

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit for adoption by the City Council the accompanying resolution re the death of the late City Treasurer, William L. Brown.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

The Council desires to place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the death of Mr. William L. Brown, late Treasurer of the City, and its appreciation of the value of his services and the worth of his character.

Mr. Brown entered the service of the City as a young man and spent in it the remainder of his life—thirty-five years, at first as an assistant in the office of Treasurer and for many years past as himself the holder of that office. To the discharge of its difficult and delicate duties he brought qualities of no mean order, inflexible integrity, a strong liking and turn for financial business and a clear logical and well-balanced mind.

The financial part of the City's business, both as respects its current expenditure and also as to the discharge of the obligations connected with our heavy debt, has gone on so smoothly that to many persons the care and skill involved may not have been apparent. Mr. Brown was always most jealous for the maintenance of the City's credit, and possibly to this in part at least is due the gratifying fact that our securities rank among the highest on the continent, notwithstanding the fact that Halifax is a comparatively small City, not of rapid growth, and that our debt is large in proportion either to population or assessed value of property.

In his relations both with members of the Council and fellow officials Mr. Brown was always the same kindly, courteous obliging gentleman, ready at all times to give the valuable assistance that his store of civic experience enabled him to afford.

To his widow and the members of his family this Council desires to extend the sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris and passed unanimously by a standing vote of Council.

**WILLIAM L. BROWN—REFUND FROM SUPERANNUATION FUND—GRATUITY FROM CITY.**

Read report Board of Control recommending that the widow of William L. Brown, City Treasurer, be refunded from the City Officials' Superannuation Fund the amounts contributed thereto by him, totalling \$678.00, and that legislation be sought authorizing the payment from the City of \$322.00 so that the widow may receive the total amount of \$1,000.00.

*City Hall, February 4th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that the widow of William L. Brown, late City Treasurer, is entitled to a refund from the Officials' Superannuation Fund of the amounts contributed thereto by him, totalling \$678.00. It is recommended that said amount be paid over to Mrs. Brown. It is further recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation providing for the borrowing of \$322.00 to supplement the amount to be refunded from the Superannuation Fund so that the widow may receive a total amount of \$1,000.00; the amount proposed to be borrowed to be assessed for through next year's assessment.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKean that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

Read report Board of Control nominating James J. Hopewell for appointment as City Treasurer at a salary of \$1800.00 per year.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to nominate and recommend for appointment by the City Council to the office of City Treasurer, James J. Hopewell, the present Clerk of Works, at a salary of \$1,800.00 per year.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted, and James J. Hopewell appointed City Treasurer. Motion passed.

#### BARRINGTON STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light Barrington Street between Jacob and Hurd Streets.

*City Hall, January 26th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re electric light on Barrington Street, between Jacob Street and Hurd Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 26th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request of your Worship on the advisability of placing an electric light on Barrington Street between Jacob and Hurd Streets.

I reported on this matter on Dec. 7, 1914, stating that I would recommend the installation if there were plenty of money. Since that time, lights have been installed which are not as necessary as this light, and as the new lighting contract, whether made with the Tram Company or otherwise, will probably permit the installation of more lights, I would recommend that this light be ordered to be installed when the financial condition of the appropriation permits.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

**WATER BILL 113 AGRICOLA STREET—A. B. LEITCH.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re Water Bill A. B. Leitch, 113 Agricola Street.

*City Hall, January 26th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend that a water bill of A. B. Leitch, 113 Agricola Street, be reduced from \$9.31 to \$4.31.

A report from the City Engineer is attached.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, December 6th, 1915.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied at No. 113 Agricola Street. Recent bills are as follows:—

6 mos. to: March, 1914 . . . . .	\$1.19
“ September, 1914 . . . . .	.32
“ March, 1915 . . . . .	9.31
“ September, 1915 . . . . .	.38

the bill for the period disputed, \$9.31, being very much larger than usual. The bill is for 10,654 gallons, 10,211 of which were registered on the meter while the owner or occupant was away, from June to November.

There seems to have been some leak which was stopped on the return of the occupant, as the consumption at once dropped to about the old figure. As the water should have been turned off when the house was left vacant the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report of the Board be adopted. Motion passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT CITY SLIP.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light at the City Slip, foot of George Street.

*City Hall, January 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for approval the attached report of the City Engineer re electric light at the City Slip, foot of George Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 10th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached communication from Rear Admiral Yelverton, asking that a light be placed at the City Slip at the foot of George Street, for the convenience of people landing and embarking at night.

A light has been placed there, I understand, by the order of the Mayor. The arc light at the corner of George and Water Streets is too far away to be of any service at the Landing, and while it might be moved to the north corner, where it would give more light at the head of the slip, it would still be insufficient to make landing and embarking at night safe.

I would recommend that a bernstein lamp be installed when funds are available.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be sought authorizing a contribution from the City of \$25,000.00 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that a large delegation of representative citizens laid before them an urgent appeal for a contribution from the City of \$50,000.00 towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The Board recommend that legislation be sought authorizing a contribution from the City of \$25,000.00.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKeen that representatives of a large delegation present on behalf of the Canadian Patriotic Fund be permitted to address the meeting. Motion passed.

The Council is addressed by G. S. Campbell, George W. G. Hensley, Hector McInnes, K. C., Hon. R. G. Beazley and H. G. Bauld, urging that the City contribute the sum of \$30,000.00.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Parker that the report of the Board of Control be referred back for further consideration. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the Council adjourn for five minutes to enable the Board of Control to further consider their recommendation and report. Motion passed.

The Council adjourns accordingly.

After the lapse of five minutes the Council reassembles pursuant to adjournment.

The Board of Control verbally reported, recommending that their former report be amended to read \$30,000.00 instead of \$25,000.00, and that the City's grant be for the larger amount.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the verbal report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, the following members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen Brown, H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Riordon, Godwin and Parker.

Read report Board of Control recommending legislation to provide that \$50,000.00 of the City's Contribution to the Patriotic Fund be assessed for by a special assessment in the civic year 1916-17.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit for the consideration of the Council a recommendation made by Controller McKeen that the total amount of the City's contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund be taken care of by a single assessment in one year instead of by the assessment proposed when the first contribution was made of raising the amount by an assessment of \$5,000.00 annually. Controller McKeen estimates that the \$20,000.00 of the original contribution remaining unassessed for, and the new contribution of \$30,000.00, totalling \$50,000.00, could be wiped out in one year by a special assessment of about 7c on the \$100.00, and his recommendation included that the Council seek legislative authority to finance the City's contribution in that way.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

*Resolved* that the total amount of the contribution of the City of Halifax to the Canadian Patriotic Fund remaining after the amount already assessed and included in the estimates for the civic year 1916-17, namely \$50,000.00 be rated and collected by a special assessment in the civic year 1916-17, and that such an amount be rated upon the property and inhabitants by a special rate and added to the tax notices for that year and collected therewith, and that legislation to enable this to be done be obtained at the present session of the Legislature.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy and Aldermen Brown, H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Riordon, Godwin and Parker.

**CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER.**

Read report Board of Control covering cash statements City Treasurer for the months of December, 1915, and January 1916.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council, cash statements of the City Treasurer for the months of December, 1915, and January, 1916.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Filed.

**ACCOUNTS.**

Read report Board of Control covering accounts chargeable to various Departments.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for payment accounts chargeable to various Departments as follows:—

**Citizens' Free Library.**

A. L. A. Publishing Board, booklist, \$1.00; T. C. Allen & Co., supplies, \$28.05; The Book Room, books \$9.00; Canadian Finance, subscription \$2.00; Chronicle Publishing Co., subscription, \$6.00; Heaton's Agency, Heaton's Annual, \$1.27; H. H. Marshall, magazines \$5.00; Mutual Subscription Agency, subscriptions, \$144.45; Ross Print, supplies, \$12.00; H. W. Wilson Co., Readers' Guide, \$8.00. Total \$216.77.

**City Prison.**

T. J. O'Mally, bread, \$28.91; W. I. Hubley, groceries, \$75.73; J. A. Leaman, oxheads, \$25.50; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$11.48; J. & M. Murphy, dry goods, \$22.69; Moir's Ltd., Christmas bread, \$4.50; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$25.40; Morton & Thompson, wash basin, \$1.60; Stroud & Everleigh, sleigh shafts and bolts, \$4.10; Irwin & Sons, drugs, \$4.20; J. & M. Murphy, dry goods, \$6.96; Coolen & Martin, clearing waste pipes, \$3.60; D. J. McIntosh, horseshoeing, \$10.96; Halifax Electric Tram Co., current, \$7.00; Wm. Taylor & Co., repairs to rubber boots, \$1.75; Hillis & Sons, stove pipe and elbows, \$10.05; Clayton & Sons, uniforms, \$105.00; William Roche, coal, \$207.90; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$4.50; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$43.19. Total \$605.02.

