

2nd. No. 4 steam fire engine, Bedford Row, requiring a new boiler, tenders were asked from the several boiler makers. With the possibility of having this work done cheaper by the makers; the Amoskeag local agent here was also requested to tender, but his price was \$346.00 more than that the lowest tenderer. It is recommended that the tender of T. Hogan & Co. \$549.00, be accepted upon their signing a specification to be drawn by the Chief Engineer.

3rd. The City Electrician having communicated with a number of cities asking their experience with glass key protectors for fire alarm boxes reported that nearly all of those using glass fronts are now discarding them in favor of keyless doors. The cost of these, about \$40.00 each, being at the present time prohibitive in Halifax, the Board has decided to install five glass fronts in the centre of the City in addition to the two now in service.

4th. Michael Supple, Call-man No. 4 steamer, having missed twelve out of fourteen alarms during the last three months, it is recommended that he be requested to send in his resignation.

5th. The Board has considered the report of Chief Engineer Condon relating to No. 3 steamer at the recent fire at Boutillier's fish establishment. The language used in the report gave an impression that an irresponsible outsider undertook to run the engine. The fact was that the man is an employee in another department of the City who had run the engine many times before but was on this occasion unable to start it for the reasons given in Mr. Condon's report. In order to obviate such an occurrence again and other difficulties necessarily incident to a force of call engineers it is recommended that the Council appropriate an amount sufficient to pay an additional call engineer and a further sum to provide for one more call man on each steamer division whereby the firing of the steam fire engines (a most important service) may be more efficiently performed. This will require about \$700 00 a year.

6th. It is also recommended that upon the signing of the contract with the Canadian Fire Engine Company that they be requested to immediately comply with the provisions of their contract to furnish the City with a second-hand engine so that the City will not be an engine short while No. 4 steamer is being fitted with a new boiler.

7th. The following accounts are recommended for payment :

M. J. Keating, painting alarm boxes, \$35.00. Halifax Electric Tramway Co., light, \$35.13, power \$6.38.—41.51. J. H. Mont & Co, carriage work., \$73.36. T. A. S. DeWolf & Son, Wood \$7, salt .75—7.75. Wm. Roche, coal, \$515. John F. Kelly, harness work, 6.20. J. S. Cashen, forage, 312.78. Farquhar Bros., plumbing \$29.67, fire alarm \$6.94—\$36.61. W. B. Freeman, 1 bed, \$3.75. Canadian Rubber Co., washers, \$6.25. G. C. Bateman, locks for alarm boxes, 196.00. I. B. Shaffner & Co., rat poison, \$1.00. G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$1.75. C. E. Choat & Co., brooms, \$3.00. Macdonald & Co. machine work, &c. \$47.30.

Horseshoeing—Thos. Robiuson, \$1.56. Meagher & MaeKenzie, \$6.47. William Kline \$2.83. Robert Horner, Nov., \$4.18. O'Connell Bros., \$3.89. Robert Horner, Sept. \$4.35.—Total, \$1310.54.

W. H. CAWSEY, *Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1, re tenders for forage.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the tender of J. S. Cashen for hay, oats, bran and straw be accepted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2, re tenders for new boiler for No. 4 steam fire engine. Passed.

Read clause 3, re fire alarm boxes.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the same be referred back to the Board for further consideration. Motion passed.

Read clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7, on various matters and accounts. Passed.

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

Read report Cemetery Committee covering an ordinance relating to Camp Hill Cemetery.

#### REPORT COMMITTEE ON CAMP HILL CEMETERY.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 5th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Hubley (Chairman), Halliday, Murray, Lamphier, Campbell and MacKenzie, they had under consideration the accompanying draft of an Ordinance relating to Camp Hill Cemetery, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted and the said ordinance read a first time. Motion passed.

Said ordinance is now read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that said ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Said ordinance is now read a second time.

Read report City Prison Committee in re amalgamation of City Prison and County Jail and on various other matters and accounts.

#### REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 5th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that a meeting of the Committee was held this day, there being present Alderman Hawkins (Chairman), Archibald, Murray, Hubley and Gastonguay.

The following accounts, amounting to \$135.24, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment, viz:—

Halifax Elec. Tram. Co., light, \$2.58. J. F. Kelly, rep. harness, &c., \$15.10. Jas. J. Skerry, groceries, \$30.36. J. H. Sutherland, dry goods, \$17.55. J. A. Leaman & Co. ox heads, \$9.00. Colwell Bros., uniform buttons, \$13.00. N. S. Telephone Co., half year to May 1906, \$27.00. J. J. Carnell, rep. to waggon, \$10.15. Evangelical Alliance, cab hire to Sept. 17th, \$10.50.—Total, \$135.24.

Your Committee had under consideration the matter of extending the water pipes to the prison premises and recommend that the Committee on Works place a fire hydrant in the centre of the prison grounds enclosure for fire protection purposes.

Your Committee had also under consideration a resolution of Council passed on the 8th June last in re the advisability of amalgamating the County Jail and Rockhead Prison and referred to the Committee for consideration.

Your Committee having carefully considered the question of amalgamating the City Prison and County Jail, report as follows :—

The accommodation in the City Prison is more than three times as great as that of the Jail, yet the Jail received 81 prisoners more than the prison in 1904. The maximum number at any one time in the Jail was 30, and in the Prison about 25. The Jail contains 27 cells and a debtors' room; the Prison 88 cells above the surface of the ground and 44 below

The Jail grounds are merely large enough to afford the inmates sufficient room for exercise. The only occupation in the Jail is oakum-picking. That has been discontinued because of the lack of a market.

The City Prison farm contains 94 acres and affords the prisoners employment in farm work as well as in stonebreaking. The farm yields produce valued by the Governor at \$472.00, and the stone broken was valued at \$420.35.

The total expenditure of the Jail for the past year was \$2,686.21, of which the City of Halifax paid 9/11, or \$2,187.71. The total number of prisoners was 288 criminals and 54 debtors or 342 in all. The daily average was 16.7. Each prisoner cost about forty cents a day.

On the City Prison in 1903-4, \$5,400.00 (or \$5,647.60 less \$247.60 received in cash) was expended. There were 261 in the prison in the year or a monthly average of about 23. The cost per prisoner was between \$19.00 and \$20.00 a month. The Governor reports that the cost of the food purchased for each male averaged 11 cents a day, and for each female 9 cents. The expense of the Prison is larger than that of the Jail because of the number of keepers required, the up-keep of the farm and the greater amount of fuel, etc

The City paid for its prisoners in the Jail and the Prison in the past year nearly \$7,600.00.

To transfer the prisoners from Rockhead to the Jail would mean doubling or trebling the present accommodation of the Jail. To do this a considerable quantity of land must be purchased and a new building erected. Even then it is doubtful if sufficient suitable employment for the prisoners could be provided.

The City Prison could accommodate easily the prisoners of both places and provide suitable employment. It is probable that if the entire expense (instead of the present 9/11 of this) of the maintenance of the prisoners of the Jail were borne by the City, the total outlay for one prison would be less than that now borne by the City. It would be necessary to secure the consent of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and of the Town of Dartmouth to the transference.

The most serious objection to the transference of all the prisoners to Rockhead is the inconvenience caused the Courts by the removal of those remanded for trial to such a distance.

Should it prove impossible to secure the consent of Dartmouth and the Municipality and should the inconvenience prove too great, your Committee still maintains that steps should be taken to remove from the Jail those prisoners who are serving long sentence for serious offences.

With these criminals are confined debtors, suspects, casual drunkards and prisoners detained for a few days. Something at present is done to keep them separate; but the large numbers and limited accommodation prevent thorough separation. Absence of employment and herding together tend to reduce all to the lower degrees of criminality.

Your Committee is informed that the Statutes compel the Supreme and County Court

Judges to send to the County Jail instead of the City Prison all those sentenced to imprisonment in a Jail. The Stipendiary in certain cases is also compelled to send prisoners to the Jail instead of the City Prison.

Your Committee therefore recommend that steps be taken to secure legislation permitting the judges and the stipendiaries to send prisoners either to the Prison or the Jail, as they may deem best.

Your Committee also recommend that steps be taken to confer with the representatives of Halifax County and the Town of Dartmouth for the purpose of securing their consent and support to the transference to Rockhead of all or some of the prisoners usually confined in the jail.

Your Committee further recommend that steps be taken to urge those in control of the Jail to provide employment for the prisoners.

In St. John City prisoners, so we are told, are employed in improving the Park and the Statutes permit their employment on the roads of the city.

A. C. HAWKINS, *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 recommended, and that the Acting-Recorder prepare an Act to procure the necessary legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Murray, and passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved,* that His Worship the Mayor confer with the Mayor of Dartmouth, the Warden of the County and if necessary with the Arbitration Committee re the transfer of prisoners to Rockhead prison.

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

Read report Police Commission in re retirement and superannuation of the Chief of Police John O'Sullivan, Sergeants Baker and Leahan and Policeman Blakeney and increase of pay for the sergeants and men.

