, nor in any way answerable for the neglect of the company.

If the City is bound itself to light the streets, it is impossible to perform that duty, in as much as the Legislature has never allowed or made provision for assessing the citizens to purchase land and build and equip a proper work for lighting.

As the decision of the two Judges is impossible to be carried out by the City, and would entail grave and serious consequences to the City in compelling them to light every street, by-ways and lanes within the City. I have appealed from the decision of the two Judges in order to settle the matter.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFtridge, that the action of His Honor the Recorder be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read letter from Robert Taylor, Chairman, and W. C. Bishop, Secretary, covering the report of the Halifax Merchants' Tax Reform Association, in *re* Assessment. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the consideration of this matter be deferred. That His Worship the Mayor call a meeting some time during next week, for the purpose of considering the same, and that the Committee be invited to be present. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of City Works, *re* cost of work at Esplanade, with report of City Engineer thereupon. To go on Order Paper.

Read report from Board of City Works, on letter from Murdochs' Nephews, *re* Hatch. Objected to.

Read report from Board of City Works, *re* Sewer Jubilee Road and Louisburg street, with report of the City Engineer on the same. Objected to.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hamilton to introduce a resolution. Motion passed. When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That \$2,500 be taken from Unexpended Balances and placed to the credit of the Board of Health, as the monies to the credit of that department are all expended, and the Board think that amount will be required to carry on the operations of the Board to May next. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and on being objected to is laid over.

The following resolution is now introduced :—*Resolved*, That the Board of Health be requested to furnish the Council with a detailed statement of the amount expended for the past year, at its next meeting. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Wier, and on being put is passed.

The Council having been summoned to consider the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on the subject of a paid Fire department. The same is now taken up, and on motion considered clause by clause.

December 9th, 1891.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, at a meeting held this evening, had under consideration the resolution of Council bearing on the management and probable cost of a paid Fire Department for the City, and beg to report as follows :

We have after due enquiry, ascertained that the lowest cost at which a paid department is maintained in other cities of about equal size and proportion to Halifax is as follows :

St. John, N. B.	32,000	per annum
Portland, Maine	49,000	"
Somerville, Mass.	32,000	"
Hamilton, Ont.	33,000	"

In all of which places your Board find that the damages and loss by fire has been greater than in Halifax, and are consequently of the opinion, that taking the records of fires in other cities as a criterion, that the Fire Department of this City is second to none in regard to ability, and do not see the necessity of making any changes in the Department, other than to place sufficient and proper appliances at their disposal, the placing of more authority in the heads of departments, and making the Captain of the Union Engine Company a member of the Board of Firewards, and the placing in each of the Engine Houses a suitable Hose Reel or Carriage with a horse and driver to convey the apparatus where required

Your Board would therefore recommend that the Council place in the estimates, or borrow a sufficient sum to provide for the under-mentioned apparatus, in order that the Department may be sufficiently strengthened to meet the requirements of our City, viz :

One additional Steam Fire Engine, say	\$5,200	
One Chemical Engine	2,000	
12 horses and harness	1,800	
8 Hose Reels or Carriages	1,200	
8 Sleighs	200	
11 Drivers at \$400 each	4,400	
6 Hose Hoist, about	\$10 00	10
8 Levers, "	6 00	6
3 Sett Nippers & Gloves "	20 00	20
3 Ladder Footers "	5 00	5

2 Street Nets	about	25 00	25
1 Gun and Life Line	"	10 00	10

\$14,876

Your Board has also carefully examined into the working of the so-called Auxiliary Fire Alarm System, and would recommend its adoption by the Council, or that they provide a number of Fire Alarm Boxes for certain districts of the City that are entirely without such protection.

W. F. PICKERING.

Read 1st Clause. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that said clause be adopted, and that the Captain of the Union Engine Company be a member of the Board of Fire Wards as recommended therein. Motion put and passed.

Read 2nd Clause, *re* purchase of Apparatus. When the following resolution is introduced. *Resolved*, That the clause of the report relative to the purchase of additional apparatus for the use of the Fire Department be concurred in, and that the sum of Thousand Dollars be borrowed for the purpose of providing more Horses, Engines and other Apparatus for the Fire Department (payable in five yearly instalments,) and that the extra maintenance and cost of such additions to the Fire Department be assessed on the citizens, with the interest on such sum borrowed. And that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to draw a bill for that purpose, to be submitted to the Legislature at its next session for enactment. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe. To which the following amendment is introduced:—That the clause be adopted, excepting the item respecting to the purchase of a new Steam Fire Engine.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Sanford. Said amendment on being put is lost, two voting for the same and fourteen against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Sanford, Sweet.—2.	Aldermen Roy, Boak, Keefe, Wier, Hamilton, Pickering, Lane, Ryan, McFatrige, Lyons, Foster, Adams, Mosher, Outhit.—12.

The original motion is then put and passed.

Read 3rd Clause, *re* Auxiliary Fire Alarm. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the said clause be referred back to the Board of Fire Wards for further information, as to probable cost, etc. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 10.55.