

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

PRESIDING OFFICERS.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council to nominate Presiding Officers to conduct the civic elections to be held on the 30th inst.

The following are severally nominated by the Aldermen for the various Wards, viz:—

Ward 1—John C. O'Mullin,	Andrew Cluney.
Ward 2—Geo. A. Redmond,	Wm. J. Butler.
Ward 3—Wm. Crowe,	Wm. A. Monaghan.
Ward 4—Jas. H. Dow,	Geo. E. Pellow.
Ward 5—Aubrey R. Grant,	P. Edw. Doyle.
Ward 6—Clifford A. Mumford,	Thos. Stokes.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that the said several nominations be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor declares the Presiding Officers above named to be duly appointed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re street light Harvard Street.

HARVARD STREET LIGHT.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in re street light Harvard Street. The Committee on Works beg to recommend said report for adoption, when funds are available.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, March 28th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the installation of a street light on Harvard St.

Harvard Street in the vicinity of Yale, Yukon and Allen Streets, is unlighted. I would recommend that a light be installed when funds are available at the corner of Harvard and Yukon Streets, and when this light is installed, that the light on Yukon Street be moved to the corner of Monastery Lane.

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

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

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

STAIRS STREET WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer against water extension on Stairs Street.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 7th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of the water pipe on Stairs Street.

The district is high service; length of pipe required, 432 feet; size of pipe 6-inch; estimated cost \$569.

The street is in a very wet and swampy condition, has not been graded and is not fit to lay a water pipe in at present. I do not feel justified in recommending the extension.

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

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the same be referred back to the Committee on Works with the recommendation that further consideration be given the matter with the view to complying, if possible, with the request of the petitioners. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re City Hall Avenue.

CITY HALL AVENUE.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—In re minute of Council and report of Civic Improvement Board on City Hall Avenue, the Committee on Works beg to recommend that a public hearing be held on this matter.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Dennis that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

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

KLING STREET WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The accompanying report of the City Engineer in favor of water extension on Kline Street is recommended to the Council for adoption.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 7th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the extension of a water pipe on Kline Street between Chebucto Road and Oak Street.

The district is high service; length of pipe required, 816 feet; size of pipe 6-inch; excavation, rock; estimated cost \$2868.50; interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent. \$143.43. I would recommend that the extension be made, providing the owners of the eleven houses on the street will agree to pay a special rate of \$14.34 each.

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

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

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts for payment.

ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Committee on Works held his day accounts amounting to \$12,686.47 were examined, found correct and are recommended for payment—chargeable to the following services:—

Water Maintenance.....	\$ 523.49
New Market Building.....	40.50
Cunard Street Widening.....	59.37
Streets.....	109.07
Water Construction.....	8661.01
Sewerage.....	729.68
Internal Health.....	178.31
Permanent Sidewalks.....	258.08
City Hall Lighting.....	76.51
Street Lighting.....	1769.13
Telephones.....	28.19
Fuel City Hall.....	44.65

Teams and Stables.....	160.88
Electric Wiring Inspection.....	21.15
City Property.....	26.45
Total.....	\$12686.47

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

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

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Cornwallis Street, north side, from Creighton Street to Gottingen Street.

CORNWALLIS STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, April 11th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer in favor of constructing a concrete sidewalk on Cornwallis Street, north side, from Creighton to Gottingen Streets.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, March 18th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton and Gottingen Streets.

A sidewalk has been constructed in this block in front of Mr. Cooke's property at the corner of Gottingen Street. The district is an important one and the street carries heavy traffic. The estimated cost of constructing the sidewalk is \$858.00 and I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter be laid on the north side of Cornwallis Street between Creighton Street and Gottingen Street under the permanent sidewalk Act, 1906.

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

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Legislative Council Bill No. 91, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to permit the erection of poles and wires in the City streets."

No. 91

BILL

1913

An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to permit the Erection of Poles and Wires in the City Streets.

Whereas, by Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1911 and the amendments thereto, the Halifax Development Company, Limited, has been incorporated for the purpose amongst others of generating, selling and delivering electricity or electric energy;

Be it therefore enacted by Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The City of Halifax may grant permission to the Halifax Development Company, Limited, to place poles and wires for the transmission of electric current on any street or highway in the City, on such terms and conditions (including a rental or license fee) as the City determines. Every such pole or wire shall be located and placed subject to the approval of the Engineer of the City, and shall be in accordance with and regulated by the provisions of the Charter of the City and any ordinance in that behalf made under the provisions of such Charter.

2. Any pole so placed shall not be deemed a nuisance and the City shall not incur any liability in consequence of the placing of any such pole.

Filed.

Read letter T. S. Rogers, April 7th, 1913, offering on behalf of a client to lease the property of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, if acquired by the City, and operate the same.

OFFER TO OPERATE HALIFAX TRAMWAY.

Halifax, N. S., April 7th, 1913.

F. P. Bligh, Esq., Mayor of Halifax:

Sir:—I have instructions from a responsible client to advise you that he has noticed by press despatches that this City is applying for Legislative authority to acquire the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, and Electric Light franchises and that after the properties are acquired the City may lease to an operating Company for a term of years to be agreed upon instead of operating by a commission of citizens. Should your Council decide to lease rather than to operate under a commission, we beg to submit, on behalf of our client, the following offer for your consideration:—

First—Pay the City amount sufficient to meet five per cent. annually, say \$30,000.00 on bonds issued and at present outstanding on the property.

Second—Pay the City amount sufficient to meet five per cent. annually on bonds issued by the City to acquire outstanding stock at 170 or on cost of expropriation at the physical valuation as provided in bill.

Third—Pay the City five per cent. annually on all future capital expenditures for extensions and improvements.

Fourth—Supply electricity for lighting at not more than ten cents per k.w.h. with 20 per cent. discount for prompt payment, and that not more than \$24.00 for power on restricted hour basis for industrial purposes.

Fifth—Recognize workmen's tickets in afternoons as well as mornings.

Sixth—Pay to the City on all gross receipts up to \$600,000.00, ten per cent. with one added for every \$100,000.00 additional gross receipts, until the City's participation reaches \$200,000.00.

Seventh—Also to pay real estate taxes as at present.

All above conditions to become effective immediately on execution of lease.