#### POLICE SUPERANNUATIONS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 8th, 1905.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission, at a meeting held on the 6th inst., had under consideration the question of the retirement of Police Officer Blakeney, and beg to recommend to the Council that he be retired at once on account of age and unfitness for duty, under the provisions of Section 232 of the City Charter.

At the same meeting your Police Commission also had under consideration the resignation of Sergeant Baker and accepted said resignation, to take effect on the 31st December, 1905, under authority of Section 9 Chapter 73, Acts of 1903.

Your Commission further had under consideration the matter of the superannuation of Sergeant Leahan and decided that as he had been incapacitated by injury received while on regular duty he be superannuated at the full superannuation allowance, and your Commission recommend that special legislation be asked for to assess the difference

between the amount he would be entitled to from the Superannuation Fund and the full superannuation allowance, the retirement to date from 31st instant.

Your Commission have also had under consideration an application from the Chief of Police for superannuation, and your Commission recommend that he be superannuated on the 31st instant, under authority of Section 9 Chapter 73, of the Acts of 1903.

The Commission desire to place on record their appreciation of the manner in which the Chief of Police has performed his duty as Police Officer, Police Sergeant and Chief, and to express regret that he feels it necessary on account of advancing years and increasing responsibility to lay down the duties of the office which he has so satisfactorily filled.

Your Commission also wish to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Sergeants Baker and Leahan during their long connection with the police force as privates and sergeants, and to express the hope that they may long be spared to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Your Commission have also had under consideration a petition from the sergeants and men of the force asking for an increase in their salaries, and recommend that an increase of \$50.00 be granted to each sergeant and man from May 1st, 1907, on the condition that from the date on which the increase takes effect the sergeants shall pay into the Police Superannuation Fund thirty (\$30.00) dollars per year and the privates twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per year, and that the necessary legislation to give effect to this and following recommendation be applied for during the next session of the Legislature.

Your Commission further recommend that the salary of a policeman in his first year of service should remain at four hundred (\$400.00) dollars as at present, and should thereafter be increased at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year until the maximum salary is reached; and in the case of police sergeants that they should receive the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00) the first year and seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for every year thereafter.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Said report is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re retirement of Policeman Blakeney.

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

Read clause 2 re retirement of Sergeant Baker.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re retirement of Sergeant Leahan.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this clause be adopted. The motion being put is passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,  
Johnson, Murray,  
Taylor, Martin,  
Cawsey, MacKenzie,  
Hayward, Hawkins.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Powell, Gastonguay,  
Lamphier, Doyle,  
Hubley.—5.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read clause 4 re retirement of Chief of Police O'Sullivan.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 re increase of pay for the sergeants and men of the police force.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that this clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that this clause be amended by making the increase \$60.00 a year instead of \$50.00.

The amendment being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Johnson, Powell, Gastonguay, Lamphier, Hayward.—5.	Aldermen Geldert, Halliday, Murray, Taylor, Doyle, Hubley, Martin, Cawsey. MacKenzie, Hawkins.—10.

The original motion is put and passed.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Extension Creighton Street to properties of H. A. Brown and A. A. Thompson.

WATER EXTENSION CREIGHTON STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

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 Creighton Street to premises of Mr. H. A. Brown, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 7th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Mr. H. A. Brown has applied for a service pipe to his property on Creighton Street, north of North Street, but the main pipe is not laid that far north. The district is high service, length of pipe 66 feet, size 6-inch. Estimated cost:—

Pipe .....	\$39 60
Excavation and pipe laying .....	85 80
One service pipe.....	25 00
	\$150 40

Interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent., \$7.52.

The pipe laid in this street was extended on a special rate for which D. R. Reid, Jollimore and Graham are paying \$11.67. In justice to them the whole cost should be divided equally between the four, and I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions for recent extensions on the high service and on a special rate not exceeding \$10.63, Reid, Jollimore and Graham to have their rate reduced to the same amount.

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

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer on petition of A. A. Thompson, for water extension Creighton Street, north of Black Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, December 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from A. A. Thompson for water extension to his house on Creighton Street, north of Black Street

The district is high service, length of pipe required 167 feet, size 6-inch, excavation rock. Estimated cost:—

Pipe .....	\$100 20
1-6" valve.....	20 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....	217 10
Lead and paint .....	1 00
1 service pipe.....	25 00
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	\$363 30

Interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent., \$18.16.

I would recommend that the extension be made on the usual conditions in recent extensions on the high service at a special rate not to exceed \$18.16.

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 drainage Windsor and North Streets.

#### DRAINAGE WINDSOR AND NORTH STREETS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*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 letters of Eastern Trust Co. and others in re North Street and Windsor Street Sewers was read and referred to Council with a recommendation that copy of said report be sent to the parties interested.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*To His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from Minute of Council, I beg to report on the letters attached hereto from R. S. Rosborough and the Eastern Trust Company.

The Eastern Trust Co. threaten to cut off the drain which carries off the sewage from houses on the north side of North Street, west of Windsor Street. I presume they have a right to do so if they see fit, as the houses have not been draining into it long enough to acquire a right. I am under the impression that before the houses were erected the drainage did not run across North Street from these properties but flowed west toward Chebucto Road, but I may be mistaken in this matter, however, as I am speaking from memory only.

Mr. Rosborough asks that the sewer on North Street be constructed at once. This is a physical impossibility, as the material for this work has not been completed and concrete sewers built in place cannot be constructed during the cold weather. The work at the Poores' Asylum was stopped the first of November, and the Works Department were notified that if concrete work was to be done during the winter a new building would have to be erected. The Works Committee took action in the matter at once and steps are being taken to have the work of making sewer blocks pushed as rapidly as possible so that all the work on the order book may be finished next season.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Street Lights.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec 7th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re additional street lights was read and recommended for adoption except that clause relating to Mitchell Street light. It was decided to recommend that two (2) Bernstein lamps, of 50 candle power, be installed, one each at Mitchell Street and Bedford Avenue, and a street light on Edward Street.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petitions and resolutions for additional street lights:—

Lockman Street near the N. S. Nursery,  
Pleasant St. foot of Tobin St.  
Maynard St. at Charles St.  
Quinn Street,  
Walnut St. near school house,  
On Camp Hill,  
Spring Garden Road at Brenton St.  
North Street and Clifton Street.

All these lights are needed and if the appropriation is provided I would recommend that they be installed.

Inglis St. at Ivanhoe St.—The light placed at this point would be within 250 feet of a light each way and in my judgment with our limited appropriation is unnecessary. There is only one house on Ivanhoe Street and the expenditure of \$65.00 a year to light this one property seems to be a large one. I therefor cannot recommend this light.

Chestnut Place—There was a light already at the junction of Chestnut Place and Cunard Street. I have had this light placed on an arm in the centre of the street so that it would be clear of the trees. An additional light in the middle of Chestnut Place would



be only about 100 feet from the light already there. I cannot therefor recommend a new light.

North end Carleton Street.—There is a light at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Carleton St. and a light placed in the middle of the north block would only be 160 feet from Spring Garden Road. I cannot therefor recommend an additional light.

Mitchell Street.—There is a light at the corner of Inglis and Mitchell Streets and a light placed in the middle of Mitchell Street to light it would be only about 160 feet from the Inglis Street light. I cannot therefore recommend a new light.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Powell requested the City Engineer to report on a light at the north end of Carleton Street.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Committee on Works report on a light at the corner of Black and Maynard Streets. Motion passed.

Read report Public Accounts Committee re accounts and superannuation of Recorder MacCoy.

#### REPORT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*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 Johnson (Chairman), Archibald, Doyle, Cawsey and Hawkins, your Committee had under consideration the account of S. H. Holmes (\$138.00) for fees in connection with filing award of Halifax and South Western Railway. At the request of your Committee Mr. Holmes was present at the meeting and consented to a reduction in the account of \$27.80. Your Committee recommend that the balance, \$110.20 be paid him.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration a letter from R. E. Finn, Esq., barrister, in re accounts of Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, for fees for holding an autopsy on body of Robert Kennedy, &c., &c. Your Committee are of opinion that the holding of an autopsy in this case was entirely unnecessary and recommend that Dr. Finn be only allowed \$4.00—the fee allowed for certificate of death.

The following accounts, amounting to \$315.15, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment:—

Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, certificates of death: James King, \$4.00; William Taylor, \$4.00; Jas. A. Balcom, \$4.00; Michael Keefe, \$4.00; Mary Ormond, \$4.00; Chas. W. Sellers, \$4.00—\$24.00. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and blank forms:—License Inspector, \$4.50; City Collector, \$2.50; City Treasurer, 40c.; City Recorder, 85c.; City Clerk, \$32.50—\$40.75. John Keating, finding and bringing ashore body Michael Keefe, \$5.00. Holloway Bros., printing Minutes, \$23.50. London Rubber Stamp Co., stamps, 75c. Royal Gazette, printing city bills, No. 157-174, \$6.00 Canadian Bank Note Co., bonds, \$173.00. T. Robinson, carriage hire, assessors, \$18.00. D. Archibald, Sheriff's fees, \$24.15.—Total, \$315.15.

