

the plans and specifications when properly endorsed be returned to the Architect. Motion passed.

Read report of the Library Committee, recommending sundry accounts for payment.

REPORT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 13th, 1900.

The Library Committee met this day.

Present the Chairman, Aldermen Rogers and Redden.

The following accounts were presented, and being found correct are recommended for payment :

T. C. Allen & Co., books and stationery, \$27.69 ; Morning Chronicle, subscription to Dec. 31st, 1899, \$6.00 ; Herald Pub. Co., subscription to Dec. 31st, 1899, \$6.00 ; People's Heat & Light Co., supplies, \$5.20 ; C. D. Cazenove & Son, books, £68 3s. 11d., commission and expenses, £4 7s. 8d., postage, 4s. 6d.

J. M. GELDERT, JR., *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted and that the accounts mentioned therein be paid.

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

Read copy of a resolution adopted by the City Health Board in re General Vaccination.

GENERAL VACCINATION IN CITY OF HALIFAX.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Halifax, N. S., February 13th, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday, the accompanying resolution was adopted, and I have been instructed to forward you a copy for your information and that of the City Council.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary C. H. B.*

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, Halifax, N. S., February 13th, 1900.

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Monday, February 12th, 1900 :

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of the City Health Board that small-pox exists in the adjoining provinces, two cases having been discovered on the train at Moncton Saturday.

Resolved, That this Board deems it advisable as a precautionary measure that a general vaccination should be ordered at once, and would recommend that the City Council order a general vaccination.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and on being put is passed.

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Chisholm, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the recommendations contained in said resolution be concurred in and carried into effect. Motion passed.

Read resolution passed by the City Health Board relative to the vacant position of Chief Health Inspector.

IN RE HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Office of City Health Board, Halifax, N. S., January 9th, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—At a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday, the accompanying resolution was adopted, and I have been instructed to forward you a copy for your information and that of the City Council.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Office of City Health Board, Halifax, N. S., January 9th, 1900.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Monday, January 8th, 1900 :—

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved "That it is not the intention of the Board of Health to appoint a Chief Health Inspector."

And Further Resolved, "That in the opinion of this Board, the position is not necessary under the present arrangement, and that this resolution be forwarded to the City Council."

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, and on being put is passed, Mr. Neal dissenting.

A true extract.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Filed.

Read letter from the American Institute of Instructions accepting the invitation extended by the Corporation of the City of Halifax to said society to visit the City of Halifax. Filed.

Read letter from William F. Cotter thanking the Council for their expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his father, Gerrett Cotter, late City Marshal. Filed.

Read letter from R. I. Hart in re certain premises at the east end of Morris Street.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said letter be referred to the Department of City Works together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read application of James Edward Noonan for a position in the City Clerk's office. Filed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re the Mayor's veto of John Connolly's salary.

IN RE THE MAYOR'S VETO OF JOHN CONNOLLY'S SALARY.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., February 13, 1900.

In accordance with the request of the Council, I now transmit my opinion as regards the validity of the Mayor's veto in the above matter.

By section 103 the City Clerk is directed, immediately after the meeting of the Council, to place before the Mayor all money votes, and if approved by the Mayor, he is to signify such approval in writing in the minutes, and if he disapproves, he shall signify his disapproval in like manner, and at the first meeting of the Council after his disapproval immediately he shall by message in writing inform the Council of his disapproval, and of his reasons therefor.

After the Council met on the 28th of December, his Worship the Mayor signed his disapproval of the resolution referred to on the minutes of the previous meeting, merely signing his name "J. T. Hamilton" not as Mayor.

His disapproval of the money vote must be signed (if not immediately after the meeting of the Council passing the resolution), at any rate, between that

meeting and the following, which was not done in this case. In this case as I am informed, His Worship signed his disapproval after the Council met, and at which meeting he verbally informed them of his disapproval.

By Section 104 His Worship is to inform the Council by message in writing of his disapproval, and he must give his reasons. Then upon those reasons the Council has either to approve or disapprove. The object of the law in requiring the Mayor to give his reasons in writing is to make it a matter of record, and which can be referred to at any time with certainty as to the reasons.

I am of opinion that the veto of the Mayor under the circumstances is not valid: First, because His Worship did not sign his disapproval of the vote between the meeting at which it was passed and the following meeting.

Second: He did not sign it in his official capacity as Mayor because it is in such capacity he approves or disapproves.

Third. Because there is no message in writing to the Council disapproving of such vote. A verbal message, in my opinion, is not in compliance with the terms of the Act.

It might be said that this clause of the Act is only directory, and probably it would be so held if it effected the rights of third parties, but inasmuch as it relates to the internal affairs of the Government of the Council, I am of opinion that it was essential to make the veto valid. That it was necessary the message to the Council should be in writing, and contain the grounds of such disapproval. Where an authority is conferred upon a person, either by deed or statute, and it directs how it is to be executed, in order to make it valid, it must be executed in the way pointed out in the statute.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Objected to and placed on Order of the Day.

Read petition of J. F. Kenny and others for an electric light on Young Avenue.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Charles N. Mylius and others, for repairs to Church Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering a Draft Act entitled "An Act relating to the City of Halifax."

ACT TO AMEND CITY CHARTER.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., February 13, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor:

Dear Sir,—I enclose herewith an Act containing all matters to be submitted to the Legislature passed by the Council. There is one matter relative to the money undisposed of for the late Mr. Lewin's child on which the Council has given no directions.

Yours truly,

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

An Act relating to the City of Halifax:—

Be it enacted by the Governor-in-Council and Assembly, as follows:

Hereafter in case any person neglects or refuses to pay his rates or taxes on or before the 30th day of April in the year following in which the same became due, the said rates and taxes shall bear interest at the rate of one-half per cent. per month including the month within which said taxes are paid, until the whole is paid, and the party liable for such rates and taxes shall be

liable for the said interest, but nothing herein contained shall hinder or prevent the City collecting said rates and taxes before the said 30th day of April aforesaid, without interest.

Sections 743, 744 and 746 of the City Charter are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

743. Coals or coke sold by retail from shipboard, store-yard, wharf or depot, or any place whatever within the City of Halifax, shall be sold by ton weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois, and its sub-divisions, and shall be weighed by officers appointed by the City Council and sworn into office. And said weighers shall receive from the venders five cents for each and every ton so weighed, and two and one-half cents for every hogshead of salt respectively measured by each salt measurer appointed by said Council.

The City Council is hereby authorized to pass such bye-laws or ordinances as it may think proper, to compel the owners, agents or occupiers of property in the City of Halifax to remove snow from the sidewalks, pathways and gutters within said City or any part thereof, and to impose such fine or imprisonment, or both, for the violation of any such bye-law or ordinance.

The City Council is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the City of Halifax the following sums, viz:

One thousand dollars to be paid to the widow of Patrick O'Toole, who was killed while in the employ of said City; one hundred and eighteen dollars to repay Catherine E. Sullivan taxes overpaid by her to said City; one hundred and forty dollars to pay accounts chargeable to City Property Appropriation 1898-9; eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars to meet the City's share of the Provincial Exhibition deficit for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899; and a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars to entertain the Canadian Contingent.