Eighth—Term of lease ten years with right of renewal by leases for another similar term. At end of that period subject to revision of terms and renewal of lease if mutually desirable, with condition that lessees shall have refusal at same terms that other prospective lessees may offer before lease is given to such others.

If such a proposal is agreeable to the City, we have instructions to proceed with the incorporation of a Company to be known as the "City Tramways Operating Company" and such Company will have ample capital for the faithful performance of a lease embodying the above terms.

T. S. ROGERS.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that provisions be inserted in the City's Bill No. 111, now before the Legislature, giving the City authority, if it at any time sees fit, to lease the Tramway property to an operating Company.

His Worship the Mayor reads and submits a letter from T. S. Rogers, dated April 14th, 1913, naming as the client for whom he is acting, Mr. F. M. Brown, General Manager of the Nova Scotia Car Works, and renewing the offer made in his letter of the 7th inst.

Halifax, N. S., April 14th, 1913.

F. P. Bligh, Esq., Mayor of Halifax:

My dear Sir:—I have observed there has been during the last few days considerable public curiosity as to the name of the client on whose behalf I acted in submitting an offer to you as Mayor of the City on Monday evening last, for an operating lease of the Halifax Electric Tramway in the event of the same being acquired by the City.

While I see no especial reason why this curiosity should be satisfied I beg to inform you, and you may if you think fit inform the Council, that my client is Mr. F. M. Brown, General Manager of the Nova Scotia Car Works, and my offer of the 7th was submitted to you at his instance on behalf of himself and his associates.

While outside capital may to some extent be used, I am informed that Halifax citizens of means and repute will be the most largely interested and the control will certainly rest with Nova Scotians. I have no hesitation in saying to you that the personnel of the lessees will be in every respect satisfactory to the citizens. It is as you can well understand rather unfair to them to disclose their names until such time as the City may by required legislation be in a position to make a valid contract.

The Bill No. 111 would therefore have to be amended by permitting the City to lease to an operating company and by giving to the operating company the necessary power to make use of the franchises as the City could do if operating itself.

I therefore have pleasure in renewing the offer already made in mine of the 7th and I beg of you and the Council that it be treated as a business proposition emanating from business men.

T. S. ROGERS.

With the consent of the seconder and the Council Alderman Hoben withdraws his motion.

Alderman Dennis submits the following resolution:—

Should the Legislature manifest an unwillingness to enact into law the City Bill in its present form providing for the acquisition of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company by agreement of purchase or by expropriation after the principle of civic acquisition has been affirmed by a referendum vote of the ratepayers;

Resolved, that the Legislative Committee of this Council be authorized to agree to amendments to Part 3 of the Act by which the City may exercise the option of either operating the property by an independent commission, and provided in the Bill, or leasing it to an operating Company upon the most advantageous terms obtainable, in the latter case the lessee to have all the powers to operate the enterprise that would be exercised by the City through its Commissioners.

Resolved, that the questions submitted to the ratepayers in the plebiscite should include:—

- (a) Are you in favor of the acquisition of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company by the City by agreement if possible, or by expropriation?
- (b) If acquired, are you in favor of its operation on behalf of the City by an independent Commission, or the City leasing it to an operating Company for a period of years upon the best terms that can be obtained, whichever may appear to the City to be in its best interests?

And the Council's Committee is hereby authorized to consent to any other amendment that will ensure the enactment into law of the main principle of the Bill, viz., the submission to the people at the polls the questions of the acquisition and ownership of the Tram and Light Franchises, and the method of its subsequent operation.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hoben.

The resolution being put, is passed, 13 voting for the same, and 1 against it, as follows:—

For the Resolution—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Hoben, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie.—13.

Against it—

Alderman Hawkins.—1.

Alderman Upham here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Read Legislative Council Bill No. 89, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Halifax Suburban Tramway Company, Limited."

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hattie that this Bill be referred to the City's Committee on Legislation together with the City Engineer and City Solicitor, said Committee to have authority to suggest and have incorporated therein, if possible, such amendments as they consider to be in the best interests of the City. Motion passed.

Read petition for improvements to Quinpool Road.

Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that No. 7 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 7 on Order of the Day, viz., An Ordinance to further amend Ordinance No. 4 "Of Streets" in re grass clipping. Read a first time and a second time March 26th, 1913. Page 546.

GRASS CLIPPING ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance to further Amend Ordinance No. 4 "Of Streets" as Amended by Ordinance No. 35.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax in Council assembled as follows:—

Ordinance No. 4 "Of Streets", as added thereto by Ordinance No. 35, passed by the City Council October 17th, 1912, and approved by the Governor-in-Council November 14th, 1912, is further amended by adding the following sub-section to be read as immediately following sub-section 29 (A) added to said Ordinance No. 4 by said Ordinance No. 35, viz:—

29 (b) Where any sidewalk has been in part covered with sod, the occupier of the premises adjoining such sidewalk, or if the property is not occupied the owner thereof, shall keep the part of the sidewalk so sodded, close clipped, clean and in good order.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said Ordinance be now read a third time. Motion passed.

The said Ordinance is now read a third time.

Moved by Alderman Hattie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the Ordinance in re grass clipping having been read in Council a third time, be now adopted and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman Upham that His Worship the Mayor again communicate with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company with the view to securing a better service on the Gottingen Street spur. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor*.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk*.

ERRATA.

The Minutes are complete without the pages from 588 to 599, the hiatus having occurred in the Printing Office.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 5th, 1913.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Upham, Hines, MacKenzie, Keltie, J. C. Harris, Gates, R. V. Harris and Hoben.

Moved by Alderman Upham, seconded by Alderman Hines 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 His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke and Hawkins.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted —

Report Tenders Committee by Alderman Hawkins, for Chairman.

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common by Alderman MacKenzie, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee by Alderman Gates, Chairman.

Reports (2) City Health Board by Alderman Scanlan.

Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Scanlan, Chairman.

Reports (2) City Prison Committee by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

City Clerk's returns of the Elections for Mayor, four Controllers for the City and two Aldermen for each Ward of the City.

Petition for sidewalk Henry Street.

Petition for sidewalk Shirley Street.

Application Wm. MacEachren for refund of liquor license deposit.

Acknowledgment by Provincial Secretary of Ordinance re Grass Clipping.

Acknowledgment by Provincial Secretary of minute of Council re legislation respecting the acquisition of the Halifax Tramway by the City.

