$\underline{E V E N I N G} \underline{S E S S I O N}$ 8.10 o'clock COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, March 29th, 1923.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Whitman, Colwell, McDonald, Guildford, Cameron, Power, Burgess, Daw and O'Toole.

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

8.20 o'clock. Roll called, present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Scanlon, Mason and Hubley.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES

(For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting).

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME--RECONSIDERATION

Read extract minutes of meeting of City Council

March 13th, 1923, covering Alderman Daw's notice of reconsideration in the matter of Daylight Saving Time for the summer season of 1923.

Also read correspondence against the scheme from Halifax District Trades and Labor Council, The Street Railway Employees Association and in favor of the proposition from Dr. M.A. MacAulay, The Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Division of the Navy League of Canada and Prof. D. Fraser, Harris of Dalhousie College.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost 7 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

For the Motion: _ Aldermen McDonald, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Burgess, Daw - 7.

<u>Against it:-</u> Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst,

Finlay, Sanford, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, Guildford-9.

NNUAL REPORT CITY AUDITOR 1921-22

Read Annual Report City Auditor for Civic Year 1921-22.

<u>UNCINERATOR--COST OF MAINTENANCE</u>

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re cost of maintenance of City Garbage Incinerator.

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. March 29th; 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Works Committee held today the City Engineer submitted a report on minute of Council re request of Alderman Mason for cost of maintenance of City Incinerator, the report was ordered to Council for its information. On request of the Works Committee stated that the amount given was made up as follows:-

> Wages \$4,887.30 Repairs to plant 633.70 Telephone <u>36.00</u> \$5,557.00

> > A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. March 29th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

In answer to the question asked by Alderman Mason in Council, the cost of maintenance of incinerator for the last civic year was \$5,557.00 including repairs, renewals and operation.

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F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer.

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GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING TOWARD CIVIC REVENUE ETC.

Read letter John W, Regan requesting to be relieved from serving as a Member of Special Committee re Governments contributing toward Civic Revenue etc. See minutes City Council May 4th, 1922 and February 22nd, 1923.

Halifax, N.S. March 6, 1923.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk, City Hall. Halifax. Dear Sir:-

This will thank you for your letter March 5 containing extract from minutes of meeting of the City Council in regard to government properties tax exemption. This is a very important matter but I regret to say that I will not be able to give any time to it as I expect to be out of town for quite an extended period on business abroad. Kindly therefore accept my resignation from the committee so that His Worship the Mayor or Council will be able to appoint some one to the vacancy who will be in a position to assist in securing early action and relief in this direction.

The members of Council who brought the matter forward are to be commended for bringing up this pressing problem, and **it will be the sincere** wish of all tax payers that the special committee appointed to deal with the matter, will meet with success.

Again thanking you for notice.

John W. Regan.

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WATER METER BILL 22 AGRICOLA STREET JOSEPH THOMPSON

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer

re Water Meter Bill No. 22 Agricola Street, Joseph

Thompson.

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. Feb. 8th, 1923.

To the City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 24th the attached report of the City Engineer was read. After consideration and receiving an explanation from the owner it was recommended to the Council that the bill be reduced one-half/

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. Jan. 15th, 1923.

F.W.W. Doane, Esq., City Engineer. City. Sir:-

we have

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied the premises #22 Agricola Street and complained of as being excessive, that the period covered by the bill is from March to September 1922, and the amount of the bill is \$13.68. The monthly consumption was as follows:-April - 4,000.

May - 1,900. June - 4,400 W.C. Wasting. July -26,700 " " " Aug. -23,100 " " " Sept. - 3,900 " " "

I have had the meter tested and it registers 2% slow. The premises were also inspected in November and a closet found wasting.

The large consumption is accounted for by a closet wasting, which continued for three months.

I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL 247 BRUNSWICK STREET--CATHERINE RYAN

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re water meter bill No. 247 Brunswick Street Mrs. Catherine Ryan.

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. February 8th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 24th Ult., the attached report of the City Engineer on Water Meter Bill for 247 Brunswick Street was read and after reading the statement submitted by the owner in connection therewith, and which is also forwarded for information of Council it was decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced one half.

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.



