

\$8 00. Industrial School Criminal Account, \$232 50. Industrial School Truant Account, \$100 00. St. Patrick's Home, Criminal Account, \$378.00. St Patrick's Home, Truant Account, \$220.24. Religious of the Good Shepherd, \$106.12. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., City Electrician's Office, \$5.28; Revising City Charter, \$2.75; Recorder's Office, printing appeal case, \$20.90; Police Department, stationery, \$16.55; City Treasurer's Dept., stationery, \$7 55; City Auditor's Dept., stationery, \$8.40; City Clerk's Dept., stationery, \$77.85—\$149.01. Less, \$9.75—\$139.26 Total, \$1,238 97.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the report of the Public Accounts Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein contained.

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

Read report Charities Committee *re* Tenders and Accounts.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

October 29th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

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

Members present: The Chairman, Aldermen Halliday, Barry, Mahoney, Hubley and Hayward.

The Superintendent's report from October 1st to date shows that during that time there were 39 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum, 1 born, 1 died and 19 discharged. The total number of inmates at this date is 343, made up of 206 men, 134 women and 3 children.

Tenders for supplies for one year from November 1st, 1903, were opened and contracts awarded as follows—

Groceries	Dillon Bros.
Meats	F. H. Longley & Co.
Milk	Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd.
Fresh Fish	George Gregoire.
Dry Goods	J. & M. Murphy.
Pork	W. A. Maling & Co.
Butter	P. T. Shea.
Leather	Arthur Fordham & Co.
Straw, Hay, Oats and Bran.....	J. S. Cashen.

Tenders for the purchase of offal were opened, and the offer of J. W. Hamilton, being the highest, was accepted.

The following accounts, chargeable to Maintenance, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:

Dillon Bros., \$600.57. E. & A. Thompson, \$307.71. Smith Bros., \$99.63. Geo. Gregoire, \$19.20. W. A. Maling & Co., \$44.28. Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$70.50. Joseph S. Cashen, \$8 75. Arthur Fordham & Co., \$10.91. John F. Outhit, \$58.00. Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$57.58. J. A. Hancock, \$14.31. Crowell Bros., \$5.45. J. H. Barnstead, \$13.50. W. N. Brown, \$14.35. B. Mulcahy, \$278.39. A. J. Grant & Co., \$3.48. Pay Sheet, \$754.08. Fleischman & Co., \$3.90. Total \$2,364.59. Nova Scotia Hospital, Maintenance of Insane, \$749.59.

W. H. CAWSEY, *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 accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report of Police Commission *re* account.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, November 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission beg to recommend for payment the attached account of C. S. Lane (\$13.00) for uniform cap.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

Read report Board Fire Wards in *re* appointments and recommending accounts for payment.

REPORT BOARD OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 4th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards beg to submit the following report :—

1. Your Board recommend that Albert Callis be appointed a call man on No. 4 Steamer Co., vice A. Lownds, discharged.
2. And that Charles Merritt be appointed a call man on No. 5 Steamer Co., in place of W. E. Smith, resigned.
3. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., lighting, \$38.19. E. J. Fenton, forage, \$217.81. S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$21.80. Dr. Heartz, attendance on Pickles, \$5.00. Robt. Merlin, lumber, \$1.10. Farquhar Bros., lamps, etc., \$8.70. J. C. Merlin, lumber, \$6.24. L. Fred Monaghan, Secretary, to Oct. 31st, 6 months, \$50.00. J. M. McGrath & Co., 1 horse, \$175.00. A. & W. Mackinlay, blank books, \$11.50. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps, 5.55. Geo. Spruin, labor, 50c. H. A. McDonald, zincs, etc., \$100.00. Austen Bros., smoke protectors, etc, \$23.43. Geo. May, glazing, \$2.00. T. H. & W. T. Francis, mattress, \$2.00. J. F. Crowe & Co., soda, \$3.30. J. A. Wilson, roof hook, etc., \$2.80. John McFtridge, stove pipe, etc., \$3.50. Neil Fox, harness work, \$4.15. Wm. Meehan, trucking, \$2.00. John Foley, mason work, \$18.30. Blackaday Bros., advertising, \$2.57. David Power, horseshoeing, \$4.53. O'Connell Bros., 3.65. J. R. Purcell, horseshoeing, \$2.67. Thos. Robinson, horseshoeing, \$3.68. Robt. Horner, horseshoeing, \$4.03. Peter Poirrier, horseshoeing, \$4.63. Wm. Kline horseshoeing, \$6.23. Mrs. D. Power, lard, 33c. Troy Steam Laundry work, \$8.29. Michael Hobin, leading horse, \$1.00. N. S. Telephone Co., rents to May 1st, 1904, 6 months, \$165.00. W. & A. Moir, achine work, \$7.85. Total \$915.82. Added \$1.50. Grand total \$917.32.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is read :

Resolved, That the report of the Fire Wards be received and adopted, and His

Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein recommended.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer (2) *re* sewer and water extension South Bland Street and Lawrence Street.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached reports of the City Engineer, 1st, on a petition for a sewer and water extension on South Bland Street 2nd, on a Minute of Council for sewer and water extension on Lawrence Street to Harvard Street were read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that its provisions be adopted.

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

SOUTH BLAND STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions for sewer and water in South Bland Street.

The estimated cost of sewer extension is \$2,450.00. Estimated assessment \$1,400 00.

I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the Order Book, to be done in its turn, provided there is sufficient money left in the appropriation, and that the water pipe be extended at the same time.

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

LAWRENCE STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for sewer and water in Lawrence Street, from the end of the present sewer to Harvard Street.

The estimated cost is \$2,925.00. Estimated assessment \$1,625.00.

I would recommend that this sewer be placed on the Order Book, to be done in its turn, provided there is sufficient money left in the funds to construct it, and that the water pipe be extended at the same time.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Police Commission *re* Alderman Hubley's charge against Police Sergeant McNally.

CHARGE AGAINST SERGEANT McNALLY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 5th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission have investigated the charge made by Alderman Hubley against Police Sergeant McNally, viz :—"Neglect of duty, in refusing to

prevent a violation of the Liquor License Act when his attention was particularly called to it, on Sunday, the 4th day of October, 1903," referred to this Committee by the Council, and beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Resolved. That the charge preferred against Sergeant McNally by Alderman Hubley be dismissed ;

That this Commission is of opinion that under the circumstances he was at the time justified in obeying the orders of his superior officer and attending to the duties that he was called there to perform.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said report be adopted. Motion passed, 12 voting for the same and 1 against it.

Names being called for there appeared :—

For the motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Barry, Taylor, Mahoney,
Lamphier, Doyle, Cawsey,
Martin, Rogers, Adams,
Hayward—12.

Alderman Hubley—1.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report of Chief of Police *re* Sunday violations of Liquor License Act. Filed.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Halifax, N. S., 5th Nov., 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report that no violations have been reported to me since the last meeting of the City Council.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Read letters (2) R. L. Borden, M. P., *re* municipal rights and Marine and Fisheries wharves and stores. Filed.

Read petition Arthur Dumaresq in *re* privileges for boat landing North West Arm.

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

Read letter J. W. Hamilton *re* contract for stone for stone crusher.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said letter be referred to the Committee on Works for report, and that before any contract is made or signed that the Committee on

Works make a report to the Council on the whole matter of supplying stone for the crusher for this year. Motion passed.

Read cash statements City Collector for October. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* water extension School Street.

WATER EXTENSION SCHOOL STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 4th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer *re* water extension School Street was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Nov. 3rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The accompanying petition asks for water extension to Clarence Hartlen's house on School Street, between Duffus Street and Rector Street.

The district is High Service; distance 180 feet; excavation partially rock; estimated cost:—

180 feet 6 inch pipe, at 60 cents	\$108 00
1 6" inch valve	20 00
Excavation and pipe laying	135 00
1 service pipe	20 00
Total	\$283 00

Interest on estimated outlay at 5 per cent., \$14.15.