Applications for Licenses: for Shooting Gallery, L. Keshen, Charles Russell; for Auctioneer, Henry Hechler; for Vaudeville and Moving Pictures, Jacob Withrow; for Theatre License, the Academy of Music.

Cash Statements City Collector, taxes and water rates for August, September and October, 1912.

Letter David A. Nicholson refusing compensation offered for land expropriated for water reservoir Shaffroth's Hill and appointing Wm. Bishop arbitrator on his behalf.

Letter David Graydon refusing compensation offered for land expropriated for water reservoir Shaffroth's Hill and appointing Nicholas H. Gough arbitrator on his behalf.

Report Police Committee covering accounts.

Report City Engineer re new award filed by the Board of Arbitrators in re property of Dr. A. C. Hawkins, expropriated for widening of Cunard Street.

Report City Engineer re expropriation of property of Roderick Macdonald for the extension of Oakland Road, covering plan and description.

Reports (5) Committee on Works, viz:—

Accounts.

Lucknow Street sidewalk.

New Streets on property west of Oxford Street, between Coburg Road and Quinpool Road.

Intercepting sewer North West Arm.

Jubilee Road water extension.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS.

Read applications for Licenses, as follows:—for Shooting Gallery, L. Keshen, Charles Russell; for Auctioneer, Henry Hechler; for Vaudeville and Moving Pictures, Jacob Withrow; for Theatre License, the Academy of Music. Referred to Board of Control for report.

Read the following:—

Petition for sidewalk Henry Street.

Petition for sidewalk Shirley Street.

Application Wm. MacEachren for refund of liquor license deposit.

Applications for Licenses:—

Charles Russell for Shooting Gallery No. 122 Upper Water Street.

L. Keshen for Shooting Gallery No. 37 Duke Street.

Henry Hechler for Auctioneer's License.

Jacob Withrow for Moving Pictures and Vaudeville.

Academy of Music Theatre License.

Severally referred to the Board of Control for report.

Read acknowledgment by Provincial Secretary of Ordinance re Grass Clipping. Filed.

Read acknowledgment by Provincial Secretary of minute of Council respecting legislation as to the acquisition of the Halifax Tramway by the City. Filed.

Read cash statements City Collector, taxes and water rates for August, September and October, 1912. Filed.

Read letter David Nicholson declining to accept the compensation offered for land expropriated for water reservoir Shaffroth's Hill and appointing William Bishop arbitrator on his behalf. Filed.

Read letter David Graydon declining to accept the compensation offered for land expropriated for water reservoir Shaffroth's Hill and appointing Nicholas H. Gough arbitrator on his behalf. Filed.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common covering accounts.

GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Office of Commissioners of Public Gardens, April 28th, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Gardens Commissioners held this day at the Committee Room, City Hall, the following bills were passed and recommended to the Council for payment:—Wm. Roche, \$78.93; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., \$7.59; John MacInnes & Son, Ltd., \$119.32; M. F. Burns, \$7.76; F. A. Shaw, \$49.10. Total, \$262.70.

JOHN F. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman J. C. Harris that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Charities Committee for April.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, April 28th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present, Alderman Morrow, Alderman Scanlan and Alderman Upham.

The Superintendent's report shows that from April 1st to date there were 31 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 40 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 9 were chargeable to the Province and 22 to the City. The total number of inmates at this date is 322, made up of 183 men, 125 women and 14 children. On the same date last year there were 187 men, 126 women and 2 children, a total of 315. From April 1st to date there was 1 patient admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital chargeable to the City of Halifax, 1 application was made, and 1 patient was discharged.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz:—Wentzells, Ltd., \$300.51; Gunn & Co., Ltd., \$223.00; W. A. Maling & Co., \$321.27; A. Wilson & Son, \$41.38; Fleischmann & Co., \$3.90; Smith & Proctor, \$143.68; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$3.60; C. F. Holland, \$93.60; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$108.21; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$70.62; Halifax Herald, \$6.27; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., \$3.75; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Ltd., \$23.10; Victoria General Hospital, \$18.07; Frank W. Fraser, \$36.15; Blackadar Bros., \$4.35; Lawrence Hardware Co., \$3.18; A. J. McNutt, \$11.25; Robinson Ltd., \$4.53; Howard McFatridge, \$4.00; John Starr Son & Co., \$4.00; Clayton & Son, \$46.50; D. Blackadder, \$2.00; Morton & Cragg, \$1.38; Brookfield Bros., \$27.35; The Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd., \$21.00; Rooney & Lovett, \$16.00; Nickerson & Hart, \$3.50; Farquhar Bros., \$.60; Brander & Morris, \$19.44; City of Halifax Water Rates, \$500.00; City of Halifax Works Dept., \$8.58; B. J. Mulcahy, \$275.43; Salaries, \$834.53; Nova Scotia Hospital, \$1751.92; Crowell Bros., \$4.68; Dr. Blackadder, \$5.00; Dr. M. A. B. Smith, \$5.00; Dr. A. I. Mader, \$25.00. Total, \$4976.33.

H. E. GATES, *Chairman.*

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

Read reports (2) City Health Board covering accounts.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., April 22nd, 1913.

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

Gentlemen:—The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:—

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$12.87; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light, \$18.25; Robinson, Ltd., conveyance, \$3.00; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$12.55; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$1.65; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.35; Cunard & Co., coal, \$56.65; Cragg Bros., tacks, \$.40; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, \$28.30; L. A. Morash, groceries, \$8.36; Farquhar Bros., electrical fittings, \$6.35; John Starr & Co., electrical fittings, \$.75; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$25.52; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$129.57; Telegrams, \$4.63. Total, \$311.20.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Halifax, N. S., May 4th, 1913.