Your Committee further report that they had under consideration the application of Recorder MacCoy for retiring allowance, as reported on at last meeting of Council and referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Your Committee, having reconsidered this matter, recommend that Recorder

MacCoy be given a retiring allowance of six hundred dollars per annum during his natural life, and that the Council instruct the Acting-Recorder to prepare an Act to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature, authorizing the same. Alderman Cawsey dissenting.

J. A. JOHNSON *Chairman.*

Also read report by Alderman Johnson relating to Medical Examiner Finn's accounts.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINER'S ACCOUNTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 8th, 1905.

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

As Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and supplementary to the report of that Committee presented to-night, I may state that from time to time within the past two years a number of the bills presented by the Medical Examiner of this City, Dr. Finn, have been passed on with a great deal of hesitation by the Committee, feeling certain that these bills hardly came within the Act under which he operates.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, there were three bills returned to Dr. Finn which they felt the City should not pay. They were as follows :

Robert Kennedy, a sailor, who fell from a vessel's mast, or rigging, to the deck and was fatally injured. He was taken to the hospital and died at that institution. In some way, the reason for which can hardly be explained, Dr. Finn made an autopsy on this man and sent a bill in to the City for twelve dollars.

Another case was that of William Taylor who was injured by an accident on the South Shore Railway and was brought to the hospital in this City and after a short time died. Dr. Finn gave a certificate of his death. Why the hospital authorities should call on Dr. Finn to give certificates for persons who died in that institution, is a mystery to the Committee.

Another case is that of James King, a soldier, who was found dead in Point Pleasant Park. The Committee felt that the Military Authorities should pay this and it was sent back on that account.

I called on the Premier and the Honorable Mr. Pipes respecting the habit of the authorities connected with the Victoria General Hospital calling in Dr. Finn to give certificates of death, and they are of the same opinion as I am, that this should not be done. The Doctors of the Hospital who attend these people should give the certificate, and I think that hereafter that the City will not be called upon to pay such fees. A number of bills which are sent in are of well-to-do people who, no doubt, have family physicians who should be called upon to give the certificate. There are very often bills for infants a few hours old. The person who attended such mid-wifery cases should be called upon to give the certificate. The City has paid between three hundred and four hundred dollars per year to the Medical Examiner for these certificates.

The Medical Examiner returned the three bills referred to above, namely, those of Kennedy, Taylor and King. Among the bills recommended for payment to-night, are those of Taylor and King, and the Committee recommend that four dollars be paid to the Medical Examiner for Kennedy instead of twelve dollars. When these bills were returned to the Committee, they were accompanied by a letter from R. E. Finn, Barrister, which reads as follows :

"In consequence of your Committee's refusal to pass the three enclosed certificates of William D. Finn, M. D., for his fees for services performed as Medical Examiner for the City of Halifax, under the provisions of chapter thirty-nine of the R. S. of N. S. 1900.

I beg to submit that your Committee has no alternative other than to pass said accounts ; because the statute which governs is explicit, and it is for the Medical Examiner, and he alone to decide whether or not an enquiry is necessary.

As to the question of post mortem examinations the statute is equally explicit, because, to use the language of the statute "if the Medical Examiner deems one necessary, he may perform the same, and before or after make a statement on oath that in his opinion such examination was requisite and his reason for such an examination."

The statute further provides that he shall file his report with the clerk of the crown and if a post mortem is held, he shall file his statement under oath with the same officer.

Under the further provisions of the said statute, he is entitled to the fees therein provided, and the same are payable to him by the Treasurer of the City of Halifax, if the dead body the subject of such enquiry, report or inquest, was found in said City of Halifax.

I feel that your Committee will on further consideration and in the light of the provisions of the statute governing pass the said accounts; otherwise the matter will have to be submitted to the Courts to decide."

Upon receiving this letter, I submitted it to the Acting Recorder and asked him to prepare a reply for my signature in accordance with the Act under which the Medical Examiner performs his duties. The reply is as follows:—

HALIFAX, N S., Dec 7th, 1905.

R. E. FINN, Esq, *Barrister, etc, City.*

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of 6th inst., in reference to certain accounts of the Medical Examiner.

The reason for the City's action in demurring to pass the accounts in question was because it was considered that they are not properly incurred under the statute and we are still of that opinion. Take for instance the case of the seaman Kennedy who was killed by a fall from the rigging of a vessel. He lived for some time after the accident and died at the Victoria Hospital. There was not the slightest doubt as to the cause of death. The Act provides that an enquiry is to be held only in cases where there is reasonable cause to suspect that death resulted from violence, undue means or culpable negligence in other words, a possible crime. There was nothing of the sort here: but even supposing an enquiry was necessary what possible justification could there be for an autopsy. The cause of death was manifest—the fall from the rigging. From a medical point of view it might be interesting to ascertain the exact nature of the injuries, but that was not the object of the Act, but solely to ascertain whether or not a crime had been committed.

The Act was intended solely to furnish a more efficient and less expensive substitute for the Coroner and his Jury. The way it is being operated it is certainly not less expensive. It may be as you say that the City has no alternative but to pay whatever claims the Examiner chooses to present, however unreasonable or exorbitant, but it certainly will not allow the matter to rest here. It is quite willing to pay whatever is requisite to properly investigate any case where crime or criminal negligence can reasonably be suspected, but it is not willing to pay for a number of wholly needless and purposeless investigations, and if such claims as these continue to be presented it will be compelled to lay the matter before the Government with a view to a change either in the law or in the official.

Yours truly,

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman Public Accounts Committee.*

I would recommend that copies of this letter and the one prepared by the Acting Recorder be forwarded to the Medical Examiner for his information.

P. S.—Since dictating the above, I called up Mr. Kenny, Superintendent of the Victoria General Hospital, and asked him how it happened that the Medical Examiner gave certificates for people who died in that Institution. Mr. Kenny informed me that the Medical Examiner claimed that it was one of his rights to give these certificates and that he usually kept tabs on all such cases which were at the Hospital.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that

the report of the Committee, with the exception of the last clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the last clause of the report in re superannuation of Recorder MacCoy be adopted.

The following amendment is submitted:—

*Whereas*, W. F. MacCoy, Esq., City Recorder, is receiving from the City \$1,200.00 in salary, \$100.00 for services rendered to the Board of Health and \$100.00 as a member of the Court of Appeals, making a total of \$1,400.00;

*Resolved*, that in view of his long service and present illness that his resignation be accepted, and that when his successor is appointed he shall receive a salary of \$1,400.00 a year in full for similar services rendered by Recorder MacCoy, and that he enter into an obligation to pay Mr. MacCoy \$600.00 a year during the remainder of his life.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier.

The amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Gastonguay, Lamphier, Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,  
Hubley.—3.

Johnson, Murray,  
Powell, Taylor,  
Doyle, Martin,  
Cawsey, MacKenzie,  
Hayward, Hawkins.—12.

The original motion is put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,  
Johnson, Murray,  
Powell, Taylor,  
Doyle, Martin,  
MacKenzie, Hayward,  
Hawkins.—11.

Aldermen Gastonguay, Lamphier,  
Hubley, Cawsey.—4.

Read report Library Committee re accounts.

#### LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Murray, Campbell and MacKenzie, the following accounts, amounting to \$260.33, were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment:—

The Kelly Publishing Co., Kelly Directory, \$10.00. The H. W. Wilson Co.—Readers' Guide, \$16.00; U. S. Catalogue, \$15.40; Accumulative Index, etc., \$9.00. Gotthold Haug—Mutual Subn. Agency, 65c; magazine subscriptions, \$196.85. Publishers Weekly, literary index, \$3.68. McAlpine Pub. Co., printing cards, \$4.50. T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$4.25.—Total, \$260.33.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

*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 recommended.

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

Read report Commissioners of Common covering accounts.

#### REPORT COMMON COMMISSIONERS RE ACCOUNTS.

DECEMBER 6th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Commons was held this day, at 8 p. m. Present, Chairman Taylor, Commissioners Archibald, Powell, Doyle, Gastonguay, Kelly, Messervey and the Superintendent.

They had before them the accompanying bills. The same were approved and passed for payment and the Secretary instructed to forward them to the City Council for concurrence.

W. E. MESSERVEY, *Secretary.*

Halifax Electric Tram. Co., \$8 97. A. H. Buckley, 95c. Nova Scotia Nursery, \$3.00. J. A. Simmers, \$11.30. Baldwin & Co., \$26.00. Robt. A. Croucher, \$25.48. John MacInnes & Son, \$32 80. Joseph Breck & Son, \$61.99. Fraquhar Bros., 62c. T. C. Allen & Co., \$3.00. Wm. Robertson & Son, \$14.14.—Total, \$188.25.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved*, that the report of the Common Commissioners be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts therein recommended.

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

Read reports Committee on Works re paving Barrington Street between Hurd's Lane and Jacob Street.