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate of \$14.15.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* repairs Livingstone Street.

LIVINGSTONE STREET SIDEWALK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council *re* repairs on Livingstone Street was read and referred to the Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 3rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The accompanying petition, asking for the construction of a sidewalk on

Livingstone Street, or, as the petitioners describe it, the making up of the street, was referred to the Committee on Works for report.

This street has not been taken over by the City, consequently no portion of the street appropriation can be spent on it; but the Committee on Works had already decided to utilize the ashes collected in Ward 6 to grade this street and construct a sidewalk as soon as the swamp on this part of the street is frozen, as it is impossible for City teams to work on the street except in winter when the ground is hard.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* granite curbing and gutter at G. A. Cook & Co.'s premises Cornwallis Street.

CURB AND GUTTER CORNWALLIS STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on Minute of Council *re* G. A. Cook & Co.'s petition for granite curbing and gutter Cornwallis Street was read and referred to the Council for its information.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 3rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The report on G. A. Cook's petition for granite curb and gutter on Cornwallis Street was referred back for further report, with the understanding that the laying of curb and gutter on the other side of the street was to be taken into consideration in connection with it.

There is no money available from which such work could be constructed at present and it would not be advisable to mortgage next year's appropriation this year. I would recommend that the further consideration of this work be deferred until the sewer is laid in Gottingen Street, between Cornwallis Street and Falkland Street, after which the laying of curb and gutter in Gottingen Street will probably receive consideration and the whole matter can be decided then.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works *re* Water Extension Longard Road, covering report City Engineer.

WATER EXTENSION LONGARD ROAD.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Work held this day the attached City Engineer's report on a Minute of Council *re* Water Extension Longard Road was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that its provisions be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 3rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying petition and extract from Minutes of Council, I beg to report on the water extension asked for on Longard Road.

The district is High Service; distance 2660 feet, or about one-half mile; size of pipe, 6 inch; estimated cost:—

Pipe.....	\$1596 00
3 6 inch valves	60 00
3 6 inch 4-way branches	17 12
5 6 inch 3-way branche	23 50
600 lbs. lead	21 00
Paint	1 20
500 ft. excavation at 75c (and pipe laying)	375 00
2160 ft. excavation and pipe laying at 35c.....	756 00
24 service pipes at 15c	360 00
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	\$3209 82
Interest on estimated outlay at 5%	\$160 49
Special rate.....	\$6.69

The condition of the high service water system is not improving, and I do not feel justified in recommending this extension without any check on the consumption of water. If the Council think it advisable to extend the water to the petitioners, I would strongly recommend that all supply on this extension be through meters as it is not fair to citizens who are already getting the water to make extensions where the waste of water will certainly cause a reduction of pressure and totally lose all supply in some portions of the district. If the Council do not approve of the application of the meter, I would recommend that the extension be not made, for the reason already stated.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said reports be adopted and the Engineer's recommendation that meters be placed on said extension concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for October.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 4th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached bills for the several sources of this department were submitted, examined, found correct and referred to the Council for payment.

Water Maintenance, \$713.72 Water Construction, \$68.85. Streets, \$596.18. Sewerage, \$556.55. Fuel, \$368.25. Teams and Stables, \$256.89. City Property, \$166.91. Telephones, \$129.00. Street Lighting, \$1,424.68. City Hall Lighting, \$65.32. Internal Health, \$44.76. Public Baths, \$15.00. Official City Plan, 27c. Total, \$4,406.38.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Adams, that said report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report City Prison Committee for October.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 4th, 1903

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison met this day. present Alderman Taylor, (Chairman), Halliday, Lamphier, Cawsey and Adams, and beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:—

Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.85. A. J. Grant & Co., hardware, \$3.64. J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads \$7.92. W. B. Irwin, drugs, \$11.40. W. I. Hubley & Co., groceries, \$15.07. M. Conroy, dry goods, \$13.79. N. S. Telephone Co., six months telephones, \$20.00. Dominion Molasses Co., \$38.48. Total, \$112.15.

The reports of the Governor and Matron are attached hereto

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

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

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

Read report Board of Health in *re* Trachoma cases.

TRACHOMA CASES.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, November 5th, 1903.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the City Health Board, held Monday, November 2nd, 1903:

The following resolution is introduced:—

Resolved, That cases of Trachoma in the City of Halifax shall be confined in a detached building, and no person or persons other than patients shall be allowed therein, except physicians, the proper health officers and attendants, nor shall the patients be allowed outside said premises. The building so used as a Trachoma Hospital shall be properly placarded, showing the nature of the occupancy. Only one building for the above purpose shall be permitted within the city limits, provided, however, that in the event of the government acquiring or erecting buildings for the treatment of the disease mentioned above any private hospital shall be closed up and the patients removed to the government buildings.

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

JOHN A. WATERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Board of Health be requested to remove the Trachoma Hospital from the premises at present occupied to some isolated place in the outskirts of the City, and that the location of such hospital be submitted to the Council for approval before any permission is granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alder-

man Mahoney, that the matter be referred back to the Board of Health for further report. Amendment put and passed.

Read report from His Honor the Recorder *re* legal existence of Board of Health.

IN RE BOARD OF HEALTH.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, November 4th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution of the Council, passed at last meeting, requesting me to report whether the Board is legally in existence, I beg leave to report that it is.

W. F. MacCoy, *Recorder.*

Filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that No. 3 sections (b) and (c) be now taken up. Motion passed.

The same are now read, viz:—

(b) Opinion His Honor the Recorder *re* payment of Mrs. Gill's claim.

(c) Report Board of Health *re* William Johnston's claim.

The following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Health recommending that Mrs. Gill be paid the sum of \$200.00 in compensation to her for goods destroyed by the enforcement of the Act relating to said Board, as defined in section 549 of the Charter, be approved of, and as the amount cannot at present be paid out of the general revenue of the City, the same having been appropriated to the various City services, that the said sum of \$200.00 be placed in the General Estimates for the year 1904-5 and paid to her when the collected revenue will permit; and that the case of William Johnston, to whom the said Board of Health has recommended the payment of \$215.00 on account of loss also through the enforcement of the Act relating to said Board as defined by section 549 of the Charter, be also approved of and the said amount of \$215.00 placed in the General Estimates for the year 1904-5 and paid to him in the same manner as in the case of Mrs. Gill.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

The motion being put, there appeared:—

For the motion.

Aldermen Campbell, Taylor,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Doyle, Cawsey,
Martin, Rogers,
Adams, Hayward.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Barry,
Hubley, Hawkins.—4.

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost, less than two-thirds of the Council having voted for it.

Alderman Doyle gives notice of reconsideration.

The Council proceeds to make the appointments named in the summons for the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Barry, that Alderman Campbell be appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners in place of ex-Alderman Macilreith (term expired.)

Moved by Alderman Hayward seconded by Alderman Cawsey that Alderman Cawsey be appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners in place of Alderman Hawkins (term expired.)

There being no further nominations, His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Campbell and Cawsey duly appointed members of the Board of School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Adams, that Alderman Johnston be appointed a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission in place of Alderman Rogers (term expired.)

There being no further nominations, His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Johnston duly appointed a member of the Exhibition Commission.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that Mr. John A. McKinnon be appointed the Arbitrator on behalf of the City of Halifax in *re* Halifax and South Western Railway right-of-way.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Mr. George H. Wiswell be appointed as said Arbitrator.

The division being taken, there appeared:—

For McKinnon.	For Wiswell.
Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Barry, Mahoney, Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey, Adams.—9.	Aldermen Taylor, Martin, Rogers, Hayward, Hawkins.—5.

His Worship the Mayor declares Mr. John A. McKinnon duly appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Rogers gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
NOVEMBER 16th, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, Mahoney, Doyle, Martin, Lithgow, Hawkins, Adams and Barry.

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

8.30 o'clock Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Geldert, Campbell, Johnson, Taylor, Cawsey, Rogers and Hayward.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Five reports Committee on Works, viz :

Stone for Crusher.