The said sums when borrowed shall be repaid by the City of Halifax in five equal instalments or as near thereto as possible with interest and sums sufficient to repay each of said annual instalments, with interest thereon as they become due, shall be included in the annual assessments of the City of Halifax and shall form a lien, and be a charge on the real estate, revenue and property of the City, and shall be assessed on the inhabitants and property of the rate-payers of said City, liable to be assessed in addition to any moneys now authorized to be assessed thereon, and shall be levied and collected in the same way, at the same time and with the same rights, liens and remedies as the ordinary general assessment of the City. Such sums when borrowed shall be used exclusively for the purpose indicated, and for no other.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said act as submitted by the Recorder be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Clause 2 of said act relating to the weighing of coal and coke and to the measurement of salt be placed on the Order of the Day, and that the balance of said act be adopted. Amendment passed.

Read returns of the City Collector for the months of December and January. Filed.

Read Cash Statements of the City Treasurer for the month of December. Filed.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector, covering applications for Liquor Licenses for the license year 1900-1901.

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

The following resolution is now introduced by way of notice :

Resolved, That the resolution passed this Council December 14th, 1899, increasing the Chief of the Fire Department's salary to \$1,000 be and is hereby rescinded.

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

Alderman O'Donnell, by leave of Council, submits the following resolution :

Whereas, In the opinion of this Council the present system of civic taxation under which machinery is assessed bears unduly on the manufacturer and indirectly on the laboring and wage-earning classes of the community ;

And Whereas, A system whereby machinery used in the manufacture of raw materials might be freed from taxation would encourage the establishment of manufacturing industries and largely increase the population of the City ;

And Whereas, It is expedient that a system should be devised whereby raw material brought into the City and there manufactured should be freed from taxation ;

Therefore Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be instructed to appoint a Committee of this Council to take into consideration the above matters and hear any representations which may be made by persons interested and to frame an amendment to the existing laws having the above object in view and submit the same to this Council in time for legislative action at the present session of the local legislature.

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

On motion the same is referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 30 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 30, as follows:

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be and he is hereby instructed to prepare an act repealing Section 14 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1894, and providing that all rights, powers, duties, obligations and authority formerly vested in the Board of Works shall be transferred to and vested in a works commission, composed of His Worship the Mayor as Chairman, and six Alderman elected annually by the City Council ;

And Further, That he shall include such amendments to the existing acts as may be necessary in order to conform to the proposed change.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hubley, said resolution is now put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Musgrave, Campbell,	Aldermen Mitchell, Faulkner,
Redden, Butler, Hubley,	Lane—3.
O'Donnell, Ryan, Chis-	
holm, Martin, Rogers,	
Mosher, Hawkins—12.	

Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration.

The following resolution is now introduced by leave of Council :

Resolved, The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners lay upon this table for the information of this Council what money was spent for repairs on the different Engine Houses in the City for the past two years, the amount paid and the names of those who received it, and whether by contract or otherwise.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 31 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 31, as follows: Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be and is hereby instructed to prepare an Act to amend Section 22, Chapter 44, of the Acts of 1897, by inserting between the words "Rates" and "on" in the fourth line the following words "on any one property."

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, and being put is passed.

The Council now proceed to the consideration of the several applications for license to sell liquor during the license year 1900-1901.

WARD NO. ONE.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending that the following licenses be granted:—

John Courtney Shop..Head Gas Lane
James Finlay Shop..17 Victoria Lane

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said report be adopted and licenses granted.

Alderman Hubley asks the License Inspector if the Applicants for licenses had complied with Section 12 of the Liquor License Act.

The Inspector replies "Yes" to his satisfaction.

Alderman Hubley now asks the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether or not it is necessary that the applicants for licenses should personally make affidavits to the correctness of the signatures to their applications.

The Recorder replies: "The applicant must personally make the necessary affidavit to his application."

The motion to grant licenses to John Courtney and James Finlay is now put and passed.

WARD NO. TWO.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending that the following licenses be granted:—

Thomas Major Shop..62½ Dresden Row
R. T. Forrestall Shop..12 Rottenburg St
A. J. Finlay Shop..13 Rottenburg St
Stephen Cahill Shop..126 Lower Water St
Richard Fitzgerald..... Hotel..30, 32, 34 Salter St
Johanna Purcell Shop..52 Sackville St
Richard Sheperd Shop..117½ Hollis St
John McGrath Shop..6 Sackville St
Richard O'Neil Shop..147 Lower Water St
George Waugh Hotel..11 & 13 Granville St
Louis J. Hesslein Hotel..East side Hollis St
James P. Fairbanks..... Hotel..East side Hollis St
Patrick J. Broderick..... Hotel..30-32 Sackville St
John R. Simmons Hotel..51 Granville St

Norah Robinson.....	Hotel..150 Lower Water St
Simon LeBlanc.....	Hotel..20 & 22 Sackville St
Edwin Kennard.....	Hotel..146-148 Hollis St
Andrew Grant.....	Shop..50 Prince St
Edgar D. Blair.....	Shop..21 Sackville St
Catherine Doran.....	Shop..5½ Bedford Row
Richard Cahill.....	Shop..44 Argyle St.
L. A. Gastonguay.....	Shop..189 Lower Water St
Martin J. Bates.....	Shop..197 Lower Water St
John Hogan.....	Shop..62 Grafton St
Catherine Dillon.....	Shop..75 Sackville Street
Thomas J. Cahalane.....	Shop..5 Sackville St
Nathan Cornfoot.....	Shop..40½ Granville St
John Pugh.....	Shop..32 Bedford Row
Robert Simmons.....	Hotel..191-193 Lower Water St
Patrick Ryan.....	Hotel..204-206 Lower Water St
Maria M. Verge.....	Hotel..43 Argyle St
Charles Woolnough.....	Hotel..153-155 Hollis St
Joseph G. White.....	Hotel..57 Sackville St

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD NO. THREE.

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending that the following license be granted:

John Glassey.....	Shop..196 Hollis St
H. W. Brown.....	Shop..City Wharf
James Hogan.....	Shop..143 Albemarle St
James P. Mackasey.....	Shop..33 Upper Water St
William Neville.....	Shop..136 Grafton St
Edwin J. Quirk.....	Shop..246 Lower Water St
E. W. Wright.....	Shop..244 Lower Water St
Catherine Matson.....	Hotel..78-80 Bedford Row
Elizabeth Flawn.....	Hotel..82-84 Granville St
Margaret Broussard.....	Hotel..26-28 Upper Water St
Simon Fraser.....	Hotel..122 Argyle St
Thomas H. Renner.....	Hotel..1 Upper Water St
Susan C. Fiske.....	Hotel..88 Granville St
Edward C. Hagarty.....	Hotel..13½ Upper Water St
T. W. Hardy.....	Hotel..100-102 Granville St
Arthur Monaghan.....	Shop..124 Barrington St
R. N. McDonald.....	Shop..154 Barrington St
William Glawson.....	Shop..1 Bell's Lane
John Coleman.....	Shop..40 Upper Water St
Ellen Meagher.....	Shop..144 Argyle St
Charles AuCoin.....	Shop..46 Upper Water St
Mary Doneaghey.....	Shop..75 Buckingham St
James M. Power.....	Shop..13 Buckingham St
Mary Carroll.....	Shop..174 Grafton St
C. B. MacDougall.....	Shop..234 Hollis St
David Connors.....	Shop..63 Duke St
James M. Allen.....	Shop..180 Granville St
James W. Salterio.....	Shop..14 Bell's Lane
Peter Mihan.....	Shop..172 Grafton St
M. H. Ruggles.....	Hotel..37 Buckingham St
Daniel Morrissey.....	Hotel..211-213 Barrington St

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD No. FOUR.