#### PAVING BARRINGTON STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re paving Barrington Street, Hurd Lane, north side to Jacob Street, was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACLEITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from owners of property on Barrington Street, between Jacob Street and Hurd Street, asking for the construction of bitulithic pavement in that block. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the signatures on the petition cover more than two-thirds of the frontage.

1st. The total length of street to be paved is 525 feet.

2nd. Nature of material most suitable in the judgment of the Engineer to be used for the pavement.—I have already reported to the Council in reference to this material and have nothing further to add. The Council has already decided to pave Barrington Street from Spring Garden Road to Jacob Street with bitulithic except on the track allowance.

3rd. Probable cost.—The estimated cost, not including the tract allowance, is \$3,897.00.

4th. The desirability of paving the street.—I would recommend that this block be paved with the same material and in the same manner as already decided upon by the Council for the remainder of the street.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re widening Lower Water Street at L. A. Graves' property.

## WIDENING LOWER WATER STREET.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—At a meeting of the Council on August 15th last, the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee was adopted, as follows:—

“Your Committee recommend that Mr. Graves be offered \$1,000.00 for the land required to widen Lower Water Street in accordance with the plan of the City Engineer, and if he decides to accept this offer the purchase be completed on a guarantee being obtained from Local Government to provide the necessary legislation to borrow the money required on the same basis as was done in the widening of Upper Water Street, and if Mr. Graves does not accept this offer that the land required be expropriated according to law.”

Mr. Graves has accepted the amount offered and has moved back his building to the new line. Provision will therefore have to be made for payment for the land taken.

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

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Murray, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Cash Statements of City Collector for November and of City Treasurer July to November. Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for October. Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving Granville Street between George and Prince Streets.

## PAVING GRANVILLE STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, the attached report of the City Engineer re Paving Granville Street was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from owners of property on Granville Street, between George and Prince Street, asking for the construction of bitulithic pavement in that block. The signatures on the petition represent all the property in this block.

1st. The total length of street to be paved is 377 feet.

2nd. Nature of material most suitable in the judgment of the Engineer to be used for the pavement.—I have already reported to the Council in reference to this material and have nothing further to add. The Council have already paved Granville Street from George Street to Water Street with bitulithic.

3rd. Probable cost.—The estimated cost is \$4,366.00.

4th. The desirability of paving the street.—This block is a portion of one of the principal streets of the City and adjoins two of the most important business blocks. It also skirts the Parliament Building ground and the paving of the block would decidedly improve the appearance of that portion of the City. I would recommend that the street be paved as petitioned for.

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

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read petition for bitulithic pavement on Hollis Street, from Salter Street to Buckingham Street.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read application of Joseph Harris for an auctioneer's license.

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

Read report Police Commission covering accounts.

## POLICE ACCOUNTS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 17th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission beg to recommend for payment the following accounts, viz:—

W. F. Pickering & Co., clothing \$1,101.25. A. W. Redden & Co., 1 pair rubber boots, \$4.00. N. S. Telephone Co., 6 mos. rent telephones Police Station, \$35.00; Detective Power's residence, \$30.00—\$32.50. Longard Bros., brass dog catcher. etc., \$6.20. Macdonald & Co., brass mounting for rail patrol waggon, \$2.65. John F. Kelly,

Brush, sponge and candles, \$2 20 J. S. Cashen, \$21 02, \$5.70, \$11.17, \$10.33--\$48.22.  
Total, \$1,196.73.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read petition of James Brooks asking permission for his buildings at the corner of West and Agricola Streets to remain where they are until spring.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the petition of Mr. Brooks be not granted and that Mr. Brooks be notified to move his buildings back to the new street line immediately after the first of the year.

The amendment being put is lost, a show of hands giving 6 for and 8 against it.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read letter Halifax Electric Tramway Co. re extension of their lines at Richmond and the stopping place near Bedford Avenue.

#### STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION, ETC.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1905.

MR. L. FRED MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of November 14th, re petition of the residents in the north end of the city for extension of the tram lines along Duffus and other streets, and also the petition of the residents of Lockman Street for a stopping place at Bedford Avenue.

In regard to the latter, I beg to say that we consider it in the best interest of the Tramway and the riding public that the stopping place should be where it is now located, which is one pole (or about 125 feet) south of Bedford Avenue.

Trusting that this explanation will be satisfactory, I remain,

JAS. W. CROSBY, *Manager.*

Filed and a copy ordered to be sent to the petitioners at Bedford Avenue.

Read report Chief of Police re violations of Liquor License Act on Sundays. —

#### SUNDAY VIOLATIONS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE, Dec. 7th, 1905.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with resolution of Council in re violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday, I beg to report that the following violation:—



November 19th, 1905, John Lomas, "Lorne House," Morris Street.

This is the only violation reported to me since the date of my last report.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, *Chief of Police.*

Filed.

Read report D. E. Keating, Keeper of Dog Pound, and account in blank for services.

DOG POUND.

NOVEMBER, 17th, 1905.

Monthly return to City Council :—

Record of dogs impounded .....	41
How disposed of 6 sold for .....	\$1 55
17 shot.	
18 released.	
41	

Cost of maintaining the pound and enforcing provisions of Ordinance :—

Food .....	\$16 38
Sundries .....	1 10
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	\$17 48
Proceeds of sale of dogs .....	1 55

D. E. KEATING.

NOVEMBER, 17th, 1905.

CITY OF HALIFAX.

To D. E. KEATING, DR.

Care of dogs from 10th July, 1905, to date.....\$

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the same be referred to the Police Commission for report. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION KANE STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 16th, 1905.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council re water extension Kane Street with City Engineer's report thereon were read. It was decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the City Engineer's report.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, November 14th, 1905.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition attached hereto for water extension in Kane Street from Gottingen Street west.

The district is high service and the street not taken over by the City. It has not

been graded, and as the pipes must be laid to the proposed grade of the street it would be certain to freeze up in winter. I cannot therefore recommend the extension until the street is graded. We have done the portion of the street already graded by using the collections made in Ward Six and will continue to do so, but in the meantime it would not be safe to make the extension.

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

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Police Commission in re charge against Policeman Simmons.

#### CHARGE AGAINST POLICE OFFICER SIMMONS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 17th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Police Commission have had under consideration a resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council held on the 10th inst., and in obedience thereto beg to submit herewith the charge against Policeman Simmons, together with the evidence taken thereon and the decision of the Commission.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re streets leading to North West Arm.

#### STREETS LEADING TO NORTH WEST ARM.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, November 16th, 1905.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council re streets leading to the North West Arm with City Engineer's report thereon were read.

It was decided to recommend the adoption of the City Engineer's report.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept 7th, 1905.

#### STREETS LEADING TO THE NORTH-WEST ARM.

*His Worship the Mayor and Cit Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Council, May 26th, 1904, the following resolution was passed:—

"Whereas, the North-West Arm is of one the great pleasure grounds of the City and is becoming more so year by year;

"And whereas, there is no apparent right-of-way for the public to approach the Arm from South Street to Point Pleasant Park;

"And whereas, an old plan of the City shows at least three streets running to the Arm between South Street and the Park;

"Therefore resolved, that the Engineer examine the plans of the City and the deeds of the owners of properties through which these old streets run and report to the Council

as to the City's rights in these streets, and if the City has no right-of-way to the Arm between South Street and the Park to make some recommendation to solve this difficulty."

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

I have been unable to report on this matter owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary information until now.

Mr. H. W. Johnson, Asst. City Engineer, has gone into the matter thoroughly and prepared a plan and report setting out in detail the information he has been able to obtain. In brief, the plan filed in this office shows in red lines the streets as they were originally laid out. I have come to the conclusion on the evidence contained in his report and after consultation with His Honor the Recorder that none of the streets shown can be claimed to-day by the City unless it may be the street adjoining the Park. I submit herewith in addition to Mr. Johnson's report copy of a letter from Mr. B. F. Pearson offering on certain conditions a right-of-way to the Arm north of "Maplewood." The only alternative proposition that I am able to suggest is the opening of a street at the lane between Pine Hill College and the Library. The cost of the latter would be greater than the cost of accepting Mr. Pearson's proposition, and if the Council consider it desirable to obtain a right-of-way to the Arm in this neighborhood I would recommend the acceptance of Mr. Pearson's offer. There is a road already opened and in use down to the Arm and the cost of putting it in good order would not be heavy. The offer includes the dedication of a piece of land at the end of the street on the Arm for a public picnic ground and boat landing. When the official plan of this part of the City is plotted we intend to lay out a proposed system of streets, but at present we are not in a position to do so.

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

Placed on Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Halliday, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to permit Alderman Hubley to submit two resolutions. Motions passed.

The following resolution is introduced:—

*Resolved*, that the Chief Inspector of Licenses report at the next meeting of this Council:—

1. The number of cases reported and convicted for violation of the License Act since the first day of May last.
2. The number reported by the police and the number reported by himself.
3. The number reported by the police that have not been dealt with, giving the several dates of the same.