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

Gentlemen:—The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz:—

T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$2.60; Hillis & Son, repairs to smoke machine, \$19.05; P. J. Otto, ice, \$2.70; J. Howard, conveyance of patients, \$59.00; J. F. Dempster, board of patients, \$107.18; J. F. Dempster, washing, \$2.60; A. & W. MacKinlay, printing Inspection Books, \$37.50; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$12.87; Mahons, Ltd., tray cloths, \$3.94. Total, \$247.44.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Hines, seconded by Alderman Hoben that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various matters.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF FIRE WARDS.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 5th, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Fire Wards beg to report and recommend as follows:—

1. Thomas Healey, previously reported sick, has not yet reported for duty.
2. Lieut. Alex. Clark, and Callmen Robert Shippen and Joseph Power have resigned. Resignations recommended for acceptance.
3. The Canadian Rubber Company have replaced one 50-ft. length of their 2 1-2" rubber hose, which burst inside the guaranteed period.
4. It is recommended:—
 - (a) That John Bromitt, Hoseman on No. 4 Hose, be appointed Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Clark, resigned.
 - (b) That Albert Hoganson, Frederick Harper, Supernumeraries, be appointed Drivers, vice Geo. Saunders, John McNeil, resigned.

(c) That P. J. Moriarty, John Green, Frederick Rafters, Maurice Power, Supernumeraries, be appointed to the Call Force, vice Alex. Clark, Robert Shippen, Joseph Power, resigned.

(d) That William Wells be appointed a Supernumerary.

5. The following named accounts are recommended for payment:—

Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$15.20, power, \$15.67, total, \$30.87; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$11.65; G. C. Bateman, locksmithing, \$9.00; Burns & Kelleher, bracket, \$.90; Cragg Bros. Co., Ltd., hardware, \$.76; Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd., gasoline, \$11.33; J. A. Dunn, Ltd., nickel plating, \$5.50; Jas. Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$15.36; J. H. Fenton, kindling wood, \$6.00; F. P. Farquharson, pitner lights, \$9.15; Farquhar Bros., supplies, \$63.83; T. Hogan & Co., repairing boiler, \$27.10; The Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., gasoline, \$35.94; T. C. Johnson & Sons, buttons, \$1.00; Henry Lovett, leather, \$15.00; Kelly's Ltd., saddlery, \$8.60; Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., hardware, \$18.79; Hugh D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., charcoal, \$.60; William McFatrige, iron pipe, \$5.50; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$4.35; Howard McFatrige, veterinary services, \$78.75; Maritime Paint & Varnish Co., Ltd., sponges, \$4.00; Morton & Cragg, hardware, \$8.64; C. L. Newman, Ltd., oils, \$14.70; Geo. A. Perrier, plumbing, \$.75; Wm. Roche, coal, \$69.40; James Roue, distilled water, \$1.50; Stroud & Eveleigh, carriage work, \$124.25; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd., hardware, \$8.00; F. A. Shaw, fodder, \$237.91; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., phones, \$26.75; W. A. Thompson, brooms, \$3.50; Ungar's Laundry, laundry work, \$.75; Wentzells, Ltd., brooms, \$3.25. Total, \$863.38.

M. SCANLAN, Jr., *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report City Prison Committee, April 16th, re appointment of a temporary underkeeper.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 16th, 1913.

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 R. V. Harris, Chairman, Hattie, J. C. Harris and Hines.

Mr. Newton Harvey was appointed a temporary Underkeeper at the Prison for six months, the salary to be at the rate of \$550.00 per annum.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman*.

Filed.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

REPORT CITY PRISON COMMITTEE.

Committee Room, City Prison, May 2nd, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held at the Prison this day, there being present Aldermen R. V. Harris, Chairman, J. C. Harris and Hines,

1. An investigation was held into the charges made to the Chairman by one George Ellard, a plumber lately employed by Geo. A. Perrier, installing the plumbing fittings at the Prison. Mr. Ellard's charge was that undue force and cruelty was used against a prisoner named Robert W. Exton on the afternoon of the 22nd April, while being removed to his cell for insubordination, also that he, Ellard, had been insulted by the Head Keeper.

Your Committee made a careful investigation into the charges. Mr. Ellard was present and corroborated the statement which appeared in the press and called as witnesses John Gordon and James Leary, both of whom were prisoners at the time, and assisting him at his work.

After hearing the charges made by Mr. Ellard, the Governor, Matron, Underkeepers McDonald and Harvey were examined by the Committee.

Your Committee unanimously were of the opinion that the Governor's statement, corroborated by the Underkeepers, fully justified the action taken, that no undue force was used towards the prisoner named, that discipline must be maintained at the Prison, and that the Governor and staff be fully exonerated from all blame as to charges made by Mr. Ellard which your Committee consider are without the slightest foundation.

2. Your Committee further report that Newton Harvey, appointed a temporary Underkeeper on the 16th April, has resigned, to take effect on the 16th inst.

It is recommended that the Board of Control appoint a temporary Underkeeper to succeed Mr. Harvey.

3. Your Committee further report that through special efforts of the Secretary, all the broken stone at the Prison has been sold. The amount to be realized from this source will put the appropriation for 1913-14 in a healthy condition.

It is recommended that the Secretary be paid \$25.00 for additional services in this connection.

4. The following accounts amounting to \$289.80, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment:—

A. M. Bell & Co., bowls, \$3.25; James Simmonds, Ltd., white lead and oil, \$46.75; Neil Fox, sponges and soap, \$1.00; J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$18.78; David Roche, varnish, \$3.00; C. H. Jordan, shoeing, \$2.20; Carritte Paterson Co., pitch, \$2.72; James Dempster, Ltd., lumber, \$7.50; Robert Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, etc., \$10.80, \$9.30, \$9.30, total, \$29.40; W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$35.98; W. I. Hubley & Co., oats, \$34.26; Evans & Co., hardware, \$6.00; W. A. Maling & Co., oxheads, \$16.75; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$38.71; Halifax Tramway Co., Ltd., light, \$1.70; Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd., telephone April, \$4.50; Geo. Grant, meals for temporary underkeeper, \$12.30; H. S. Rhind, extra services and collecting accounts, \$25.00. Total, \$289.80.

5. The monthly report of Governor for April was submitted and filed, and the Governor instructed to bring the recommendations before the new Board of Control.

REGINALD V. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hines that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Police Committee covering accounts.

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Mayor's Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Police Committee beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:—

Neil Fox, repairing express saddle, \$.35; Maxwells, Ltd., repairing uniforms, \$41.50; G. A. Burbidge, drugs, \$.90; Howard McFatrige, veterinary services, \$5.00; Colwell Bros., Ltd., helmet and cap, \$6.24; Works Department, putting in glass, \$.75; Frank Reardon, one pane glass, \$1.75; Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., phones, etc., \$11.82; Fire Department, three months' feed, etc., patrol horse, \$37.50. Total, \$105.81.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hines, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that the same be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts.