Water Extension Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

Boat Landing North West Arm.

Sewer Extension Chebucto Road.

Electric Tramway Co.'s claim for remittance of fine on lighting account.

Report Police Commission *re* late Police Sergt. Dillon.

Report City Engineer *re* house Lockman Street, S. A. Heisler.

Report Chief of Police *re* Liquor Law Violations on Sunday.

Report Coal Weighers for October.

Petition Veteran Firemen's Association *re* Engine House, Spring Garden Road.

Petition for Sewer Macara Street.

Application of Daniel McLeod for increase of pay.

Petition of workmen for street railway extension to the Round House, Campbell Road.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements for October.

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

Read report Police Commission in *re* late Police Sergeant Dillon.

POLICE SERGEANT DILLON.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, November 6th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The following resolution was passed by the Police Commission at a meeting held October 28th:—

Whereas, Police Sergeant Dillon was on the Police Force for about forty years, and a few years ago was superannuated at a pension of three hundred dollars (\$300) a year, and has since died, leaving two daughters (one of whom is an invalid) and an estate considerably in debt;

Resolved. That in view of his past services and the present condition of the family, this Board directs the Chief of Police to pay his daughters the three months' salary, part of which is now due, and that we recommend the Council to pay the balance of his pension to the first day of May next.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that said report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read application of Daniel McLeod, City Blacksmith, for an increase of pay.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said application be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The amendment being put is lost, 2 voting for the same and 14 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Hubley, Hawkins.—2.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Johnson, Campbell,
Barry, Taylor,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Doyle, Cawsey,
Martin, Rogers,
Adams, Hayward.—14.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read petition Thomas Robinson and others for sewer in Macara Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward,

that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report Library Committee covering accounts for payment.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, November 16th, 1903

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that at a meeting held this date, there being present Alderman Geldert, (Chairman), Taylor and Cawsey, the following accounts, amounting to \$80.66, were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz :

London Times, 11 Vols Encyclopaedia Britannica, \$61.75. J. R. Findlay, cards, etc., \$4.50. Publishers' Weekly, Index, \$3.50. Mutual Subscription Agency, \$10.91. Total, \$80.66.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced :—

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

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* sewer Chebucto Road.

CHEBUCTO ROAD SEWER.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached Minute of Council *re* petition for sewer extension Chebucto Road with City Engineer's report thereon were read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that the City Engineer's report be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying petition, I beg to report on the extension of the sewer on Chebucto Road westwardly 1,020 feet.

There is no doubt that the sewer is urgently needed in this street, and I should be glad to recommend its construction if circumstances permitted. The estimated cost is \$5,050.00. Estimated sewerage rates \$2,550.00. The sewers now on the Order Book will exhaust the appropriation entirely, and it would be misleading to the petitioners to pass an order for the construction of this sewer. There are not only no funds available but no immediate prospect of funds being provided. There is, therefore, no other course for me to adopt than to recommend that the consideration of this matter be deferred until some provision is made for more money for sewer construction.

F. W. W. DGANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said reports be referred back to the City Works Commission for further report, and that the City Engineer report upon all sewers petitioned for and not recommended for construction because of lack of funds. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* Water Extension Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

WATER EXTENSION COBURG ROAD AND OXFORD STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached Minute of Council *re* petition for water extension on Coburg Road and Oxford Street with City Engineer's report thereon were read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that the City Engineer's report be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with and accompanying petition, I beg to report on the extension of the water service westwardly along Coburg Road and north and south along Oxford Street to supply the petitioners. The estimate cost is:—

Coburg Road	\$2706 76
North on Oxford Street.....	598 05
South on Oxford Street	967 95
Total	\$4272 76

District, high service. Five per cent. interest on estimated outlay—\$213 63
Special rate for three houses, \$71 21.

The petitioners state that if the extension is made they will furnish the usual bond for the interest at 5 per cent. on the outlay. I fear they were not aware what the interest on the outlay would be when that statement was made. However, if they are prepared to pay a special rate of \$71.21, I would recommend that the extension be made, as the houses are of such a class that there is not likely to be waste in them. I would further recommend, however, that if the petitioners agree to pay the special rate, any further supply on this extension be made through meters, the same as already ordered for Longard Road.

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

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works on applications of William Robinson and Arthur Dumaresq for privilege of boat landing at foot of South Street, at North West Arm.

BOAT LANDING NORTH WEST ARM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached

Minutes of Council *re* applications of Wm. Robinson and Arthur Demaresq for privileges of boat landing North West Arm were read when it was decided that in view of Wm. Robinson having given every satisfaction to the public, as far as can be ascertained, and no complaints being made, to recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted and that a 5 year's lease be executed, to date from the expiration of his present lease subject to such provisions as the City Engineer may require.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works and opinion of His Honor the Recorder on claim of Halifax Electric Tramway Company for refund of fine deducted from Street Lighting Account.

IN RE ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached Minute of Council *re* letter Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd, on account for street lighting was read. All papers in connection with claim are attached for information of Council. The Committee in view of His Honor the Recorder's opinion, have decided to recommend the payment of the retained amount, \$28.00

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

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, October 16th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—It appears that in this case Dr. J. Gordon Bennett reported at the Engineer's Office that the light at his property on Mumford Road had not been lighted for fourteen nights previously, and I am asked whether under Clause 27 of the Contract the Company is liable to the fine mentioned therein, the lamp not having been reported out by the police.

If the latter clause of that section was not in the contract no difficulty would arise, and there is no doubt in my mind that the City should not pay the Company for lighting the lamp when it was not lighted for fourteen nights, as reported, if such is the fact, and that the Company is liable to an action for not keeping its contract; but as to the fine mentioned in that section I am of opinion that inasmuch as the contract says that the fine is only to be imposed for lamps reported unlighted by the police, and such not having been reported by the police, the amount mentioned in that section cannot be deducted from the contract.

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

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works on letter J. W. Hamilton *re* contract for stone for stone crusher.

CONTRACT FOR STONE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached

Minute of Council in *re* letter of J. W. Hamilton *re* contract for stone for stone crusher was read when it was decided to give a summary of its proceedings as to this contract. At the meeting of October 14th the only tender received for the supplying of stone for crusher was opened but as conditions were attached to it the matter was laid over for future consideration.

Extract Minutes of Board, November 4th, 1903.

"The only tender received for supplying stone to crusher was that of J. W. Hamilton requiring a 5 years' contract and stipulating the removal of the crusher to his land, free of any rental, at 1½ cents per bushel. It was decided to instruct the City Engineer to write the different contractors asking new figures for stone delivered at the present site of crusher."

In discussing the removal of crusher the City Engineer stated for the information of Committee that he estimated the cost of removal at at least \$400 00

Extract Minutes, November 11th, 1903.

"Read Minute of Council in *re* J. W. Hamilton's second letter *re* contract for stone for stone crusher. In connection therewith the Engineer reported that he had written the several contractors for new tenders as per instructions at the last meeting. And as only one tender that of James Weaver, Alfred Nicholson and Chas. Weaver at 2 cents per bushel was received, it was decided to recommend its acceptance by the Council."

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

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, as J. W. Hamilton was the only tenderer in response to the advertisement for supplying stone for the stone crusher at its present site, his tender, namely, one and seven-eighths cents (1½c.) per bushel, for 1903-04, be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, and passed.

The following resolution is now submitted :

Resolved, That the contract be made with J. W. Hamilton for one to three years, at the option of the City Works Commission, at price mentioned in his tender for stone for stone shed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that said tender be not accepted, but that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for report in detail.

The amendment being put is lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read petition of workmen for extension of street railway to the Round House, Richmond.

Moved by Alderman Hayward, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that a special Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Tramway Company with the view of inducing said Company to comply with the request of the petitioners. Motion passed.

The following are now appointed as said special Committee viz: Alderman Johnson, Hayward and Hawkins.

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

VIOLETIONS OF LIQUOR LICENSE ACT ON SUNDAY.