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

The following resolution is next submitted:—

*Resolved*, that the City Treasurer be requested at the next meeting of the City Council to submit answers to the following questions:—

1. Did you in your official position as City Treasurer on or about the 21st day of July, 1905, advance any money from the civic funds to His Worship the Mayor? If so, give the date and amount of such advance and the particular account from which same was made; also state whether any warrant was drawn for said advance and countersigned by the City Clerk as required by law;
2. If such advance was made state at whose request same was made and for what

purpose or purposes and what security, if any, was taken by you as City Treasurer for such advance.

3. If such advance was made has same ever been repaid? If so, on what date or dates and in what manner? If such advance was repaid at different dates give the respective dates and amounts of such repayments and the name of the person or persons making same and the different amounts repaid by each of such persons, if more than one.

4. Did you at any time between the 21st day of July, 1905, and the 29th day of September, 1905, request His Worship the Mayor to furnish a voucher or vouchers for such advance? On how many different occasions and on what dates during said period did you make such request to His Worship the Mayor?

5. Did you on the 30th day of September, 1905, write His Worship the Mayor requesting him to furnish a voucher for such advance? If so, attach a copy of such letter to your answer to these questions. Also give date when His Worship the Mayor complied with the request contained in your letter of the 30th September, 1905, and state amount of money returned by His Worship the Mayor on such date; also the amount, if any, by any other civic official on the same day. Give amount of such advance, if any, remaining unpaid and unaccounted for on such date and when such balance was subsequently paid and by whom and in what manner.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day.

The motion to place the resolution on the Order of the day is put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows:—

To place on Order of the Day.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Johnson,  
Murray, Powell,  
Taylor, Martin,  
Cawsey, MacKenzie,  
Hayward.—9.

Aldermen Halliday, Gastonguay,  
Lamphier, Doyle,  
Hubley, Hawkins.—6.

By leave of Council Alderman Johnson submits two resolutions as follows:—

*Resolved*, that the Engineer report to the Council at its next meeting the approximate cost of widening Jacob Street from Brunswick Street to Barrington Street and that he lay before the Council a plan of such widening.

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

*Resolved*, that the Halifax Tramway Company, Limited, be requested to double track Coburg Road from Robie Street to Oxford Street, and that they double track Oxford Street from Coburg Road to South Street.

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

By leave of Council Alderman MacKenzie submits the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, that the sum of five hundred dollars be put in the Estimates for the coming year for the cartage of factory ashes and similar material on the streets of the suburbs.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hayward, and referred to the Committee on Works for consideration with the Estimates.

By leave of Council Alderman Murray submits the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to consider and report upon a plan for the superannuation of the permanent officials of the City.

Moved by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Powell, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that the Acting-Recorder report on the matter of a life interest held by Mrs. Rawley in a piece of property expropriated some years ago by the City for the West Street engine house and whom it is alleged never received any remuneration. Motion passed.

Read a petition of R. I. Hart for permission to use the name of the City in bringing an action against His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer.

#### LETTER R. I. HART.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 1st, 1905.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of Mr R. I. Hart, a ratepayer in and a resident of the City of Halifax, I beg to ask for leave to use the name and seal of the City of Halifax as plaintiff in an action which my client is desirous of having brought against Robert T. MacIlreith and Francis W. W. Doane, claiming among other things: (1) A declaration that the payments to them respectively out of the funds of the City of Halifax for their personal expenses incurred in attending a convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities held in the City of Winnipeg were and are unlawful, illegal and void; and (2) payment by the said MacIlreith and Doane of the respective sums received by them as aforesaid, and for such other and further relief as may be just, equitable and proper.

In the alternative on behalf of Mr. Hart I beg to ask for leave to use the name and seal and join the City of Halifax as plaintiff with Mr. Hart in an action of the same nature and for the same relief as above which my client proposes to bring against the said Robert T. MacIlreith and Francis W. W. Doane.

My client claims that the said payments were and are illegal and void and such expenses were not necessarily or properly incurred in the business of the City of Halifax and that there is no authority expressed or implied in the City Charter or any of the Acts relating to the City of Halifax authorizing the payment out of civic funds of the expenses of any official or servant of the City for the purpose of attending a convention such as the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities held at Winnipeg for which the said payments were made to Messrs. MacIlreith and Doane.

For these reasons Mr. Hart contends that the payment of the expenses in question to Messrs MacIlreith and Doane was contrary to law and a pure gift of the money of the ratepayers of the City of Halifax and that the rights of the City as well as his own and those of the other ratepayers of the City were and are prejudicially affected thereby; and

that Messrs MacIlreith and Doane should be compelled to refund any and all sums received by them for such expenses as aforesaid.

E. P. ALLISON.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Motion passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Halliday,  
Johnson, Murray,  
Powell, Taylor,  
Gastonguay, Doyle,  
Martin, Cawsey,  
MacKenzie, Hayward.—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Lamphier, Hubley,  
Hawkins.—3.

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

The Council adjourns 11.45 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

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2.40 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, December 27th, 1905.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Hubley, Gastonguay, Martin, Taylor, Powell, Cawsey, and Hayward.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 3 o'clock. Motion passed.

2.50 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Halliday, Johnson, Geldert, Murray, Doyle, Lamphier, and MacKenzie.

The Council was summoned to consider the civic estimates for 1906-7, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Geldert (Chairman).

Estimates for civic year 1906-7, by Alderman Johnson, Chairman Public Accounts Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Nomination of special committee in re superannuation of civic officials.

School Board Estimates and report covering letter Provincial Secretary on same subject.

Report Committee on Works re tenders for cement.

Report License Inspector re violations of Liquor License Act.

Report Chief of Police re violations of Liquor License Act on Sundays.

Four reports City Engineer, viz. :

Removal of snow from sidewalks.

Curbs and gutters Morris and Pleasant Streets.

Curbs and gutters Russell, Kaye and Young Streets.

Curb Brenton Street.

Letter Halifax Electric Tramway Company re double tracking Coburg Road and Oxford Street.

Opinion Acting-Recorder Bell re petition for exemption of Salvation Army Rescue Home from taxation.

Application of Nicholas Power for the position of Chief of Police.

Report Police Commission covering report Chief of Police re superannuation of Sergeant Leahan.

Petition for bitulithic pavement on George Street, Cheapside and Bedford Row.

Petition for bitulithic pavement on Prince Street from Hollis Street to Granville Street.

Report Coal Weighers for November

Alderman Hawkins submits petition for sewer Needham Street.

Alderman Hubley submits petition for electric light on Duncan Street.

Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Order of the Day be suspended to permit the reading of the papers submitted and that the appointment of a Chief of Police and the Estimates for 1906-7 be considered first in the order named. Motion passed.

Read application of Nicholas Power for position of Chief of Police.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hayward, that Nicholas Power be appointed Chief of Police for the City of Halifax.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

#### ESTIMATES FOR 1906-7.

The Council now proceeds to consider the Estimates for 1906-7.

Alderman Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts, reads and submits a lengthy address explanatory of the Estimates and the finances of the City.

#### ALDERMAN JOHNSON'S ADDRESS.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 27th, 1905.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Alderman in Council convened.*

GENTLEMEN,—As Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, I beg leave to lay before you the estimates for the year 1906-7 and in doing so I would say that your Committee took into careful consideration all the various estimates submitted to them by the Chairmen of the various Committees, and I have much pleasure in stating that they are enabled to recommend the full amounts of the various estimates presented by them.

Last year, when I submitted the estimates, it was done with apologies for cutting down the amount submitted by the various departments. It was not because the Committee knew better than the members of the Committees and Boards, such as, Public Work's, Charities, and Police Commission, etc., as to their requirements, but, because according to the then existing laws, it was impossible to comply with all their requests.

In 1905-6, the law provided that the City could only spend on its internal government one hundred and thirty thousand dollars and whatever income it may have had. The total income estimated last year was thirty two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, which, with the one hundred and thirty thousand made an amount possible to



be divided among the various departments of one hundred and sixty two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars

The Council decided that it was absolutely necessary that the City should be empowered to spend one hundred and forty thousand dollars and its income. This was granted by an Act of the Legislature last winter. The Council also laid before the Legislature various proposed Acts which they saw fit to enact and on this account I am pleased to inform you that notwithstanding the privilege of spending ten thousand dollars more on the internal government of the City on account of the income produced by the wise legislation referred to, we are enabled to provide for all the requests of the various spending departments of the City and only spend one hundred and twenty thousand dollars instead of \$140,000 in addition to the City's estimated income.

There were applications for increases of salaries from the Assistant City Clerk, Assistant Engineer, City Auditor, the first and second clerks in the Collectors office, the City Assessor, and one of his Assistants, the Clerk of Work's and the Water Inspector laid before the Committee.

The majority of the Committee recommend an increase to the Assistant Engineer of two hundred dollars; the City Auditor, three hundred dollars; First and second clerks in the Collector's office, one hundred dollars each; the Clerk of Works two hundred dollars; the Stenographer, fifty dollars, but did not see fit to recommend increases to the Assistant City Clerk, the City Assessor and one of his Assistants.