City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N. S. Jan. 15th, 1923. F.W.W. Doane, Esq., City Engineer. City. Sir:-I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied the premises #247 Brunswick Street and complained of as being excessive, that the period covered by the bill is from September 1922 to March 1922, amount of the bill is \$88.36, of which \$1.00 is for meter rental. The monthly readings and comsumption during the period complained of are as follows :-1921 Reading Consumption Sept. -337,500 Oct. - Cannot get at meter. Nov. - 363,200 25,700 Dec. -385,900 22,700 W.C. Wasting. 1922 135,300 " " Jan. -521,200 (N) 141,800 " " Feb. - 663,000 (N) 11 122,500 " " Mar. - 785,50011 42,600 " " 11 Apr. 828,100 -----42,500 " " 11 (N) May 870,600 ---to be work The meter has been tested this month and found to register accurately. The records show that the large bill is due to the closet wasting during the whole period. Four notices of the large consumption have been sent out between January and July 1922. Under the circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill. H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer. Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL 805-7 BARRINGTON STREET--THOS. MULCAHY

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re water meter bill 805-807 Barrington Street T. Mulcahy.

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. Feb. 8th, 1923.

To the City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held Feb. 8th inst. the attached report of the City Engineer was read, and after due consideration and in view of records showing that repairs have been made since the date of bill and the consumption is at present normal. It was decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced one-third. A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 26th, 1923/

City Engineer's Office,

F.W.W. Doane, Esq., City Engineer, City. Sir:-I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied the premises #805-807 Barrington Street and

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complained of as being excessive, that the period covered by the bill is from March to September 1922 and the amount of the bill is \$11.02 of which \$1.00 is meter rental. The readings and consumption for this period are as follows :-

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Mar.	27,400
Apr.	40,000
May	52,800
June	65,900
July	69,300
Aug	74,500

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all works It will be seen that there was a larger consumption than ordinary during three months of the period, due to a closet wasting. The meter was tested and found to register accurately.

I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

ESTIMATES CITY HEALTH BOARD 1923-24

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Read letter City Health Board re Estimates City Health Board for Civic Year 1923-24.

> Office of City Health Board, Halifax, N.S. March 17th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members City Council. Gentlemen:-

I beg to inform you that the estimates of the Board totalling \$41,960.00 which were reduced \$2,000. by the City Council were re-affirmed to stand as originally submitted at a meeting of the City Health Board held yesterday, it being the opinion of the Board that its work would be interferred with if a reduction were made. The amount of \$41,960.00 is therefore absolutely required for the Civic Year 1923-24/

> John A. Watters, Secretary City Health Board.

B C Weller C Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Schaffner that the letter be filed. Motion passed. MOTOR TRUCK ORDINANCE--LICENSE FEES ETC. JRead report Laws and Privileges Committee re Motor Truck Ordinance--License Fees etc. (See minutes City Council December 8th, 1921 and February 9th, 1922). Committee Room, City Hall, February 13th, 1922. To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the attached minute of Council of February 9th, 1922 referring to the Committee a letter of Deputy Provincial Secretary re disallowance of Ordinance re Motor Trucks was read. Your Committee have referred the said matter back to the City Council without recommendation. John J. Power, CHAIRMAN. Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be filed. Motion passed. COAL WEIGHERS FEES Read report Laws and Privileges Committee March 28th. 1923 re Coal Weighers Fees. Committee Room, City Hall,

> To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day Alderman Power moved seconded by Alderman Finlay that the following amendment be made to the Section 948 Sub-Sec. 18 of the City Charter "That all Coal Merchants requiring the services of a Coal Weigher shall pay such Coal Weigher a minimum salary of \$75,00 per month and should said Merchant weigh over 750 tons then said Merchant shall pay the sum of ten cents per ton for all quantities over and above said 750 tons". The vote being: For the Motion:- Aldermen Power and Finlay. Against it:- Aldermen Cameron, Guildford, Daw and Chairman.

CHAIRMAN.

March 28th, 1923.

The following resolution is submitted by Alderman Power.