Read report of Chief License Inspector recommending that the following license be granted.

T. F. Courtney	Shop..39	Jacob St
James Campbell	Shop..97	Upper Water St
Stephen Mitchell	Shop..159	Upper Water St
Michael Goulding	Shop..176	Upper Water St
Joseph Yetman	Shop..85	Upper Water St
J. R. Siteman	Shop..113	Upper Water St
Charles A. Norton	Shop..146	Upper Water St
Michael P. Inglis	Shop..2½	Starr St
James Spears	Shop..87	Upper Water St
Nathaniel A. Ross	Hotel..212-214	Upper Water St
Joseph Ferguson	Hotel..200-202	Upper Water St
Thomas O'Mally	Shop..16½	Cornwallis St
Thomas D Chalmers	Hotel..276-284	Upper Water St
Rebert Johnson	Hotel..286-288	Upper Water St
Daniel Johnston	Shop..47	Maynard St
Thomas A. Rogers	Shop..86	Cornwallis St
R. M. Anderson	Shop..53	Creighton St

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD No. FIVE.

Read report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses recommending that the following named applicants be granted licenses :

William T. Nott	Shop..420	Upper Water St
William Saunders	Hotel..346-348	Upper Water St
Thomas Keating	Hotel..7	Cornwallis St
Adam L. Miller	Shop..155	Gottingen St
Michael McMahon	Shop..147	Gottingen St
Gustano Verdi	Shop..2	Cunard St
L. D. Murrans	Shop..96	Gottingen St
Charles E. Rogers	Hotel..496-500	Upper Water St
Patrick J. Griffin	Shop..9	Agricola St
John Mullane	Shop..33	West St.
John Walsh	Shop..172½	Gottingen St
Albert B. Thompson	Shop..93	Gerrish St
Alexander McDonald	Shop..174	Gottingen St

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

WARD No. SIX.

Read report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses recommending that licenses be granted to the following named applicants :

John J. Richards	Shop..3	Almon St
James Burns	Shop..66	Almon St

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said licenses be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Sidney Williams for a Hotel License at 102-104 Upper Water Street ("Sarmatian House"), together with the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Edward Callahan for a hotel license at 353-355 Barrington Street, Ward Four ("Canada Hotel"), together with the Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Vincent Grant for a shop license at 8½ Rottenburg Street, Ward Two, together with the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Inspector's report, recommending that said license be not granted, be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of re-consideration.

Read application of Alexander Hallett for a Shop License at 118 Lower Water Street, together with the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Harry Gullickson for a Shop License at 134 Lower Water Street, Ward Two; also read the report of the Chief Inspector of License on said application.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Inspector's report be adopted, and that said license be not granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said license be granted.

Said amendment, being put, is lost, 6 voting for the for the same, and 9 against it, Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Mitchell, Musgrave, Aldermen Faulkner, Butler,
Campbell, Redden, Hawkins, Lane—6.

Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan,
Chisholm, Martin, Rogers,
Mosher—9.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Alderman Musgrave gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of Thomas Doyle for a shop license at 155 Lower Water Street, Ward No. Two, together with the Inspector's report thereon, recommend that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of James P. Oakes for a shop license at 65½ Granville Street, Ward No. Two, also read the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that

said license be granted. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Creighton, Butler, O'Donnell, Ryan, Hawkins, Mosher—6.

Aldermen McFatrige, Musgrave Faulkner, Redden, Hubley, Chisholm, Rogers, Mosher, Lane—9.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of John L. Gooley for a shop license 50 Upper Water Street, Ward No. Three, together with the Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be not granted as recommended in the Inspector's report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said license be granted. Said amendment being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Campbell, Butler, Redden, Ryan, Martin, Chisholm, Hawkins, Lane—8.

Aldermen Mitchell, Musgrave, Faulkner, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Mosher—7.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of re-consideration.

Read application of James P. Connors for a Hotel License at No. 120 Grafton Street ("Stockholm House"), together with the report of the Chief Inspector of License thereon, recommending that said license be not granted.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the License Inspector, be adopted, and that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of William S. Quigley for a Shop License at 94 Upper Water Street, Ward Three, together with the Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses be adopted, and that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of James Spruin for a Shop License at 69 Buckingham Street, Ward Three.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that said license be not granted, Motion passed.

Read application of Patrick Scanlan for a Hotel License, 232-234 Upper Water Street, together with the report of the License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Inspector's report be adopted and that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read application of George A. James for a Hotel License at 266-268 Upper Water Street, "Victoria House," together with the report of the Chief License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said license be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said license be not granted. Said amendment being put is lost, three voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
Rogers.—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Mitchell, Redden
Musgrave, Faulkner,
Campbell, Butler,
Ryan, Chisholm,
Martin, Hawkins,
Mosher, Lane.—12.

The original motion to grant the license is now put and passed.

Read application of Felix J. Quinn for a Hotel License at 270-272 Upper Water Street, "European Hotel," together with the report of the License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of John P. Fitzpatrick for a Hotel License 298½-290 Upper Water Street ("Windsor Hotel") with Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said license be granted. Motion passed.

Read application of Edward Coolen for a Shop Licence at 101½ Gottingen Street; also read report of the License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Inspector's report be adopted and that said license be not granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said license be granted. Said amendment being put is lost. The original motion that said license be not granted is now put and passed. Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of John Handley, Senior, for a shop license at 91 Gerrish Street, together with the Inspector's report thereon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting of the City Council, as requested in the Inspector's report thereon. Motion passed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of William S. Quigley.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of Sidney Williams.

Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration in the matter of the application of James P. Connors.

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

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.40 o'clock.

February 26th, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Martin, Butler, Hubley, Lane, Creighton, Menger and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the time for meeting be extended till 3 o'clock. Motion passed.

3 o'clock. Roll called—Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Mitchell, Ryan, Rogers, Chisholm and Hawkins.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Hubley presents a petition from William Foster and others residents of Allen, Laurance and Duncan Streets for electric lights.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report of Chief License Inspector re application of John Handley, Sr., for a liquor license.

Petition of D. M. Creighton and others relative to the erection of telephone poles on Robie Street.

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

Read report of Chief Inspector of License re application of John Handley, Sr., for a liquor license.

On motion the same is laid over for consideration with No. 9 on Order Paper.

Read petition of D. M. Creighton and others relative to the erection of telephone poles on Robie Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of William Foster and others for electric lights on Allen, Laurence and Duncan Streets.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Whereas, The existence of lines of poles and wires on the streets of the City of Halifax are a serious menace to the safety of the public, as has been forcibly shewn by the result of the recent storm.

