

His Worship the Mayor replied that sewer work had been started to-day.

Alderman McManus asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether it is necessary to secure legislation to change the form of tax receipts.

Alderman Kelly asked if it is the intention of the Committee on Works to place refuse receptacles in the streets the coming summer.

Alderman Smith answered that the Committee on Works were still considering the matter but had not yet been able to find suitable receptacles.

Alderman Martin asked what action had been taken by the Committee on Works in the matter of the widening of Cunard Street.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Committee was not yet in a position to report.

Alderman Whitman submits the following question :—

“ Why does not the City Engineer carry out the provisions of section 566 of the City Charter as regards down spouts being connected with the drains and sewers ? ”

#### RESOLUTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Martin submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, that the City Clerk be instructed to request the Minister of Militia to forward as soon as possible an answer to the offer made by this Council by resolution passed July 16th, 1909, of \$12,000.00 for the Large Fuel Yard as a site for a public market.

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

Alderman Hubley submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, that His Worship the Mayor be and is hereby requested to appoint a special committee of six to enquire into the system of municipal government in other cities in Canada and the United States where they are governed by a Board of Control or Commission and report to this Council at an early date as to the advisability of adopting a similar method in this City.

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

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such committee Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh, Smith, Hubley, Thompson and Rankine. Approved.

Alderman Wilson submits the following resolution :—

*Whereas*, the operation of the Provincial Exhibition at the present time results in a serious annual expense ;

*And Whereas*, the grounds of the Commission cannot under the present legislation, be used for any purpose of revenue other than at the time of the holding of the Annual Exhibition ;

*And Whereas* this Council is of opinion that a large revenue could legitimately be obtained from the use of the grounds when not required for the purpose of holding the Exhibition, thereby helping to cover the cost of maintenance and operation.

*Therefore resolved* that this Council request the Provincial Government to have the legislation relating to the Exhibition amended, so as to give the Commission power to let or use the grounds and property of the Commission for any legitimate purposes in order to obtain a revenue therefrom.

*Further resolved* that the Committee on legislation, when appointed, is hereby directed to use its best endeavours to obtain or promote legislation in accordance with this resolution.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a committee of six to watch the progress through the Legislature of bills affecting the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as such Committee, Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Douglas, Hoben, Martin and MacKenzie.

Alderman MacKenzie declines to serve and nominates Alderman Edwards in his place.

Alderman Martin declines to serve and nominates Alderman Thompson in his place.

Alderman Hoben declines to serve.

Alderman Hubley is nominated.

Alderman Hubley declines and nominates Alderman Kelly in his place.

His Worship the Mayor announces the names of the Committee to be Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Douglas, Thompson and Edwards. Approved.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that Alderman Hubley be substituted for Aldermen Shaffner, as a member of the Juries Lists Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith, that this Council request the Local Legislature to enact legislation that not more than sixty shop and hotel licenses be granted in the City of Halifax.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that this motion be placed on the Order for the Day for consideration with Nos. 22 and 23 thereon in re Temperance Legislation.

The amendment being put 7 voted for the same and 7 against it, as follows :—

For the amendment  
 Aldermen Wilson, Whitman,  
 Bligh, Thompson,  
 Martin, MacKenzie,  
 Rankine,—7.

Against it  
 Aldermen Shaffner, McManus,  
 Smith, Hoben, Kelly,  
 Hubley, Corston,—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the amendment and declares the amendment carried.

Alderman Hubley submits the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a bill for submission to the legislature at its present session enabling this Council to take a vote in April, 1911, when the Civic elections are being held and every third year thereafter as to whether licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Halifax shall be granted by this Council and if a majority of the ratepayers entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen record their votes against the granting of such licenses then no licenses shall be granted by this Council for a period of three years.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this resolution be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with Nos. 22 and 23 thereon in re Temperance Legislation. Amendment passed.

Alderman Hubley submits the following resolution :—

*Whereas*, the Liquor License Act provides that an applicant for a license to sell intoxicating liquors shall file with his or her application a certificate signed by three-fifths of the ratepayers residing in the polling district for which the license is applied for;

*And whereas*, the operation of the Act disfranchises upwards of 80% of the taxpayers of this City from signing for or against a petition for a license to sell liquors;

*And whereas*, this Council is desirous that all the taxpayers should have a voice in a matter that so vitally affects the moral, physical, social and financial affairs of this City:

*Therefore resolved*, that the Legislature be respectfully requested at the next session to so amend the Liquor License Act that an applicant for a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any ward of the City shall file with their application a certificate signed by a majority of the ratepayers bona fide residing in the ward for which they apply, on the 15th day of May preceding the filing of the application for the same.

*Further resolved*, that where applicants secure a majority of the ratepayers' signatures to the petition in the ward for which they apply, they be not required to renew the same for the next succeeding two years, but every third year thereafter shall renew the same; provided that a majority of the ratepayers signing a petition to the Council requesting that the license be not renewed, then said license shall expire with the license year and shall not be again granted until a majority of the ratepayers in the ward request the Council to renew the same.

*Further resolved*, that the City Solicitor is hereby instructed to prepare an Act in accordance with the above resolution.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that said resolution be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with Nos. 22 and 23 thereon in re temperance legislation.

Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 2 against it, as follows:—

<p>For the Amendment.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie, Rankine.—12.</p>	<p>Against it.</p> <p>Aldermen Hubley, Thompson.—2.</p>
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By leave of Council His Worship the Mayor submits a petition from citizens in re itemized tax bills and tax receipts, and the same is now read.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said petition be referred to the Finance Committee, and that said Committee be instructed to draft if necessary legislation so that the tax bills may be made in duplicate. Amendment passed.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

<p>For Adjournment.</p> <p>Aldermen Whitman, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie.—4.</p>	<p>Against.</p> <p>Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston, Rankine.—9.</p>
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Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 22 on Order of the Day, viz.:

(a) Report of five members of Laws and Privileges Committee, December 3rd 1909, re Temperance Legislation, sub-section 111, re reducing number of liquor licenses—Alderman Edwards' motion for adoption of said sub-section. Alderman Hoben's amendment in respect to same. All left undisposed of through motion to adjourn. (See printed Minutes April 22nd, 1909.) January 27th, 1910,

and

(b) Consideration of balance of said report, January 27th, 1910, and No. 23, viz.:

Alderman Hoben's notice of motion for legislation to make proportion of liquor licenses one in each 1000 of population. (Verbal.) Feb. 8th. 1910.

be now taken up.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that No. 25 on Order of the Day, viz.:

Report City Prison Committee on recommendation of special committee on re-organization of City Prison (left undisposed of through a motion to adjourn)—see printed Minutes February 10th, 1910.

be now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn.

His Worship the Mayor rules the motion to adjourn out of order.

Alderman Wilson's amendment is put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Whiteman, Corston, Rankine—4.	Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie—10.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For Adjournment	Against it.
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine—7	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against adjournment and declares the motion lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that No. 21 on Order of the Day, viz:

Reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re road to North West Arm between South Street and Point Pleasant, January 6th, 1910.

Be now taken up.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, Rankine.—3	Aldermen Shaffner, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie.—11.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the original motion be now put.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that the Council adjourn.

Motion to adjourn is put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows :

For the Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Thompson, Martin, MacKenzie, Rankine.—6.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston.—8.

Alderman Hoben's motion that the question be now put is put and passed.

The original motion that Nos. 22 and 23 on the Order of the Day be taken up is put and passed.

The same are now read.

Alderman Wilson submits the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the number of licenses be reduced in accordance with the request of the committee of forty-two and the license fees be doubled.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Hubley submits the following amendment :

*Resolved*, That the City Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the next session of the Local Legislature enabling this Council to take a vote of the ratepayers of the City every third year on the questions of sixty licenses or no licenses shall be granted in this City.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Thompson.