RESOLVED that the following Legislation be sent by the authority of the City Council to the Legislature for an enactment at its present Session :-"Sec. 948 (18) of the City Charter of 1914 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:-18. The weighers of Coal or Coke shall be entitled to receive as wages from the seller an amount to be fixed by the City Council but not less than twelve cents for every ton which they weigh.

Cult water of F The resolution is moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman O'Toole and passed, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

> For the Resolution: - Aldermen Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Burgess - 10.

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Daw - 6.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman McDonald that a clause be added to the Legislation proposed in the resolution just adopted by Council providing that an equal distribution be made between both the Permanent and the Supernumerary Coal Weighers of all fees for all Coal weighed.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman

Colwell that Alderman Daw's resolution be referred

to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report at next meeting of City Council.

Alderman Ackhurst's motion for reference to Committee As put and passed 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion: - Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Burgess - 14.

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Against it:- Aldermen McDonald, Daw - 2.

Read extracts Minutes of meetings of City Council January 5th 1922, February 9th, 1922, February 13th. 1922 and February 21st. 1922 inclusing proposed Ordinance in respect to Coal Weighers Fees.

The documents are all ordered to be filed.

POLICE INSPECTORS

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee re the

Offices of Police Inspectors,

Committee Room, City Häll, March 28th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day it was decided to recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to amend Section 256 Chapter 79 Acts of N.S. 1919 as follows:-

"WHEREAS Daniel McIsaac, Wm. J. Spruin and Herbert Meehan having been duly appointed by the City Council Police Inspectors under authority of Section 256 Chapter 79 Acts of N.S. 1919 shall continue to be, under authority of said Act until their offices are vacated by death, removal or resignation, no vacancy among the above named Police Inspectors occuring after the coming into force of this Act shall be filled, and when all the above named Police Inspectors have vacated their offices by removal, resignation or death this Section shall cease to have any affect and cancel any appointment to the Office of Inspector made since March 1st, 1923"

Alfred Whitman,

CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Alderman Power submits the following amendment: -

RESOLVED that the following Legislation be sent by the authority of the City Council to the Legislature for enactment at its present session:-

WHENEVER any Inspector of Police hereafter dies, resigns, is superannuated or is dismissed from office, the place, office and position of any such inspector shall cease to exist and be abolished and neither the Police Commission or the City Council shall appoint any person to such office, place or position.

The amendment is moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Scanlon and being put is passed 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment: _ Aldermen Colwell, Sanford, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, McDonald, Guildford,

Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Burgess - 12.

<u>Against it:-</u> Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Daw - 4.

HOUSING COMMISSION

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Read report Special Committee re Housing Commission.

Halifax, N.S. February 12th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the City Council. Gentlemen:-

The City Council on the 10th August, 1922 received correspondence making complaints in regard to the houses built by the Halifax Housing Commission on Roome Street, and North Albert Street, and referred this correspondence to the Special Committee on the Housing Commission; namely Alderman Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay and Daw. The letters above referred to are two written by Allan J. Cameron, Solicitor of the complainants to T.M. Hayes, Esq., Secretary Housing Commission, and are dated 24th July 1922 and 4th August 1922. The other letter, is from said Cameron and is addressed to His Worship the Mayor and The City Council and is dated August 9th, 1922. The other letter is from T.M. Hayes to Allan J. Cameron and is dated July 28th, 1922. These letters are embodied in the minutes of the City Council and need not be requoted here.

Mr. Cameron is his first letter to Mr. Hayes says he is "retained to book into the Title of the lands "on which the houses were erected, as well as the speci-"fications, contracts with the contractors, advance payments, and progress reports in connection with the erec-"tion of these houses," and in Mr. Cameron's letters to the City Council he says "My clients are not satisfied, "that the houses which they now occupy are worth the "money they will eventually have to pay for them, and "I have been requested by my clients to look into the "whole matter of the costs of the said Houses", and then complains that he applied to the Secretary of the Housing Commission for certain information and was refused. Your Committee has held three meetings. The first in October, the second the 21st November, and the third the 7th February 1923, and the Housing Commission and the complainants were represented at all these three meetings. At the end of the meeting, of the 21st November 1922 the Housing Commission notified the complainants that they would give them free access to the plans and specifi-

cations and the books of the Commission, and it was understood that Mr. Cameron as soon as he could look into the matter would notify the Chairman and we will hold another meeting. Mr. Cameron never notified your Committee and it was not until a letter dated the 30th January, 1923, written by Mr. Evered was referred to your Committee that we decided to call the meeting held on the 7th instant and give this matter further attention.