November 16th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report that no violations have been reported to me since last meeting of Council.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report City Engineer *re* houses erected on Lockman Street by S. A. Heisler, covering plan.

HOUSE LOCKMAN STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 11th, 1903.

His Worship Mayor:

SIR,—The lots No. 21 and 23 on the east side of Lockman Street having been sold with the provision that any building erected thereon must be subjected to the approval of the City Council, Mr. S. A. Heisler has submitted the accompanying plan for approval. As the design is not objectionable, I would recommend that the plan be approved.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report coal weighers for October. Filed.

Read cash statements City Treasurer for October. Filed.

Read petition Veteran Firemen's Association *re* occupancy of engine house on Spring Garden Road.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said petition be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for report. Motion passed.

Alderman Campbell gives notice of motion to rescind resolution passed October 16th, 1903, in *re* removal of Marine and Fisheries Department wharves and stores.

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

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the Committee of Laws and Privileges in conjunction with the Engineer and Recorder be instructed to prepare an Ordinance governing the scaffolding of buildings under construction or undergoing alterations or repairs so as to better safeguard the lives of the workmen and the public, and that they submit such Ordinance to the Council for approval.

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

Alderman Lithgow gives notice that he will at a future meeting re-introduce the Building Act approved of by the City Council March 26th, 1903, but disallowed at the last session of the Local Legislature.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the Minutes of last meeting be amended by substituting the name of Alderman Doyle for that of Alderman Cawsey as the seconder of the nomination of Alderman Cawsey for appointment to the School Board. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1, viz:—Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution adopting report Police Commission in *re* Sergeant McNally.

Alderman Hubley declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter.

Read No. 2, viz:—Alderman Doyle's notice of reconsideration of resolution *re* payment of claims of Mrs. Gill and William Johnston.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Health recommending that Mrs. Gill be paid the sum of \$200.00 in compensation to her for goods destroyed by the enforcement of the Act relating to said Board as defined in Section 549 of the Charter be approved of; and as the amount cannot at present be paid out of the general revenue of the City, the same having been appropriated to the various city services, that the said sum of \$200.00 be placed in the general estimates for the year 1904-05 and paid to her when the collected revenue will permit; and that the case of William Johnston to whom the said Board of Health has recommended the payment of \$215.00 on account of loss also through the enforcement of the Act relating to said Board, as defined by Section 549 of the Charter, be also approved of and the said amount of \$215.00 placed in the general estimates for the year 1904-05 and paid to him in the same manner as in the case of Mrs. Gill.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Cawsey.

Motion put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows:—

For the motion.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday,
Johnston, Campbell,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Lamphier, Doyle,
Hubley, Cawsey,
Martin, Rogers, Adams,
Hayward, Hawkins—15.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Barry—2.

Read No. 3, viz:—Alderman Rogers' notice of reconsideration of appointment John A. McKinnon as Arbitrator on behalf of City *in re* South Shore Railway Right of way.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

Alderman Hawkins stated that the South Shore Railway crosses the Dutch Village Road four times and suggested that something should be done to prevent danger of accidents at these points.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to act on behalf of the City before the Arbitrators in *re* South Shore Railway right-of-way and that His remuneration for these services be the same as the Arbitrators', and expenses. Motion passed, 13 voting for the same and 2 against it. Names being called for on the division, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,
Johnson, Campbell,
Barry, Taylor,
Mahoney, Lamphier,
Doyle, Martin,
Rogers, Hayward,
Hawkins.—13.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley, Cawsey.—2.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
DECEMBER 2ND, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Lamphier, Lithgow, Rogers, Hubley, Mahoney, Martin, Johnson, Taylor, and Doyle.

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

8.30 o'clock Roll called. Present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Halliday, Geldert and Hawkins.

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

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee for November, by Alderman Mahoney.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor.

Petition for Grading of Fenwick Street, by Alderman Lithgow.

Petition for repairs South Street, by Alderman Geldert.

Petition for sewer on Vernon Street, by Alderman Barry.

Letter J. W. Hamilton, re contract for stone, by Alderman Hawkins.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :—

Six reports Committee on Works, viz. :—

Street Lights.

Old Exhibition Building.

Claim of Edward Brennan.

Accounts.

Contract for stone.

South Hollis Street sewer outlet.

Annual report City Clerk 1902-3.

Letter His Honor the Recorder re Library Suit.

Letter His Honor the Recorder re Yarmouth Steamship Co. license fees.

Letter His Honor the Recorder *re* South Shore Railway.
 Letter City Treasurer *re* Dry Dock subsidy.
 Offer of Trustees Sinking Fund, 1902. *re* Dry Dock subsidy.
 Report City Engineer *re* water supply City Prison.
 Report Chief of Police *re* Liquor License Act violations.
 Letter John A. McKinnon *re* fees for arbitrators South Shore Railway right-of-way.
 Petition for electric light corner Young and Albert Streets.

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

Read petition for grading of Fenwick Street and electric light.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report Chief of Police in *re* Liquor License Law violations.

LICENSE LAW VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Halifax, N. S., 2nd Dec., 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with resolution of the City Council with reference to the enforcement of the Liquor License Act on Sundays, I beg to report that no violations have been reported to me since last meeting of Council.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report Charities Committee for November.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 2nd, 1903

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

Members present, the Chairman, Aldermen Halliday, Barry and Mahoney.

The Superintendent's report for November shows that there were 27 persons admitted into the Poor's Asylum during the month, 20 discharged and 2 died. Of the number admitted 9 were chargeable to the Province and 18 to the City. Total number of inmates Nov. 30th was 350, made up of 216 men and 134 women. On the same date last year the total number of inmates was 330.

The following accounts, chargeable to Maintenance, were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment, viz :—

Billon Bros., \$461.95 ; J. and M. Murphy, \$116.02 ; F. H. Longley & Co., \$304.42 ; W. A. Mafing & Co., \$53.69 ; Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ltd., \$67.50 ; Geo. Gregoire, \$26.90 ; Arthur Fordham & Co., \$12.11 ; P. T. Shea, \$101.70 ; Fleischman & Co., \$3.90 ; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$76.83 ; N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$17.50 ; H. L. Hart, \$20.70 ; John MacInnes & Son, \$11.00 ; Geo. W. Jones, \$35.00 ; R. T. Kinsman & Son, \$16.98 ; Wm. D. Finn, M. D., \$5.00 ; B. Mulcahy, \$281.32 ; A. M.

Bell & Co , \$14.70 ; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$6.81 , pay sheet, November, \$582.33 ; J. S. Cashen, \$15 00. Total, \$2231.36.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now submitted :

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 accounts mentioned therein.

Moved by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Halliday and passed.

Read petition for electric light corner of Young and Albert Streets

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works *re* contract for stone.

CONTRACT FOR STONE.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the City Engineer reported that J. W. Hamilton had signed contract for stone for city yard but had not signed contract for stone crusher awarded him by Council. The Assistant City Engineer was at once directed to see Mr. Hamilton, and reported that he declined to accept that contract and had embodied his reasons therefore in a letter sent to Council. The Committee on Works therefore recommended that the tender of James Weaver, Alfred Nicholson and George Weaver be accepted as per last report.

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

Also read letter of J. W. Hamilton on same subject,

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Works be adopted, and that the Committee on Works see that sufficient security is given by the tenderers before the contract is signed, and that the City Engineer see that the stone furnished is in accordance with the specification.

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

Read report City Prison Committee for November.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Taylor (Chairman), Halliday and Lamphier, the following accounts, amounting to \$572.10, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment :—

James Davidson, horse shoeing, \$8.79; J. H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$10.45; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$512.25; Wm. McFatridge, angle iron, \$1.16; J. F. Kelly, horse rugs, etc., \$9.75; G. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$2.05; J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$9.00; J. A. Gass & Son, groceries, \$18.65. Total, \$572.10.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the Report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that his Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein contained.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* sewer outlet South Hollis Street.

SOUTH HOLLIS STREET SEWER OUTLET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer, on Minutes of Council, *re* South Hollis Street sewer outlet, was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council, I beg to report on the petition of property owners on South Hollis Street asking for the extension of the outlet.