**City Home.**

Wentzells, Ltd, flour and groceries, \$565.69; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat and pork, \$468.09; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$152.04; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$101.45; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$29.70; W. Y. Kennedy, dry goods, \$123.10; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$3.90; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$32.51; The Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$511.56; H. McFtridge, horseshoeing, \$2.23; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., sundries, \$2.00; The Chronicle Publishing Co., advertising, \$8.79; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$9.90; Clayton & Sons, men's clothing, \$96.00; Hillis & Sons, Ltd., stove pipes, \$3.00; Willis Bros, repairs, \$.75; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$5.85; The Robt. Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$40.80; Arthur Fordham Co., laces, \$1.95; National Drug Co., drugs, \$1.75; Telephone Co., phones, \$3.75; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$46.90; Dr. John Rankine, lunacy certificates, \$25.00; Dr. W. D. Forrest, lunacy certificates, \$5.00; Halifax County, maintenance, \$16.11; B. J. Muicahy, cash expended, \$1.80; Salaries, Pay Sheet, Jan. 1916, \$853.06; N. S. Hospital, maintenance insane, \$2230.12. Total \$5342.80.

**Fire Department.**

Hfx. Electric Tram Co., light and power, \$41.00; Guildford & Sons, packing, \$6.72; Melvin & Co., hardware, \$3.45; John McInnes & Son, Lumber, \$57.19; F. W. McNally, plumbing, \$15.85; Stroud & Everleigh, carriage work, \$20.00; British Fire Prevention Committee, annual dues, \$5.10; Jas. Donohue, iron, \$1.00; Globe Laundry, work, \$13.47; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$424.59;

Burns & Kelliher, machine work, \$10.25; A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$13.25; A. H. Lamphier, carriage work, \$3.00; L. E. Sievert, pittner lamps, \$13.25; Freeman & Co., bedding, \$118.25; American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., tires, \$133.64; Jas. Simmonds Ltd., hardware, \$72.73; Canadian Rubber Co., coats, etc., \$57.32; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$105.94; Telephone Co., phones, \$28.91; Stairs, Son & Morrow, copper, etc., \$21.70; Dr. C. S. Morton, attendance Churchill, \$7.00; Longard Bros., supplies, \$30.45; Canadian Oil Co., gasoline, \$9.66; G. C. Bateman, locks, \$10.50; City Home, wood, \$1.00; A. & W. MacKinlay, books, \$3.70; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$5.50; David Roche, paints, \$21.81; C. L. Newman, chains, \$18.60; Austen Bros., extinguishers, \$10.10; Wm. J. Regan, saddlery, \$45.25; Wm. Roche, coal, \$147.80; Holland Window Shade Co., blinds, \$8.75; Thos. Forhan & Co., coal bags, \$31.25; Wm. Taylor Co., Ltd., boots, \$104.50; Hillis & Sons, ash barrels, \$22.70; Dr. H. McFatrige, shoeing, \$.93; Neil Fox, saddlery, \$26.00; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$28.44; National Fire Protection Assn., annual dues, \$5.00; Military Authorities, rental, \$.25; Farquhar Bros, supplies, \$22.54; Northern Electric Co., coil, \$.54; W. A. Moir, machinery repairs, \$75.35. Total \$1799.23.

#### Police Department.

City Home, wood, \$.60; Y. M. C. A. dues, \$45.00; John Lovall & Son, criminal code, \$5.00; John R. Rawley, drugs, \$.50; Wm. Taylor Co., Ltd., rubber boots, \$10.00; Fire Department, quarterly feed, etc. patrol, \$46.90; T. C. Allen & Co., envelopes, \$.90; G. E. Smith & Co., steel tap, \$.50; Telephone Co., phones, \$14.42; J. A. Rudland, laundry, \$1.41; Frank Colwell, mackintoshes, \$820.97. Total \$946.20.

#### Works Department.

Water maintenance, \$599.89; Sewerage, \$463.26; Water construction, \$277.72; Streets, \$70.51; Internal health, \$136.13; Teams and stables, \$94.77; City property, \$67.90; Sewer maintenance, \$4.86; Electric wiring inspection, \$5.00; Street lighting, \$2075.93; City Hall lighting, \$77.08; Market building, \$164.60; telephones, \$39.19; Permanent sidewalks, \$712.15; Work under health rules, \$224.70. Total \$5013.69.

#### General Accounts.

Maritime Telephone Co, message, \$1.15; Dr. Finn, certificates of death, Mary Campbell \$4.00, A. Furlan \$4.00, M. Vaughan \$4.00, I. Patfield, \$4.00, R. Roberts \$4.00, T. Hemsworth \$4.00, A. M. Aylward \$4.00, E. E. Day \$4.00, M. Nearing \$4.00, R. Stewart \$4.00, F. W. Rasby \$4.00 Total \$44.00; E. Montgomery Vieth, services for Jan. \$10.00; Blackadar Bros, subscription Recorder 1915, \$5.00; Chronicle Publishing Co, subscription Chronicle, City Collector \$6.00, City Clerk \$6.00; Total \$12.00; London Rubber Stamp Co., Rubber Stamps, City Treasurer \$0.50, City Collector, \$1.50, Total \$2.00; A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd., books, City Collector, \$11.80; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, License Inspector, \$1.10, City Assessors, \$13.75, City Collector \$13.75, City Treasurer, \$8.00, City Clerk, \$142.02. Total \$178.62; Hazelwood Hospital, 101 5-7 weeks board of patients to Oct. 31st, 1915, \$508.60; Halifax Industrial School, maintenance of boys one quarter ending Jan. 31st, 1916, truants \$288.04. Grand Total \$1061.21.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that said report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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**ACCOUNT FOR LIST OF DEATHS.**

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Controller McKeen that the matter of the account of L. M. Green, \$3.12, for furnishing to the Registrar of Voters the list of deaths during the year 1915, which passed this Council for payment January 6th, 1916, be referred to the Board of Control for investigation and report. Motion passed.

**TOWN PLANNING BOARD.**

Read report Board of Control nominating members of the Town Planning Board under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1915.

*City Hall, January 21st, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—Chapter 3 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1915, provides that the Council of each Municipality shall create a Town Planning Board consisting of the Mayor and two other members of the Council, ex-officio, and not less than two rate payers to be appointed by the Council for the term of three years, and that the Board so constituted shall be a body corporate.

The Board of Control recommend that the Town Planning Board consist of the Mayor, Alderman R. B. Colwell, Alderman Kelly, R. M. Hattie and George A. McKenzie.

The Act also provides that the Town Planning Board shall appoint a qualified engineer as its executive officer, and the Board of Control recommends to the Town Planning Board that the Engineer of the City of Halifax be appointed their Engineer.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted and the nominations approved. Motion passed.

**HENRY STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light Henry Street, between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

*City Hall, January 21st, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re electric light Henry Street, between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office January 19th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request of Alderman Finlay for a light to be installed on Henry Street at the centre of the block between Coburg Road and Morris Street.

This is a long block and on Edward and Seymour Streets there is a light about half way.

I would recommend that a bernstein light be installed on Henry Street about half way between Coburg Road and Morris Street when the appropriation is available.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### WATER BILL SCOTIA PURE MILK COMPANY.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill Scotia Pure Milk Company.

*City Hall, January 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that the readings of the two meters on the premises of the Scotia Pure Milk Co., for the purpose of making up the charges for water, be combined, and that the attached account for \$218.53 be reduced to \$175.00.

The Board further recommends that the Scotia Pure Milk Co. be informed that this reduction is recommended because it is the first offence of waste of water charged against the premises and that it is the determination of the City to refuse any applications for reduction in cases where waste has been brought to the attention of the Board of Control more than once. Water takers should be careful to watch the record of meter readings left by the Meter Reader each month and either remedy the waste which the meter readings show or report to the Water Department at once if the cause of excessive consumption cannot be ascertained.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 19th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor,*

*Sir:*—Mr. Morrison, Supt. of the Water Department, has been endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the large bill for water consumed by the Scotia Pure Milk Company during the period from March to September, 1915. Previous bills have been as follows—

Mar. 1913 to Sept. 1913.....	\$20.79
Sept. 1913 to Mar. 1914.....	18.50
Mar. 1914 to Sept. 1914.....	9.74
Sept. 1914 to Mar. 1915.....	20.27
Mar. 1915 to Sept. 1915.....	53.64

A test of the meter shows that it has slowed down as meters sometimes do, until it is registering 20% slow, making a distinct advantage in favour of the consumer.

I can see no justification for a reduction on the ground that the Company have not used the water but the readings show a probability that the Company's claim is correct, namely that between the 30th of June and the 16th of September they used an unusual supply.

The readings are—

Feb. to Mar.....	54,100 gals.
April.....	31,400 "
May.....	38,500 "
June.....	36,000 "
July to Aug.....	191,700 "
Sep.....	78,500 "

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

**WATER BILL JAMES G. THOMPSON, 126 WEST YOUNG STREET.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water bill James G. Thompson, 126 West Young Street.