Alderman McManus rising to a point of order asked if the amendment is in order.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the amendment is in order.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that the Council adjourn.

The vote being taken there appeared :—

For Adjournment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Bligh, Kelly, Thompson, Martin, Rankine—7.	Aldermen Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston, MacKenzie—7.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against adjournment and declares the motion lost.

Alderman Hubley's amendment is put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Hubley, Thompson, Martin—3.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, Bligh, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Corston, Mac- Kenzie, Rankine—10.

Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Martin, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against, as follows :—

For Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Bligh, Thompson, Martin, Rankine—6.	Aldermen Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Corston, MacKenzie—7.

Alderman Martin submits the following amendment :

*Resolved* that the number of shop and hotel licenses be reduced to seventy and that the license fees be increased accordingly so as to yield the same revenue as ninety licenses at the present rates

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Thompson, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie.—6.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley, Rankine.—7.

Moved by Alderman Rankine, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :—

For Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Whitman, Bligh, Thompson, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie, Rankine.—7.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Hubley.—6.

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 29th, 1910.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Martin, Bligh, Douglas, Corston, Hebb, Wilson and Shaffner.

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

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen O'Brien, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Thompson, MacKenzie and Edwards.

The Council was summoned to take into consideration the application of residents of Gottingen Street for the widening of Cunard Street, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Edwards asked permission of the Council to make a statement in reference to the aerial ladder.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the order of business be suspended to allow Alderman Edwards to make a statement in re aerial ladder. Motion passed.

Alderman Edwards addresses the Council on the subject of putting the aerial ladder into commission as recommended by the joint committee of the Fire Wards, Fire Underwriters and Board of Trade and lays on the table a resolution passed by the Fire Underwriters in connection therewith.

### HORTON AERIAL LADDER.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 23rd, 1910.

J. S. EDWARDS, ESQ., *Chairman Board of Fire Wards,*

### RE AERIAL TRUCK.

DEAR SIR.—As the result of the several meetings of the joint committee from the Board of Fire Wards, Board of Trade and Board of Fire Underwriters, the following resolution was passed by the joint committee:—

*Resolved,* that in the opinion of this joint committee the Horton ladder purchased by the Fire Department is a workable piece of apparatus.

*Further Resolved*, that in view of the several tests made before this Committee the reduction of five cents (05c.) offered by the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriter should be granted on all risks in which it has been previously charged over the district as defined below, as soon as the Fire Commissioners have provided proper equipment and put the Horton Ladder into full commission.

*Further Resolved*, that such equipment shall include 3 horses, 1 permanent driver, one permanent ladder man and 8 call men to be attached to this ladder division, and shall respond to all first alarms within this district.

The district in which said reduction is to apply is all the district within the following boundaries:—Bounded on the east by the Harbor and commencing on the water front at a point parallel to the south side of Fawson Street; both sides of Fawson Street to Hollis Street; both sides of Hollis Street to Morris Street; both sides of Morris Street to Pleasant Street; both sides of Pleasant Street to Blowers Street; both sides of Blowers Street to Argyle Street; both sides of Argyle Street to Jacob Street; both sides of Jacob Street to Barrington Street; both sides of Barrington and Lockman Streets to North Street; both sides of North Street to the Harbor.

I have pleasure in advising you that at the regular meeting of our Board held yesterday a copy of this resolution was submitted and approved of by our Board.

EDWARD J. FAHIE, *Secretary*.

The Alderman also stated that he intends submitting to the legislature at its present session a permissive bill authorizing expenditure for maintenance of the aerial ladder.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:

Report Finance Committee re Duplicate Tax Receipts, by Alderman Bligh, for Chairman.

Petition Gottingen Street Merchants against widening of Cunard Street, by Alderman Corston.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

Report Coal Weighers for February.

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

Petition for concrete sidewalk Gottingen Street.

Report Board of Health re appointment of Plumbing Inspector.

Reports (8) Committee on Works, viz:

Widening Cunard Street.

Jubilee Road boat landing.

Building Act Violation by Militia Department.

Larch Street water extension.

Stairs Street water extension.

Brunswick and Jacob Streets concrete sidewalks.

Hebb land, sale of.

Sewerage loan, \$50,000.00.

Opinion City Solicitor respecting reference of papers by Mayor without motion of Council.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read opinion City Solicitor respecting reference of papers by the Chairman without motion of Council.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, HALIFAX, N. S., March 14th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to your enquiry whether under Clause 2 of the Ordinance regulating the rules of order of Council it is the duty of the Chairman to have all the papers mentioned by the said rule read before being referred by the Chairman to the appropriate Committee, I beg to say that in my opinion it is not his duty. It has been the constant practice, so far as I know, to so refer them after reading by title only and this I understand to be the practice in other legislative bodies. If it were compulsory that every document however lengthy should be read in full at its introduction the time of the Council might be largely used up in that way. Clause 26, though not in exact conformity with the present practice of the Council, expressly declares that petitions and other papers handed in shall not be read or commented on when handed in. Clause 38 does not touch the matter as in my opinion it refers only to reports or similar papers when they come before the Council for consideration and is intended only to dispense with their being then read in full when members have been furnished with printed copies. It does not refer to papers on their first presentation. The Council has of course control of its own procedure and could by a majority vote direct that a paper should be read in full on presentation, but in the absence of such a resolution the ordinary, and in my opinion, correct procedure, is to refer after reading by title only.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Filed.

Read report Coal Weighers for February. Filed.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk Gottingen Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of the Liquor License Act reported to him since last meeting of Council. Filed.

Read report City Health Board re appointment of W. P. Morrissey as Plumbing Inspector and asking the City Council to fix the amount of his salary.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

OFFICE OF CITY HEALTH BOARD, March 14th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to inform you that the City Engineer's report to the City Health Board, nominating Mr. W. P. Morrissey, for the office of Plumbing Inspector, was adopted at a meeting of the Board held this day.

In accordance with section 43 of by law 2, the salary for said office is to be determined by the City Council.

JOHN A. WATTERS.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said report be adopted and the salary fixed at \$800.00 per annum.

Motion passed, Alderman Hoben dissenting.

Alderman Hoben gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report Committee on Works recommending the borrowing of \$50,000.00 for sewerage purposes.

#### LOAN FOR SEWERS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, it was decided to recommend to Council, that legislation to borrow \$50,000 in such sums as may from time to time be required, be obtained at the present session of the Legislature for sewerage purposes.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said report be adopted. Motion put and passed, fifteen voting for the same and one against it, as follows:—

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, O'Brien,

Aldermen Hubley—1.

Hebb, Bligh, McManus,

Douglas, Smith, Hoben,

Kelly, Thompson, Martin,

Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards—15.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening Cunard Street and double tramway tracks.

#### WIDENING OF CUNARD STREET AND DOUBLE TRACK.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN.—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re widening Cunard Street was read.

Messrs. Freeman, Isnor and Hart a Committee from the Gottingen Street Merchants' Association were present and strongly urged the widening.

After discussion it was decided to refer the report for the consideration of Council.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 26th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the widening of Cunard Street and also the petition of the Halifax Electric Tram Company for permission to double track the remainder of their line from Buckingham Street to the Exhibition.

I know of no objection to the granting of the request of the Tram Company so far as it refers to the district from the corner of Grafton and Buckingham Streets

to Gottingen Street and from the corner of Agricola and Cunard Streets to the Exhibition, and I would recommend that permission be given to them to carry out this work as proposed in their application, viz., to lay a single track from Grafton Street up Buckingham and along Brunswick Street to the corner of Jacob; thence to double track the line along Brunswick and Cogswell to Gottingen, also to double track Agricola from Cunard to West Street and from Willow Street to Almon St., also to double track Almon Street from Agricola to Windsor Street with such special work as may be necessary.