The outer end of this outfall is cast iron water pipe. It is laid in the sea beach and the sand and stones are washed around it until the end is completely closed. As the remedy can be quickly and cheaply applied, I have instructed the foreman to lay another length of pipe extending the outlet clear of the sand, which will be done at once.

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

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer *re* street lights.

STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on the several Minutes of Council *re* street lights, corner Bishop and Pleasant Streets, corner Argyle and Jacob Streets, one on Pepperell Street, one on Chebucto Road near Beech Street, and one on Longard Road at Livingstone Street, recommending an increase in the 1903-4 estimates of \$325, to cover cost of same, was read and referred to the Council for adoption.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions asking for street lights.

The appropriation for street lighting is sufficient only for the number of lights that we have at present in use. When we estimate the amount that will be added in consequence of fines imposed upon the contractor in some years the sum is greater than in others and we are obliged to be governed by the small amount.

All the lights asked for are needed. It was at one time hoped that a light would be provided at the corner of Bishop and Pleasant Streets; but it has not been done, and I would recommend that \$325.00 be added to the estimates for last year and that lights be placed at the corner of Bishop and Pleasant Streets, corner of Argyle and Jacob Streets, one on Pepperell Street and one on Chebucto Road near Beech Street. The light on Longard Road at Livingstone Street, will also have to be provided for, making five lights at \$65 00—\$325.00.

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

Moved by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in *re* old Exhibition Building.

REPAIRS OLD EXHIBITION BUILDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 2nd, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on letter of H. B. Clarke, lessee of Old Exhibition *re* its condition, was read and referred to the Council with a recommendation that its provisions be adopted.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from H. B. Clarke, referred to me.

Mr. Clarke leased the Old Exhibition Building on the first of July, 1898, and has continued to lease it ever since at an annual rental of \$1140 52.

In the accompanying letter Mr. Clarke complains that the building is very much out of repair and that its condition has seriously affected his business and caused loss and damage. Under the lease, the city is to keep the outside of the building in repair, which it has not done. Mr. Clarke asked that the building should be put in good order as soon as possible, and also asks that the City make some reduction in the rent in consequence of the City's neglect to keep the building in proper. In conversation with Mr. Clarke he asked that the City should reduce the rental for this year by one quarter of the whole. I visited the building during a heavy rain recently and found it in a very bad condition, although the cost of repairing it so that it would not leak would be comparatively moderate. The main roof is partially covered with shingles and partially gravel roofing. The gravel roofing has been repaired, but the shingle roof leaks in about twenty different places. There are a great many panes of glass broken in the building, caused apparently by the boys playing in the neighborhood, many of them being school children attending the Summer Street School and Mr. Waddell's (Arnold) school. The main tower over the entrance is in a very bad condition and the rain comes down all over the offices and retiring rooms. It would be necessary, in order to make a

good job of it, to re-shingle the upper part of the main tower, putting in new fascia boards and cornices and removing the upper windows entirely, as was done a few years ago on the main roof. This would make a good job of it and practically piece it in good order for some time. The City carpenter has made a careful estimate of the cost of repairing the tower and main roof and is of opinion that the cost will not exceed \$450 to \$500. There may be some repairs required to sills and floor joists next year, but that work is not so urgent. The towers and main roof should be repaired at the earliest possible date. There is no money in the City Property Fund to do this work at present; but it is not fair to Mr. Clarke to delay it. The amount paid for the building is a large one and there is no doubt that it will be difficult to obtain the same rent unless the City keeps it in better repair. From the beginning of Mr. Clarke's lease until the first of May, 1903, he has paid rent amounting to \$5512 53. During that time the City has expended on the building for repairs and insurance about \$700, leaving a clear profit for the City of \$4800, which far more than pays the interest on the debt on the whole property, including all the buildings.

After consultation with His Honor the Recorder, I beg to recommend that Mr. Clarke be allowed to make the repairs under the direction of the City Works Department and deduct the cost from the rental, and that the amount of his rent for the balance of the year be reduced to one-quarter's rent.

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

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the rent due by the Lessee of the building be collected and that the necessary repairs to the building be effected by the City and paid for out of the rents collected.

The Recorder being his opinion stated that the repairs could be made and paid for in the way suggested in the motion.

The following amendment is submitted:—

Resolved, That one-quarter's rent of Old Exhibition Building be remitted to the Lessee, owing to present condition of building, and that the necessary repairs be made at once by the City, the cost of same to be deducted from the rent now due and accruing.

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

His Worship the Mayor rules the amendment out of order.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re water supply City Prison.

WATER EXTENSION CITY PRISON.

December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council, I have investigated into the feasibility of obtaining a supply of water for the City Prison by boring or excavating and raising the water by wind power. At Leaman's slaughter house, Rockhead, such a system is already in operation. They sank a well and obtain a constant supply of good water. At the Infectious Diseases Hospital a well has been sunk from which a supply is obtained the year around for the Hospital. The water is pumped by hand to a tank in the upper storey from which the building is supplied by gravitation. The estimated cost, as near as I can ascertain, would be about \$300.00 for

for sinking a well and providing a wind-mill pump. Water could be pumped to a tank elevated above the well high enough to give a fire pressure for the building; but I fear it would not be practicable in winter on account of frost. It would, however, be quite feasible to pump the water to a tank inside the building on the upper storey provided the pipes could be placed in the building where they would not freeze, and the same precaution could be taken in connection with a tank. If the city water service were extended to Rockhead there would be no fire pressure, but water would have to be obtained by steamers. In the winter season a fire supply could be obtained from the well suggested, if necessary, which, while it would not supply the quantity that could be obtained from the City mains, would be just as good as long as it lasted. A system such as that suggested would be far more convenient and much more satisfactory than anything else that has been proposed, except the extension of the City water main, and would not cost any more than a good watering cart, the purchase of which I understand the Committee have had under consideration. If the Committee have the money to purchase a cart such as the City Works Department could take over when they were done with it, I think the same amount of money would provide a well and wind-mill pump.

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

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the same be referred to the Committee on City Prison. Motion passed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder in *re* Yarmouth Steamship Co. license fee.

IN RE YARMOUTH STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S LICENSE.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—This was a claim by the City against the Yarmouth Steamship Co. for \$200.00 license fee for doing business in the City of Halifax. The Company went into liquidation in September, 1901, and denied the right of the City to recover on the ground that the steamer plied between this and the Yarmouth ports and had no agent here other than one for selling tickets and collecting freight, and the liquidator obtained an order from the Court calling upon the Collector to show cause why the claim should not be disallowed. The matter was argued this morning and a judgment was obtained for the City for the amount of its claim, viz: \$200.00, and directing the liquidator to pay the same.

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

Filed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder *re* Carnegie Library suit, covering account of Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm.

LIBRARY SUIT: IN RE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON RELATION OF
J. C. MACKINTOSH vs. THE CITY.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, December 2nd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—This suit has been settled and the agreement of settlement has been duly filed and an order has been obtained in the Court giving permission to discontinue the action and the injunction has been discontinued. A copy of the order and the discontinuance are enclosed herewith. Messrs. Borden & Ritchie have rendered me a bill for their services in relation to this matter amounting to \$269.20, which I also enclose for the consideration of the Council.

W. F. MACCOY, *City Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Lithgow, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter John A. McKinnon in *re* fees for Arbitrators South Shore Railway right-of-way.

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the City pay the Arbitrators appointed to value the lands taken for the Halifax and South Shore Railway the sum of \$10.00 per day each and expenses in connection therewith while engaged on such arbitration and that the Counsel on the part of the City be paid the same remuneration.

And further That said fees and expenses be borrowed as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1903, and that the Recorder send to the Legislature an Act carrying out this resolution. It is understood that the amount to be paid each Arbitrator for fee and expenses shall not exceed \$300 00.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Arbitrators and the City's Counsel be paid the sum of \$200.00 each in full for their services.