CITY WORKS ACCOUNTS.

City Works Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for payment accounts amounting to \$8,486.38 chargeable to the following services:—

Permanent Sidewalks	\$ 361.57
Sewerage	264.95
Internal Health	512.36
Street Lighting	4315.62
Telephones	28.16
Cleaning Paved Streets	14.00
City Hall Lighting	76.55
Teams and Stables	180.73
Electric Wiring Inspection	57.65
City Property	402.07
Streets	711.27
Water Construction	329.90
Water Maintenance	1231.55
Total	<u>\$8486.38</u>

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read return of City Clerk covering the original nomination papers of Frederick P. Bligh, for the office of Mayor for the City of Halifax, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the civic year 1913-14.

The City Clerk declares Frederick P. Bligh duly elected Mayor for the City of Halifax for the next ensuing year.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of four Controllers for the City, held April 30th, 1913, covering the original nomination papers of William B. Freeman, James Halliday, Reginald V. Harris, Charles R. Hoben, Andrew Hubley, Peter F. Martin, William F. O'Connor and Matthew Scanlan, Jr., together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in each of the Wards of the City, said returns showing the number of votes given for each candidate to have been as follows:—for Reginald V. Harris, 2,617; for William F. O'Connor, 2,376; for Matthew Scanlan, Jr., 1,981; for Charles R. Hoben, 1,835; for Peter F. Martin, 1,802; for Andrew Hubley, 1,770; for James Halliday, 1,666; for William B. Freeman, 1,631.

The City Clerk declares Reginald V. Harris, William F. O'Connor, Matthew Scanlan, Jr., and Charles R. Hoben, the four candidates for the office of Controller having respectively the greatest number of votes, to be respectively the Controllers of the City for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. one, covering the original nomination papers of William N. Brown, Walter H. Covert and Hedley V. Wier, 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 30th, 1913, said returns showing the number of votes given for each candidate to have been as follows:—William N. Brown, 438; Walter H. Covert, 316; Hedley V. Wier, 310.

The City Clerk declares William N. Brown and Walter H. Covert, the two candidates having respectively the greatest

number of votes, to be the Aldermen for Ward No. one for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. two, covering the original nomination papers of Hugh W. Cameron, William R. Powell and Charles E. Smith, 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 30th, 1913, said returns showing the number of votes given for each candidate to have been as follows:—William R. Powell, 578; Charles E. Smith, 512; Hugh W. Cameron, 465.

The City Clerk declares William R. Powell and Charles E. Smith, the two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes, to be the Aldermen for Ward No. two for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. three, covering the original nomination papers of George A. Cox and Louis A. Gastonguay for the office of Alderman for said Ward, they being the only candidates nominated for said office for the election held April 30th, 1913.

The City Clerk declares George A. Cox and Louis A. Gastonguay to be the Aldermen for Ward No. three for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. four, covering the original nomination papers of John J. Hines, Robert F. Keltie, James T. McDonald and John Murphy, 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 30th, 1913, said returns showing the number of votes given for each candidate to have been as follows:—John J. Hines, 399; John Murphy, 380; Jas. T. McDonald, 268; Robert F. Keltie, 264.

The City Clerk declares John J. Hines and John Murphy, the two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes, to be the Aldermen for Ward No. four for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. five, covering the original nomination papers of J. Clifford Harris and Cornelius A. Riordon for the office of Alderman for said Ward, they being the only candidates nominated for said office for the election held April 30th, 1913.

The City Clerk declares J. Clifford Harris and Cornelius A. Riordon to be the Aldermen for Ward No. five for the next ensuing two years.

Read returns of City Clerk for the election of two Aldermen for Ward No. six, covering the nomination papers of Edward F. Boleman, John E. Godwin, William I. Hubley and John S. Parker, 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 30th, 1913, said returns showing the number of votes given for each candidate to have been as follows:—John S. Parker, 628; William I. Hubley, 487; John E. Godwin, 340; Edward F. Boleman, 275.

The City Clerk declares John S. Parker and William I. Hubley, the two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes, to be the Aldermen for Ward No. six for the next ensuing two years.

CIVIC ELECTION RETURNS.

Office of the City Clerk, Halifax, N. S., April 30th, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election of Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen, I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen held this day.

I have made separate returns in respect to the election for Mayor and for the election of Controllers for the City and of two Aldermen for each Ward, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers for all the candidates.

Election for Mayor.

Frederick P. Bligh.....By acclamation.

Election for Controllers.

Candidates	Polling Place A to K	Polling Place L to Z	Total
William B. Freeman—			
Ward No. 1	133	163	296
2	165	157	322
3	52	65	117
4	152	130	282
5	140	140	280
6	164	170	334
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James Halliday—			
Ward No. 1	152	198	350
2	195	179	374
3	59	58	117
4	119	112	231
5	106	128	234
6	170	190	360
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Reginald V. Harris—			
Ward No. 1	235	278	513
2	325	304	629
3	106	117	223
4	211	167	378
5	206	180	386
6	230	258	488
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Charles R. Hoben—			
Ward No. 1	111	119	230
2	148	150	298
3	81	87	168
4	188	170	358
5	159	127	286
6	228	267	495
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Andrew Hubley—			
Ward No. 1	91	90	181
2	136	122	258
3	69	79	148
4	208	174	382
5	179	167	346
6	216	239	455
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Peter F. Martin—			
Ward No. 1	81	93	174
2	162	140	302
3	68	53	121
4	166	141	307
5	225	194	419
6	231	248	479
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William F. O'Connor—			
Ward No. 1	178	213	391
2	301	272	573
3	94	88	182
4	192	177	369
5	216	168	384
6	231	246	477
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Matthew Scanlan, Jr.—			
Ward No. 1	124	152	276
2	248	228	476
3	99	114	213
4	172	146	318
5	138	139	277
6	212	209	421
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The four candidates having the greatest number of votes are Regina L V. Harris, William F. O'Connor, Matthew Scanlan, Jr., and Charles R. Hoben.

Election for Aldermen.

WARD NO. ONE.

Candidates	Polling Place A to K	Polling Place L to Z	Total
William N. Brown.....	190	248	438
Walter H. Covert.....	148	168	316
Hedley V. Wier.....	143	167	310

The two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes are William N. Brown and Walter H. Covert.