The Tram Company ask for permission to lay a track from Gottingen Street up Cornwallis Street and along Park Street to the corner of Agricola and Cunard Sts., in consequence of the impossibility to lay a double track on Cunard Street unless it is widened. It would be more satisfactory to the Works Department to have all the line on Cunard Street than to divide it as proposed by the Tram Company. The maintenance work and removal of snow would be confined to one street instead of two additional streets. The laying of the track up Cornwallis Street and along Park Street would be no great advantage to anybody but the Tram Company and if the Council do not decide to widen Cunard Street, I would recommend that the laying of the track on Cornwallis and Park Streets, be deferred for the present.

The widening of Cunard Street is not a new proposal. I reported on this matter first in August 1898, estimating the cost at \$22,000. Since that time improvements have been made in the street which would make the estimated cost \$30,000. The street is very narrow and it is dangerous to drive along the street while the car is passing over the track. It is also dangerous for wheel traffic crossing Cunard Street at right angles. Accidents have happened and it requires one fatal accident only, to convince the Council and everybody interested, that it is absolutely necessary to widen the street in order to make it safe. I have recommended it in former reports and I again recommend the widening of this street between Gottingen and Agricola Streets. If the Council decide to widen it I would recommend that the Tram Co., be permitted to lay double track.

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

Read petition Gottingen Street Merchants against said proposition.

PETITION OF GOTTINGEN STREET MERCHANTS.

March 29th, 1910.

*To the City Council of the City of Halifax*

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers residing or doing business on Gottingen Street in the City of Halifax, sheweth:

Whereas a proposition for the improvement of the Car Service is under consideration;

And Whereas, it has been proposed that for the purpose of enabling double tracking to be done on Cunard Street said Cunard Street be widened;

And Whereas the subscribers believe that such a course would involve the expenditure of an enormous amount of the money of the taxpayers without substantially extending and improving the tram service;

And Whereas, these subscribers believe that such service would be substantially improved, and in addition that a large and important section of the north end of the City at present without car service would be benefited by carrying the tram line north on Gottingen Street instead of up Cunard Street at considerable saving of expense to the citizens;

Therefore these subscribers pray that the City Council exercise the power vested in it in such manner as to ensure that the tracks be carried in a straight line north on Gottingen Street and turning west on North Street, Almon Street, or

same other street further north than Cunard Street, and that this course be adopted instead of the widening of Cunard Street as suggested.

E. CRONAN,

A. C. NORTHOP, et. al.

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Engineer be adopted and that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to have an amendment inserted in the City Bills now before the Legislature authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000 00) to widen Cunard Street between Gottingen Street and Agricola Street.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Corston.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Douglas, that the report of the City Engineer be taken up clause by clause. Amendment passed.

Read clause one. Passed.

Read clause 2 (a) recommending granting of permission to lay a single track from Grafton Street up Buckingham, and along Brunswick to the corner of Jacob Street.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Douglas that the recommendation of the City Engineer be adopted.

Motion passed, Alderman Thompson dissenting.

Read Clause 2 (b) recommending the granting of permission to double track a line along Brunswick and Cogswell Sts. to Gottingen St.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Kelly that permission to double track Cogswell St. from Brunswick to Gottingen St. be not granted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read clause 2 (c) recommending the granting of permission to double track Agricola Street from Cunard to West Street and from Willow to Almon Street; also to double track Almon Street from Agricola Street to Windsor Street, with such special work as may be necessary.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that permission be granted the Tramway Company to double track Agricola St. from Cunard Street to West Street and from Willow to Almon St.; also to double track Almon Street from Agricola to Windsor Street, with such special work as may be necessary, the said special work to include curves, switches, sidings and cross-overs.

The following amendment is submitted:—

*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to interview the Management of the Tram. Co., with a view of ascertaining what (if any) tram line extensions

northward from the corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets the Company will make in return for the widening of Cunard Street and double tracking privileges on that street, Agricola Street and Gottingen Streets between Cornwallis and Cunard Streets; and that further action in the matter of double tracking in the north end and the widening of Cunard Street be deferred until this special committee reports to the Council.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Hubley.

The vote being taken there appeared:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Brien, Hebb, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Corston, MacKenzie, Edwards—8.	Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Bligh, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Thompson, Martin—8.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the amendment and declares it carried.

Alderman Martin gives notice of reconsideration.

His Worship the Mayor asked Alderman Edwards to nominate the special committee.

Alderman Edwards nominates Aldermen MacKenzie, Hubley, Hoben, Hebb, Corston and Edwards.

The Committee as nominated is approved by Council.

Alderman Martin asked permission to introduce a resolution. Objected to.

Read report Finance Committee re duplicate tax bills.

#### DUPLICATE TAX BILLS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 15th, 1910.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.*

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Bligh and Edwards, they had under consideration the petition of a number of ratepayers in reference to tax receipts, referred to this Committee by resolution of Council March 14th, inst.

It is recommended that a sum not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) be taken from the Contingent Account to pay the cost of the tax bills issued by the Assessors in duplicate, the one to be retained by the ratepayer and the other mentioned duplicate original shall be delivered up to the City Collector upon payment of the same, and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee is hereby authorized to consult with the City Solicitor and obtain legislation, if necessary, to carry out the above.

F. P. BLIGH, *in absence of Chairman.*

Alderman Edwards dissenting.

Filed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sale of the remainder of the Hebb land.

## COBURG ROAD LOT.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

*To the City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re sale to Mr. A. W. DeGrouchy of the remainder of the Hebb land not required by the City for the sum of \$700.00 was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 23rd, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—Mr. A. W. DeGrouchy has given me a written offer of \$700.00 for the remainder of the lot of land at the north-east corner of Coburg Road and Larch Street, purchased from Mr. Hebb.

There have been several inquiries respecting this property and the price named in each case was \$700.00. I consider that it is a full value for the lot. This amount with the amount to be paid by Mr. Redmond will enable the City to pay for the whole lot without any outlay from the City Treasury. I would recommend therefore, that Mr. DeGrouchy's offer be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign the deed conveying the lot.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sidewalk Jacob and Brunswick Sts.

## BRUNSWICK AND JACOB STREET SIDEWALKS

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

*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 Messrs. T. F. Courtney & Co. for a concrete sidewalk in front of their new premises was read and recommended to Council for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 23rd, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. T. F. Courtney asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk in front of his new building at the Corner of Brunswick and Jacob Streets.

Mr. Courtney has erected a building which makes a great improvement on Brunswick and Jacob Streets and desires to have a more permanent sidewalk than the tar concrete sidewalk now laid in front of his property.

The estimated cost of the work is \$390.00. I would recommend that the sidewalk be laid under the Sidewalk Act, 1906, and as it is a comparatively small area, 165 square yards, the work be done at an early date.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the same be adopted.

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

WATER EXTENSION STAIRS STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

To the City Council :

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

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 23rd, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water service along Stairs Street eastwardly from Agricola Street.

The district is high service, size of pipe required, six inch, distance 256 feet. Estimated cost.

Pipe.....	\$153 60
One 6" valve.....	20 00
Lead and Paint.....	4 00
Excavation and Pipe Laying.....	140 80
Six Service Pipes.....	90 00
Total.....	\$408 40

I would recommend that the extension be made.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

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

WATER EXTENSION LARCH STREET.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

To the City Council :

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

J. A. CHISHOLM, Mayor and Chairman.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 24th, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. R. C. Lea, asking for the extension of the water pipe from Coburg Road northwardly along Larch St. to supply two houses which he proposes to build.