The amendment being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Lithgow, Lamphier, Hubley, Martin, Rogers.—5.	Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Johnston, Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle, Martin.—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the Arbitrators and Counsel be paid \$10.00 each per day, including expenses, the total sum to be paid each not to exceed \$150.00.

Amendment put and lost on the following vote :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley, Hawkins.—3.	Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Halliday, Johnson, Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle, Martin, Rogers.—9.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the sum of \$1000 be paid the Arbitrators and Counsel, to be equally divided between them in full for their services.

Amendment put and lost, the division showing :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Mahoney, Lamphier,
Hubley, Martin,
Rogers.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Halliday, Johnson,
Taylor, Doyle,
Hawkins.—7.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lithgow, that the Arbitrators and Counsel be each paid \$10.00 per day and expenses, the total amount not to exceed in all \$1000.00.

The amendment being put there appeared :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Halliday, Johnson,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Lamphier, Hubley, Martin.—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Doyle, Rogers,
Hawkins.—3.

His Worship the Mayor declared the amendment lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of the Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the sum of \$999.99 be paid the Arbitrators and Counsel to be equally divided between them in full for their services.

The division being taken, the names were recorded thus :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow,
Halliday, Johnson,
Taylor, Mahoney, Doyle,
Hubley, Martin, Rogers.—10.

Against It.

Aldermen Lamphier, Hawkins.—2.

His Worship the Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the Arbitrators and Counsel be paid the sum of \$200.00 each in full for their services.

Amendment passed unanimously, the names being recorded as follows :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Geldert, Lithgow, Halliday, Johnson, Taylor, Mahoney,
Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Martin, Rogers, Hawkins.—12.

Read report Laws and Privileges on various matters.

REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Nov. 23rd, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that a meeting

of the Committee was held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert, (Chairman), Johnson, Doyle and Rogers.

Your Committee had under consideration resolutions of the City Council requesting that Ordinances be prepared to govern and regulate :—

- 1st. The running of automobiles in the City ;
- 2nd. The duties and fees of Fence Viewers ;
- 3rd. The scaffolding of buildings under construction and repairs ;
- 4th. The running of shows and exhibitions

1. Your Committee have instructed His Honor the Recorder to draft Ordinances governing the running of automobiles and the running of shows and exhibitions and to report the same at next meeting.

2. Your Committee have also instructed His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Ordinance fixing the duties and fees of fence viewers.

3. Your Committee have been advised by His Honor the Recorder that the regulation of scaffolding of buildings, etc., is dealt with in the Building Act to be submitted to the Legislature during the present session.

4. Your Committee further report on claim of G. P. Henry for remuneration for alleged services, that he, having performed services for the City by the request of the then Mayor, but without any appointment or authority from the City, this Committee recommend that he receive seventy (\$70.00) dollars, provided he accepts that sum in full of all his claims against the City, said sum of seventy (\$70.00) dollars to be paid out of the Water Maintenance Account—Alderman Rogers dissenting

5. Your Committee further recommend that the Police Commission detail a special officer to enforce the Ordinance relative to pedlars and hawkers.

6. Your Committee had under consideration the report of the Board of Health *re* salary of His Honor the Recorder as legal adviser of Board, and recommend that as there are no funds at present available to pay said salary that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars be placed in the estimates for the year 1904-5 and be paid to him when the collected revenue will permit, and that his salary for 1904-5 be also placed in said estimates.

7. Your Committee had also under consideration the petition of Nathan Cornfoot for return of liquor license fee, and are advised by the Recorder that the prayer of such petition cannot be acceded to.

Your Committee had also under consideration the petition of the Sisters of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd asking to be relieved of water rates for one year. Your Committee, while sympathizing with the Sisters in their severe loss, acting under instructions of His Honor the Recorder, regret that they cannot recommend the granting of this petition.

Your Committee had also under consideration the report of the City Engineer *re* quality of gas supplied by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, and beg to recommend that :

Whereas, The Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd., having secured the franchises of the People's Heat and Light Co., and therefore is the only corporation which supplies the City of Halifax with gas for lighting purposes and furnishing electric light to the City and in the City ;

And Whereas, It is believed that the quality of both are inferior and below the standard required, which has led to great dissatisfaction in the City ;

And Whereas, The Gas Inspector only makes a test once in thirty days and it is generally believed that the corporation can readily hear when this is to be made and might therefore be prepared for the inspector ;

Therefore Resolved, That this Committee recommend that the Council memorialize the proper department at Ottawa that an inspection or test be made at least every second day throughout the year.

The Ordinance prepared by the Recorder to govern the running of automobiles having been completed is submitted herewith.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re Automobiles. Passed.

Read clause 2 re duties and fees of fence viewers. Passed.

Read clause 3 re scaffolding of buildings.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that said clause be referred back to the Committee to prepare an Ordinance. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 re claim of G. P. Henry.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Mr. Henry be paid the full amount of his claim—\$140.00; \$70.00 to be paid out of Water Department Maintenance and the remaining \$70.00 out of any available fund.

Aldermen Campbell, Barry and Cawsey here take their seats in Council.

The amendment being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Lithgow, Halliday, Campbell,
Taylor, Mahoney, Lamphier,
Hubley, Cawsey, Martin,
Rogers, Hawkins.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Johnson,
Barry, Doyle.—4.

Read clause 5 re enforcing Ordinance relating to Pedlars, &c. Passed.

Read clause 6 re remuneration to His Honor the Recorder for services to Board of Health. Passed.

Read clause 7 re Nathan Cornfoot's application for return of license fees. Passed.

Read clause 8 re Water Rates Monastery of the Good Shepherd. Passed.

Read clause 9 re quality of gas.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that said clause be amended by striking out the word "second" in the last line and by adding at the end of said section the words "Sundays and holidays excepted," and that the clause as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Geldert retires by permission.

Read clause 10 re Automobile Ordinance. Passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read "An Ordinance relating to the use of Automobiles on the streets of City of Halifax."

Said Ordinance is now read a first and second time.

Read Annual Report City Clerk 1902-3. Filed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts for November.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, December 2nd, 1902.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached bills for the several services of this department were submitted, examined, found correct and referred to Council for payment:

Street lighting, \$1406.30; sewerage, \$965.06; streets, \$705.34; city property, \$243.60; internal health, \$131.38; city hall lighting, \$93.32; teams and stables, \$85.74; public baths, \$84.65; water construction, \$90.06; water maintenance, \$665.51. Total, \$4470.96.

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

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

Read letter City Treasurer *re* Dry Dock Subsidy.

DRY DOCK SUBSIDY.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to advise you that the annual subsidy to the Halifax Graving Dock is due at this date.

As one-half of the subsidy only is payable from income, it will be necessary to borrow the other moiety, and I would ask for authority to issue debentures for the same as provided in Chap 72, Acts of 1889.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Also read offer of Trustees of Sinking Fund *re* Dry Dock subsidy.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 2nd, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, 1902, to offer to loan to the City the sum of five thousand dollars for one-half subsidy to Graving Dock, the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, 1902, to receive consolidated fund debentures bearing interest at four per cent. per annum in return for the loan.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund be concurred in and the offer accepted. Motion passed.

Read letter His Honor the Recorder in re South Shore Railway.

IN RE HALIFAX AND SOUTH SHORE RAILWAY CO.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 19th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I understand it is the intention of this Company to throw a bridge across Kempt Road near the Three-mile House to some where about twenty to twenty-five feet. This is a serious matter as regards the City's rights, and a strong protest should be made by the Council against the Company narrowing the street in any way. If a bridge is to be placed there it should be across the whole present width of the road looking to its future use in the building up of that portion of the City.

According to the plans filed, this railway crosses the Dutch Village Road three times—once at Mr. Webb's property and twice near the Three-mile house—and also crosses the Bayers Road.