*City Hall, January 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend in respect to a water bill of James G. Thompson, 126 West Young Street, amounting to \$22.77, that the same be reduced to \$12.77. It is further recommended that Mr. Thompson be informed that this reduction is recommended because it is the first offence of waste of water charged against the premises and that it is the determination of the City to refuse any applications for reduction in cases where waste has been brought to the attention of the Board of Control more than once. Water takers should be careful to watch the record of meter readings left by the Meter Reader each month and either remedy the waste which the meter readings show or report to the Water Department at once if the cause of excessive consumption cannot be ascertained.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, December 13th, 1915.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached bill which purports to be for water supplied at No. 126 West Young Street. There is an error in the number, which should be 52-52½. Recent bills for this property are as follows:—

Jan. 1914 to Sept. 1914.....	\$17. 45
Sept. 1914 to Mar. 1915.....	5. 32
Mar. 1915 to Sept. 1915.....	1. 27

The bill \$1.27 from Mar. to Sept. 1915 shows what can be done by care. The inspectors have reported a water closet wasting on one occasion, and that the water was allowed to run during the winter. After this was stopped in the month of March, the consumption was only 1300 gallons. Under the circumstances, the law does not permit me to recommend any reductions.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

#### CHARLES AND CLIFTON STREETS LIGHT.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re electric light corner Charles and Clifton Streets.

*City Hall, January 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re electric light at the corner of Charles and Clifton Streets.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 10th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the request of the Mayor for an electric light at the corner of Charles Street and Clifton Street.

There is a light at the next corner in each direction from this corner, but if the City could afford it, a light should be placed on every corner in the City.

I would recommend that a light be installed at this corner when the appropriation is available.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORTS.

Read report Board of Control, covering monthly reports of Coal Weighers for July, August, September, October, November and December.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit for the information of the City Council the monthly reports from the coal weighers, showing the weighers to have received fees as follows:—

July, \$77.15; August, \$71.43; September, \$70.34; October, \$92.18; November \$80.47; December, \$73.57.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Filed.

#### COST OF ELECTRIC CURRENT.

Read report Board of Control covering draft of petition to the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities requesting them to investigate the matter of the charges for supplying electric energy in the City of Halifax.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith draft of a petition from the City of Halifax to the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities, requesting them to investigate the matter of the charges for supplying electric energy in the City of Halifax, and to make an order reducing said rates, and recommend that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said petition on behalf of the City, and the City Solicitor to represent the interests of the City in the application.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

The Nova Scotia Board of  
Commissioners of Public Utilities.

BETWEEN:

THE CITY OF HALIFAX,

*Applicant,*

and

THE HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY  
COMPANY, LIMITED

*Respondent.*

The petition of the City of Halifax

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

1. The applicant is a body corporate created by the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia composed of the persons inhabiting the peninsula of Halifax and governed and acting in a corporate capacity by a Mayor, Board of Control and City Council.

2. The respondent is a body corporate created by Chapter 107 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia of the year 1895 and certain amendments thereto.

3. By its act of incorporation the respondent is authorized to manufacture and supply to the inhabitants of Halifax electric energy and under such authority the respondent is so manufacturing and supplying electric current for the purposes both of illumination and power.

4. The rates at present charged by the respondent for electric current are:—

For electric current 15c per K. W. H.			
Bills from \$	1.43 to	\$ 9.99—	30% discount.
" "	10.00 "	19.99—	32% "
" "	20.00 "	29.99—	34% "
" "	30.00 "	49.99—	37% "
" "	50.00 "	99.99—	43% "
" "	100.00 and over		—50% "

5. The applicant complains that the same rates are too high and much in excess not only of the rates charged by companies similar to the respondent in other parts of Nova Scotia, but also of what are right and reasonable and sufficient to give to the respondent an adequate and just return upon the capital invested or in the alternative upon the fair and actual value of the property of the respondent engaged in the production and supply of electric current.

6. The applicant therefore prays that your Honorable body will be pleased to make such investigation as the matter requires and make an order reducing the said rates to such a degree as your Honorable Body deems just and reasonable.

7. This notice is given by F. H. Bell of the City of Halifax, Solicitor of the applicant, by direction of the Mayor and Board of Control of the applicant.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever etc.

Dated at Halifax, February 14th, A. D. 1916.

[L. S.]

PETER F. MARTIN, *Mayor.*  
L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*  
F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Moved by Controller McKean, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted and the draft of petition approved. Motion passed.

### TRAMWAY FARES AND EXTENSION ACROSS THE COMMON.

Alderman Kelly asked that the Tramway Company be again requested to comply with the resolution passed by this Council at a meeting held November 4th, 1915 re tramway fares and extension of their lines across the Common.

### COST OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS 1915.

Read report Board of Control covering report Clerk of Works showing the cost of permanent sidewalks constructed in 1915.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the information of the City Council a report from the Clerk of Works showing the cost of permanent sidewalks constructed in 1915, and recommend that the same be filed with the City Engineer in compliance with the statute in that behalf.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Works Office, February 9th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith respectfully submit for your information the cost of permanent sidewalks constructed in 1915. As per detailed statement annexed the total cost was \$60,586.90 payable as follows:—

Abutters' Share.....	\$25,612.71	
City's Share.....	34,974.19	
		—————\$60,586.90

I would suggest that the same be handed to the City Engineer to file in accordance with the law governing same.

JAS. J. HOPEWELL, *Clerk of Works.*

## PERMANENT SIDEWALKS, 1915.

			City's share	Abutters'	Total
Albemarle St.	West.	Around New Market	\$2386.36		\$2386.36
Buckingham St.	South	Around New Market			
Albemarle St.	West.	Prince George	1506.79	1134.10	2640.89
Prince St.	North	Albemarle to Brunswick			497.30
Bell St.	North	Barrington to Argyle			77.89
Bell St.	South	Barrington to Water			404.69
Buckingham St.	South	Granville to Barrington	698.43	646.88	365.34
Blowers St.	North	Argyle to Barrington			752.42
Cornwallis St.	North	Granville to Barrington	382.82	369.60	640.06
Cornwallis St.	North	Maitland to Gottingen	318.50	321.56	659.48
Cornwallis St.	North	Lockman to Brunswick	339.87	319.61	1812.90
Cornwallis St.	South	Gottingen to Maynard	903.42	909.48	3172.55
Cunard St.	North	Gottingen to Agricola	1830.52	1342.03	1443.37
Duke St.	North	Grafton to Brunswick	2347.59	1391.81	2206.01
Duke St.	South	Argyle to Brunswick			2983.08
Edward St.	West.	Coburg Road to Morris	1525.65	1457.43	1724.76
St. George's Church		Around Church Property	893.14	831.62	4401.24
George St.	N. & S.	Argyle to Brunswick	2667.97	1733.27	8002.99
Gottingen St.	West.	Gerrish to North	4145.25	3857.74	1409.69
Grafton St.	East.	Duke to George	713.43	696.26	535.03
Grafton St.	West.	Duke St. N. & S.	261.72	273.31	1056.14
Grafton Park			1056.14		31.81
Grafton Park Entrance		In front Park			1088.04
Henry St.	East	Coburg Road to Bliss	566.84	621.20	695.52
Hollis St.	East	Morris to Bishop	1387.21	1391.05	2082.74
Hollis St.	West.	Morris to Salter			1341.12
Morris St.	North	Water to Hollis	686.20	654.92	547.43
Morris St.	South	Pleasant to Hollis	282.01	265.42	474.04
North St.	South	Lockman to I. C. R.	236.97	273.07	3131.89
North St.	South	Gottingen to Agricola			2690.86
North St.	South	Robie to Agricola	3050.68	2772.07	1576.74
South Park St.	West.	Inglis to Victoria Road	789.68	787.06	1205.63
Pleasant St.	West	Morris to South	601.94	603.69	2988.25
Summer St.	West	Spring Garden Road to Jubilee Road	2499.58	488.67	159.78
Upper Water St.	East	Cook's Wharf to Farquhar's Wharf	78.68	81.10	5310.77
Young Avenue	East	Inglis to Park Gates	2785.01	2525.76	
Atlantic to M. Dwyer s.	\$2033				
Inglis to Atlantic	1564				
			\$34974.19	\$25612.71	\$60586.90

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### MATRON POLICE STATION.

Read report Board of Control recommending the appointment of Mrs. Lynch as matron of the Police Station.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that Mrs. Lynch, daughter of the later Mrs. Spruin, be appointed Matron of the Police Station, salary at the rate of \$100.00 per year.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### CITY MARKET BUILDING.

Read report Board of Control covering draft of an agreement between the City and the Military Authorities for the occupation of the Market Building by the Military Authorities

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith a draft of an agreement between the City and the Military Authorities for the occupation of the City Market Building by the Military Authorities until April 30th, 1916, and recommend that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control covering report Chief Fire Department for January.

*City Hall, February 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for approval the accompanying report of the Chief of the Fire Department for January.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Office of Chief of Fire Department, February 9th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg leave to make the following report:—

1. Fires and their causes, insurance and losses for the month of January.

There have been 29 alarms from the following causes:—

Chimneys 10; oil stove 1; smoke backing down chimneys 3; stoves 3; sparks setting fire to roof 3; throwing water 1; unknown 2; steam 1; cigarettes 1; hot ashes 1; electric wire 1; children with matches 1; powder explosion 1.