And Whereas, The presence of these ugly structures detract from the appearance of our principal streets and are strongly objected to by every property owner in front of whose premises they are placed.

And Whereas, Each pole is an obstruction on the sidewalk and decreases the width of footway that can be used by the public.

And Whereas, It is advisable that the City Council should have authority to act promptly in the interests of the Citizens.

Therefore Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be and is hereby instructed to prepare legislation, authorizing and empowering the City Council of the City of Halifax to compel all persons, companies or corporations now or hereafter having lines of poles and wire on the streets of the City, to place the same under ground in conduits or otherwise as the said City Council shall determine, and at such time and within such period and on such streets of the City as the City Council shall determine from time to time.

And Further, To make such ordinances as may be required for the proper carrying out and maintenance of the proposed change.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz:—Alderman Campbell's notice of reconsideration of application of Vincent Grant for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the application of Vincent Grant be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Vincent Grant be granted a liquor license as applied for. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, viz:—Alderman Musgrave's notice of reconsideration of application of Henry Gullickson for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the application of Henry Gullickson for a liquor license be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For Reconsideration	Against it.
Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Mitchell.	Aldermen Lane, Butler,
Ryan, Martin Rogers,	Hubley, O'Donnell,
Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—11.	Chisholm.—5.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the application of Henry Gullickson for a liquor license be granted. Motion passed.

Read No. 3—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of application of James P. Oakes for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the said application be now reconsidered. Motion put and

passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being taken there appeared.

<p>For Reconsideration</p> <p>Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Butler, O'Donnell, Ryan, Martin, Rogers, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—12.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Lane, Mitchell, Hubley Chisholm, —4.</p>
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Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that James P. Oakes be granted the license applied for. Motion passed.

Read No. 4, viz. :—Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of application of John L. Gooley for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said application be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :

<p>For Reconsideration :</p> <p>Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Rogers, Mosher—4</p>	<p>Against it :</p> <p>Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Creighton, Hawkins, —12.</p>
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Read No. 5, viz. :—Alderman Lane's notice of reconsideration of application of Edward Coolen for a Liquor License.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said application be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against. Names being taken, there appeared :—

<p>For Reconsideration.</p> <p>Aldermen Lane, Menger, Redden, Campbell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—10.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Rogers, —6.</p>
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Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that Edward Coolen's application for a liquor license be granted. Motion passed.

Read No. 6—Alderman Campbell's notice of reconsideration of application of William S. Quigley for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said application be reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being taken, there appeared:—

<p>For Reconsideration.</p> <p>Aldermen Lane, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Chisholm, Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins—11.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Alderman Musgrave, Hubley, O'Donnell, Martin, Rogers—5.</p>
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Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that William S. Quigley's application for a liquor license be granted. Motion passed.

Read No. 7—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of application of Sydney Williams for a liquor license.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the application of Sydney Williams be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :—

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Creighton, Mosher. —4.	Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Chisholm, Martin, Rogers, Hawkins,—12.

Read No. 8—Alderman Lane's notice of reconsideration of application of James P. Connors for a Liquor License.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said application be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :—

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Menger, Butler, Ryan, Martin, Hawkins, —9.	Aldermen Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton, Mosher,—7.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger, that James, P. Connors be granted the license applied for. Motion put and lost. Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lane, Musgrave Campbell, Menger, Redden, Ryan, Martin, Hawkins. —8.	Aldermen Putler, Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Rogers, Creighton, Mosher. —8.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against granting said license and declares the motion lost.

Read No. 9—Deferred consideration of application of John Handley, Senior, for a shop license to sell liquor at 91 Gerrish Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that

said license be granted. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Lane, Campbell, Menger,
Butler, O'Donnell, Ryan,
Chisholm, Martin, Rog-
ers, Hawkins—10.

Against it.

Alderman Musgrave, Red-
den, Mitchell,
Hubley, Creigh-
ton, Mosher—6.

Read No. 10, viz.:—Alderman Lane's notice of reconsideration of resolution to appoint a Works Commission to perform the duties, &c., formerly vested in the Board of City Works.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 40 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 40, viz.: Report Laws and Privileges Committee covering Revised City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the consideration of the Revised City Charter be deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held on Friday evening next. Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Menger, that No. 19, viz.:—Alderman Geldert's notice of motion in re applications from City officials for increases of salary.

And No. 34, viz.:—Petition of R. R. Kennedy and others re inspection of sailing and row boats, and application of Alexander Watt for position of Inspector of sailing and row boats be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Alderman Lane, by leave of Council, introduces a resolution instructing the Recorder to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature, authorizing the City Council to impose license fees on persons selling patent medicines, soliciting orders for printing, blank books, &c., and on alien labour.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Chisholm, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report at the adjourned meeting of the City Council on Friday next. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council adjourn to meet on Friday evening next at 7.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 4.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

7.40 o'clock.

MARCH 2nd, 1900.

Present—Alderman Mitchell, Acting Mayor, and Alderman Hubley and Rogers.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the time for meeting be extended till 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

8 o'clock—Roll called. There being no other members of the council present, the council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8-10 o'clock.

MARCH 7th, 1900.

The City Council met this evening. At the above hour there were present:—Acting Mayor Mitchell, Aldermen Martin, Rogers, Butler, Lane, Creighton, Menger and O'Donnell,

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

8.30—Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Campbell, Ryan, Hubley, Chisholm, Hawkins and Mosher.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Menger, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, re Licenses, etc.

Alderman Butler, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities, re Accounts.

Alderman Mosher, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on City Prison.

The Acting Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Engineer, re widening Fenwick Street.

Report City Engineer on Street Lights.

Letter City Treasurer re Guarantee Bond.

Letter J. D. Harden and others relative to the weight of bread.

Petition from residents of the North end of the City, asking for better Police protection.

Draft Act to amend the City Charter, in re Licenses, Placing Electric Wires under ground, etc.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the month of January.

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

Read report City Engineer re Street Lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 7th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with resolutions of Council, I beg to report on the accompanying petitions for street lights.

The petitioners ask for a light on Lawrence Street, one on Allen Street, one on Duncan Street, one on Young Avenue and one on at the corner of Cunard Street and Robie Street. All the lights petitioned for are much needed, and I would recommend that the lights petitioned for be placed in service as soon as the new appropriation is available.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Read report of City Engineer, re widening of Fenwick Street, with plan and description of property required.

FENWICK STREET WIDENING.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 2nd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with Section 2, Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1897, I beg to submit herewith for the approval of the City Council a plan and description of the land required by the City in order to enable them to complete the grading and widening of Fenwick Street. Said plan and description are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Faulker, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said report and plan be approved of. Motion passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee recommending Sundry Accounts for payment.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 6th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day there were present Aldermen Mosher (Chairman), Martin and Campbell.

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

Longard Bros., \$6.89; Robertson and Son, 50c.; A. & W. Mackinlay, \$3.10; R. T. Braine, \$7.27; J. P. Wambolt, \$13.35; A. J. Grant, \$5.18; Leaman & Co., \$5.04; A. Fordham, \$11.21; D. Roche, \$189.00—\$241.54.

The returns of the Governor and Matron for February are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read report of Committee on Charities for the month of February.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

HALIFAX, March 7, 1900.