The district is at present high service but may be supplied in the future from the low service when the pipe recommended by the Works Committee is laid on

Oxford Street from Quinpool Road south; size of pipe required, 6"; Excavation, rock; length of extension, 290 feet; estimated cost,

Pipes.....	\$174 00
One 6" valve.....	20 00
One 9x6 branch.....	7 54
One 9" thimble.....	2 52
Lead and Paint.....	5 00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	638 00
Two service pipes.....	60 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$907 06</b>

The interest on the estimated outlay at 5% is \$45.35.

I would recommend that the extension be made when the construction of the houses has been commenced and on the usual terms; the special rate to be not more than \$22.68.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Violation of Building Act by the Militia Department.

#### BUILDING ACT VIOLATION.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March, 29th, 1910.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Violation of the Building Act by the Militia Department was read and the passing of the resolution suggested is recommended for adoption.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Feb. 24th, 1910

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—On the 11th inst., I reported to the City Solicitor a violation of the Building Act on Militia Department property at the corner of Queen Street and Spring Garden Road. The Department is building a wooden addition to Bellevue House and as this property is in the brick district, the work is being performed in violation of the law.

The City Solicitor informs me that the City cannot compel the Crown to take out permits for government buildings. I had some correspondence within the last year in reference to the taking out of building permits and they finally declined to comply with the law by applying for and obtaining permits. The work which they were performing at that time did not violate the law in any other respect, but this case is different and I would respectfully suggest that the Works Committee recommend the passing of a resolution by the City Council calling on the Department of Militia and Defence to comply with the laws of the City respecting the erection of buildings.

The fire risk in wooden Government buildings is no less than in those of private owners and there seems to be no good reason for not complying with the law except that "might is right."

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re application of William Coolen for a boat landing, Jubilee Road.

#### JUBILEE ROAD BOAT LANDING.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, March 29th, 1910.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached Minute of Council with City Engineer's report thereon in re application of William Coolen for lease of a strip of land at foot of Jubilee Road for a float for boats etc., was read. It was decided to recommend to Council the adoption of the City Engineer's report against the granting of said request.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 23rd, 1910.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from W. Coolen asking for a lease from the City of a small strip of land at the foot of Jubilee Road on the south side of the wharf, lying between the Jubilee Boat House and the wharf for the purpose of erecting a float for boats and a building about 15' x 30'.

At the location where Mr. Coolen asks for a lease there is no room on the property owned by the City as will appear from the plan. A permit has already been given for the operation of a ferry and for the keeping of boats for hire at the end of Jubilee Road, Coburg Road and South Street on the Arm and at Hanover Street on the Harbour.

While these ferries and boat landings are a convenience to the general public especially to those who do not own boats of their own, a private enterprise should not be allowed to interfere with the rights of the public in these landings. There are so many private owners of boats who at times would require to use the street ends, that there is no room for more than one ferryman or boat keeper at each street end and even with one occupying part of the 60' street, there is very little space left open. At Jubilee Road, the pier is used at times by schooners landing wood and other supplies for people in this neighbourhood. If we give permission for a second boatman at this place, we shut out the public altogether and while I have grave doubts whether we should give permission for a private boat landing at each street end, I am very strongly of the opinion that we should not encroach further on the rights of the general public and individual boat owners. The only excuse I can find for the permit to one boatman is, that it is in the interest of a great many people who are unable to own a boat.

Under the circumstances, I would strongly urge the adoption of my former recommendation in this matter, namely, that the request for a lease for a second boatman be not granted.

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

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Alderman Hoben submitted the following questions :—

When documents come back to the Council from the Committees can the Mayor properly order them filed without having them read if asked for by members?

Can the mayor properly order papers filed without referring them to any committee when they are addressed to the Mayor and City Council?

Alderman Kelly asked when the Works Department intend to provide refuse receptacles on the streets.

Alderman McManus asked when the Works Department intend to make improvements to Argyle Street.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz. :—reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete walk Parade footpath. June 9th, 1908.

Moved by Alderman Hebb seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the reports be adopted and the Works Department instructed to lay a concrete footpath on the Parade as recommended. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Edwards, that the Council adjourn.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it, as follows :—

For Adjournment.

Aldermen Shaffner, O'Brien,  
Hebb, Smith, Hoben,  
Kelly, Hubley,  
Martin Edwards—9.

Against.

Aldermen Wilson, Bligh,  
McManus, Douglas,  
Thompson, MacKenzie—6

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, April 8th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hubley, Bligh, Whitman, Edwards, Kelly, Wilson, Thompson and Douglas.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.50 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Shaffner, O'Brien, McManus, Smith, Hoben, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie and Rankine.

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

### NOTICES OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz, Alderman Hoben's notice of reconsideration of resolution fixing salary of Plumbing Inspector at \$800.00 per year. March 29th, 1910.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it, as follows:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen O'Brien, McManus,  
Douglas, Smith,  
Kelly, Martin.—6.

Against.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson,  
Whitman, Bligh,  
Hubley, Thompson,  
Edwards, Rankine.—8.

Read No. 2 on Order of Day, viz: Alderman Martin's notice of reconsideration of the matter of double tramway tracks in the north end and of the widening of Cunard Street. March 29th, 1910.

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

Alderman Hubley gives notice that he will at a future meeting move that the resolution passed March 29th, giving permission for the double tracking of Buckingham and Brunswick Streets be rescinded.

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :

Reports (2) Committee of Fire Wards, by Alderman Edwards, Chairman.

Report City Prison Committee, by Alderman Wilson, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Bligh Chairman.

Report Finance Committee, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common, by Alderman Shaffner, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman O'Brien, Acting Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

Opinion City Solicitor relating to the reading of papers.

Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of the Liquor License Act.

Letter W. H. Harbeck, Seattle, Washington. re advertising Halifax.

Invitation to Annual Convention of League of American Municipalities.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz :

Numbering Tower Road and Pleasant Street.

Cedar and Henry Streets water extension.

Buckingham Street sidewalk.

Morris Street sidewalk.

Tenders for pipe and valves.

Water Estimates 1910-1911.

Accounts.

Petition for concrete sidewalk Coburg Road.

Petition for water extension Cherry Street.

Letter J. K. Munnis asking for the appointment of a committee in re street improvement.

Application I. S. Johnson for an auctioneer's license.

Petition ratepayers Ward Six in re tramway extension.

Petition for improvement Campbell Road.

Petition for concrete sidewalk, Gottingen Street.

Report City Solicitor re taxation of Maritime Business College.

## REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read application J. K. Munnis for appointment of a delegation to wait upon General Drury in re changing location of certain streets.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that Mr. Munnis' request be granted and the committee suggested in his letter appointed, viz : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Whitman, and Smith, and the City Engineer representing the Committee on Works ; Jacob A. Johnson, J. F. Shatford and H. D. Mackenzie

representing the Board of Trade; and S. M. Brookfield, Hector MacInnis and James K Munnis. Motion passed.

Read opinion City Solicitor in answer to Alderman Hoben's questions relating to the reading of papers. Filed.