*Recommendations.*

1. That George Boutilier, Albert Taylor, and John Whelan be appointed supernumeraries.

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

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Board of Control re acquisition of a site at the corner of Russell and Gottingen Streets for the erection of a school building to replace the Young Street School, recently destroyed by fire.

*City Hall, February 7th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that the Board of School Commissioners propose to transfer to the City the site of the Young Street school recently destroyed by fire, so that the property may be disposed of in building lots and the proceeds offset against a loan for the acquisition of a new site. The School Board has bonded for the sum of \$7,250.00 a property for the erection of a new school at the south-east corner of Gottingen and Russell Streets. It is recommended that the proposals of the School Board be concurred in by the Council without the formality of making application to the Governor-in-Council for concurrence.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, February 11th, 1916.*

*The Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I enclose herewith copy of the Report prepared by Mr. J. C. Harris on the various sites in connection with the rebuilding of Young Street School, which will be submitted to the Board of School Commissioners at its next meeting, and is sent herewith at the request of a Commissioner for your preliminary information.

S. J. WILSON, *Secretary School Board.*

*Halifax, February 3rd, 1916.*

*Board of School Commissioners.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to report that I have inspected the several possible sites in the north end for the new Young Street School.

The old site contains only about 34,000 square feet, and in order to obtain this area it would necessitate building a concrete retaining wall with iron railing on top, and at least one set of concrete steps, the cost of which would be about \$2,000.00. The value of the land if sold for building lots would be about \$3,500.00.

I would therefore consider this property too small in area to build the new building as proposed and give sufficient playground. The land at the south east corner of Russell and Gottingen Streets would be an ideal site for this school, as it contains nearly 42,000 square feet, which is something over one fifth larger than the old site. This is a fully developed property having sewer on both streets, concrete sidewalk on Gottingen Street, is completely surrounded by fencing, and would require little, if any grading. It also has a lane ten feet wide running down the south side. This property could be purchased for \$7,250.00, which I consider a fair price for the Board to pay for it.

The only other site in this locality is on the old Hennessey property at the north west corner of Gottingen and the new West Young Street. It is an entirely undeveloped property, no sewerage and no fencing, and would require a considerable amount of grading. I have endeavored to obtain a figure on a portion of this land, but I am informed that the whole property extending from Gottingen Street to Robie Street is being negotiated for.

I would therefore recommend that the Board abandon the old site and purchase the land at the South East corner of Gottingen and Russell Streets.

J. C. HARRIS.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKen that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

**DISCOUNT ON WATER BILLS.**

Read report Board of Control recommending that water takers be allowed a discount of 3% on bills for water if paid before June 20th, 1916.

*City Hall, February 7th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that water takers be allowed a discount of 3% on bills for water for the period from September 1915 to March 1916, if paid on or before June 20th, 1916.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### ROBIE STREET BRIDGE.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re bridge Robie Street extension at the Halifax Ocean Terminals.

*City Hall, February 4th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re bridge, Robie Street extension, at the Halifax Ocean Terminals.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, N. S., January 21st, 1916.*

*F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer,  
Halifax.*

*Dear Sir:*—With reference to the proposed Robie Street extension and its crossing over the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway near its junction with Francklyn Street, and about which I asked you in my letter of the 8th April last to advise me if the City would be prepared to open up Robie Street or Connaught Avenue and do its portion of the street improvements and extensions in the event of our building a bridge on the line of Robie Street, I beg to state that our work has now arrived at a point where it is necessary for us to have a definite understanding as to the City's position in the matter so that we may complete our plans for the Railway.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly favor me with an early reply.

JAMES MCGREGOR, *Superintending Engineer.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 31st, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—Some time ago Mr. James McGregor, Superintending Engineer Halifax Ocean Terminals, asked that the City determine its policy in reference to the proposed extension of Robie Street to Francklyn Street, so that they might decide whether it would be necessary to put a bridge at that point or not. The matter was referred to me to consult with Captain Hicks, through whose property the south end of the extension would run, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms the City could obtain the right of way. Captain Hicks has stated no definite terms, and I do not think it is probable that we can get a definite offer at present. In the meantime the railway engineers are anxious to decide whether or not they must put in a bridge.

I think that it is important that the bridge should be provided now, when it can be obtained without much difficulty. If it is left until after the completion of the terminals railway, it will be much more difficult to get

authority for its construction and to have it carried out. I would recommend, therefore, that Mr. McGregor be notified that it is the policy of the City to extend Robie Street to Francklyn Street, and that therefore it will be necessary to provide a bridge.

This crossing was decided on by the City Council some time ago, with the street extension of Connaught Avenue from the Park to the Basin was considered. Robie Street and Connaught Avenue would join at this point. A copy of Mr. McGregor's latest letter is attached.

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

Moved by Controller McKean, seconded by Controller Halliday that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

#### McFATRIDGE'S DOCK.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer recommending that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to borrow \$1300.00 for the purpose of dredging McFatridge's Dock.

*City Hall, February 4th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith for approval a report from the City Engineer recommending that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$1300.00 for the purpose of dredging McFatridge's Dock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, January 31st, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached complaint from W. McFatridge respecting the alleged filling up of the dock on the south side of his wharf. The City sewer which has an outfall through the Ordnance Wharf has undoubtedly caused some filling up of the dock and on another occasion when complaint was made by Messrs. T. A. S. DeWolfe & Son, the City had the dock dredged out.

The depth of water has decreased and I presume the deposit will have to be removed. If the work were done at this time of the year, it is possible that it could be done more cheaply than later in the season, as there may be a dredging plant idle.

I would recommend that tenders be invited for this work and that authority for providing the money be obtained by legislation. The cost I estimate at \$1300, but it must depend entirely on the rate at which we can get the work done.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

#### CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of January.

*City Hall, February 4th, 1916.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council the monthly report of the City Home for January.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, N. S., February 1st, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor and Members of Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of January 1916.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 34 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 20 discharged and 1 died. Of the number admitted, 6 were chargeable to the Province and 28 to the City. The total number of inmates January 31st was 334, made up of 208 men, 121 women and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 223 men and 119 women, a total of 342. There was one patient admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital during the month whose maintenance is chargeable to the City, and 1 patient died.

Attached hereto you will find copy of boiler inspector's report.

JAS. HALLIDAY, *Controller.*

Filed.

#### FUNDS FOR QUINPOOL ROAD SCHOOL.

Read report Board of Control covering order in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$4,647.30 for an addition to Quinpool Road School.

*City Hall, February 4th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith an order from the Governor in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$4,647.30 required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the erection and equipment of an addition to Quinpool Road School. It is recommended that the order be complied with.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, N. S., February 3rd, 1916.*

*The City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.*

*Sir:*—I am directed to transmit herewith a certified copy or an Order in Council of the 1st instant, ordering and directing under Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$4,647.30, required by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the erection and equipment of a new addition to Quinpool Road School.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

*Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 1st day of February, A. D. 1916.*

*Whereas* the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax requires the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Thirty Cents for the erection and equipment of a new addition to Quinpool Road School, and applied to the Governor-in-Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to raise the said sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents required as aforesaid;

*And Whereas* due notice of the sum so required and of the purpose for which the same is required and of the time and place appointed, namely Friday the 21st day of January, A. D. 1916, at eleven o'clock a. m. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, at which the matter of such application would be heard, was given to the Mayor of said City;

*And Whereas* the matter of such application was heard at such time and place;

*Now Therefore* the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to offer and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures to raise the amount so required.

FRED. F. MATHERS, *Clerk of the Executive Council.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the recommendation of the Board of Control be adopted and the City Treasurer instructed accordingly. Motion passed.

#### SANDING ICE SIDEWALKS.

Alderman R. B. Colwell complained that the present system of sanding icy sidewalks absorbed unnecessary time of the laborers employed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he would look into the matter.

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**ADVERTISING FOR CITY SERVICES.**

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked for a reply from His Worship the Mayor to a letter he wrote His Worship asking for a ruling as to the provisions of section 104 relating to advertising for municipal services.

His Worship stated the letter had been referred to the City Solicitor for report.

**STREET RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**

Alderman Brennan asked that the Tramway Company be requested to furnish the Council with a copy of their street railway time tables.

**REMOVAL OF SNOW.**

Alderman R. B. Colwell interrogated the City Engineer as to the removal of snow from the streets by the Tramway Company, and asked that the Board of Control consider the matter.

The City Engineer informed Alderman Colwell that the City teams and the Tramway Company perform this service together in the down-town districts, as well as the City could expect with the present appropriation made by the City.

**SUPPLEMENTARY CITY ESTIMATES.**

Alderman Finlay suggested that legislation be obtained authorizing the Council to adopt estimates supplementary to the estimates required by the Charter to be disposed of in December.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.50 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,  
*Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,  
*City Clerk.*

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, March 9th, 1916.*

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor (appeared in khaki,—amidst applause), and Godwin.

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

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following named papers:—

#### Papers submitted:

Report City Clerk covering resignation of Alderman Brown.