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

Accounts chargeable to Maintenance to the amount of \$1902.91 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Superintendent's report for February showed that during the month there had been 37 persons admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 31 discharged and 8 died. Of the number admitted, 29 were chargeable to the City and 17 to the Province. The total number of inmates February 28th was 410, made up of 249 men, 149 women and 12 children. On the same date last year there were 409 inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :

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

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

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee in re Licences, etc.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 2nd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the resolution submitted by Alderman Lane, proposing to impose license fees on persons selling patent medicines, soliciting orders for printing, blank books, etc., and on alien labor and with certain amendments which have been made by the committee recommend the same for the concurrence of the Council.

A copy of the resolution as amended is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENDER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, Hereafter, That

1st. Persons selling or offering for sale patent, proprietary or other medicines (so called) on any street, highway, alley or public square—License Fee Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

2nd. Any person, agents or representatives, whose employer or employers are not ratepayers in the City of Halifax, soliciting orders for or making an agreement or agreements to supply any kind of printing, printed forms, book-binding, blank books, stationery, paper bags or paste-board boxes—One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

3rd. Persons engaged in manual labor, journeymen or persons hired or employed as workmen or servants to drive any hackney carriage or other vehicle used for hire—Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

4th. Wholesale or retail merchants, or dealers or traders, forwarding or commission merchants, lumber merchants or dealers, the agents of merchants or traders, express agents, general brokers, manufacturers, apothecaries, chemists and druggists; persons selling or offering for sale any goods, wares or merchandize, or manufacturing or trading in the City (excepting as aforesaid Commercial Travellers), insurance agents, money brokers, money changers, exchange broker, and the agents of all such persons—Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

All such payments to be made at the office of the City Collector.

The above Acts not to apply to Commercial Travellers.

The term "Commercial Traveller" under this Act shall be considered to mean a person who offers for sale, sells or takes orders for any kind or description of goods, wares or merchandise, either by sample or otherwise, to or from any person, firm or incorporated company, when such person, firm or incorporated company buys or gives orders for such goods, wares or merchandize with the intention of selling the same again to some other person or persons.

This Act shall not apply to bona fide residents of the City or County of Halifax.

Further Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act in accordance with this resolution and send the same to the Legislature.

Also, read Draft Act to amend City Charter, in re Licenses, placing Electrical Wires under ground, etc.

ACT TO AMEND CITY CHARTER.

An Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts relating to the City of Halifax" and the Acts in amendment thereof.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. No person, company or corporation residing or doing business outside of the City or County of Halifax, nor any one on their behalf, shall sell or offer for sale on any street, highway, alley or public square, any patent, proprietary or other medicine (so called), or solicit orders therefor in said City, without having first taken out a license therefor from the City of Halifax, as hereinafter provided.

2. No wholesale or retail merchants or dealers or traders, forwarding or commission merchants, lumber merchants or dealers, the agents of merchants or traders, express agents, general brokers, manufacturers, apothecaries, chemists and druggists, persons selling or offering for sale any goods, wares or merchandize, or manufacturing or trading, money brokers, money changers, exchange brokers, companies or corporations, or their agents, shall do business in the City of Halifax, unless the said parties named herein have been assessed in said City in the general assessment for City Rates and Taxes for the year during which such person shall have applied for the license hereinafter mentioned, without first taking out a license for doing or carrying on their business from the City of Halifax.

3. No person, company, corporation or their representatives, nor any person on their behalf, residing out of the City or County of Halifax, and not assessed in said City for City Rates and Taxes, whose employer or employers are not ratepayers in the City of Halifax, shall solicit any order or make any agreement or agree-

ments to supply any person, company or corporation in the City of Halifax with any kind of printing, printed forms, book binding, blank books, stationery, paper bags or pasteboard boxes, without first having taken out a license therefor from the City of Halifax, as hereinafter provided.

4. No person residing out of the City or County of Halifax, and not assessed in said City for City rates and Taxes, shall engage in said City in any manual labor, nor as journeymen, or persons hired or employed as workmen or servants, to drive any hackney carriage, omnibus, truck or vehicle whatever, used for hire in said City, without first taking out a license therefor from said City of Halifax, as hereinafter provided.

5. The license mentioned in the next four preceding sections shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and shall be from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of the following April in each and every year, and the license fee payable for the license mentioned in Section one shall be fifty dollars; and for the license mentioned in Section two, twenty dollars; and for the license mentioned in Section three, one hundred dollars; and for the license mentioned in Section four, ten dollars; and any person taking out any of the licenses before mentioned between the dates in this section mentioned, shall pay the full fee above mentioned.

6. Any person violating sections one to four, both inclusive, of this Act, or any part thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than ten dollars, and, in default of payment, shall be imprisoned in the City Prison for a period not exceeding three months.

7. The foregoing sections shall not apply to "Commercial Travellers," who, for the purposes of this Act, shall mean a person who offers for sale, sells or takes orders for any kind or description of goods, wares or merchandise, either by sample or otherwise, to or from any person, firm or incorporated company, when such firm or incorporated company buys or gives orders for such goods, wares or merchandise with the intention of selling the same again to some other person or persons.

8. The preceding clauses of this Act shall not apply to any resident of the City or County of Halifax.

9. For the purposes of the first four sections of this Act, any person who has not continuously resided in the City or County of Halifax for at least three months next before his application for any of the licenses mentioned in said sections, or for at least three months next before violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be a person residing outside of the City or County of Halifax.

10. The City Council is hereby authorized and empowered to compel all persons, companies, corporations, proprietors or owners of any electric plant, poles and wires now or hereafter supplying or conveying electricity (electric current) within the City of Halifax, to take down and remove all poles, wires and appurtenances erected in said City, and to place all electrical wires or lines under ground in said City, within such time and in such streets and on such terms and conditions as said Council shall determine, and to make ordinances for the laying down of said wires under such streets and the maintenance and repair of the same.

11. On and after the time mentioned and determined by said Council, as provided in the previous section, the persons, companies, corporations proprietors or owners of said electrical poles and wires shall take down and remove the same within the streets named by said Council, and place the same under ground, upon such terms and conditions as said Council shall name; and, in case such persons, companies, corporations, proprietors, or owners shall fail or neglect to remove said poles and wires after the time mentioned in the next preceding section, on receiving ——— notice served on them, or left at their usual place of business, it shall be lawful for the City to remove the same at the expense of said persons, companies, corporations, proprietors or owners, and an action may be brought in the name of the City of Halifax to recover such expense, and no action shall be brought or maintained against said City, its agents, officers, employees or workmen for removing the same or any part thereof.

12. The City of Halifax, having paid the widow of William Lewin the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700 00) for herself and her child, in full, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1898, the said City is hereby authorized to take from the Contingent Account the sum of three hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$334 00), and the said sum shall be invested by the Mayor of said City, and he is hereby authorized to pay out the principal and interest in such sums and at such times as he may think proper towards the support and education of the child of the said William Lewin by his first wife.

On motion said Act is now read clause by clause.