Besides having had the three meetings above referred to; every member of the Committee attended in a body and went through each house about which complaints were made, and the Ohairman Mr. Alfred Whitman, attended a second time and inspected the house of Mr. Evered, there was no attempt made to show that the Title of the land on which the houses were erected was defective. So it is not necessary to deal with this complaint.

The Secretary of the Housing Commission has given the complainants" Solicitor the opportunity which he wanted of examining the plans and specifications, contracts, payments and of looking into the whole matter of the costs of the houses.

The Commission asked for tenders on plans and specifications as originally drafted and found the houses would cost more than \$4,000. to which amount they were limited by the Nova Scotia Housing Act of 1919. The Commission then revised their plans and specifications so as to bring down the costs to \$4,000.00 and tenders were received on these revised plans and specifications and the lowest tender was accepted; namely \$4,000.00 each. The houses were built under the inspection of Mr. Prient, the architect for the Commission and the City Building Inspector Mr. Fegan, and were finally passed by the Architect Mr. Gates employed by the Director of the Housing an Official of the Local Government.

Your Committee heard all the evidence submitted by the complainants and also by the Housing Commission.

We beg to report that the Commission asked for tenders on the revised plans and specifications and awarded the building of the houses to the lowest tender namely, \$4,000.00.

We also find that at the time the houses were built the sum of \$4,000.00 each was a very reasonable price for the work and the houses at that time could not have been built for less money.

We also report that the purchasers had every opportunity of examining the houses, and at the time of purchasing got good value for the price paid, and that the houses are well planned and are built according to the plans and specifications.

We also report that we believe the Housing Commission acted in good faith and in no case was any improper advantage taken of the purchasers.

All of which we repectfully submit, Alderman Paw dissenting.

> Alfred Whitman, Chairman. A.J. Finlay. C.W. Ackhurst.

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Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay hat the report be adopted. Motion passed Alderman Daw / issenting.

HOUSING COMMISSION--PLACING OF AFFAIRS WITH TRUST CO.

(Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft act to amend "The Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919" in which it is proposed to submit certain of the affairs of the Halifax Housing Commission to a Trust Company for Management.

> Committee Room, City Hall, March 28th, 1923.

The City Council, Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Laws and Privileges at a meeting held March 28th. Ainstant; present Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, Cameron, Finlay, Guildford, Power and Daw decided to recommend to the City Council for approval the accompanying Draft Act to amend "The Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919" in which amendment it is proposed to place in the hands of a Trust Company certain of the affairs of the Halifax Housing Commission in respect to management and operation.

Alderman Finlay dissents.

Alfred Whitman, CHAIRMAN.

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An Act to Amend the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919.

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

1. Any Municipality may, in place of the Commission

provided for under the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919. (1919 c 4) appoint to perform the duties specified to be performed by a Housing Commission under that Act, a Trust Company duly registered under the laws of the Province and thereupon such trust company shall have and may exercise all the powers and duties specified to be performed by a Housing Commission under that Act. Any Municipality which has appointed a Housing Comm-2. ission under the said Act may by resolution transfer the rights, powers and duties of the said Commission to any trust company duly registered under the laws of the Province, and upon the passage of such resolution the said Housing Commission shall, after a full and proper audit and adjustment of all its accounts transfer and assign to the said Trust Company all its cash in hand, books of account, mortgages and other securities for money and all other books, vouchers and documents of every

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description and thereafter the said Housing Commission shall exercise no further functions but shall be deemed to be dissolved, and all its powers and duties shall be exercised by the said Trust /Company in its own name. Upon such transfer and assignment being completed, 3. any contract agreement or undertaking made by any person with the said Housing Commission shall be deemed to have been made with such Trust Company for the purposes epecified in the said Act, and may be enforced by the said Trust Company in any proceeding in its own name and no proof of such resolution or transfer shall be required unless the same is denied in any defence or other pleading and in such case a certificate purporting to be signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Trust Company stating such resolution and the fact of such transfer with the date thereof shall be conclusive evidence of such resolution and transfer.