I think that when the Council takes into consideration the great increase in the cost of living and the general prosperity throughout the Country that they will approve of these increases.

On account of a number of new police officers and sergeants being appointed and going in on the minimum rate of wages, the Police Commission only ask for thirty thousand dollars, instead of thirty thousand four hundred and ten of last year.

Rockhead Prison, on account of calculating that they would receive four hundred dollars for broken stone, asks for five thousand five hundred instead of five thousand nine hundred.

The Department of City Works asks for seventy two thousand four hundred and thirty four instead of sixty seven thousand one hundred and sixty nine, making an increase of over five thousand dollars; three thousand of this is assigned to internal health and about one thousand to providing more lights on the streets of the City. You will notice that the appropriation for streets remains the same as last year.

Last winter, the Legislature, on the recommendation of the Council, passed a Paving Act and under its provisions during the coming summer, Barrington Street from Hurd's Lane to the Academy of Music; Hollis, from Buckingham to Salter; George Street from Barrington to Water, and part of Gottingen Street, will be paved. The pavement on Granville Street will also be extended to Sackville Street.

As very little, if any, work will be required on these streets which are permanently paved, a considerable saving will thus be made in the annual expenditure on streets and it is understood that Legislation will be asked during the next session of the house for an appropriation for the construction of permanent sidewalks, curbs and gutters, so it was felt that the present amount assigned to streets would be sufficient.

The paving of Granville Street has been a great object lesson, and the extension of this pavement, as proposed, will, I am sure, meet with no opposition.

There have been at various times demands from the citizens that the Fire Department should be improved. Accordingly besides expending about \$30,000 on it this year in the purchase of a new engine of the capacity of 1000 imperial gallons, and the building of a new engine house on Bedford Row, at a cost (with furnishings) of \$20,000, and other improvements that might be mentioned we are pleased to recommend that \$33,468 be assigned to this Department, instead of \$30,900 of last year; and there will be proposed legislation laid before the Council, recommending that a further sum be borrowed of about \$24,000, to purchase another chemical and another engine of 650 gallons capacity,

and to build a new building to take the place of the Queen St. engine house. There are two engines now in use in the City, both of which are about forty-five years old; and, when the great advance that has taken place in machinery of all kinds during the past forty-five years is taken into consideration, every one will admit that these engines are out of date and are of little practical use and should be replaced by new ones.

The provision for miscellaneous items is increased by \$1000. This is added to the Contingent Account. One of the reasons for this is that the Union of Canadian Municipalities will meet in this City next year, and, in order that the City may properly entertain the representatives of sister cities of Canada, it is deemed wise to increase our Contingent Account.

I referred above to much useful legislation that was passed during the last session of the House; and, on account of the new License Act, it is calculated that the fees that will be received for licenses next year, (including all the fines in connection therewith) which does not come under the items of fines and fees of the Police Court, will amount to \$30,000 instead of \$14,500. It is expected that we will receive from hacks, trucks, and other licenses, \$3000 instead of \$2500. This is partly on account of the ordinance respecting musicians and a more careful collection of fees from transient peddlers. We calculated that we would receive \$250 more from the licensing of dogs, and \$1000 more from the Tram Co. You will observe a new item under Probable Income, viz: rents of hatch ways. It is calculated that the City has been losing about \$2500, a year from the lack of collecting these rentals. The sidewalks belong to the City, and if citizens who have a property abutting on the sidewalks make use of the space under them, they should be willing to comply with the law and pay a license. An effort will be made next year to enforce this, and it is a low calculation to estimate that we will receive \$1000, from this source.

The City's total probable income is, therefore, \$50,400, instead of \$32,150, as estimated last year, showing a gain of \$18,250 for which we should congratulate ourselves.

Under Extra Assessments you will notice that the City's contribution to the County of Halifax is \$11,000, a saving of \$1176.00; but the most striking item is that of Public Schools, \$125,300, an increase of \$9,300 over last year. On account of this extraordinary increase the Mayor and myself appeared before the government to see if it was possible to have this decreased, but, upon explanation of the various items which make up this amount, it was decided that no reductions could be made. Notwithstanding this large appropriation, and the tremendous increase in running the schools during the past few years, the Council will be surprised to learn that some of the school buildings are not in the condition that they should be. One instance might be mentioned, viz: that Morris Street school, which is one of the leading schools in the City, should be heated by eighteen stoves instead of by modern methods. The parents of the children who attend that school should demand that it be put in a proper sanitary condition. For the information of the Council, it might be well to state that in 1892-3 the appropriation for schools was \$85,000. It remained about \$100,000 until 1902-3. Only four years ago that appropriation was \$102,500, so that there is an increase of \$23,000, or almost 25% since that time.

The Committee on Charities only ask for \$24,588, instead of \$26,000 as of last year.

It was with a feeling of regret that the Committee could not allot a greater amount to the Public Gardens and Common, as that amount is fixed by statute; and they would recommend that legislation be secured whereby it would be left to the discretion of the Council.

There are no changes in Point Pleasant Park, the Public Library, Halifax Dispensary and Morgue.

Since considering the estimates, it is learned that only fourteen pupils chargeable to the City are attending the School for the Blind, so that instead of the \$1440 assigned to that object, it should be \$1260.

According to an Act of Parliament, an appropriation of \$1600 is allowed for the Industrial School and St. Patrick's Reformatory. Last year there was not a sufficient

amount estimated for the Industrial School, so it was decided this year to put it up to the limit and in addition we have to provide \$246.25 for what we were short last year.

The item of \$14.69 should come under Truants. Under the Compulsory Act last year, the estimate for Truants was \$1700. The actual amount necessary was \$1714.69. The other items are fixed by Statute. This would make a total of \$182,083.94, instead of \$182,263.94. Since considering the estimates we have discovered that an error was made in connection with the superannuation of Chief John O'Sullivan, sixteen months at \$297.14 per year, making \$396.19, instead of \$364.64; and the superannuation of Sergeant John Baker, sixteen months at \$148.57 should read \$198.09, instead of \$162.50. This would make a difference of \$85.14, and the corrected total would be \$199,512.63, instead of \$199,607.49.

Under the heading "Temporary Loans and Interest", the several items which occurred in last years estimates which are not found in this is owing to the fact that they are paid off, or the sinking fund is equal to the amount borrowed.

The following items viz. :- Public Baths, Loan Duke of Cornwall, Deficit Provincial Exhibition 1900 & 1901, Loan for house Public Gardens remain the same. During last winter there was a temporary loan of \$22,300 made. This amount must be paid off in five years, so that it requires an appropriation of \$4700, and, in addition to this, \$1244 to provide for the interest due and to come due on it. It was not the intention of the Council to borrow as large an amount as this as a temporary loan, and it was a mistake that it was not put on a long term; but you will remember that it was the intention to borrow \$14,300, but that afterwards \$3000 was added for the repairing of the wall in the Parade, and a general meeting of the citizens was held to impress upon the Council the necessity of borrowing \$5000 to remove the ice and snow from the streets last spring, so that it brought the total up to \$22,300, which thus entails a necessary charge of almost \$6000 to meet principal and interest.

Among the new items, is the amount to pay the interest on the widening of Upper Water Street. The item as to City Hall Debentures; Halifax and South Western Land damages; Consolidated Fund (old) less charge to Water Department, are practically the same as in 1905. I might say that an Act was passed by the Legislature authorizing the City to borrow two hundred and seven thousand dollars, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for sewerage, and the balance for widening Agricola Street and improving the Fire Department. The interest is payable semi-annually, the first of January and the first of July. The City advertised for tenders and the purchaser deposited one hundred and seven thousand to the City's credit in November. The interest for this broken period is five hundred and ninety four dollars and forty nine cents. On the first of January, the remaining one hundred thousand dollars will be deposited to the City's credit. We will therefore have to provide four per cent interest on the two hundred and seven thousand dollars, namely, eight thousand two hundred and eighty dollars, that is a total interest charge of eight thousand eight hundred and seventy four dollars and forty nine cents must be provided for. When the Committee were considering this item it was contended that as the unexpended money was earning four per cent, the citizens should not be taxed to meet interest that was already provided for, that is, the bank is paying four per cent on any balance that is left there and the money is borrowed at four per cent so that it is providing its own interest as long as it lies in the Bank.

The City Treasurer appeared before the Committee and there was a difference of opinion as to the amount that should be taken credit for in this way. Your Committee calculated that we should take credit for four thousand four hundred and fifty four dollars and seventy eight cents. During 1906-7 the money secured on account of this loan will earn that amount of interest.

Since the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, the Treasurer has gone more carefully into the matter and he calculated that it amounted to three thousand eight hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirty-four cents, which is only a difference of five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-four cents less than the amount mentioned in this estimate and I would recommend that this item be changed.