Read Clause 1.—Re non-residents selling or offering for sale patent or other medicines on the streets, highways, etc., of the city.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2.—Requiring all persons doing business in the City of Halifax, and not assessed therein, to take out a license.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3.—Relative to persons, non-resident, soliciting orders for printing, blank books, stationery, etc., etc.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said clause 3 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4.—Re non-residents performing manual or other labor, etc., in the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Lane, that clause 4 pass. Motion passed. Alderman Musgrave gives notice of reconsideration of clause 4.

Read Clause 5.—Fixing license fees.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 6.—Re penalties for violation of the Act.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause 6 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 7.—Re Commercial Travellers.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 8.—Re preceding clauses not applying to residents of the city or county of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said clause 8 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clauses 9 and 10.—Re the removal from off the streets of the city of all poles, wires, etc., conveying electricity and the placing of the same under ground.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said clause 9 and 10 do pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said Act as a whole do now pass, and that it be sent to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read petition of residents of the north end of the city for better police protection.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to the Police Commission to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. D. Harden and others, relative to the weight of bread.

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

Read letter from the City Treasurer relative to his substituting a bond of a Guarantee Company for his present bond.

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

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the month of January. Filed.

Alderman Hubley, with leave of Council, now introduces the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Health as now constituted be abolished, and that all the rights and powers of said Board be transferred to and vested in a Committee to be appointed by this Council without pay, and that the Recorder prepare an Act and submit the same to the Legislature without delay.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. On the vote on said resolution being taken, there appeared :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell,
Menger, Hubley, O'Donnell,
Martin, Rogers,
Mosher, Hawkins—9

Against it.

Aldermen Lane, Musgrave,
Redden, Butler, Ryan,
Chisholm, Creighton.—7.

The Acting Mayor declares said resolution lost, it being new matter and requiring a two thirds vote to pass it.

Alderman Hubley now introduces said resolution as a notice of motion.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 28 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 28, viz :—Report Laws and Privileges Committee covering Revised City Charter.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, February 12th, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have very carefully examined the Revised City Charter and made a number of amendments, which are submitted to the Council for approval.

It is recommended that the Charter as amended be adopted by the Council and submitted to the Legislature at its present session for enactment.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Act. Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said report be adopted and the City Charter forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Charter be considered clause by clause. Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Butler, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Hawkins—5.	Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Menger, Hubley, Ryan, Rogers, Creighton, Mosher, —11.

Alderman Hawkins now rises to move an amendment to Section 179 of the City Charter.

The Acting Mayor rules said amendment out of order on the ground that Alderman Hawkins should have proposed his amendment before the amendment just lost was put.

Alderman Hawkins asks for the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether or not his amendment is in order.

The Recorder says that the amendment moved by Alderman Hawkins is in order; but that if the Alderman intended to now submit a number of amendments the intention of the Council in voting down the last amendment would be defeated.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the question be now put. The motion to put the question is now put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it. Names being taken there appeared:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell Redden, Butler, Menger, Hubley, Ryan, Chisholm, Creighton, Mosher—12.	Aldermen O'Donnell, Martin, Hawkins—3.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council adjourn. The acting mayor declines to put the motion.

The motion of Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Charter do now pass and that it be forwarded to the Legislature for enactment is now put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Faulkner,
Campbell, Redden, Butler,
Menger, Hubley, Ryan,
Creighton, Mosher, Rogers—12.

Against it.

Aldermen O'Donnell, Chisholm, Martin, Hawkins
—4.

Alderman Hawkins asks that His Honor the Recorder submit at the next meeting of the Council His opinion in writing as to whether the amendment proposed to be submitted by him (Alderman Hawkins) relative to Section 179 of the City Charter was out of order.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8-10 o'clock.

MARCH 20TH, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, Martin, Mosher and Hubley.

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

8.30—Roll called. Present: the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, O'Donnell, Chisholm, Hawkins, and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to consider an Act relating to the Peoples' Heat and Light Company, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Campbell submits a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners re Accounts.

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition for an electric light at the corner of Maynard and Black Streets.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report Chief License Inspector re Wholesale Liquor Licenses.

Petition of John Currie and others for a light on Bower Road.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering copy of an Act relative to taxation of Peoples' Heat and Light Company.

Report of Coal Measurers for January and February.

City Treasurer's statements "General" and "Water" for the month of February.

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

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

REPORT BOARD FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

CITY HALL, 20th March, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment: Farquhar Bros., \$27.35; Canadian General Electric Co.,

\$11.16, \$1.21, \$12.37; John O'Connell, \$11.61; T. W. Bateman, \$23.25; David Power, \$1.85; John Starr, Son & Co., \$69.30; John F. Kelly, \$3.55; Cragg Bros. & Co., \$1.27; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$22.87; J. E. M. Taylor, \$6.75; Halifax Electric Tram Co. for February, West Street \$6.64, No. 7, \$9.33, \$15.95; Neil Fox, \$7.20; Thomas Forhan & Co., \$3.00; Daniel McLeod, \$7.11; Alexander Anderson, \$25.48; N. S. Telephone Co., \$3.20; James Dempster & Co., \$15.33. Total, \$257.44.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

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

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

Read report of the Chief License Inspector recommending that wholesale liquor licenses be granted the following named applicants:

A. Keith & Son	Brewer's....	88 to 94 Lower Water St.	Ward 1.
Dillon Bros.	Wholesale.....	69 to 75 Sackville St.	Ward 2.
Bigelow & Hood	Wholesale.....	41 Bedford Row	Ward 3.
John Tobin & Co.	Wholesale.....	15 to 21 Upper Water St.	Ward 3.
Kelley & Glassey	Wholesale.....	198 to 204 Hollis St.	Ward 3.
Halifax Breweries Ltd. .	Brewer's.....	50 Duke St.	Ward 2.
Dawes & Co.	Brewer's.....	209 Barrington St.	Ward 3.
Nova Scotia Bottling Co. .	Brewer's.....	243 Hollis St.	Ward 3.
Grace & Gastonguay ...	Wholesale.....	75 Upper Water St.	Ward 3.
T. F. Courtney & Co. ...	Wholesale.....	41 Jacob St.	Ward 4.
John P. May	Brewer's.....	Sullivan St.	Ward 6.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said report be adopted, and that the licenses referred to therein be granted. Motion passed.

Read petition of Samuel W. Withers for an electric light at the corner of Maynar¹ and Black Streets.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of John Currie and others for a light on Bower Road.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a light be placed on Bower Road, as requested. Motion passed.

Read City Treasurer's statement "General" and "Water" for the month of February. Filed.

Read returns of Coal Measurers for the months of January and February. Filed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering a copy of a bill presented to the Local Legislature fixing the amount of taxes to be paid by the People's Heat and Light Company Ltd., to the City of Halifax. Also read a copy of said bill.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that Mr. B. F. Pearson, who is present, be heard in behalf of the People's Heat & Light Co., Ltd. Motion passed.

Mr. Pearson accepts the invitation and from the floor of the Chamber presents to the City Council the wishes and intentions of said Company in connection with the bill referred to.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, together with His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer for report to this Council at an adjourned meeting to be held on Friday next, at 3 o'clock, p. m., and that the City Collector and City Assessor be notified to attend at said meeting.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Redden Ryan, Campbell,
Musgrave, Butler, Hubley,
Chisholm, Creighton, Mosher—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Lane, Mitchell,
O'Donnell, Martin,
Rogers, Hawkins—6.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the following Memorandum be forwarded to the Premier of the Local Government of this Province and also to the Chairman of the Committees on Private and Local Bills of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council.