READING OF PAPERS.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, April 8th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In reply to Alderman Hoben's question as to the reading of papers, I beg to say as follows:—

In the absence of any provision in our own Rules of Order the only guide is the established practice of legislative assemblies. Mr. Cushing in his work, secs. 1471 to 1475, gives a full and comprehensive statement of the practice as to the reading of papers, of which I have handed the Clerk a copy to be read with this. With this general statement must be also considered the two provisions in our own Ordinance (1) that papers shall be referred to the appropriate committee without being read (sec. 26) and (2) that a report of which printed copies have been furnished to members of the Council shall be read by title only. The practice established by these authorities I believe can be summarized thus:—

- (1) No paper need be read at its first introduction unless the Council requires it.
- (2) A member has the right to require any paper to be read only on a motion involving its consideration, and he has not this right
  - (a) when printed copies have been furnished; and
  - (b) when the Council by a majority vote directs the reading to be dispensed with.
- (3) In other cases when papers are laid before the Council for information, etc., no member has the right to insist on their being read. The Council, of course, can require their reading. The presiding officer can, subject to the wish of the Council, as expressed by a vote, direct them to be read, either of his own volition or at the request of a member.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

His Worship the Mayor requested that the presiding officers be now appointed for the forthcoming civic elections.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Bligh, that Aldermen Shaffner and Wilson be the presiding officers in Ward No. One. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded, by Alderman Wilson, that Aldermen Bligh and Hebb the presiding officers, in Ward No. Two. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Aldermen Smith and Douglas be the presiding officers in Ward No. Three. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman McManus, that Aldermen Kelly and Hubley be the presiding officers in Ward No. Four. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that

Aldermen Corston and Thompson be the presiding officers in Ward No. Five. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Martin, that Aldermen Edwards and Rankine be the presiding officers in Ward No. Six. Motion passed.

Read application A. C. Theakston for water extension Cherry Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application I. S. Johnson for an auctioneer's license.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

Read petition from ratepayers of Ward Six for tramway extension.

Referred to special committee on tramway extension.

Read petition for improvements Campbell Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk, Coburg Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read petition for concrete sidewalk, Gottingen Street.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read letter W. H. Harbeck, Seattle, Wash., re advertising Halifax by moving pictures. Filed.

Read invitation to send delegates to Annual Convention of League of American Municipalities at St. Paul, August 23-26th, 1910. Filed.

Read report Chief of Police reporting no violations of Liquor License Act on Sunday since his last report. Filed.

Read read report City Solicitor re taxation of Maritime Business College.

#### RE MARITIME BUSINESS COLLEGE.

OFFICE OF CITY SOLICITOR, April 8th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report to the Council the favorable result of the hearing before Judge Laurence of the question whether or not the Maritime Business College is exempt from taxation under the provisions of our Charter which exempt a college, incorporate academy, school house or other seminary of learning. The building was assessed for \$20,000, upon which the owners have appealed to the Court of Tax Appeals for, first a reduction of the amount and second a total exemption. The Court of Tax Appeals reduced the assessment to \$18,000; but declined to grant the exemption, upon which the applicants appealed for a stated case to which they were entitled under the Charter. The matter was heard before Mr. Justice Laurence under an arrangement with the applicants' solicitors that there should be no costs involved in any event. The learned Judge has sustained contention of the Court of Tax Appeals holding the building not entitled to exemption. I hand you herewith a copy of his Judgment.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

RE MARITIME BUSINESS COLLEGE AND ITS EXEMPTION BY CITY  
OF HALIFAX.

Section 335 of the City Charter says; "A building used as a college incorporated academy, school house or other seminary of learning" shall be exempt from taxation. The "Maritime Business College" is the property of two persons and used as a private school for the education of young persons in certain branches of commercial education, and conducted wholly under the direction, management and control of the private proprietors, for their own benefit as their source of income and the question is—"Is this building in which this school or institution is conducted exempt from taxation by the City?" In *Dame Waring Wylie in City of Montreal* 12 sup. ct. of Can. 384 exemption was claimed on behalf of a private school for the education of young ladies under an Act of the Legislature of Quebec, which used the words "Educational Institution" and allowed by the Supreme Court of Canada. The Chief Justice in delivering Judgment rested the decision on the "primary grammatical signification of the term 'Educational Institution.'" On the other hand there is the case of *Chequaray in the Mayor, &c., of New York*. The statute there exempted "Every building erected for the use of a college, incorporated academy or other seminary of learning, school house, &c." Here we have the very same words as are used in the Halifax City Charter. The School sought to be exempted in this case was a "boarding and day school for girls," kept in a building erected for the purpose and leased to the person conducting the school. It was held the building was not exempt under any of the terms used in the Act.

In the case cited from 12 sup. ct. of Can., Chief Justice Ritchie distinguished that case from the New York case cited above, saying it (the latter case) was decided under the peculiar wording of the statute, in the construction of which, the court he said, held that from such peculiar wording the term "incorporated" used in the connection it was in the statute showed that the legislature intended to confine the exemption to incorporated institutions. Her referred of course to colleges" and "Seminaries."

The popular signification of a "College" is an incorporated or chartered institution of learning. Stroud's "Judicial Dictionary" says "a college to be such in more than vulgar reputation must have the 'countenance of a legal commencement' a 'lawful erection and foundation.'" As the result of the best judgment I can apply to this question, I think the words of sec. 335 of the City Charter do not exempt this building from taxation—nor do the words of sec. 4, cap. 73, "The Assessment" exempt this building.

F. A. LAURENCE.

APRIL 5TH, 1910.

Filed and ordered to be printed in the Minutes with a copy of Mr. Justice Laurence's decision.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Charities Committee for March.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

CITY HOME, April 6th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the follow-

ing report: Members present, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Wilson, Alderman Rankine and Alderman Thompson.

The Superintendent's report for March shows that during the month there were 26 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 44 discharged, and 4 died. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province, and 20 to the City. The total number of inmates March 31st, was 397, made up of 258 men, 136 women, and 3 children. On the same date last year there were 261 men, 143 women, and 3 children, a total of 407.

The Committee would recommend the following repairs to be made at the City Home viz. new tar and gravel roof on boiler house, centre building, east wing, and straw barn, shingling roof of straw barn, new floor in stable and new joists and part floor in wash-house.

The foregoing recommendations is made with the understanding that only such amount of work will be done, as the funds will permit, and the Superintendent be empowered to call for tenders for said roofing.

The following accounts are recommended for payment. Wentzell, Ltd, \$586.79; W. A. Maling & Co., \$337.73; Scotia Pure Milk Co., \$157.19; Geo. Gregoir, \$38.65; J. M. Currie, \$79.05; Fleischman Co., \$6.30; J. M. Murphy, \$73.20; F. R. Fraser, \$59.64; Henry Lovett, \$12.59; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd, \$169.93; Halifax Elet-Tram Co., 31 16; C. E. Puttner, \$50.00; Wm. McFatrige, \$26.00; Blackadar Bros. \$5.00; W. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$5.68; Brookfield Bros., \$9.34; Malcom & Johnson, \$1.20; R. R. Kennedy, \$2.75; The Halifax Herald, \$4.50; Victoria General Hospital \$79.37; Dr. Lewis Thomas, \$5.00; B. J. Mulcahy, \$147.28; Salaries \$656.33; Total \$2544.68.

JAMES J. O'BRIEN, *Acting-Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid and that the repairs recommended be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Amendment passed.

Alderman Shaffner verbally reported that he had called two meetings of the Committee on Tenders, but had failed to secure a quorum at either. He laid upon the table copies of the specifications for printing and stationery.