I understand it is the intention of the Company to build a new road from the forks of the present Dutch Village Road and the old Windsor Road and close up the road from that point to the Three-mile House, the effect of which will be to make but one crossing at Mr. Webb's. Whether this is their intention or not, the Council should take steps by interviewing the Government at as early a date as possible to have such precautions introduced as will protect the lives and property of the citizens. If the road be diverted, as I have intimated, there is ample room to build the railway without taking the "Octagon Houses" and Mr. Tufts' house.

I would advise that the Council appoint a committee, with the City Engineer, to wait upon the Government at as early a date as possible with regard to these matters.

W. F. McCox, *City Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the recommendation that a special committee be appointed be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such committee Aldermen Johnson, Taylor and Doyle, with the City Engineer and His Honor the Recorder. Approved of.

Read petition for sewer in Vernon Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition for repairs South Street.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re claim of Edward Brennan.

EDWARD BRENNAN'S CLAIM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 25th, 1903.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held this day, the attached Minute of Council *re* letter of J. J. Power, Solicitor for Edward Brennan, claiming damages for loss sustained through overflow of sewer and City Engineer's report thereon were read and it was decided to recommend that City Engineer's report be concurred in.

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

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 25th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—About two months ago the accompanying letter from Mr. John J. Power was received by the Council and referred to the Committee on Works for report. The letter claims that the cellar of the property No. 36 Birmingham Street, owned by Mr. Edward Brennan, was flooded by an overflow from the sewer, on the 6th September ; that a large amount of coal was damaged and that the cellar was permanently dampened and rendered unfit for the storing of vegetables and milk. It also alleges that the sewer pipe is wholly inadequate for the purpose for which it was constructed. He asks for the sum of \$250.00, which he states is the minimum amount that represents the damages sustained by him.

I visited the premises as soon as possible ; but found that it would be necessary to make surveys before I could report clearly upon the matter. In regard to the damages alleged to have been sustained, Mr. Brennan stated that there had been a back flow into the cellar. The water if raised on the coal would, of course, wet it, but would not necessarily damage it. The cellar has not been permanently dampened, because the water was removed from the cellar and has not since flowed in.

The sewer in this block of Birmingham Street is not too small for its purpose, but is of ample size. I could find no obstruction in the sewer and was led to conclude that the cause was a stoppage in the sewer on Rottenburg Street, which caused the water to back up into the sewer on Birmingham Street. The cellar at No. 36 is three feet above the bottom of the sewer so that the water must have risen considerably above the top of the sewer before it could get in over the top of the closet in Mr. Brennan's cellar.

As Mr. Brennan claims that his cellar has been flooded more than once from a similar cause, I would recommend that 160 feet of relief sewer be constructed from the south end of the present sewer on Birmingham Street to the Morris Street sewer, so that if sewerage backs up into this block of Birmingham Street it will flow off through the Morris Street sewer before it can rise in Mr. Brennan's cellar.

If the Council approve of this recommendation, I would further recommend that the work be done as soon as possible

The question of the City's legal liability should be referred to His Honor the Recorder.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the reports be concurred in and that Mr. Brennan's claim be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and His Honor the Recorder for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the report of the Engineer be referred back for further report.

The amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :

For the Amendment.
Aldermen Lamphier, Rogers,
Hawkins.—3.

Against it.
Aldermen Halliday, Johnson,
Campbell. Barry,
Taylor, Mahoney,
Doyle, Hubley,
Cawsey, Martin.—10.

The original motion is put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
DECEMBER 10TH, 1903.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Doyle, Johnson, Campbell, Lamphier, Halliday and Mahoney.

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

8.30 o'clock Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Barry, Taylor, Cawsey, Rogers, Adams, Hayward and Hawkins.

His Worship the Mayor introduced to the Council Hon. I. LeBlanc and Dr. Harper of New York, who occupied seats beside His Worship.

The following named papers are submitted :

Report Special Committee on Book-keeping in Assessors' Office by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Special Committee in re Street Railway Extension to Richmond, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman.

Report Public Accounts Committee, by Alderman Hubley, Acting Chairman.

Report Library Committee, by Alderman Geldert, Chairman.

Report Tenders Committee, by Alderman Hubley.

Report Board of Firewards, by Alderman Hubley, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Taylor, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :—

Cash Statements of City Collector for November.

Petition for electric light South Street.

Letter Motor Club of Nova Scotia in re Automobile Ordinance.

Letter Veteran Firemen's Association re Spring Garden Road Engine House.

Letter War Department re Great Fuel Yard.

Six reports Committee on Works, viz :

Sewers Macara Street, Vernon Street and Chebucto Road and Sewerage Funds.

Grading Fenwick Street.

Street Lights

Old Exhibition Building.

Daniel McLeod's application for increase of pay.

Water Bonds LeMarchant Street.

Application Strathcona Club for Views of Halifax.

Letter His Honor the Recorder covering South Shore Railway Act amendments.

Report Chief of Police *re* Sunday Violations of Liquor License Act.

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

Read report Board of Firewards on various matters.

FIREWARDS ACCOUNTS, ETC.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 10th, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Firewards beg to submit the following report:

1. Your Board have had under consideration a letter from the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters asking for an investigation into the origin of the fire in the store No. 4³ Barrington St., 29th November last. It is recommended that the Stipendiary Magistrate be requested by His Worship the Mayor to hold an investigation into the matter.

2. It is recommended that the following be dismissed from the Department:

Charles Pheeney, call man, No. 3 steamer, for absence twenty-two days beyond his leave;

3. Anthony Galloway, driver, for being under the influence of liquor.

4. Your Board recommend that the Board of Fire Escapes be requested to visit and report upon means of egress from the Roy Building in case of fire.

Your Board recommend for payment the following accounts:

J. S. Cashen, feed per bills, \$195.78. Knight & Munro, repairs harness, \$1.25. John Kelly, repairs harness, \$44.65. Neil Fox, repairs harness, 75c. Wm. Kline, horseshoeing, \$5.60. J. R. Purcell, horseshoeing, \$5.24. T. Robinson, horseshoeing, \$3.13. David Power, horseshoeing, \$10.32. John O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$5.45. Patk. Dowd, repairs engine, &c., \$5.90. Peter Poirier, horseshoeing, \$6.01. J. J. Carnell, repairs hose reel, \$12.00. J. J. Carnell, repairs hose reel, \$63.00. O'Brien. Mont & Co., repairs steamer, &c., \$5.75. Brown & Webb, vitriol, \$31.19. John Foley, repair catchpit Grafton Street house, \$19.65. Frank Hughes, sleigh hire, 50c. C. Hogan, leading horse to auction rooms, \$1.00. W. S. Craig, one boiler, \$1.50. Cragg Bros., hardware, \$1.25. Estate T. A. & E. Hubley, rent, \$112.50. T. C. Allen, stationery, \$32.05. T. A. S. DeWolf & Son, slabs, \$3.70. John Starr, Son & Co., 1 piece hard rubber sheet $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 20c. Thos. Forhan & Co., cotton duck, \$1.28. Thos. Forhan & Co., red ensigns, \$7.00. Thos. Spelman, 2 fire collars, \$15.00. Geo. May, glazing, 80c. Rhodes, Curry & Co., lumber, \$4.26. G. P. Henry, 2 bbls. molasses, \$7.87. J. G. Colp, carpenter work, \$24.46. Kenny & Co., dry goods, \$4.65. Wm. Roche, coal, \$7.50. Wm. Roche, coal, \$665.60. R. J. Inglis, buttons, \$33.00. Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$2.73. LeMonte Buskins, sweeping chimneys, \$9.40. Total, \$1358.92.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 *re* application of the Board of Fire Underwriters for an investigation into origin of fire in store No. 43 Barrington Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 recommending the dismissal of Charles Pheeney.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Johnson that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3 recommending the dismissal of Anthony Galloway.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that said clause be referred back to the Board for further report. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4 in *re* Roy Building on Barrington Street. Passed.

Read Clause 5 *re* accounts.

The following resolution is submitted :—

Resolved, That Clause 5 of the report of the Board of Firewards be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of the accounts therein referred to.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report Special Committee on Book-keeping City Assessors' office.