As stated before, on November 17th we receive on account of the loan one hundred and seven thousand dollars. Paid out on account of sewers, thirty seven thousand

five hundred and ninety one dollars; on account of Agricola Street, twenty four thousand one hundred and eighty one dollars, making a total of sixty two thousand seven hundred and seventy two dollars. Since that time, on account of sewers, Agricola Street and Fire Department, there was four thousand seven hundred and Fifty Dollars paid out. It is calculated that before May first, on account of sewers and the Fire Department, there will be expended twenty six thousand dollars. This will make a total of ninety three thousand five hundred and twenty two dollars, leaving a balance of thirteen thousand four hundred and seventy six, to which add the one hundred thousand dollars to be received on January first. After taking into calculation the probable amount that will be left in the Bank at the end of each month, the aggregate interest earned by this money will, as stated before, amount to, on a conservative estimate, three thousand eight hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty four cents. This deducted from eight thousand eight hundred and seventy four dollars and forty nine cents would leave four thousand nine hundred and eighty seven dollars and fifteen cents instead of four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy one cents.

In addition to the three Sinking Funds for last year, as estimated, there is an additional one, that of 1905, thirteen hundred dollars. This amount is arrived at as follows; The law provides that where a sewer is built the owner of the property shall pay a part of the cost. This is a charge against the property and to be paid in instalments, the amount to provide for at the end of thirty five years is two hundred and seven thousand dollars. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars of this is to be expended upon sewers. According to the City Engineer's estimate there will be fifty thousand feet of this non-productive, that is, the property on each side of it is either owned by the City, or Imperial Authorities, so it will leave one hundred thousand dollars of which a proportionate part will have to be paid by the citizens. The amount paid by the citizens, together with the accumulated interest for twelve years will amount to fifty eight thousand dollars which at three and one half per cent for twenty two years will amount to one hundred and twenty three thousand six hundred and twenty seven dollars. Now if thirteen hundred dollars be put away for thirty four years at three and one half per cent compound interest it will amount to eighty two thousand four hundred and eighty nine dollars, so that at the end of that period this fund, at the low rate of three and one half per cent, will amount to two hundred and six thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars, and as we are at present getting four per cent on our balances, it is safe to say that there will be sufficient to meet the two hundred and seven thousand when it matures thirty five years from the time it was borrowed; this would leave the corrected total four hundred and thirty five thousand one hundred and thirty dollars and seventy eight cents instead of \$434,658.20 The one per cent, added for short collection would be four thousand three hundred and fifty one dollars and thirty cents, which would make a total of four hundred and thirty nine thousand four hundred and eighty two dollars and eight cents, from which deduct five thousand dollars from unexpended balances. This would leave a corrected total of four hundred and thirty four thousand four hundred and eighty two dollars and eight cents. This is an increase over last year of five thousand dollars and eight cents. If the assessed value of the City would be the same as last year, this would mean an increased assessment of about two cents, that is, instead of the rate being one dollar and seventy three cents it would be one dollar and seventy five cents, but it is generally understood that there will be considerable increase in the assessment values so that the rate will probably be a trifle lower than it is this year.

It may be of interest to the Council to be reminded of the rate of assessment of this City for the past ten years.

In the year	1895-6	it was	\$	38
"	1896-7	"	1	58
"	1897-8	"	1	63
"	1898-9	"	1	61
"	1899-0	"	1	72
"	1900-1	"	1	71
"	1901-2	"	1	70
"	1902-3	"	1	72
"	1903-4	"	1	66
"	1904-5	"	1	69
"	1905-6	"	1	73

In 1895 the reason that the rate was \$1.38 was that the Council used \$35,000 of unexpended balances that had accumulated. This large amount naturally cut the rate down a great deal.

In 1896 they used \$15,000 of unexpended balances. The rate went up 20c. over the previous year.

In 1897 they used \$17,000.	Rate \$1 63
" 1898 10,000.	" 1 61
" 1899 8,000.	" 1 61
" 1900 only 2,000.	" 1 72
" 1901 3,000.	" 1 71
" 1902 5,000	" 1 70

In 1902 there was a law passed which provided that after that date the largest amount that could be used of unexpended balances was \$5 000, and that any amount over this would be accumulated to the credit of the City. Each year since 1902 there has been \$5,000 used towards decreasing the assessments for the next year, and, notwithstanding that there is at present accumulated from this source \$48,000. If the present City Council could use this \$48,000 towards running the City next year the rate would be decreased about 20c, and instead of it being about \$1.70 it would be about \$1.50, so that from this comparison it will be seen that the rate has practically remained the same for the past few years, and this in spite of the fact that "Schools" is costing us \$46,000 more than they did ten years ago; and, notwithstanding the provision made for Sinking Funds to wipe out the paving of Water Street and other permanent work, for which \$250,000 was borrowed, and providing for \$207,000 borrowed last year, the paying of damages for the South Western Railway, the temporary loans and the large amounts which have been paid towards meeting the Provincial Exhibition deficits, and, in addition to this the appropriation for Public Works this year calls for \$72,234, while ten years ago it was \$56,000 an increase of \$16,000. I repeat that when all these facts are taken into consideration, the citizens of Halifax should congratulate themselves that their rate of taxation is not higher. No good citizen should object to the expenditure of money so long as there is something to show for it and the City is improving in appearance. Any observing citizen can see a tremendous difference in Halifax within the past few years so far as its streets, sidewalks, sewers and other improvements are concerned.

A strenuous effort should be made to improve the Assessment Law of this City. It seems absurd to think that the personal property of the citizens of Halifax should be only reckoned by the amount of furniture that their houses contain and the amount of stock in the merchant's warehouse. There are many citizens of Halifax owning large amounts in securities, who are practically paying no personal taxes. It is related that some years ago a citizen of Halifax died, worth about \$1,000,000. He was assessed about \$2000 for personal property. The City of St. John, which is not considered as wealthy as Halifax has, in round numbers, \$9,000,000, while the assessors of this City can only find about one-half that amount. The assessors are not to blame, it is the way the law is worded. The amalgamation of the Peoples' Bank with the Bank of Montreal caused a loss to this City of about \$2500 in taxes.

Another matter that the Council should be impressed with is that a large number of young men residing in the City contribute nothing to its upkeep. There is no effective law to collect poll taxes. Other towns and cities in the Province have a very effective way of collecting them, and the act, so far as Halifax is concerned should be changed. Instead of the tax being \$2.00 for a man not otherwise assessed, it should be at least \$3.00 or \$4 00, with the provision that if paid by December 31st of each year he would be entitled to a vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The estimates are on motion considered item by item.

## SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor. ....	\$1000 00	Passed
His Honor the Recorder .....	1200 00	"
The City Treasurer.....	1500 00	"
The City Clerk.....	1200 00	"
Assistant City Clerk .....	\$900 00	

Moved by Alderman Cawsey, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that this item be placed at \$1000.00.

Amendment put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. Geldert, Halliday,	Ald. Lamphier, Doyle,
Johnson, Murray,	Hubley, Cawsey.—4.
Powell, Taylor,	
Gastonguay, Martin,	
MacKenzie, Hayward.—10.	

Item .....	\$1000 00	Passed.
Stipendiary Magistrate .....	2000 00	"
City Engineer.....	2400 00	"
Assistant City Engineer .....	\$1600 00	

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this item be placed at \$1400.00.

Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Ald. Lamphier,	Ald. Geldert, Halliday,
Hubley,—2.	Johnson, Murray,
	Powell, Taylor,
	Gastonguay, Doyle,
	Martin, Cawsey,
	MacKenzie, Hayward.—12

Item .....	\$1600 00	Passed.
City Auditor.....	\$1500 00	

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that this item be placed at \$1200.00.

Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 12 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion. Ald. Lamphier, Hubley.—2.	Against it. Ald. Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Powell, Taylor, Gastonguay, Doyle, Martin, Cawsey, MacKenzie, Hayward.—12.
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Item .....	\$1500 00	Passed.
City Collector and 4 Sub-collectors .....	4000 00	“
1st Clerk Collector's office .....	800 00	“
2nd “ “ “ .....	800 00	“
Chief City Assessor .....	\$1200 00	

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that this item be placed at \$1400.00.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion. Ald. Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Powell, Taylor, Gastonguay, Doyle, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward.—11.	Against it. Ald. Lamphier, Hubley, Cawsey.—3.
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Item .....	\$1400 00	Passed
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1000.00 each.....	\$2000.00	

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Johnson, that the Assistant Assessors receive \$1100.00 each and that the item be placed at \$2200.00. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion. Ald. Geldert, Halliday, Johnson, Murray, Powell, Taylor, Gastonguay, Martin, MacKenzie, Hayward.—10.	Against it. Ald. Lamphier, Doyle, Hubley, Cawsey.—4.
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Item .....	\$2200 00	Passed.
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Alderman Hawkins here takes his seat in Council.

Registrar of Voters .....	\$ 200 00	Passed.
Janitor of City Hall .....	800 00	"
City Medical Officer .....	1000 00	"
Clerk of Works Department .....	1200 00	"
Stenographer .....	600 00	"
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers .....	1000 00	"
Superintendent of Water Department .....	1200 00	"
Water Inspector .....	728 00	"

Alderman Gastonguay gives notice of reconsideration.