Moved by Alderman shaffner, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that tenders be advertised for printing, stationery, etc., upon the specifications submitted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Tenders to advertise tor tenders upon specifications to be agreed upon or upon those submitted, as they see fit. Amendment passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

#### REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 4th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee of Fire Wards met this evening. Present Aldermen Edwards (Chairman) Hubley, Thompson, O'Brien and Wilson.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows :—

1. That Arthur P. Mackenzie, Driver No. 4 Hose Waggon, has resigned. Resignation recommended for acceptance.
2. That George Gibson, Callman No. 2 hose, has left the City. It is recommended that he be dismissed from the Department.
3. That one length of Dreadnought hose burst close to the coupling at test of Horton Ladder Truck, March 11th, two years in service, and will be repaired by the Canadian Rubber company.
4. That James Doherty and William Connors, Supernumeraries, be appointed to the call force, vice George Hatchett, resigned, and George Gibson, dismissed.
5. That William Devan be appointed acting engineer vice Patrick Sheehan dismissed.
6. That Cornelius Leahy, Supernumerary No. 3 engine, be appointed acting driver, vice Arthur P. Mackenzie, resigned.
7. That Arthur P. Mackenzie, Driver No 4 hose waggon, who has resigned, be refunded, in accordance with the Act, half the amount paid into the super-annuation fund by him, viz : \$32.24.
8. That a copy of the following report from the chief be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

#### RE GASOLINE AND EXPLOSIVES.

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT, March 30th, 1910.

*To the Chairman Committee of Fire Wards :*

SIR,—In compliance with your request, I have visited the following Junk stores :—William McFatridge, Jr., William Grant, John Simons, John Vincent, Matthew Komarski, Chas. Brister.

I did not discover any gasoline or explosives, but found that some of them are very much crowded with stock ; so much so that it would be very difficult for the Department to put water into them, as the goods are piled up very close to the windows and stairways. I also found that in most of the large stores on the water front the stock is kept too close to the windows and door openings. I have on several occasions brought this matter to the attention of the owners of the properties and to the Insurance representatives, shewing them that the windows should be clear and walks kept through the goods, but it has done very little or no good.

I have also found that the openings for hatches and about the elevators and hoists in a great many cases have no protection or guards around them and would be very dangerous should the members of the Department have to enter them in case of fire.

The law allows six barrels of parafine oil and ten gallons of gasoline or naphtha to be kept for sale in any one place. There are many storekeepers and householders who receive the gasoline in five gallon cans or larger and there is also a large quantity of gasoline and naphtha used on the water front during the summer months.

P. J. BRODERICK, *Chief Fire Department.*

9. The Committee had under consideration the letter of the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters (see printed Minutes of Council March 29th, 1910) agreeing to

a reduction of five cents in certain insurance rates in certain districts when the Horton Aerial Ladder is put into full commission.

Your Committee consider that this reduction should apply not only to risks within the boundaries named in their last letter, but also to all mercantile risks as promised when the rates were increased in November, 1904.

10. As a number of the members of the Council are aware, it was formerly an annual occurrence for the Fire Department to report at the end of the year an over expenditure of their appropriation. The criticisms arising therefrom resulted in the adoption of a system which has been followed for a number of years past eliminating to a great extent the possibility of a deficit. This system has been the curtailing of expenditures of every nature that could possibly be deferred until the closing of the year and to then apply to the Council for leave to expend the balance of the amount reserved until that time. The balance on the right side secured in the manner above indicated has erroneously been called a surplus. This is unfair both to the Committee who manage the funds of the Board and to the officials of the Department who have to wait a whole year for expenditures which under the former system would have been made upon the new Board assuming office.

The Chief submitted to the Council the following schedule of requirements :

#### APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND FITTINGS.

3 Chemical Hose Burst Jackets @	\$ 25 00	\$ 75 00
2 Eastman Holders	55 00	110 00
8 Stall door springs	5 50	44 00
2 Stall pans	22 50	45 00
1 Door spring	7 00	7 00
30 Fire badges	1 00	30 00
3 Setts scales	25 00	75 00
6 Quebec axes	2 50	15 00
10 Wooden hose bridges	2 00	20 00
1 Alarm gong, West Street	80 00	80 00
1 " " Spring Garden Road	25 00	25 00
Carpenters' tools		25 00
Engineers' tools		25 00
1 Hose testing pump		25 00
3 Vacuum Gauges	11 00	33 00
7 Monkey Wrenches	2 00	14 00
3 Electric flash lights	3 00	9 00
1 Suction Strainer No. 5 engine		12 00
1 Blacksmith shoeing caulker		30 00
1 Door opener		20 00
2 Emergency Couplers	16 00	32 00
2 Single harness springs	15 00	30 00
5 House flags	3 50	17 00
8 House clocks	6 00	48 00
Carpenters' Labor		100 00
6 Spare engine wheels	100 00	600 00
Rubber clothing		250 00
		\$1797 00

#### FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND REPAIRS REQUIRED IN THE SEVERAL ENGINE HOUSES.

##### GRAFTON STREET STATION.

6 Chairs for main floor	\$2 00	\$ 12 00
6 Bedroom chairs	1 00	6 00
6 " tables	2 00	12 00

9 Window blinds.....	\$ 75	\$ 6 75	
100 yards floor oil cloth.....	1 00	100 00	
16 " stair.....	1 00	16 00	
22 Rubber treads.....	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 28	
22 Brass nosings.....	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.	5 50	
3 Mats.....	1 75	5 25	
Painting stables.....		15 00	
			\$193 78

ISLESVILLE STATION.

6 Chairs for main floor.....	\$2 00	\$12 00	
6 " sitting room.....	2 00	12 00	
1 Bedroom table.....	2 00	2 00	
40 yards floor oil cloth.....	1 00	40 00	
16 " stairs.....	75	12 00	
19 Rubber treads.....	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 00	
19 Brass nosings.....	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 75	
2 Mats.....	1 75	3 50	
			\$92 25

WEST STREET STATION.

Whitewashing ceiling of hall and three rooms.....			\$13 00
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QUINPOOL ROAD STATION.

Putting in two runners and piers under engine on main floor.....	\$110 00		
Painting stables.....	15 00		
			\$125 00

SPRING GARDEN ROAD STATION.

6 Chairs for main floor.....	\$2 00	\$12 00	
12 Yards oil cloth.....	1 00	12 00	
9 " stair oil cloth.....	1 00	9 00	
8 Rubber treads.....	30	2 40	
8 Brass nosings.....	30	2 40	
1 Mat.....	1 75	1 75	
1 Wardrobe.....		10 00	
			\$49 55

CENTRAL STATION.

Taking down partition.....		\$60 00	
Painting main floor.....		75 00	
6 Chairs for main floor.....	\$2 00	12 00	
			\$147 00

RUNNING IRON TRACKS.

Grafton Street 72 ft.....	\$ 40	\$28 80	
Quinpool Road 138 ".....	40	55 20	
Central House 108 ".....	40	43 20	
West Street 168 ".....	40	79 20	
			\$206 40
			\$2623 98

The Board recommends expenditures to the limit of the appropriation for the following purposes or such of them as the funds will permit :—

2 Chemical hose burst jackets @.....	\$25 00	\$ 50 00
1 Eastman holder.....		55 00
8 Stall door springs.....	5 50	44 00
2 Stall pans.....	22 50	45 00
1 Door spring.....		7 00

15 Badges.....	\$1 00	\$15 00
1 Platform scale.....		25 00
1 Alarm gong, West Street House.....		80 00
1 Hose testing pump.....		25 00
2 Electric flash lights.....	3 00	6 00
1 Door opener.....		20 00
1 Single harness spring.....		15 00
2 House clocks.....	6 00	12 00
1 Spare engine wheel.....		75 00
Rubber clothing.....		85 00
6 Tappers and installation.....		120 00
1 Fire alarm box.....		155 00
Installing same.....		40 00
Furnishing auxiliary system, Dockyard.....		75 00
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		\$949 00
Grafton Street furnishings, etc.....		72 00
Islesville, ".....		30 00
West Street ".....		13 00
Quinpool Road repairs.....		110 00
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		\$1174 00
Repairs Bedford Row House to be handed over to Committee on Works		300 00
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		\$1474 00

Should the funds permit, it is recommended that the Committee be authorized to amend the above schedule by including therein such of the recommendations of the Chief as they deem in the best interests of the Department.