WARD NO. TWO.

Hugh W. Cameron.....	231	234	465
William R. Powell.....	296	282	578
Charles E. Smith.....	273	239	512

The two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes are William R. Powell and Charles E. Smith.

WARD NO. THREE.

George A. Cox and Louis A. Gastonguay.....By acclamation.

WARD NO. FOUR.

John J. Hines.....	221	178	399
Robert F. Keltie.....	160	104	264
James T. McDonald.....	139	129	268
John Murphy.....	187	193	380

The two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes are John J. Hines and John Murphy.

WARD NO. FIVE.

J. Clifford Harris and Cornelius A. Riordon.....By acclamation.

WARD NO. SIX.

Edward F. Boleman.....	126	149	275
John E. Godwin.....	162	178	340
William I. Hubley.....	239	248	487
John S. Parker.....	299	329	628

The two candidates having respectively the greatest number of votes are John S. Parker and William I. Hubley.

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 Frederick P. Bligh, 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 Clarke, seconded by Alderman Hattie and passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council he had been instructed that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor intended leaving the City to-morrow morning for another part of the Province and would not return until the end of the week, but that His Honor had been pleased to appoint the hour of 9 o'clock this evening for the swearing into office of the Mayor elect.

8.50 o'clock. Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hattie that in order to give an opportunity to His Worship to be sworn into office, agreeably to the arrangement made by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, that the Council do now adjourn to reassemble this evening at 9.30 o'clock. Motion passed unanimously.

9.30 o'clock. The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called there appeared:—His Worship the Mayor (in the chair), and Aldermen R. V. Harris, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Clarke, Hoben, Hines, Hawkins, J. C. Harris, MacKenzie and Upham.

Read report Committee on Tenders re tenders for Stationery, Blank Books, Advertising, Printing Blank Forms, Annual Report, Minutes of Council and Lists of Voters.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING, ETC.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 23rd, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:—A meeting of the Committee on Tenders was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Present Aldermen Morrow, Chairman, Connolly, Hawkins.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers tenders were received as follows for the Civic year 1913-14:—Stationery, A. & W. MacKinlay and T. C. Allen & Co.; Blank Books, A. & W. MacKinlay and T. C. Allen & Co.; Newspaper Advertising, Acadian Recorder and Morning Chronicle; Printing Blank Forms, etc., T. C. Allen & Co. and William MacNab & Son; Printing Annual City Report, 1912-13, per page: T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.68; Holloway Bros., \$2.00; MacAlpine Publishing Company, \$1.92; William MacNab & Son, \$2.00; Imperial Publishing Company, \$2.00; Printing Minutes of City Council, per page: T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.34; Holloway Bros., \$1.70; MacAlpine Publishing Company, \$1.58; William MacNab & Son, \$2.50; Printing List of Voters, MacAlpine Publishing Co., 1¼c. per name for reprint, and 1¼c. for new copy.

The Committee recommend for acceptance in each case the offer of the lowest tenderer, as follows:—Stationery, T. C. Allen & Co.; Blank Books, A. & W. MacKinlay; Newspaper Advertising, The Chronicle and Recorder; Printing Blank Forms, Annual Report and Minutes of City Council, T. C. Allen & Co.; Printing Lists of Voters, MacAlpine Publishing Co.

ROBERT MORROW, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re new award by arbitrators in connection with the widening of Cunard Street, fixing the sum to be paid Dr. A. C. Hawkins as compensation for property expropriated at \$11,500.00.

WIDENING CUNARD STREET.

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—Mr. R. T. MacIlreith and Mr. W. E. Thompson have filed a new award fixing the sum to be paid to Dr. A. C. Hawkins for land taken from him on Cunard Street at eleven thousand five hundred dollars. Mr. John T. Ross declined to agree and adheres to his former award.

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

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Upham that the report be adopted and the amount awarded by the majority of the arbitrators be paid Dr. Hawkins when funds are available. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins excused from voting.

Read report City Engineer re Oakland Road extension, covering plan and description of property of Roderick Macdonald proposed to be expropriated.

OAKLAND ROAD EXTENSION.

City Engineer's Office, May 5th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—As Mr. Roderick Macdonald, the owner of Oaklands, is not in a position to name the terms on which he will dispose of the property required for the extension of Oakland Road, the next step in expropriation proceedings, is the approval of the plan and description.

In accordance with Section 623 of the City Charter I have prepared a plan and description of the land required for the proposed extension of Oakland Road. The land shown on the plan and included in the description is required by the City for the purpose of extending Oakland Road to the Arm.

I therefore beg to submit for the approval of the Council the plan and description of the land which it is now proposed shall be expropriated.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE EXPROPRIATED FROM RODERICK MACDONALD FOR THE EXTENSION OF OAKLAND ROAD FROM OXFORD STREET TO THE NORTHWEST ARM.

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Oaklands property (so called) in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:—

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the existing west line of Oxford Street with the existing south line of Oakland Road; thence in an easterly direction by the said existing south line of Oakland Road for a distance of one hundred and five (105) feet; thence southerly at right angles to the said existing south line of Oakland Road for a distance of twenty-nine (29) feet more or less or until it meets the proposed new south line of Oakland Road as laid down on the Official City Plan; thence westwardly by a prolongation of the said new south line of Oakland Road as laid down on the Official Plan for a distance of eighty-five feet (85) more or less; thence farther westerly for a distance of five hundred and seventy-three (573) feet more or less or until it meets the eastern shore of the North West Arm at a point distant twenty-nine (29) feet measured at right angles to the prolongation of this line from an iron bolt set in the rock at or near high water mark at Black Rock Point, so called; thence further westwardly by a prolongation of the last described course for a distance of one hundred and sixteen (116) feet more or less or until it meets the western boundary of the water lot owned by the said Roderick Macdonald; thence northerly by the said western boundary line of the said water lot until it meets a line drawn parallel to the last described course and distant sixty (60) feet northerly therefrom; thence easterly by a line parallel to the second last course described above and distant therefrom sixty (60) feet, for a distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet more or less or until it meets the eastern shore of the North West Arm; thence further easterly by a prolongation of the last described course for a distance of five hundred and sixty (560) feet more or less or until it meets the existing west line of Oxford Street; thence in a south-easterly direction by the said western line of Oxford Street for a distance of forty-five (45) feet more or less to the place of beginning;

The above described lot being all that part of the property known as Oaklands belonging to the said Roderick Macdonald and the water lot in front thereof shown on the accompanying plan as the "Extension of Oakland Road" and also a portion lying to the south of Oakland Road.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the plan and description submitted by the City Engineer showing the land required for the extension of Oakland Road to the North West Arm be and they are hereby approved.