The City of Halifax is required by law to make valuations of Real Estate and Personal Property on which the assessment is to be based on or before a fixed period in the year. They then become operative and thereby the annual rate of assessment is fixed in all cases. These valuations are in consonance with established practice or defined by legislation. The Mayor and one-third of the City Council of Halifax are elected yearly and thereby directly answerable at short intervals to the popular and tax-paying will. The City Council of Halifax would respectfully request that no proposed legislation dealing with its valuation or assessment should be received by the Legislature that has not previously been introduced and dealt with by the City Council, and that the question of rates and taxes shall be left with the latter body to deal with in accordance with the interest and views of the taxpayers as represented at the City Council Board.

The City Council earnestly urges this request because of the difficulty experienced in adjusting valuations and rates, subject to Legislative retrospective action and seriously affecting the civic revenues and calculated to create the impression through the Council being ignored that that body is looked upon as non-representative, although directly elected by the Citizens.

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

Alderman O'Donnell, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution :

Whereas, It is in the interest of the City of Halifax to encourage factories for manufacturing purposes.

Resolved, That no factories doing business in the City of Halifax as manufactories or manufacturers be taxed for factory or stock more than at present on the basis of last year's taxes though he adds to his factory or his stock, and that amount be as a manufacturers licence or a straight tax as the Council see fit.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this meeting do now adjourn until Friday next at 3 o'clock, p. m. Motion passed.

Council adjourns at 11 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNCON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

March 23rd, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held this day.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen O'Donnell, Menger, Creighton, Martin, Hubley, Mosher, Mitchell and Redden.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the time for meeting be extended till 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3/30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Lane, Chisholm and Hawkins.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report from City Engineer re Transfers to street appropriation.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee in re People's Heat and Light Company's taxes.

Draft of an Act in re Assessment of People's Heat and Light Company, Limited.

Report of Special Committee re Tram Service Extension in West end of the City,

City Collector's returns "General" and "Water" for the month of February.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report from the City Engineer re transfers to street appropriation.

TRANSFERS TO STREET APPROPRIATION.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 23rd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—An Act of the last session of the Legislature Section 8 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1899, authorized the City Council to transfer to the Street Appropriation the balance remaining after the widening of Campbell road, and also the balance remaining from the sale of land at the foot of Young Street. As we are within a month of the end of the year, I would recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to transfer the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents (\$228.53) remaining after the widening of Campbell Road, and the sum of two hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$283.79) remaining from the sale of land at the foot of Young Street to the Street Appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Special Committee re Tram Service extension at West end of the City.

TRAMWAY EXTENSION.

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 23rd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of M. E. Keefe and others for extension of the Tram Service to the West end of the City beg to report as follows:—

Besides the above mentioned petition, which suggested extension by way of Windsor Street and Quinpool Road through Walnut Street, to connect with the Coburg Road line, your Committee had before them a petition signed by C. W. Anderson and many others, asking for extension by the following route: Coburg Road, Oxford Street and along Quinpool Road over such route as may be found expedient to meet the existing lines.

At a meeting held on the 19th February the Committee was addressed by a large number of gentlemen living in the Western part of the City, all of whom urged the desirability of the City Council immediately requesting the Halifax Electric Tramway Company to extend their lines during the coming spring.

After carefully considering the two petitions before them, and the suggestions made by the gentlemen who addressed the meeting, your Committee beg to recommend as follows:

1st. That the City Council request the Halifax Electric Company, Limited, to immediately take steps to make an extension of their tram service as soon as the season shall permit over the following route: Windsor Street, Quinpool Road and Oxford Street to connect with the Company's present lines on Coburg Road. Also continuing along Quinpool Road to the North West Arm Bridge, and along Chebucto Road to connect with the present lines on Windsor Street.

2nd. That the City Council grant permission to the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, to construct their lines and operate an electric Tramway service on the streets and portions of streets named in the first section.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. REDDEN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Menger, that said report be adopted. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 2 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Faulkner,
Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell,
Chisholm, Martin, Creighton,
Mosher.—10.

Alderman Lane, Hawkins
—2.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges re People's Heat and Light Company's taxes.

PEOPLE'S HEAT AND LIGHT COMPANY ASSESSMENT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 23rd, 1900.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held last evening they carefully considered the proposed legislation respecting the taxation of the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited.

Mr. B. F. Pearson produced a description of the old Penitentiary property, now occupied by the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, and addressed the Committee in behalf of the Company's bill.

Mr. C. C. Blackadar addressed the Committee in opposition to the bill.

From information submitted by the City Assessor and Mr. Pearson, your Committee are assured that if the People's Heat and Light Co. pay a tax of \$4,000 a year on their property at the North West Arm used for the purposes of manufacturing and distributing gas and coke and other by-products of coal, and \$1,000 a year as a license fee, the City will not lose anything on its annual assessment by agreeing to an amendment to the People's Heat and Light Company's Charter such as is below recommended.

The difference between the above amount of \$5,000 a year and the \$7,000 a year which the Company now pays will be made up to the City by an assessment upon a number of properties owned by the People's Heat and Light Company valued at over \$100,000, now practically exempted from taxation, but which, when the proposed bill becomes operative, will be immediately assessed by the City, besides which the People's Heat and Light Company in the proposed bill relinquishes the right it possesses under its present Charter of acquiring an unlimited amount of real estate in the City and holding the same entirely free from taxation.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the City Council agree to the passing of an Act in amendment of the People's Heat and Light Company's Charter, on the basis of the resolution attached hereto, which was adopted by the Committee, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to see that the conditions protecting the City are drawn to his satisfaction in the interests of the City before the bill is again presented to the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MENGER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Committee recommend to the Council that in lieu of the ordinary assessment of the City the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, pay a tax of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) on the real and personal property of the Company, the real estate being described as follows:—

ALL AND SINGULAR the lands and premises, which may be described as follows: Beginning at high water mark on the eastern shore of the North West Arm, at the southerly corner of a plot of ground recently granted to George E. Franklyn, Esquire, by the Dominion Government; thence following the south-east boundary of the said property of George E. Franklyn, north fifty-one and one-half degrees, east seven hundred and ninety (790) feet, more or less, to the south-western side line of Franklyn Street; thence, by the said south-western line of Franklyn Street, south thirty-nine and one-half degrees, east six hundred and twenty-six feet six inches (626 ft. 6 in.), or to the northerly corner of the property now or formerly in the possession of the McCullough estate; thence by the north-west boundary of the said McCullough estate south fifty and one-half degrees west, nine hundred and eighty (980) feet, or to high water mark on the eastern shore of the North West Arm; thence in a northerly direction, following the line of high water mark along the eastern shore of the North West Arm to the place of beginning; the magnetic bearings above given having been taken in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Four; TOGETHER WITH all and singular the easements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

2nd. That in case the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, shall lease any building or property situate on the above described lot of land, that the lessees or occupants shall be assessed for the property so leased or occupied by them in the same way and to the same extent as other citizens are taxed or assessed, and such persons, for the purposes of assessment under this Act, shall be deemed to be the owners of the property so leased or occupied by them, so long as they continue to lease or occupy the same.