Reports (22) Board of Control, viz.—

Accounts.  
Fire Department.  
Liquor License Deposits  
City Home.  
Assistance in Assessors' Department.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer for February.  
Installation of Water Meters.  
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness.  
Dredging McFatrige's Dock.  
Tenders for Fire Hose.  
Electric lighting contract.  
Insurance on garbage incinerator.  
Works Department Horses.  
Leave of Absence Chief of Police.  
Tenders City Market Building.  
Water Extension Fern Street.  
Street Railway Timetables  
North West Arm Trunk Sewer—Loan for Sewer Construction.  
Clerk of Works.  
Cedar Street.  
Dominion Textile Company taxation.  
Legislation.

#### Other headlines:

Death of Ewan Morrison.  
Supplementary Estimates.  
Snow shovelling.

### RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN BROWN.

Read report City Clerk covering resignation of Alderman Brown of his office of Alderman for Ward One.

*City Hall, March 9th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to report that on February 23rd, 1916, Alderman William N. Brown handed me a resignation in writing signed by him, of his office of Alderman for Ward No. One, and I submit the same herewith.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that Alderman Brown's resignation be accepted, and that this Council by this resolution declare the office of Alderman for Ward One held by Alderman Brown to be vacant. Motion passed.

### ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various civic services.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for payment accounts chargeable to various Departments as follows:—

#### Health Board.

S. E. Parker, car fares, \$15.00; Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$53.72; William Roche, Coal, \$69.30; John Elliott, milk, \$21.52; Kelly & Glassey, Scotch whiskey, \$8.75; A. H. Minshull, disinfectant, \$33.50; A. & W. MacKinley, stationery, \$17.25; W. T. Francis, blinds, etc., \$38.40; Blackadar Bros, printing, \$10.50; Dr. Woodbury, Members' allowance, \$66.64; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$13.00; J. J. Otto, ice, \$6.25; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries, \$244.61; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, \$114.89; City Home, wood, \$3.00; John Starr, Son & Co., batteries, \$2.55; Mrs. Byers, washing, \$7.00; Fraser Bros., cab hire, \$1.00; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$7.05; T. H. & W. T. Francis, cheese cloth, etc., \$6.00; Clenzo Mfg. Co., Clenzo, \$11.00; Clayton & Sons, clothing, \$144.00; Wet Wash, work, \$38.40; Morton & Cragg, hardware, \$6.05; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$42.38; H. F. P. Cross, rent, \$30.00; Buckley Coal Company, coal, \$193.26; Scotia Pure Milk Co., Ice Cream, \$.80; Farquhar Bros. electric bulbs, \$5.00; Burns & Kelleher, fumigator and heater, \$69.15; King Edward Stables, conveyance of patients, \$192.50; George E. Mumford & Sons, plumbing, \$86.67; John Foley, repairs, \$19.10; Inspectors Parker and Penny, care fare, February, \$2.00. Total \$1,578.64.

**City Prison.**

J. J. Scriven & Sons, bread, \$24.36; W. I. Hubley & Co, groceries, \$72.15; J. A. Leaman & Co., oxheads, \$20.25; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$33.60; Stairs, Son & Morrow, hardware, \$6.68; Robert Taylor Co., slippers, \$3.90; John Starr Son & Co., electric lamps, etc., \$7.05; Stroud & Eveleigh, repairs, \$8.30; Neil Fox, harness supplies, \$8.20; Wm. Taylor Co., rubber boots, \$5.00; Coolen & Martin plumbing, \$8.52; Wm. Roche, coal, \$67.76; Tram Co., light and power, \$6.90; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$4.50; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$43.93. Total \$326.10.

**Police Department.**

Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$14.42; J. A. Rudland, laundry, \$1.30; John Starr, Son & Co, battery, \$.35; G. A. Burbidge, drugs, \$7.95; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$13.95; John Kempster, subscription to Police Review, \$6.00; Royal Print & Litho, Gazetteer, \$2.00; A. H. Minshull, disinfectant, \$15.00; Hugh D. McKenzie Co., Ltd., coal, \$14.75. Total \$75.72.

**Fire Department.**

Halifax Tram Co., light and power, \$42.89; City Home, wood, \$3.00; King Edward Stables, horse hire, \$36.00; David Roche, paints, \$11.04; J. C. Merlin & Sons, lumber, \$4.07; John McInnes & Son, lumber, \$19.19; Wm. Roche, coal, \$30.80; S. C. Thompson, fodder, 320.63; Hillis & Sons, supplies, \$17.10; Globe Laundry, work, \$7.11; American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., auto parts, \$147.86; E. W. Crease & Son, salt, \$1.10; Maritime Telephone Co., phones, \$28.91; Geo. E. Smith & Co, caulks, \$7.00; Stroud & Eveleigh carriage work, \$12.70; L. E. Sievert, pittner lights, \$10.85; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$19.60; Robinsons, Ltd., sleigh hire, \$2.00; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd, supplies, \$51.98; A. H. Lamphier, carriage work, \$2.50; A. J. McNutt, carriage work, \$4.00; Burns & Kelleher, acid bottles, etc, \$29.68; Telephone Co., interest charges, \$8.74; Farquhar Bros, electric supplies, 20.32; Recorder, advertising, \$6.20; Michael Day, plumbing, \$1.25; George C. Hale Co, hames, \$17.50; Jas. Roue, distilled water, \$1.50; Northern Electric Co., battery parts, \$6.84; Imperial Oil Co., gasoline, etc., \$92.59; T. Hogan & Co., punching plates, \$4.80; Starr, Son & Co., electric supplies, \$1.70; Holland Window Shade Co., shades, \$3.50; S. Cunard & Co, coal, \$27.50. Total \$1,002.45.

**Works Department.**

Sewerage \$796.90; Water maintenance, \$374.86; Market building, \$52.85; Telephones, \$39.19; Internal Health, \$84.74; Streets, \$12.85; City Property, \$143.28; Teams and stables, \$738.15; City Hall lighting, \$76.74; Street lighting, \$2049.33; Electric wiring inspection, \$1.80; Plumbing under health rules, \$340.00; Loan widening streets, \$171.28; Widening Mumford Road, \$117.37; Fuel City Hall, \$115.00; Fleming Park (Lions) \$13.75; Water maintenance, \$300.00. Total \$5,428.09.

Transfer from Cunard Street Widening to Permanent Sidewalks Acct. \$1,997.71.

**City Home.**

Wentzells Ltd., groceries, \$588.77; J. A. Leaman & Co., meat and pork, \$421.91; Smith & Proctor, butter, \$147.42; Scotia Pure Milk Co., milk, \$94.90; A. Wilson & Son, fresh fish, \$24.85; The Fleischmann Co., yeast, \$4.05; W. Y. Kennedy dry goods, \$73.06; The Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$227.16; S. C. Thompson, fodder, \$38.46; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light and power, \$41.20; A. Fordham & Co., leather, \$19.21; H. McFatrige, horseshoeing, \$4.28; Jas. Simmonds, Ltd., sundries, \$1.15; Maritime Telephone Co., Ltd.,

phones, \$3.75; Willis Bros., repairs to waggon, \$10.00; T. H. & W. T. Francis, chair, \$3.25; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$6.30; J. F. Outhit & Son, cabbages, \$1.50; Dr. M. A. B. Smith, lunacy certificate, \$5.00; Geo. A. Perrior, repairs, \$26.00; H. McFtridge, rope, \$25.00; B. J. Mulcahy, cash expended, \$31.93; Salaries, Pay sheet Feb. \$678.87. Total \$2,479.02.

#### General Accounts.

Dr. Finn, Certificates of death, C. A. Berringer, \$4.00, Mabel Freid, \$4.00, Wm. Beazley, \$4.00, G. E. Lane, \$4.00, M. L. Frugers, \$4.00, Annie Roberts, \$12.00. Total \$32.00.; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery and printing, License Inspector, \$.90, City Assessors, \$3.00 City Clerk, \$88.75, City Collector, \$11.85. Total \$104.40; A. & W. Mackinlay, Ltd., books, City Treasurer, \$21.80; License Inspector \$3.75; City Auditor, \$7.60, City Collector, \$13.55 City Assessors \$53.70. Total \$100.40; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$45.25; Halifax Herald, advertising, \$28.43; E. Montgomery Vieth, services for February, 1916, \$10.00; L. C. Smith & Bros., hire of typewriter, 2 mos. \$8.00; E. L. Ruddy Co., posting bills, \$17.10; St. Patrick's Home, Maintenance of boys for quarter ending Feb. 1st, 1916, Truants \$419.71, Juvenile offenders, \$184.96. Total \$604.67.; Industrial School, Board of boys under Children's Protection Act, \$169.00. Grand Total \$1,119.25.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Chief of the Fire Department for the month of February.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for approval by the City Council the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department for February.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Office Chief Fire Department, March 8th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg leave to make the following report:—

1. Fires and their causes, insurance and losses for the month of February.
2. Electric wires 2; unknown 1; false 3; defective flues 3; drying plaster 1; clothing 4; thawing water 3; thawing gas pipe 2; lamp reflection 1; wood in oven 1; children with matches 1; gasoline 1; smoke backing down chimney 1; rubbish 1; cigar 1; chimneys 6.