Moved by Alderman R. V. Harris, seconded by Alderman Gates and passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Lucknow Street sidewalk, between Inglis Street and Rhuland Street.

LUCKNOW STREET SIDEWALK.

City Works Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer in favor of a concrete sidewalk, etc., on Lucknow Street, west side, between Inglis and Rhuland Streets.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 26th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from owners of property on the west side of Lucknow Street between Inglis Street and Rhuland Street, asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk and curb.

The block is immediately adjoining Inglis Street where a concrete sidewalk is already laid. The estimated cost is \$558.00.

I would recommend that a sidewalk be laid under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906.

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

Moved by Alderman MacKenzie, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension Jubilee Road.

JUBILEE ROAD WATER EXTENSION.

City Works Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer in favor of water extension Jubilee Road, as requested by Mr. Temple Piers. The Committee on Works beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 28th, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Mr. T. L. E. Piers asking for the extension of the water service to his house.

The district is low service; size of pipe required 34 feet of 9-inch and 140 feet of 6-inch; excavation, rock; estimated cost \$498.29; interest on the estimated outlay at 5 per cent., \$29.91.

The extension through Rosebank will be used to bring this supply to Mr. Piers' property, and as the Halifax Realty Corporation are paying \$170.55 annual charge for this extension, it would not be fair to them to give the extension to Mr. Piers without charging him a portion of the sum for which they are responsible. Mr. John W. Regan and Mr. R. P. Bell, whom I have consulted respecting it, state that they would be satisfied if Mr. Piers paid \$25.00 on their liability. That would make the special rate for the extension to Mr. Piers' property, \$54.91. There would be some reduction in this amount when the water is extended to two new houses being erected by Mr. Furness and Capt. Harrison and each additional house in Rosebank will further reduce the amount. I would recommend therefore, that the extension be made on a special rate of \$54.91.

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

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re the laying out of streets on property west of Oxford Street, between Coburg Road and Quinpool Road.

CARRICK, LIMITED—LAYING OUT LAND.

City Works Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer and opinion of City Solicitor on letter from Carrick, Limited, containing certain proposals in re laying out their land.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was decided to report to Council that that portion of the City Engineer's report in reference to the land south of Jubilee Road be reserved for future consideration.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 1st, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Carrick, Ltd., asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the streets between Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road, on which the land recently purchased by the Dennis Realty Corporation abuts. It is asked on behalf of the owners, that the City agree to allow them to construct sidewalks at once on these streets, the City paying its proportion of the cost on completion.

The effect of a compliance with their request would be to have the work done in these blocks immediately, instead of waiting until it could be done in its turn. If these sidewalks were graded, the work would cost about \$10,000. The City has authority to borrow \$150,000 for such work. They have already borrowed \$100,000 and \$79,000 worth of work has been ordered to be laid this year. The work ordered would use \$40,000 of the \$50,000 to be borrowed, leaving only \$10,000 to be borrowed for additional work which may be petitioned for and ordered in future.

The City Solicitor has given me an opinion, which I attach hereto, stating that the City cannot lay sidewalks on private property. The street immediately west of Oxford Street and parallel to it, is laid out on paper only, consequently, the City could not construct or pay for a sidewalk on it. Neither this street and sidewalks or the sidewalks on Oxford Street are graded and it would not be wise to lay the concrete sidewalk immediately on a new fill. Further, there is no sewer in either of these streets and no water pipe in the new street to be opened. If the sidewalks on it are constructed now, all the traffic for the construction of future buildings must go over the sidewalks. The sod is certain to be destroyed and the concrete damaged, especially the curb. Water pipes and house drains must be laid under the new work, through new fills, conditions which are not desirable, although here and there on streets where such work is done, it may be necessary.

If the City should grant the request, a precedent would be established for a new policy, and the same policy should be followed when the owners of neighboring property petition. To do so, legislative authority must be obtained to borrow more money. The City should not encourage building where there is no sewer or water pipe, but should rather encourage the development of property where these conveniences are already provided.

There are no houses on this property yet. It would seem but fair that sidewalks should not be built by the City where there are no houses until all such work asked for is provided where houses have already been constructed. If the owners of this property can do the work in the manner suggested, the City can do it also. It would not be just to those who are urging the immediate construction of work elsewhere, for the City to assist in doing this work before many others which are more urgent.

I have no desire to condemn the proposal to develop this section of the City in a creditable manner; on the contrary I should like to assist such a movement. The property owners offer to pay the City interest for a period of three years on the City's proportion of the cost, but a similar proposal made by Messrs. Bell and Clayton who formerly owned this property was rejected by the City on the ground that the City could not enter into a speculation. Under the circumstances, I am unable to report favourably upon the petition.

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

Office of City Solicitor, April 1st, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I understand that this application is for the City to construct sidewalks in what is now private property on land which the owners intend to dedicate as streets, but which has not been dedicated or even opened. The applicants offer to advance the funds requisite for the work, on an agreement with the City to repay the amount expended, and assess the frontagers proportion in the usual way.

I do not see how this proposition can be legally carried out. In order to enable the frontage assessments to be legally made, so as to be enforceable against the properties the requirements of the law must be strictly complied with. Of these, the first and most important is that the sidewalks must be laid in the streets of the City. If instead, they are laid in private property, it seems to me clear that the City could not legally charge any portion of the cost on adjoining lands and compel payment of the same from the owners.

Of course I understand that the owners of the land proposed to be dedicated as a street are also at present the owners of the adjoining land, and it might be possible to bind these adjoining lands by agreement so long as they remained the property of the present owners, but when sold it appears to me there would be great difficulty in enforcing a charge which had not been placed upon them in the manner laid down in the statute.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman MacKenzie that the same be referred to the Board of Control for report at the next meeting of the City Council. Motion passed.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re North West Arm sewer outfall.

INTERCEPTING SEWER NORTH WEST ARM.

City Works Office, May 5th, 1913.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Works beg to forward to the Council for its consideration the attached report of the City Engineer on intercepting sewer North West Arm.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER OUTFALL.