SYSTEM OF BOOK-KEEPING IN ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee appointed to investigate the system at present in vogue in the Assessors' office of the City met for that purpose in said office on the evening of December 8th. The three Assessors, the Auditor and the City Treasurer were present and gave your Committee all the information that was possible.

Upon a thorough investigation of their present practice, your Committee concluded that the Assessment Law of the City regulated the system and that the Assessors were but carrying out the law, which they did very effectually. If, therefore, any change is made in the methods of the Assessors' Department it will, in our opinion, be necessary to have the Act changed so as to cover desired improvements.

Your Committee would recommend that the Act be so changed that it would not be necessary for three Assessors to go in a body when making their assessments. A great deal of time would be saved if the practice of other cities would be carried out, viz. :— that but one Assessor be employed in any particular part of the City at one time ; and for the time that such assessment is being made a temporary clerk might be employed for each Assessor. These clerks might be secured at a small salary for the few months that they be so employed, and that they be not considered as part of the general staff of the City.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Assessors perform a very large amount of work and that a clerk should be employed in their Department so that the Assessors' office would never be closed during business hours (as is the case at present during much of the time while the Assessors are engaged in making their annual assessments) so that any citizen who might want information in this Department would be promptly served. This clerk, while not otherwise employed, could be making out bills which are sent out from the Assessors' office, but which in other cities are sent out from the Collector's office.

It is very desirable, now that the City Charter is being revised and that new tax schemes are being proposed, that a committee be appointed to fully consider the matter and bring in such recommendations to the Council as to changes in the law relating to the methods of the Assessors and the forms used in their office, as would bring them up to the present practice of the most progressive cities. And in this connection your Committee would recommend that this proposed committee should make a study of the report of the Ontario Government, made by seven experts, who were appointed by that Government to report as to the best possible system of taxation for the cities of the Province of Ontario. This Committee spent several years investigating the methods of taxation and assessments, not only in Canada but in various States of the United States and other countries, and their report is published and will come up before the next session of the Legislature of Ontario.

Until such time as the Engineer's plan of the City is completed it would be a great convenience and benefit to the Assessors if the City would furnish their office with a Goad's plan of the City or an Ordnance Chart. This plan could be supplied with sheets, bound in with the leaves of said plan, and on which could be kept—according to blocks—the details of each assessment.

Your Committee would recommend that the City Clerk ask the proper Imperial officer, at present located in the City of Halifax, for an Ordnance Map of the City for the use of this office, and if it is found to give sufficient information, it would not be necessary to purchase the Goad's plan. And, in the event that it cannot be secured, that a Goad's plan be purchased.

Your Committee would recommend that the Assessors be instructed to supply any citizen who wants information respecting any assessment with the necessary particulars; but that such regulations should be in force that, while giving the utmost information and liberty for any citizen to examine the books, reasonable safeguards should be taken for their safety.

In making this recommendation we do not wish to convey the impression that the Assessors wish to conceal anything or have been discourteous; but we feel that their work would be much facilitated if a clerk be employed in the office whose chief duties would be to attend to the wants of the public in this respect, as the Assessors' time is much more valuable used in other ways.

It would seem, also, that a sufficient system of checking, as between the books of the Assessors and those of the Collector, is not in force, and it is possible for errors to occur without being detected.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the City Auditor verify the total figures, so that the books of the Assessors and those of the Collector would agree.

Furthermore, it occurs to us that duplicate bills of the assessment be made out—the individual retaining one and the Collector the other—this would satisfy the ordinary desire of every taxpayer to retain his bill.

In conclusion, the Council will see from this report that very little can be done in the way of improving the present system without a change in the Act.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHNSON, }
E. F. DOYLE, } Committee.
W. H. CAWSEY, }

Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report Library Committee covering accounts.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 10th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Barry, Lamphier and Hayward, the following accounts, amounting to \$278 67, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

City Clerk, for freight, etc	\$ 1 41
Marshall, Son & Co., bookbinding supplies	80 09
W. H. Guild & Co., magazines	197 17
Total	\$278 67

J. M. GELBERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee *re* Accounts be received and adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein referred to.

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

Read report Special Committee on Extension of Tramway service to Richmond. Filed.

STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Officers of the Halifax Street Railway Company, in connection with the desirability of extending their road from the present terminus at Campbell Road to Richmond, beg leave to report as follows:—

We met the president, Senator MacKeen, at the Tramway Company's office, and laid the matter before him. The Senator listened attentively to all the arguments offered: and, after considering the matter fully, he gave the committee to understand that he understood that the I. C. R., on account of the double tracking of the road to Rockingham, the building of the South Shore Railway and the general improvement of the terminus, had plans which proposed the removing of the machine shops from Richmond to the vicinity of the present terminus of the Tramway, and in that event Campbell road would be diverted, so that, even if the Tramway were extended to Richmond and those improvements took place, their rails would have to be removed and they would be put to a large and unnecessary expense. It was concluded that the cost of extending the Tramway Company's road from the present terminus to Richmond would be about \$10,000. He therefore suggested—and the committee fully coincided with the suggestion on account of the reasons presented, that the matter be deferred until such time as it is definitely known what are the proposed plans of the I. C. R.

J. A. JOHNSON, }
C. W. HAYWARD. } *Committee.*

Read report Public Accounts Committee re resignation of Alderman Foster as Chairman of said committee, exhibition deficit and accounts for payment.

REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 10th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present: Aldermen Hubley, Johnson and Doyle; a letter from the City Clerk was read stating that he had been instructed by His Worship the Mayor that Alderman Foster has resigned the chairmanship of the committee.

Your Committee beg to report that Alderman Hubley has been appointed Acting-Chairman until a permanent chairman is appointed.

The following accounts, amounting to \$249.75, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz.:

A & W. Mackinlay, books, police department, \$25.50. City Clerk, \$18.00. Assessors, \$34.00—total \$77.50

T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, &c., Assessors, \$14.40. City Collector, \$28.05. total \$42.45.

Holloway Bros., printing minutes, &c., \$70.29

Imperial Publishing Co., printing booklets for Chamber of Commerce delegates—\$23.50.

Dr. W. D. Finn, certificates of death, Tolbire, \$4.00; Unknown male, \$4.00; Lucas, \$4.00; Lanigan, \$4.00; Soward, \$4.00; Walker, \$4.00; Unknown female child, \$12.00—total \$249.74.

Your Committee further report that a statement has been received from the City Auditor showing the deficit of the Nova Scotia Exhibition for 1903 to be \$5,659.89, the City portion of which will have to be provided for, and recommend that the sum of \$2,829.95 be included in the estimates for 1904-5 and paid when the collected revenue will permit.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Acting-Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, That the report of Public Accounts Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein contained.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Aldermen Johnson and passed.

Read report City Prison Committee *re* water supply to City Prison and covering accounts.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS AND WATER SUPPLY.

CITY HALL, December 8th, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting of

the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Taylor, (Chairman), Halliday, Barry and Lamphier. the following accounts, amounting to \$156.90, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :—

J Murphy, blacksmith work.....	\$ 6 50
Black & Flinn, oats	150 40
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	\$156 90

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the report of the City Engineer of December 2nd in *re* water supply to the Prison, and that they *do* not consider it feasible, nor would it be in the interest of economy, to sink a well and erect tank and pump for supplying the water

Your Committee therefore recommend that the City Engineer's report of October 7th last *re* extension of City water to City Prison be adopted.

G. A. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted :

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

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the clause in *re* water supply be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read petition for electric light on South Street.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Lamphier that the same be referred to the Committee on Works for report. Motion passed.

Read Cash Statements City Collector for November. Filed.

Read report Tenders Committee *re* Printing List of Voters 1904.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING LISTS OF VOTERS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, December 10th, 1904.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that only one tender has been received for printing the List of Voters.

Your Committee considering the tender higher than the City may procure on longer notice, recommend that tenders be again advertised for and that the Committee be empowered to award a contract upon receipt of satisfactory tenders.

ANDREW HUBLEY,
JAMES HALLIDAY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Ratepayers' Association