The following named accounts are recommended for payment :—

Halifax Tram Co., Light \$22.80, Power \$6.62, \$29.42. A. M. Bell & Co., Waste, &c. \$11.47. Can. Oil Co., Gasoline, \$20.00. S. Cunard & Co., Coal, \$188.35. Cragg Bros., Hammer etc., 40c Canadian Rubber Co., Coal etc., \$7.97. Jas. Dempster & Co., Lumber, \$36.48. Farquhar Bros., Supplies, \$6.15. A. Grant & Co., Knives, etc., \$1.80. Globe Laundry, Work, \$11.06. W. C. Knight, Saddlery, \$17.30. Macdonald & Co. Machine work, \$9.27. W. & A. Moir, Machine work, \$13.06. J. C. Merlin & Son, Lumber, \$3.36. Melvin & Co., Hardware, \$5.83. National Drug Co., Sponges, \$1.10. J. F. O'Connell, Cap, \$2.45. Wm. Robertson & Son, Wire, 50c. The Rudolf Co., Ltd, Brooms, etc., \$6.04. J. F. Topp, Horseshoeing, \$2.30. Telephone Co., Stores, \$7.44. Wentzell's Ltd., Soap, etc., \$3.37. F. A. Shaw, Feed, \$341.49. W. & C. Silver, Bedding, \$12.33. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Hardware, \$21.03. Pitner Lights, Supplies, \$3.15. Total \$763.12 :

JAS. S. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Clause 1 to 9 are severally read and adopted.

Read clause 10 re balance of the current year's appropriation.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 11 re accounts.

Moved by Alderman Edwards, seconded by Alderman Wilson, that said clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common re accounts.

## PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 6th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Commission held this 8 p. m. they had before them the following accounts, which were approved and passed for payment, and the Secretary requested to forward same to the City Council for their information and concurrence. W. J. O'Connell, \$9.42. Halifax Electric Tram Co., \$22.90. W. Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$10 86. Steele Briggs & Co., \$1.20. Baldwin & Co., \$21.00. R. B. Adams & Co., \$1.65. Steele Briggs & Co., \$18.00. John MacInnes & Son, \$12.95. Alfred Carter, \$6 20. Halifax Seed Store, 90c. A. E. Donovan, \$4 75. Longard Bros. \$16 45. F. A. Shaw, \$37.61. R. & J. Farquhar & Co., \$17.63. N. S. Nursery, \$46.36. Total \$226.88.

EDWARD T. POWER, *Secretary.*

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

Read report Finance Committee re insurance Silliker Car Company, accounts, etc.

## REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 7th, 1910.

*His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting of the Committee held this day, there being present, Aldermen Whitman (Chairman) Bligh and Edwards, they had under consideration a letter of the City Auditor in re Fire Insurance Silliker Car Co., Ltd., of \$101,000.00, which expired on the 6th inst., and covering interim receipts for renewal of policies for \$40,500 00, also an interim receipt from W. J. Butler & Co., Agents National Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., for \$60,500.00, making a total of \$101,000.00 as required by the Act.

It is recommended that the Council approve of the policy for \$60,500.00 in the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, this being new insurance; that an assignment of same be made to the City, and that the said policy and assignment be deposited with the other policies for \$40,500.00 with the City Auditor.

The following accounts, amounting to \$379.35, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery and Printing, City Assessors 30c., City Collector \$19.33; City Auditor, 85c., City Clerk, \$33.65; Mayor, \$2 35; Total \$56.48. Holloway Bros., Printing Minutes, etc., \$71.82. A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., Books, License Inspector, \$2.50; Police Dept., \$7.00; City Clerk, \$15.00; Total \$24.50. McAlpine Pub., Co., Voters' Lists, \$119.30. Halifax Bill Posting Co., Posting Bills \$15.00. Halifax Herald Sub. to Dec., 1909, City Collector, \$6.00; City Clerk, \$6.00; Total \$12.00. Canada Law Book Co., Am. Digest, 1909, \$3.65. Dr. Finn, Medical Examiner, Certificates of Death of A. E. McLellan, \$4.00; Ann Barber, \$4.00; Male child Joseph Kirby, \$4.00; A. G. McDonald, \$4.00; Total \$16.00. S. H. Holmes, Costs Cairns vs. City, 60c. Grand Total \$379.35.

ALFRED WHITMAN, *Chairman.*

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

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on various matters.

## REPORT LAWS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, April 7th, 1910.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Bligh (Chairman) Whitman and Edwards, the following matters referred to the Committee for report were considered, and your Committee recommend as follows :—

1. In re letter Trades and Labor Council asking that no license be granted to circuses or other outside shows on Labor Day, it is recommended that no license be granted for circuses, this recommendation not to apply to yearly licenses for theatres, nickel shows, etc.

2. In re letter Kingston, Ont., City Council, against bill in re protection of navigable waters, it is recommended that a letter sent in reply to the City Clerk of Kingston stating that this City is in sympathy with their request and that a copy be sent to the Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities with the request that they take such action as will conserve this City's interest.

3. In re letter Canadian Federation of Boards of Trade and Municipalities re Georgian Bay Canal—As this matter was dealt with at a meeting held on the 2nd March last it is now too late for any action to be taken by this Council.

4. In re Clause (2) report Laws and Privileges Committee (March 7th 1910) re License Fees Patent Medicine Vendors, it is recommended that same be filed.

5. In re report Committee on Works re building lines Quinpool Road and also report same Committee re building lines as requested by Civic Improvement League, it is recommended that the matter be deferred for the present, the Committee not having the information necessary to make a report on the subject.

6. The following draft Acts and amendments to Acts are recommended for adoption, viz :—

(a) Re Sir Sandford Fleming Park—

(To be added on Bill 92)

(1). When the Park proposed to be presented to the City by Sir Sandford Fleming on the western side of the Arm, together with the roads, approaches and landing places thereof and thereto, has been vested in the City in fee simple by good and sufficient conveyance in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Council authorizing a contribution of money toward the erection of a monument in the same, the City shall have power to improve and maintain the same, including the supervision and policing thereof.

(2) The police officers of the City of Halifax shall have authority and jurisdiction in the said Park for all purposes as though the same formed part of the City of Halifax, and the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax shall have jurisdiction to deal with any person charged with the commission of any offence in the said Park in like manner to all intents and purposes as though said offence had been committed in the City of Halifax.

(3). The said Park and all property connected therewith shall be exempt from all taxation by the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

(4). The said Park shall be known as the Sir Sandford Fleming Park.

(5). Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1908 is hereby repealed.

(b). Re payment to Nova Scotia Telephone Company of \$114.00 due for Telephone service City Prison.

The City may out of any fund available pay to the Nova Scotia Telephone Company the sum of \$114 if same is found due for telephones in the City Prison and the said amount shall be included in the estimates for 1911-12 and collected along therewith.

(c). Re amendment to Bill No. 92, sec. 7, sub-sec. 1—Disposing of land Larch St. :—

Bill No. 92, sec. 7, sub-section 1, is hereby amended by striking out the words in the second line thereof—"the west side of."

(d). Bill 120—To amend Chapter 87, Acts of 1909, entitled "An Act relating to the City of Halifax (having reference to Railway crossing, Cornwallis Street).

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, ACTS OF 1909, ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX."

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

1. Section 1 of Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1909 is amended by striking out the words "one year" in the eleventh line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three years"

F. P. BLIGH, *Chairman.*

The same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re granting of licenses for Labor Day.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re the protection of navigable waters. Passed.

Read clause 3 re Georgian Bay Canal. Passed.

Read clause 4 re patent medicine vendors. Passed.