3. Insurance at risk.....	\$97,400.00
"    Losses.....	11,845.00
Losses without insurance.....	3,500.00
Total Losses.....	15,345.00.

4. John Keefe, hoseman on No. 4 hose, has resigned.

*Recommendations.*

1. That tenders be asked for all supplies for the Department from May 1st, 1916, until April 30th, 1917.
2. That George Lambert, William Emmerson, John Carroll, be appointed supernumeraries.

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

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

**REFUNDS OF LIQUOR LICENSE DEPOSITS.**

Read report Board of Control recommending that Mrs. H. R. Wright be refunded the sum of \$8.00 for the year 1914-15 and \$8.00 for the year 1915-16 on account of deposits made by her with applications for liquor licenses.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the said report be adopted. Motion passed.

**CITY HOME.**

Read report Board of Control covering report of City Home for February.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council the attached report of the City Home for February.

It is recommended that the ice dealers be written to for tenders for supply of ice.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Halifax, N. S., March 16, 1916.

*His Worship the Mayor and Members  
of Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of February, 1916.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 19 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 17 discharged and 7 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province and 15 to the City. The total number of inmates Feb. 29th, 1916 was 333, made up of 209 men, 118 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 229 men, and 120 women, a total of 349. During the month there was one person admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital whose maintenance is chargeable to the City and one patient died.

It will be necessary to ask for tenders for supplying the institution with ice for the summer of 1916.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Controller.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the sum of \$37.50 be paid out of Contingent Account for the services of an assistant in the City Assessors' Department.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith an account \$37.50 from Marion Thompson for services as an assistant in the City Assessors' Department. It is recommended that the account be paid out of Contingent Account.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

#### CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER.

Read report Board of Control covering cash statement of the City Treasurer for the month of February.

Filed.

### INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re installation of water meters.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—Some time ago Geo. H. Kinsman tendered at a lump sum for the installation of water meters, his calculation being based on a lesser number than the number included in the specification. It is recommended that Mr. Kinsman's tender be accepted on the basis of his calculation. It is further recommended that the City Engineer ask for prices from the other tenderers for the installation of meters since placed upon the list for installation.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 8th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I wrote to Mr. Kinsman at the request of your Board, and attach hereto his reply. His reply is in accordance with the rumor which I heard. He declines to put in the additional meters.

I have to report that in my opinion Mr. Kinsman's course is the one that would be followed in the face of keen competition by any live contractor, and consequently I cannot condemn him for it. As I stated in a former report it is a condition in our form of contract that the contractor must satisfy himself as to the accuracy of any information given to enable him to bid.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

### NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS.

Read report Board of Control covering statement of City Treasurer showing the amount due to the City by the Nova Scotia Car Works to March 7th, 1916, to be \$129,-827.74.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit for the information of the City Council the attached statement of the City Treasurer showing the amount due to the City by the Nova Scotia Car Works to March 7th, 1916, to be \$129,827.74.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

MARCH 9th, 1916.

Office of City Treasurer, March 8th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the request of the Eastern Trust Company, as Liquidators of the Nova Scotia Car Company, I have filed with them statement of the amount of the City's claim against said Company. Copies of these statements are attached hereto.

JAMES J. HOPEWELL, *City Treasurer.*

## Statement Nova Scotia Car Works.

		Dr.		
To	Bonds issued	\$125,000.00	.....	\$135,476.00
"	Interest unpaid as per memo	.....	.....	14,232.08
"	Sinking Fund unpaid as per memo	.....	.....	10,783.64
				\$160,491.72
		Cr.		
By	Sinking Fund investments	\$ 15,400.00	.....	
		12,000.00	.....	
				\$27,400.00
"	diff. interest at 1%	July 1914	.....	\$ 415.48
"	" " "	Jan. 1915	.....	415.48
"	" " "	July 1915	.....	415.48
"	" " "	Jan. 1916	.....	415.48
"	" " "	Mar. 7, 1916	.....	138.49
				1,800.41
"	Interest to Jan. 18, 1916, per Bank Book	.....	.....	1,309.43
"	" " Mar. 7, 1916	.....	.....	154.14
				30,663.98
Due City of Halifax to March 7th, 1916				\$129,827.74

Memo.

## Interest.

Due July 1, 1914	.....	\$ 3,125.00
1 year 251 days	.....	263.70
Due Jan. 1, 1915	.....	3,125.00
1 year 67 days	.....	184.93
Due July 1, 1915	.....	3,125.00
251 days	.....	107.45
Due Jan. 1, 1916	.....	3,125.00
67 days	.....	28.68
Due Mar. 7, 1916, proportion	.....	1,147.32
		\$ 14,232.08

## Sinking Funds.

Due July 1, 1914	.....	\$ 3,875.52
1 year 251 days	.....	261.60
Due July 1, 1915	.....	3,875.52
251 days	.....	106.58
Due Mar. 7, 1916, proportion	.....	2,664.42
		\$ 10,783.64

Filed.

**DREDGING MCFATRIDGE'S DOCK.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tender Halifax Dredging Company for dredging McFatridge dock.

*The City Council.*

*City Hall, March 6th, 1916.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re tender of the Halifax Dredging Co. for dredging McFatridge's Dock.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 6th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached tender from the Halifax Dredging Co. Ltd., for the dredging of McFatridge's Dock. One tender only was received.

The price named in the tender is 40c per cubic yard, but in a letter also attached, they offer to dredge to the depth shown on plan, for the bulk sum of \$1350.00.

I would recommend that the tender of 40c per cubic yard be accepted, as the quantity of material to be removed, will be under the control of the Engineer.

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

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKen that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

**TENDERS FOR FIRE HOSE.**

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Halliday re tenders for fire hose.

*City Hall, March 6th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of Controller Halliday re tenders for fire hose.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

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**Schedule of Tenders.**
**2½ inch hose.***E. P. Meagher—American LaFrance.*

Fire King.....	\$ .90
Alert.....	.75
Alfco.....	.94

*H B. Clarke & Son, CCC.*

CCC.....	1.05
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*Austen Bros.—Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.*

Maltese Cross.....	1.25
Crescent.....	1.10
Beaver.....	1.00
Paragon.....	1.10
Multiple.....	1.00

*Lawrence Hardware Co.—Boston Hose & Rubber Co.*

Winner.....	1.00
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*Cragg Bros. Ltd.—Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.*

Dunlop.....	1.05
Imperial.....	1.00
Niagara.....	1.00
Cataract.....	.95
Globe.....	.80

*Guildford & Sons—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Squelcher.....	1.05
Keystone.....	1.10
Caruco.....	1.00
Arrow.....	.95

*W. H. Thackery—Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.*

Dunlop.....	1.05
Imperial.....	1.00
Niagara.....	1.00
Cataract.....	.95
Globe.....	.80

*T. F. Davies—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Para.....	1.10
Squelcher.....	1.05
Keystone.....	1.10
Caruco.....	1.00
Patrol.....	1.00

*Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*

Magnet.....	1.00
Goodyear.....	1.10

*Stairs, Son & Morrow—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Squelcher .....	1.05
Keystone .....	1.10
Caruco .....	1.00
Arrow .....	.95

**1-inch Chemical Hose.***Stairs, Son & Morrow—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Para .....	.45
Star .....	.40

*Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*

Goodyear .....	.48
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*T. F. Davies—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Para .....	.45
Star .....	.40

*W. H. Thackery—Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.*

Peerless .....	.45
Record .....	.40

*Guildford & Sons—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Para .....	.45
Star .....	.40

*Cragg Bros., Ltd.—Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.*

Peerless .....	.45
Record .....	.40

*Austin Bros. Ltd.—Gutta Percha & Rubber Co.*

Standard .....	.43
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*H. B. Clarke & Son—CCC.*

Independence .....	.57
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*E. P. Meagher—American LaFrance.* .60

City Hall, March 3rd, 1916.

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—The various tenders for fire hose having been referred to the Chief of the Fire Department and myself for comparison and report, we beg to recommend that tenders be awarded as follows:—

**2½-inch Fire hose.***Stairs, Son & Morrow—Canadian Rubber Co.*

Keystone, 500 feet at \$1.10 .....	\$550.00
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<i>Austen Bros.—Gutta Percha &amp; Rubber Co.</i>	
Paragon, 500 feet, at \$1.10.....	550.00
<i>Cragg Bros., Ltd.—Dunlop Tire &amp; Rubber Co.</i>	
Dunlop, 250 feet at \$1.05.....	262.50
<i>James Simmonds, Ltd.—Goodyear Tire &amp; Rubber Co.</i>	
Magnet, 250 feet at \$1.00.....	250.00
<i>Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd.—Boston Hose &amp; Rubber Co.</i>	
Winner, 250 feet at \$1.00.....	250.00
<i>Guildford &amp; Sons—Canadian Rubber Co.</i>	
Squelcher, 250 feet at \$1.05.....	262.50
<b>1-inch Chemical Hose.</b>	
<i>Guildford &amp; Sons—Canadian Rubber Co.</i>	
Star, 300 feet at 40c.....	120.00
	<u>\$2,245.00</u>

It is further recommended that the total amount be financed as follows:—

Fire Department appropriation 1915-16.....	\$ 437.53
Loan for Hose 1914.....	807.47
"    "    1915.....	1,000.00
	<u>\$2,245.00</u>

Fire Department current appropriation is enabled to provide the \$437.53 above recommended on account of sales of old hose during the year.