3rd. All properties of the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, not included in the above description shall be assessed and liable to be rated and taxed in the same way and to the same extent as all other real and personal property in the City of Halifax is assessed.

4th. The two gas holders situate on the property formerly owned by the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited, but now owned by the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, shall be exempt from taxation, but the land upon which they stand shall be taxed and rated in the ordinary way.

5th. In addition to the above taxes, the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, shall pay a license fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per annum.

Read also a draft of an Act in re Assessment of People's Heat and Light Co., Ltd.

The People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, in lieu of all rates, taxes and assessments on all that portion of their property situate on the North-West Arm and hereinafter particularly described, and for any personal property thereon, including their pipes and meters throughout the City and the two gas holders on the old gas property, shall pay on the first day of May, in each and every year to the City of Halifax, the sum of four thousand dollars, and the further sum of one thousand dollars as a business license fee, which sums shall be a lien on said real and personal property and shall have a preference over any claims, liens, privileges or incumbrances in the same way and to the same extent as provided for by Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, and the City of Halifax shall have the same rights and remedies for enforcing the payment of said sums and the sale of said properties for non-payment thereof as now possessed for enforcing the payment of the ordinary taxes of the City. The property above referred to is described as follows :—

Beginning at the high water mark on the Eastern shore of the North-West Arm at the Southerly corner of the plot of ground recently granted to George E. Francklyn, Esquire, by the Dominion Government; thence following the South-East boundary of the said property of George E. Francklyn, North fifty and one-half degrees East seven hundred and ninety (790) feet, more or less, to the South-Western side line of Franklyn Street; thence by the said South-Western line of Franklyn Street South thirty-nine and one-half degrees, East six hundred and twenty-six feet, six inches (626' 6") or to the Northerly corner of the property now or formerly in the possession of the McCullough Estate; thence by the North-West boundary of the said McCullough Estate South fifty and one-half degrees, West nine hundred and eighty feet (980), or to high water mark on the Eastern shore of the North-West Arm; thence in a Northerly direction following the line of the high water mark along the Eastern shore of the North-West Arm to the place of beginning; the magnetic bearings above given having been taken in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four;

2. Any person, firm or corporation other than the People's Heat and Light Company who shall lease or occupy any portion of the above described land so long as the same is so leased or occupied, shall for the purpose of taxation be deemed to be the owners of the property so leased or occupied, and shall be rated, taxed and assessed thereon in addition to their personal property in the same way and to the same extent as citizens are now assessed, the said assessment rate, or tax, shall be a lien on said properties, and the payment thereof shall be enforced by the City of Halifax in the same way and to the same extent, and with the same rights and remedies as the City of Halifax now possesses for enforcing the payment of the ordinary taxes of said City, and the payment of said taxes or any part thereof by said lessee or occupier shall not be deducted from the amount payable by the People's Heat and Light Company, under the first clause of this Act.

3. All the real and personal property of the People's Heat and Light Company Limited, now or hereafter owned by it (except that portion mentioned and described in the first section of this Act), and including the land upon which the two gas holders on the property formerly owned by the Halifax Gas Light Company at Fresh Water (so called) shall hereafter be assessed, rated and taxed in

the same way as other property in the City of Halifax is assessed, and shall be subject to the same liens, rights and remedies for the payment thereof to the City of Halifax, as provided by Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891.

Section four of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 1898 and Section six of Chapter 90 of the Acts of 1897 are hereby repealed.

4. Nothing herein contained shall exempt said property or the owner thereof from the payment of the protection and pipe rate and water rates.

5. This Act shall not affect the amount payable to the City of Halifax for the present year, under Section four of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 1898.

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Musgrave that the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges relative to the Assessment of property of the People's Heat and Light Company Limited be adopted, and the Draft Act submitted to the Legislature.

The following amendment is now introduced :—

Resolved, That in consideration of the concessions granted to the Heat and Light Company by the main resolution this Act shall only become operative if the Heat and Light Company will guarantee illuminating gas of 18 candle power with a proportion not greater than (3) three grains of ammonia per one hundred feet, or (20) twenty grains of sulphur per one hundred feet, further provided that the price of gas shall not be increased beyond the minimum rate charged at present, viz : \$1.50 per M for illuminating gas and forty cents per M for fuel and power gas.

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

Said amendment on being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Mitchell, Martin, O'Donnell, Hawkins, Creighton,—5.	Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Faulkner, Menger, Redden, Hubley, Chisholm, Mosher,—8.

The original motion is now put and passed. 8 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being taken there appeared :—

For the motion	Against it.
Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Faulkner, Menger, Redden, Hubley, Chisholm, Mosher,—8.	Aldermen Mitchell, O'Donnell, Martin, Creighton, Hawkins,—5.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 4.55 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

April 9th, 1900.

The City Council was summoned to meet this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Faulkner, Butler, Rogers and Martin.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Lane and O'Donnell.

There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

April 12th, 1900.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faulkner, Hubley, Mosher, Butler, Martin, Lane, O'Donnell, Menger and Mitchell.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Campbell, Ryan, Rogers, Chisholm, Hawkins and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to appoint presiding officers for the civic elections, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Menger, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges in re weight of bread and inspection of horses used by hawkers and vendors.

Also a report from said Committee in re W. B. Slack's rent.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report from the Library Committee re Accounts.

Alderman Butler submits a report from the Charities Committee re Accounts, &c., for the month of March.

Alderman Campbell, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners re amounts expended on the several engine houses from 1st January, 1898, to the 1st January, 1900.

Also a report from said Committee re accounts for payment.

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz :—

Seven Reports from the City Engineer, as follows :

Re Water Supply at Willow Park.

“ Tenders for Supplies for Department City Works.

“ Revd. Dr. Gilpin's letter.

“ Oil Station Siding.

“ Light Maynard and Black Streets.

“ Lockman Street lots.

“ Pole Line on Robie Street.

Letter from J. J. Hopewell announcing the death of William F. Reilly, Clerk of Works.

Application of James J. Hopewell for the position of Clerk of Works.

Applications from Douglas L. Hunter and W. C. H. Moore for the vacant position in the office of the Department of City Works.

Petition of J. P. Wambolt and others for the cleansing of Upper Water Street.

Returns of Coal Measurers for the month of March.

Report from the City Recorder in re suit *The City vs. Farquhar*.

Application of Clark & McMullen, Consulting Engineers, New York, for the position of Consulting Engineers in connection with the proposed installation by the City of an electric light plant.

Estimates for Water Service 1900-1901.

Resolution of City Health Board re Bushel's Dog Kennels.

Petition of James Hillis and others for an electric light at corner of Campbell Road and Hanover Street.

Petition of Michael McGrath and others for sewer and water extension on LeMarchant Street.

Draft Ordinance relating to the Measuring of Salt.

City Collector's Returns of Rates and Water Rates for the month of March.

City Treasurer's Statements General and Water for the month of March.

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