Licence Inspector .....	\$1000 00	"
Librarian Citizens' Free Library .....	450 00	"
Assistant Librarian .....	300 00	"
2nd Assistant Librarian .....	200 00	"
Plumbing Inspector .....	800 00	"
Electrician .....	1000 00	"
Total salaries .....	<u>33078 00</u>	"

Less :

CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

Assistant City Engineer .....	\$1600 00	"
2nd Clerk Collector's Office .....	800 00	"
Superintendent Water Department .....	1200 00	"
Water Inspector .....	728 00	"
Clerk of Works Department .....	1200 00	"
	<u>5528 00</u>	"

CHARGED TO SEWERAGE.

Part Salary of Stenographer .....	\$ 300 00	"
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers .....	1000 00	"
	<u>1300 00</u>	"

CHARGED TO VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

License Inspector (License Fund) .....	\$1000 00	"
Librarian and Assistants (Library) .....	950 00	"
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health) .....	800 00	"
	<u>2750 00</u>	"
	<u>9578 00</u>	"
Total Salaries .....	<u>23500 00</u>	"

Alderman Gastonguay gave notice of reconsideration of the item "Water Inspector" charged to Water Department and of the total amount for salaries.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and Men .....	\$30000 00	"
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ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron .....	\$1200 00	"
Underkeepers, 4 at \$480.00 .....	1920 00	"



Messenger .....	480 00	Passed.
Shoemaker .....	216 00	"
Maintenance .....	\$2084 00	"
Less probable Income from broken stone.....	400 00	"
	<u>1684 00</u>	
		5500 00 "

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Streets ..... \$21935 00

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Lamphier, that the item for streets be placed at \$25000.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Murray, that this item be placed at \$23,000.00.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For the amendment.

Against it.

Ald. Halliday, Murray,  
Powell, Gastonguay,  
Lamphier, Hubley.—6.

Ald. Geldert, Johnson,  
Taylor, Martin,  
Cawsey, MacKenzie,  
Hayward,  
Hawkins.—8.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Cawsey, that the item pass at \$21,935.00.

Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Ald. Geldert, Halliday,  
Johnson, Murray,  
Powell, Taylor,  
Gastonguay, Martin,  
Cawsey.—9.

Ald. Lamphier, Hubley,  
MacKenzie, Hayward,  
Hawkins.—5.

Item .....	\$21935 00	Passed.
Internal Health .....	17000 00	"
Maintenance of Sewers .....	500 00	"
Teams and Stables .....	5000 00	"
Fuel .....	1125 00	"
Telephones .....	264 00	"
Lighting City Hall .....	835 00	"
Lighting Streets .....	21000 00	"
Insurance .....	1175 00	"
City Property .....	2500 00	"
Maintenance of Baths .....	400 00	"
Preparing Official Plan .....	500 00	"
Total .....	<u>\$72234 00</u>	"

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance .....	33468 00	Passed
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery .....	\$2500 00	“
Interest on Commutation Fund .....	220 36	“
Contingent, including fees Medical Examiner .....	3000 00	“
Revising and Printing Juries Lists .....	200 00	“
Total .....	5920 36	“
Total Ordinary Assessment .....	\$170622 36	“

Less:

## PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses .....	\$30000 00	“
Hack, Truck and other Licenses .....	3000 00	“
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts .....	3500 00	“
Rents City Property .....	2400 00	“
Dog Tax .....	1500 00	“
Current Interest .....	1500 00	“
Halifax Electric Tramway Co. ....	7500 00	“
Rents of Hatchways .....	1000 00	“
Total .....	\$50400 00	“
Net Total Ordinary Assessment .....	\$120222 36	“

Alderman Gastonguay gives notice of reconsideration.

## EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax .....	\$ 11000 00	“
Public Schools .....	125300 00	“
Bank for Interest on advances to schools .....	2500 00	“
Poor's Asylum .....	24588 00	“
Public Gardens and Common .....	5000 00	“
Point Pleasant Park .....	2000 00	“
Citizen's Free Library .....	2500 00	“
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue .....	750 00	“
School for Blind, 14 pupils at \$90 each .....	1260 00	“
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 7 pupils at \$75 each .....	525 00	“
Industrial School for Boys at \$60 each, not to exceed \$1600 00		
“ “ 1904-5 short 246 25	1846 25	“
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys at \$60 each, not to exceed .....	1600 00	“
Truants under Compulsory Act .....	1200 00	“
Industrial School short for truants 1904-5 .....	14 69	“
Infant's Home, Tower Road .....	300 00	“
Infant's Home, Brunswick Street .....	300 00	“
Protestant Home for Females .....	300 00	“
Roman Catholic Home for Females .....	600 00	“
Camp Hill Cemetery .....	500 00	“
Dalhousie University .....	500 00	“
County Rifle Association .....	1 00	“
Victoria School of Art and Design .....	500 00	“

Board of Health .....	\$4000 00		
" deficit salaries 1905-6 .....	800 00		
" grant by Council for legal adviser .....	100 00		
		4900 00	Passed.
Court of Appeal from Assessments .....		300 00	"
One-half subsidy to Dry Dock, 17th year .....		5000 00	"
Half deficit Provincial Exhibition 1905, \$10,932 56 .....		5466 28	"
Superannuation Sergt. Jas. McNally, one year .....		167 13	"
" Chief of Police, John O'Sullivan, 16 mos. at \$297.14 per year .....		396 19	"
Superannuation Sergt. John Baker, 16 mos. at \$148.57 per year .....		198 09	"
		<u>\$199512 63</u>	"

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

8th payment on loan for Public Baths, \$8000.00 .....	\$ 800 00		"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	80 00		"
5th payment on loan Duke of Cornwall, \$3,000.00 .....	500 00		"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	30 00		"
5th payment on loan deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1900, \$3300.00 .....	550 00		"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	33 00		"
4th payment on loan deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1901, \$4,343.94 .....	403 38		"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	145 61		"
4th payment on loan for House Public Gardens, \$4,000.00.	371 37		"
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	134 08		"
1st payment on loan for various purposes, \$22,300.00 .....	4700 00		"
Interest on same, viz., \$22,300, 1 year at 4% .....	\$892 00		"
" \$17,600, half year at 4% .....	352 00		"
	<u>1244 00</u>		"
Amount to pay interest on advance for widening Upper Water Street, \$3,588 00, 14 months at 4% .....	167 10		"
		9158 54	"
City Hall debentures, \$25,000 at 4% } .....			"
" \$25,000 at 4½% } .....		2125 00	"
Halifax & South Western Ry. land damages debentures, \$46,000 at 4% .....		1840 00	"

CONSOLIDATED FUND (OLD).

\$ 905,000 at 5 % .....	\$40250 00		"
1,143,700 at 4½ % .....	51466 50		"
1,032,890 at 4 % .....	41315 60		"
67,000 at 3½ % .....	2345 00		"
5,000 at 4 % (broken period) .....	50 00		"
	<u>\$135427 10</u>		"

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$153,000 at 5 % .....	\$ 7650 00		"
679,000 at 4½ % .....	30582 00		"
214,000 at 4 % .....	8560 00		"
10,000 at 3½ % .....	350 00		"
	<u>47142 00</u>		"
		88285 10	"

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905.

\$207,000 at 4% .....	\$ 8280 00		"
107,000 at 4% (broken periods) .....	594 49		"
	<u>8874 49</u>		"
Less estimated earnings on unexpired portion of loan .....	3887 34		"
		4987 15	"

## SINKING FUNDS.

Under Chapter 65 Acts 1898 .....	\$ 200 00	Passed.
“ 51 Acts 1902 .....	3000 00	“
“ 54 Acts 1903-4 .....	5000 00	“
“ 49 Acts 1905 .....	1300 00	“
	9500 00	“
Add 1 per cent. for short collection .....	\$435630 78	“
	4356 30	“
Less from Unexpended Balances .....	\$439987 08	“
	5000 00	“
Total Estimates .....	\$434987 08	“

The following resolution is now submitted:—

*Resolved*, That the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$120,222.36 and the Extra Assessment amounting to \$319,764.72, as per the yearly estimates for 1906-7, less \$5,000 00 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and the property within the City be assessed for the sum of \$434,987.08.

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said Estimates together with a copy of this resolution to the Board of City Assessors on or before the 31st December inst. and to instruct them to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending April 30th, 1907, on the basis of the said amount of \$434,987.08.

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

Alderman Gastonguay gives notice of reconsideration.

By leave of Council Alderman Powell submits the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That James Romans, late Turnkey Water Department, be given an allowance of two hundred dollars per annum during his natural life and that the Council instruct the Acting-Recorder to prepare an Act to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature authorizing the same.

Moved by Alderman Powell, seconded by Alderman Taylor.

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for 700,000 pounds of cement.

## TENDERS FOR CEMENT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, Dec. 23rd, 1905.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day tenders for the supplying of the 700,000 pounds cement required by the department were opened and referred to the City Engineer for report.

R. T. MACILREITH, Mayor and Chairman.