Schedules of all the tenders received are attached.

JAS. HALLIDAY, *Controller.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### DEATH OF EWAN MORRISON.

By unanimous consent of Council, Controller McKeen submitted the following resolution:—

*Resolved* that this Council wishes to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the City, and the personal regret of the members in the death of Ewan Morrison, lately Foreman of the Water Department.

Mr. Morrison entered the employ of the City at a comparatively early age and continued in it for nearly half a century. During all that period his care and assiduity in the discharge of his duties were unflagging. He gradually acquired a fund of knowledge of the Department in all its details

which was of the greatest value to the City and will be hard to replace. In every respect he was a thoroughly efficient and conscientious official. In his relations both with fellow employees and members of the Council, he was always most cheerful, courteous and obliging.

The Council desires to extend to the members of his family their sincerest sympathy in their sudden and unexpected bereavement.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed unanimously by a standing vote of Council.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Read reports Board of Control and special committee re extending contract for the City lighting with the Halifax Tramway Company for one year from the first day of March 1916, covering draft agreement.

*The City Council.*

*City Hall, March 6th, 1916.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re renewal of contract with the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for electric lighting from the first day of March, 1916. It is further recommended that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be instructed to execute on behalf of the City the draft agreement submitted herewith.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, February 29th, 1916.*

L. Fred. Monaghan,  
*City Clerk.*

*Dear Sir:*—We have considered your letter of January 28th last in reference to the extension of the street lighting contract which has now expired.

We would not be willing to make a contract in precisely the same terms for the brief period mentioned in your letter, but we enclose herewith a form of contract which we are willing to enter into. Owing to the age of the present street lighting equipment, and the brief term for which you wish the street lighting continued, and also having in view the fact that you have negotiations open for securing your street lighting from other sources, we cannot undertake to either improve or extend the present service nor modernize the equipment, but we are ready to furnish the best service possible with the present equipment for the short period covered by the draft contract enclosed, at the same rates as those prevailing under the old contract.

We desire to point out again that we are willing to discuss with the City at any time the street lighting situation, and to submit terms and conditions for a modern street lighting system for a term of say ten years, and if the City would favor us with a specification for its requirements, we would be glad to submit our offer, which, we feel confident, would prove more advantageous and satisfactory than any offer that could be made by any other Company.

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

W. J. DeBLOIS, *Secretary.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 6th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—The attached draft contract from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for the street lighting for one year from the first day of March, 1916, has been considered by Controller Murphy, the City Electrician and the City Engineer, and we beg to recommend that the draft be approved and the contract made.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the reports be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

#### INSURANCE ON GARBAGE INCINERATOR.

Read report Board of Control re insurance on garbage incinerator.

*City Hall, March 3rd, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that insurance be placed on the Garbage Incinerator as follows:—

Building and run-way.....	\$ 500.00
Machinery .....	\$1,000.00

at the rate of 40c per annum, on the tender of Saunders & Duffus attached.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Hall, March 1st, 1915.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith for the approval of the City Council a report from the Assistant City Engineer recommending the purchase of a pair of horses for the works Department from F. S. Fader, at \$425.00.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted, and that in addition the wooden run-way of the plant be insured up to 90% of its value at the rate of 75c. Motion passed.

#### WORKS DEPARTMENT HORSES.

Read reports Board of Control and Assistant City Engineer re tenders for Works Department horses.

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 1st, 1916.*

*Sir:*—In accordance with the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control, I beg to report that I have had the pair of horses offered by Mr. F. S. Fader, examined by a veterinary surgeon and enclose copy of his certificate.

As he certifies that both horses are sound and suitable for our work, and the tender being the lowest, I would recommend that this pair of horses be bought from Mr. Fader at a cost of \$425.00.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Asst. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### WAR—LEAVE OF ABSENCE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Read report Board of Control recommending that John A. Rudland, Chief of Police, be granted leave of absence from March 1st, 1916, until the end of the war, and for six months thereafter if necessary.

*City Hall, February 28th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend that John A. Rudland, Chief of Police, be granted leave of absence from March 1st until the end of the war, and for six months thereafter, should his services be required for that length of time.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### TENDERS FOR JANITOR'S QUARTERS, MARKET BUILDING.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for completing the janitor's quarters in the City Market Building.

*City Hall, February 23rd, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re tenders for the completion of the janitor's quarters in the City Market Building.

Starr, Son & Co. and David Roche have deposited certified cheques since the date of the City Engineer's Report.

Controllers Harris and Murphy dissent from the recommendation in clause (1) of the City Engineer's report.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, February 21s, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Mr. Dumaresq and I have gone carefully over the tenders received for the work to be done at the Janitor's quarters in the City Market Building, and beg to report as follows:—

1. For carpenter work and mason work the lowest tender complying with the specification is that of Falconer & MacDonald, \$1779.00. We beg to recommend that it be accepted.

2. For heating, the tenders complying with the specifications are—Michael Day, \$362.00; Farquhar Bros., \$355.00, and Longard Bros. \$347.00. We would recommend that the tender of Longard Bros., being the lowest, be accepted.

3. For plumbing, the tenders complying with the specifications—Longard Bros., \$569.00; Farquhar Bros., \$560.00, and Michael Day \$550.00. We beg to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Day's tender, it being the lowest.

4. There is one tender only for lighting, that of John Starr, Son & Co., and one for painting, that of David Roche. These do not comply with the conditions, as no cheque accompanied them.

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

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Godwin, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred back for further consideration with the recommendation that the specifications be more carefully gone into, and modified if possible.

Alderman Parker here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

The Council decides to consider the City Engineer's report clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re carpenter and mason work.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re heating.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Foley that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re plumbing.

Moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Hines that this clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Godwin, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the clause be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration with a recommendation that the Board obtain a report from Plumbing Inspector Morrissey as to possible modification of the specification.

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

*For the amendment*

Controller Harris  
Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Finlay  
R. B. Colwell  
Kelly  
Godwin  
Parker—7

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
Murphy  
McKeen  
Aldermen Foley  
Hines  
Isnor—6

Read clause 4 re tenders for lighting and for painting.

Moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

The report of the Board of Control as amended is adopted.

#### WATER EXTENSION FERN STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Fern Street.

*The City Council.*

*City Hall, February 21st, 1916.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re water extension Fern Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, February 18th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the attached petition from Henrietta Oaks asking for water extension in Fern Street.

A three-inch pipe would be sufficient for this extension but if we have to make the extension before we obtain a supply, we should have to use 4-inch as our 3-inch supply is exhausted.

The estimated cost is \$129.80. There will be three houses to supply. I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### STREET RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Read report Board of Control re street railway time tables.

*City Hall, February 18th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the information of the Council, time-tables and running schedules for the North West Arm Line, the Belt Line, the Main Line, Gottingen Street and Arm Bridge Spurs, and the Belt Line special cars of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co., filed this day by the Company with the City. It is recommended that the time-tables be filed in the City Engineer's Office for the purpose of reference.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER—LOAN FOR SEWERS.

Read report Board of Control and reports (2) City Engineer re North West Arm Trunk Sewer and loan for sewer construction.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith for the information of the City Council reports (2) from the City Engineer re the North West Arm Trunk Sewer and sewerage western slope of the City.

The Board recommends that section 30 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914, relating to this matter, be repealed, and that legislation authorizing the City to borrow \$100,000.00 for sewer construction be obtained.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 6th, 1916*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—In compliance with the request from your Board for a summary of reports made on the proposal to construct a trunk sewer to dispose of the sewage of the western slope of the City, I beg to report—

The sewage of the western slope could be carried to the Harbor by pumping or by carrying it around the point, but in either case the original expenditure and the annual outlay would be very largely increased.

There were two proposals considered, one to discharge the sewage at a point on the Arm not far below South Street; the other, to discharge at Chain Rock or the next point below it. Of the two proposals, considering everything but cost, the location at Chain Rock or below it, would be preferable, but as this location means heavy outlay, a study was made for the purpose of discovering if possible, a solution of the problem that would not necessitate such a heavy outlay. I made a recommendation for the location of an outlet at the point below South Street and I believe that the discharge could be made there in deep water without serious consequences.

To the objection made that bathers in the vicinity would be liable to get a mouthful of impure water, I have no answer. It has never been claimed that the sewage would be purified, but only clarified, and the water which any bather takes in his mouth in that neighborhood at present, is by no means pure.