4. The said Trust Company shall be entitled to charge and receive out of the moneys handled by it such reasonable commission or compensation as is customary for the performance of similar services.

5. Any Trust Company so appointed shall report quarterly to the Council shewing payments amounts or loans outstanding all arrears of payment and such others as the Council requires.

Also read report Special Committee on Halifax Housing

Commission.

Halifax, N.S. 26th March, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

On the 21st July 1922 the Halifax Housing Commission applied to the City Council by letter of its secretary for a further loan of \$250,000.00 to be expended as provided in part two of the Nova Scotia Housing Act. This application was referred by the Council

to the Finance Committee for report. The Finance Committee on the 8th August 1922 reported to Council and the Council on the 10th August 1922 referred the matter to a Special Committee of Alderman Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay and Daw to report on "The whole matter of the previous advances, the present state of the investments and the advisability of further advances". Your Committee, therefore, beg to report that the Commission has received the sum of \$750,000.00 for which amount the City has given its obligations to repay with five per cent interest. They further report that the Commission at present is comprised of Mr. W.M. Brookfield, B.W. Russell, W.R. Wakeley, J.E. Shaffer and P.J. Healy and further that they visited and made a thorough inspection of the twenty houses built by the Commission at Richmond Heights, and they beg to refer to a previous report of this Committee to the Council as to the state bf those houses. We may, however, say that of the twenty houses so built four are now unsold, of these three are vacant and another, the fifth, is subject to a notice by

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the purchaser that he will give it up in a vew weeks. Thus the Commission will have on their hands, five out of twenty of these houses. These five houses cost \$22,500.00, and the loss on them will be very heavy. This loss the City will have to make good.

The Commission commenced their activities by building these twenty houses, and the result is just beginning to be made manifest. Probably more houses will, later on, be thrown on the hands of the Commission.

The Chairman of your Committee on the 17th of last November wrote to the Secretary of the Commission asking for full information regarding the various investments of the \$750,000.00 in the hands of the Commission including overdue installments and interest thereon, and that the Statement be ready by the 1st of December last.

On the 17th January 1923 the Chairman received an answer to his letter of the 17th November 1922 inclosing a statement giving among other things a list of loans with installments three months overdue as of the 1st of December 1922, and the value of the loans as of the 1st December 1922.

The value of the loans as of the 1st December 1922 was not correctly given, the value being stated as though the installments in arrear had been paid. No information was given as to installments in arrear save those "Three months overdue". As this report was delivered on the 17th January 1923 was only gave those loans with three months overdue installments as of the 1st December 1922 many of the loans when the report was delivered may have been much larger in arrear than given in the report. Your Committee are still in the dark as to the loans which have installments in arrear.

On the 7th and 8th of February 1923 the Chairman wrote the Secretary of the Commission and among other things asked for another report to be sent in say on the 15th February 1923 or as late as the 17th or 18th February 1923 giving the Committee the information asked for in his former letter, but as of the 1st February 1923 giving the Committee the information asked for in his former letter, but as of the 1st February 1923 instead as of the 1st December 1922. The letter of the 8th asked for taxes due on the properties. On the 9th of February 1923 I received an answer to the above letters saying the Secretary would place the matters before the Commission at their next meeting. The Chairman has not heard from the Commission As the City is liable for the payment of this since. \$750,000.00 and has given City Bonds for the payment of the same we think the Citizens should be furnished with the fullest information. On the 26th February 1923 the Chairman also wrote the City Collector for taxes due and unpaid on the properties on which this \$750,000.00 has been invested. On the same day the City Collector answered as follows:

February 26th, 1922.

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Alfred Whitman, Esq.,
Prince Street, City.
Dear Sir:-
Referring to the enclosed list of nearly two
hundred people whose properties are in the Housing
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Commission I beg to say that some weeks ago Mr. Hayes, Secretary of the Commission, asked me if it was possible to get a statement of them and I told him no, not with my present staff, and I advised him to write each of them to bring in their last receipt. This, I understand he has done and when the answers are complete he will bring them in to me and I will check it over with him. The object required will be obtained without very much extra work.