City Engineer's Office, May 3rd, 1913.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the locations proposed for the discharge of the sewage to be collected on the western slope of the City.

On the 18th of May, 1911, the City Council adopted a report of the City Engineer recommending that the intercepting sewer be carried along the shore of the

Arm to a point near Black Rock below the boat houses on the Oaklands property. By this plan it was proposed to clarify the sewage only, before discharging it into the Arm, so that there would be no apparent nuisance. Subsequently I was asked to report on an alternative proposal to extend the intercepting sewer down along the shore of the Arm to an outlet at or near Point Pleasant. The City Works Committee recommended in October last, that the intercepting sewer be extended to Chain Rock at the earliest possible date.

In considering the matter in the first place, two systems were possible—one what is known as the combined system, which is in use on the eastern slope, the other the separate system, by which the storm water would be discharged directly into the Arm at the street ends through one system of pipes, and the house sewage carried to one point of discharge farther down the Arm by another. The system recommended, chosen chiefly on account of the difference in cost, would provide for the discharge of both the house and storm sewage for a good many years at one point. As the population grows on the western slope, the overflow, after the sewer is well washed out by rain, would be discharged at the street ends if the sewer ever filled more than four feet deep. This overflow, emptying well out from the shore, would be so thoroughly diluted with rain water before it would begin to discharge, that there could be no offence from it.

The objection urged to the location first suggested, has been based on prejudice rather than well grounded opposition. It was the intention to discharge the sewage from 30 to 55 feet under water, and I feel confident from the experience in other cities, that there would have been no apparent nuisance, even if no other treatment were provided than coarse screening. Several notable installations of such methods of disposal may be quoted where results are satisfactory. Perhaps the most important near home, is the outlet for the sewage of the South Metropolitan District, discharging into Boston Harbor by a main outlet near Peddock's Island. The report of the Massachusetts State Board of Health for 1911 says that the quantity discharged at this outlet, averages forty million gallons a day, and the outlet is very difficult to locate, even under most favourable conditions. The sewage is discharged at a depth of thirty feet through two 60-inch cast iron pipes, while our outlet would be one 48-inch pipe only, discharging a comparatively small quantity of sewage. If the sewage is discharged near the bottom in a good depth of water, it will be thoroughly diluted with the sea water and its presence cannot be detected. In my opinion there is no danger of pollution of the waters of the Arm that can be detected by the eye or nostril in the operation of such a system.

The opponents of the scheme, however, claim that the sewage should be purified. It was not the intention of the scheme recommended to purify the sewage as if it were to be discharged into drinking water, nor is it claimed that it will. If the sewage must be purified so that there will be absolute certainty of no danger to bathers, then the scheme recommended will not do the work, but I must point out that if the sewage is purified and discharged into the Arm, it does not follow that the waters of the Arm will be safe for bathers, as steamers carrying excursions, the hotels, houses and boat houses along the Arm are discharging material now which makes it impossible to pronounce the waters of the Arm absolutely pure for bathing. No matter how well the sewage is treated, the waters of the Arm cannot be maintained in an absolutely pure condition, as the boat houses and houses out of reach of the sewer would still discharge sewage into the Arm.

The estimated cost of extending the sewer from a point near Black Rock to a point near the summer house at the Point is \$115,000.00, but that estimate does not include land damages which I am unable to estimate, owing to fluctuations in land values recently and the location of the proposed railway through some of the lands which will be traversed.

Probably the best location for an outfall on the Arm side of the Park would be the point immediately below the Chain Battery, but an outfall there would

be within 100 yards of the public bathing beach. A location on the north side of the Point on which the summer house is erected, would be preferable, as it will be about 1-4 of a mile below the bathing beach. It would be more difficult to construct and maintain it there, as the sea breaks on that point, but if it is wrong to locate the outfall at Black Rock because it will endanger the health of bathers who can afford to use the bathing facilities at the boat clubs, it would be wrong to locate it within 100 yards of the five cent bathing houses which the general public use.

A sewage purification plant at Black Rock would, in my opinion, not be desirable even if it saved money in first cost, because the cost of operation would make up the difference in annual charges, compared with extension to the Park, and it is very difficult to operate such a plant without nuisance. Further, it might affect land values. On the other hand, if the Council decides that the sewer must be extended to the Park, I think the cost would be large enough without adding purification works to it.

Respecting Sir Sanford Fleming's suggestion that the railway right of way might be used as a location for an outfall, it would be necessary to carry the sewer through the district to be drained at an elevation of about fifty feet above the water in order to get through the railway cutting, to say nothing of the question of permission from the railway department. An elevation of fifty feet would not drain the district below that level, which includes a comparatively large area in the vicinity of the Upper Arm and Dutch Village. This objection could only be overcome by installing a pumping system, the operation of which would be expensive, and the total first cost would be larger than for an outlet at the Park.

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

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Clarke that the same be referred to the Board of Control for report. Motion passed.

Alderman Clarke asks for a report as to the amount of taxes due for a period of over three years.

Alderman Hoben asked when steps would be taken to prepare for the opening of the Sir Sandford Fleming Park for the summer.

His Worship the Mayor replied that it had been considered that May 24th would be early enough.

Alderman Hoben asked that the Board of Control take into consideration the question of paying interest to Holloway Bros. on an account of theirs against the City now long overdue.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved, that the Engineer report on the advisability of constructing a sewer in Sarah Street.

Moved by Alderman J. C. Harris, seconded by Alderman Hawkins and passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Hoben, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the following items on the Order of the Day be referred to the Board of Control, viz:—

1. Report Finance Committee clause (b) re the establishing of a City Planning Commission. January 9th, 1913. Page 447.

2. Report Library Commission (clause 3) re proposed new Library building, and cost of maintenance thereof. November 7th, 1912. Page 320.

3. Report Finance Committee (clause 3) re special appropriation of \$5,000.00 for improvements to the Common. February 6th, 1913. Page 480.

4. Report Finance Committee (clause 4) recommending the borrowing of \$8,000.00 for the installation of the so called Somers Unit System of Realty Valuation. February 6th, 1913. Page 480.

5. Alderman Hattie's resolution for the borrowing of \$10,500.00 for electric plant in connection with incinerator. March 26th, 1913. Page 537.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*