The present legislation requires the Engineer to recommend the most practical and efficient method of disposal, and then muddles the requirement by adding that cost must be considered. The two are inconsistent, and in my opinion no engineer can comply with the requirements of the Act. I have not changed my mind, but have the same opinion as I gave in the various reports on this question. If the taxpayers desire the best solution and are prepared to pay the price, then I should say take the outlet to Chain Rock. If they want cost considered, then I think that the outlet should be at the point below South Street until the necessities of that portion of the City between that point and the Park are so great that an extension of the trunk sewer farther south is necessary. By that time, if the City continues to grow at its present rate of growth, possibly it will be better able to afford the larger outlay. The Act would have to be amended or repealed before the location below South St. could be adopted.

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

*City Engineer's Office, March 8th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—There is a balance not yet borrowed but authorized by existing legislation, of \$90,000 for sewer construction. At least \$60,000 of this sum will probably be required for sewer work to be constructed in 1916. If legislation is obtained to enable us to proceed with the construction of the trunk sewer at the Arm at least \$100,000 additional should be provided if the work is to be done within a reasonable time.

It is impossible to estimate the land damages that would have to be paid for the right of way and I think the whole right of way should be taken at one time. The amount to be provided for the construction of the sewer itself depends upon the length to be constructed, but the sum named would take care of the work for one year provided the northern location for the out-fall is adopted. If the legislation sought, covers only \$100,000, it will be necessary to go back again next year for additional money for ordinary sewer construction in any case, and the trunk sewer work will be in such a position then that we can make a much closer estimate of the amount required to complete it.

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

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:-

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin and Parker.

#### CLERK OF WORKS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the salary of the Clerk of Works to be appointed be placed at \$1200.00 per year, and recommending that A. F. Messervey be appointed to the position.

*City Hall March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend to Council that the salary attachable to the office of Clerk of Works be placed at \$1200.00 per year, and recommend that A. F. Messervey be appointed to the position. All the applications received are attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Office of the City Clerk, February 25th, 1916.*

*Members City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—I am directed by the Board of Control to inform you that applications for the position of Clerk of Works have been received as follows:—

L. A. Forrest, 40 Henry Street.  
John Quigley, Works Dept. Store Keeper.  
E. M. Smith, the Bradstreet Co.  
Joseph F. Woodland.  
A. F. Messervey, 33 Willow St.  
Fred J. Lordley, 9 Prince St.

Donald A. Ross, 10 Moren St.  
 W. N. Brown.  
 George F. Emmerson, St. Peters, C. B.  
 James H. Carson, 190 Brunswick St.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKen that the report be adopted and A. F. Messervey appointed Clerk of Works. Motion passed.

Controller Murphy asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

His Worship the Mayor declares A. F. Messervey duly elected Clerk of Works.

#### CEDAR STREET EXTENSION

Read report Board of Control recommending that property required for the extension of Cedar Street, belonging to Mrs. Rebecca N. Farrell, be purchased for the sum of \$1500.00 in accordance with her offer, and that legislation be procured to finance the transaction.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that Mrs. Rebecca Farrell is the owner of a parcel of land fronting on Robie Street which is plotted upon the City plan for the opening of Cedar Street, upon which she is not permitted to build or to sell. After considerable negotiations, Mrs. Farrell has offered to deed the land to the City for the sum of \$1500.00, and it is recommended that her offer be accepted, and legislation procured to finance the transaction.

Mrs. Farrell's offer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*279 Pleasant St., Halifax, March 8th, 1916.*

*To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I will accept the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) as arranged verbally with Controller Murphy for the lot of land owned by me, situated on Robie Street, having a frontage thereon of forty-four feet, and a depth of one hundred and thirty-four feet, the remaining depth of the property *i. e.* one hundred and thirty-four feet by forty-four feet. I will deed over to the City provided the above offer is accepted.

REBECCA N. FARRELL.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin and Parker.

#### DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY TAXATION.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be procured fixing the value of the Dominion Textile Company's Halifax plant for the purposes of assessment for ten years at \$100,000.00.

*City Hall, March 8th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that legislation be procured fixing the value of the Dominion Textile Company's plant in Halifax for the purposes of assessment for 10 years at \$100,000.00.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### LEGISLATION.

Read report Board of Control covering proposed legislation.

At request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Parker takes the chair.

Read an Act entitled "An Act to Enable the City of Halifax to Borrow Money."

#### **An Act to Enable the City of Halifax to Borrow Money.**

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

1. The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the sums set out in the schedule hereto for the purposes specified for each amount respectively, and no other.

2. The sums to be borrowed shall be, in addition to the amount authorized to be borrowed by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1901, and amendments thereto, and shall form part of that fund, and shall be secured by stock or debentures to be issued in conformity with the provisions of that Act, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and the date on which the same shall be made payable shall be determined by the Council.

## Schedule.

For the construction of a public bath not exceeding .....	\$25,000.00
For the City's share of the cost of constructing a wall about the County Goal, not exceeding .....	1,136.16
For the construction of a public bathing place at the N. W. Arm. ....	5,000.00
For the construction of a public comfort station on the Parade, not exceeding .....	9,000.00
For the construction of additional sewers, to be borrowed from time to time and in such amounts as the Council determine, not exceeding small .....	100,000.00
For the construction of a pumping plant in connection with the Water Service, not exceeding .....	25,000.00
For the purchase of land on Clear Street from Rebecca Farrell, not exceeding .....	1,150.00

The same is read and considered clause by clause and the several clauses read with as appears below.

*Preamble.*

Passed.

*Public Bathing.*

\$ 25,000.00. Passed.

*County Jail Wall.*

\$ 1,136.16. Passed.

*Public Baths.*

\$ 5,000.00. Passed.

*Public Comfort Station.*

\$ 9,000.00. Passed.

*Construction of Sewers.*

\$100,000.00. Passed.

*Pumping Plant.*

\$ 25,000.00. Passed.

*Purchase of Land, Cedar Street.*

\$ 1,500.00. Passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the Act as a whole be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor and Godwin.

Read an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Law in relation to the City of Halifax."

**"An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the City of Halifax."**

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

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee of that name of the said Council or City; the expression "The City Charter" means the Halifax City Charter brought into force on the 28th day of January, 1914, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council, dated the 26th day of January, 1914, and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered, and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said Charter thereof.

2. The valuation and assessment of properties for the purpose of taxation for the civic year 1916-17 shall not be affected or in any way invalidated by reason of the fact that any part of it was not made by all three members of the Board of Assessors, or that the rate book or books mentioned in Sections 414-417 are subscribed and attested by two only of the members of the said Board, and the said valuation, assessment and rating are hereby declared to be as valid and effectual as though all three members of the Board had taken part in and concurred in every part thereof.

3. Any member of the Council, who is appointed by the Council while he is such member, to be a member of any Board or Commission, shall cease to be a member of such Board or Commission upon ceasing to be a member of the Council, notwithstanding that the term of his said appointment has not expired, and the Council shall appoint his successor on such Board or Commission.

4. Any official of the City or the City Health Board, who has since the 4th day of August, 1914, been engaged in active military service, shall be entitled to receive from the City only the difference between the amount of

his salary as official and his pay for such military service, and such deduction shall apply in respect to such service from the beginning of the same.

5. Every provision of the Charter fixing the salary of any official of the City is hereby repealed, and hereafter the salary of each such official, whether permanent or of yearly appointment, shall be such as is determined for each year by the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Control and placed in the yearly estimates.

6. The City may apply the sum of seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.-00) borrowed for the improvement of the Parade, but not used for that purpose towards the construction of a Public Comfort Station on the Parade, and the City is hereby authorized to construct such a station on the Parade.

7. It is hereby declared that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) is properly due and payable by the City to L. Fred. Monaghan for his services as Secretary to the Board of Control during the civic year 1915-16 and that amount placed in the estimates for that year as compensation for such services is hereby directed to be paid to him.

8. Section 870 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:-

(5) Any amount of the said appropriation remaining unexpended in any civic year shall not be transferred to the Sinking Fund if any indebtedness of the Board remains in respect to any previous year, but shall be employed towards the discharge of such indebtedness.

9. (1) The City may establish an abattoir for the slaughtering of animals intended for food and may at its option

- (a) itself operate the same;
- (b) appoint a commission for the operation thereof, or
- (c) lease the same on such terms and conditions as it approves.

(2) The City Health Board may make by-laws regulating the manner in which such abattoir shall be conducted and the rates to be charged in connection with the same.

10. The City may pay to Mary Murphy and Marie Knapman widows respectively of Michael Murphy and William Knapman, firemen, whose deaths were incurred in the discharge of their duty, the sums of one thousand dollars each. The sum payable to Mary Murphy shall be paid to her forthwith upon the same being obtained. That payable to Marie Knapman shall be held in trust by the Mayor for the time being and paid to her in four instalments of two hundred and fifty dollars each, the first on the obtaining of the money, and the other three one succeeding year thereafter, with interest at four per cent. on the balances remaining unpaid.

11. The City may exempt from payment of taxes the vacant land of Mrs. L. A. Moreash between LeMarchant Street and Seymour Street required for the extension of Morris Street, such exemption to begin from the day of 191 , and to continue until such property is acquired by the City for the said purpose, and may also pay to the owner of the said property interest at the rate of six per cent. on the amount accepted or awarded as compensation therefor for the period elapsing between notification to such owner that the said property would be required for such extension and payment by the City of such compensation.