Read clause 5 re building lines.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Act and submit the same to the Legislature adopting the building lines on the west side of Oxford Street and south side of North Street in harmony with the resolution passed by this Council on June 3rd, 1909.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that Mr. E. P. Allison be permitted to address the Council on the subject of building lines on Oxford Street. Motion passed, 13 voting for and 4 against it.

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson  
O'Brien, McManus,  
Douglas, Smith,  
Hoben, Kelly,  
Hubley, Thompson,  
Martin, Corston,  
MacKenzie.—13.

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman, Bligh,  
Edwards, Rankine.—4.

Mr. Allison addresses the Council stating that he is in favor of the City fixing building lines in front of properties on Oxford Street in which he is interested.

Alderman Bligh and Alderman Smith are excused from voting on the ground of personal interest.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The amendment is put and passed, the names recorded on the division appearing as follows :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Brien, McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie.—9.	Aldermen Shaffner, Whitman, Wilson, Thompson, Edwards, Rankine.—6.

Alderman Thompson asked to be recorded as having voted for the amendment instead of against it according to his intention. The said request is granted and His Worship the Mayor declares the amendment passed 10 to 5.

Read clause 6 (a) re Sir Sandford Fleming Park.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 (b) re City Prison telephone accounts.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the same be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the clause be referred to the City Prison Committee for investigation.

The vote being taken there appeared :

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Shaffner, McManus, Douglas, Smith, Hoben, Kelly, Martin, MacKenzie.—8.	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Hubley, Thompson, Corston, Rankine.—8.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment and declares it lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read clause 6 (c) re land Larch Street.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 (d) re railway crossing Cornwallis Street.

Moved by Alderman Bligh, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 8th, 1910.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day the attached bills for the several departments were submitted, approved and recommended for payment.

Street Lighting .....	\$ 1688 40
Sewerage.....	201 53
Teams and Stables.....	128 48
Telephones.....	84 56
City Hall Lighting.....	69 88
Streets.....	52 33
Internal Health.....	32 57
Cleaning Paved Streets.....	14 00
City Property.....	8 10
Electric Wiring Inspection.....	8 00
Water Construction.....	302 61
"    Maintenance.....	175 31
	\$2765 77

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read report Committee on Works re Water Estimates 1910-11.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES 1910-11.

CITY WORKS OFFICE, April 8th, 1910.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have been instructed by the Committee on Works to submit for your approval the following Water Maintenance Estimates for the year 1910-11.

WATER ESTIMATES.

Interest.....	\$52 065 64
Maintenance.....	25 000 00
Sinking Fund.....	4 857 00
Short Collection.....	1 000 00
	\$82 922 64
Income from special and meter rates .....	52 522 64
	\$30 400 00
3/8 of \$30 400 .....	= \$11 400
5/8    "   30 400 .....	= 19 000
	\$30 400 00
\$15 833 334 @ 12c.....	= \$19 000
8 142 856 @ 14c.....	= 11 400
	\$30 400

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Prison Committee re accounts and repairs to the Prison fence.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY PRISON, April 8th, 1910.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Wilson (Chairman) O'Brien and Rankine, the following accounts, amounting to \$135.89, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

A. S. Austen, hardware, \$3.29. W. N. Brown, repairing box carts, \$75.10. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove fittings, etc., \$7.57. Wentzell's Ltd., groceries, etc., \$24.88. W. A. Maling & Co. ox heads. \$8 00. John Foley, mason work. \$11.90. Jordan & Mann, horseshoeing. \$3.50 Halifax Tram Co. light., 1.65. Total—\$135.89.

Your Committee further report that in making the semi-annual inspection of the Prison they find the fence on the west side of the yard in a very dilapidated condition, and recommend that a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00.) be taken from the Prison Appropriation 1909—10 and be expended by the incoming Committee in commencing the construction of a permanent concrete wall on the western side of the Prison Yard.

The monthly reports of the Governor and Matron were submitted and are hereto attached.

S. Y. WILSON, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved by Alderman Shaffner, seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Council do now adjourn.

Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:—

For Adjournment.	Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, McManus, Douglas, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin—7.	Aldermen Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Smith, Hoben, Corston, MacKenzie Rankine—9.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Rankine, that the question be now put.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:—

To Close the Debate.	Against.
Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Smith, Martin, Corston, MacKenzie, Rankine—10.	Aldermen McManus, Douglas, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson—6.

The motion for the adoption of the report is now put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :—

For the Motion.

Aldermen Shaffner, Wilson, Whitman, O'Brien, Bligh, Douglas, Smith, Corston, MacKenzie, Rankine—10.

Against it.

Aldermen McManus, Hoben, Kelly, Hubley, Thompson, Martin—6.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Douglas, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.55 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, April 28th, 1910.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His W. rship the Mayor, and Aldermen Hubley, Bligh, Wilson, Whitman, Thompson and Edwards.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Shaffner, O'Brien, Hebb, McManus, Hoben, Martin, MacKenzie and Rankine.

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

### NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Read No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz. : Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution adopting report of City Prison Committee in re Prison fence. April 8th. 1910.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Martin, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 6 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows :—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Bligh, McManus,  
Hoben, Hubley,  
Thompson, Martin—6.

Against.

Aldermen Whitman, Hebb,  
MacKenzie, Edwards,  
Rankine—5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hoben, that the City Prison Committee's report relating to the Prison fence be referred back to that Committee and that said Committee obtain a report from the City Engineer on the advisability of erecting a concrete wall, and if the Engineer's report is favorable to the recommendation of the

Committee the sum of \$200.00 be expended out of this year's City Prison appropriation on a concrete wall.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted ;—

Report Charities Committee, by Alderman Hebb, Chairman.

Report Library Commission, by Alderman Hebb, Chairman.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman Bligh, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :

City Clerk's returns of elections for Mayor and Aldermen.

Report Chief of Police re Sunday violations of Liquor License Act.

Report Coal Weighers for March.

Report Special Committee on sale of Old Exhibition Lots.

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Report City Solicitor re Legislation, 1910.

Cash statements City Collector for January and February.

Letter and poster War Department re target practice Halifax Harbor.

Letter Department Militia and Defence re public Market site.

Letter Eaton & Beckwith in re John Naylor's bequest to Citizens' Free Library.

Petition for sewer and water extension Longard Road.

Reports (3) Committee on Works, viz :

Argyle Street sewer.

Sale of land to R. J. Anderson, South Street.

Tenders for supplies.

#### CIVIC ELECTION RETURNS.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Joseph A. Chisholm for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held, April 27th, inst.

The City Clerk declares Joseph A. Chisholm duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1910-11.

The following resolution is submitted :—

*Resolved*, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of Joseph A. Chisholm, Esquire, to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor may be pleased to name a time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor-elect.

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

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of James Halliday and Alfred Whitman for the office of Alderman for Ward No. One, together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the presiding officers at the several polling places in said Ward at the election held April 27th, inst., said returns shewing Alfred Whitman to have received 313 votes and James Halliday 310 votes, giving Alfred Whitman a majority of 3 votes.

The City Clerk declares Alfred Whitman duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. One.

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of James J. O'Brien, for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Two, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 27th, inst.

The City Clerk declares James J. O'Brien duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Two.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Patrick J. McManus for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Three, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 27th, inst.

The City Clerk declares Patrick J. McManus duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Three.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Charles R. Hoben for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Four, he being the only candidate nominated for the said office for the election held April 27th inst.

The City Clerk declares Charles R. Hoben duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Four.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Peter F. Martin for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Five, he being the only candidate nominated for the said office for the election held April 27th, inst.

The City Clerk declares Peter F. Martin duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Five.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of George A. MacKenzie for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Six, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held, April 27th, inst.

The Clerk declares George A. MacKenzie duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Six.