> R. Theakston, City Collector.

These investments were made a very small number in December 1920 and the rest in 1921 and 1922. From reports from the City Collector dated 14th February for the year 1921 and 1922 we have the following taxes overdue and unpaid in regard to these investments:

Loan	No. 7\$78.85	Loan No. 4\$61.75
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11	" 11 97.35	" " 40 77.88
n	" 15 88.98	"*
11	" 16 33.48	" " 38 25.10
11	" 18 44.58	" " 62 58.59
11	" 19 40.88	" " 64 50.22
11	" 23 87.22	" " 66 33.48
11	" 32	
11	" 36 33.48	
11	" 48 16.74	
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11	" 69 50.22	" "149 41.05
	" 72 44.48	" "122 <u>25.10</u>
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	Propably most of these pro	operties would not be assess-
		33 list when the above list
would	l be very much lengthened.	

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unanimous in reporting to Council against the granting of the request of the Housing Commission for a further loan of \$250,000.00.

We think the City bound to make a large loss on this \$750,000.00 Housing Scheme. It is our duty to cut down this loss as much as possible. The handling of these loans should be put into the hands of people specially qualified to look after them. The City of St. John has been transferred the Housing Scheme over to a Trust Company. We, after reporting against the advance of the \$250,000.00 asked for by the Commission beg to recommend that the rights, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission be transferred to a trust company to be handled by it. All of which we respectfully submit Alderman Finlay dissenting.

> Alfred Whitman, Robert Daw, C.W. Ackhurst.

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Also read petition signed by 61 persons protesting against any change in the present contracts between the Housing Commission and the occupiers of the Commission's

Houses.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the City Council. Gentlemen:-

We, the undersigned persons who have obtained loans from the Housing Commission wish to put ourselves on record as opposed to the administration of the Housing Act by a Trust Company. We respectfully but firmly request that the City Council consider the views of the persons concerned before taking any action in the matter.

Our contract is with the Housing Commission and we are perfectly satisfied with the treatment we receive from the said Commission. We look with fear upon any change in the administration. When we applied for loans we thought that we were to do business with the Commission only, until the loan was paid off. If the Council can change our contract this way, what might not be done in the future by a Company? Some of us at least would request that we be relieved of our responsibilities in event of a change.

Also read letter Royal Trust Co.

The Royal Trust Company, Halifax, N.S. 22nd March 1923.

Alfred Whitman, Esq., K/C. Chairman Finance Committee. City of Halifax. Dear Sir:-

In regard to your inquiry as to what it would cost to have the mortgages of the Housing Commission managed by a Trust Company; would say that we would be prepared to attend to this work, collect the interest, rents and instalments upon loans for a commission not exceeding 5% on the amount of interest and rents collected.

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We assume that in case you should decide to
place the business with a trust company you will give us
an opportunity of tendering along with the others doing
business in the City.
                          H.B. Stairs,
                                    Manager.
     Also read letter Nova Scotia Trust Co.
                        The Nova Scotia Trust Co.
                         Halifax, N.S. March 24th, 1923.
His Worship Mayor Murphy,
Halifax, N.S.
Dear Sir:-
          We understand that the City Council is consider-
ing placing the affairs of the Housing Commission through
a Trust Company as far as collections of income is
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concerned, and we write to say that we would appreciate it ff you would allow this Company to have the same consideration as other trust companies when the matter is brought up.

I may say we particularly specialize in the care of properties and collections and feel competent to handle this work in satisfactory manner.

Thanking you for your anticipated courtesy in this connection, I remain,

R.W. Elliot, Managing Director.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee, the report of the Special Committee and the Draft Act submitted be approved and adopted.

The motion is put and lost 5 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

For the Motion: - Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Sanford, Cameron, Daw - 5.

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Gastonguay, Schaffner, McDonald, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Burgess - 11.

COUNTY, GITY AND DARTMOUTH JOINT EXPENDITURE

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending for approval an Act for the appointment of a Commission in respect to matters of Joint Expenditure as between the City and County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 28th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Laws and Privileges met this evening; present Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, Cameron, Finlay, Guildford, Power- and Daw.

It is recommended that the accompanying draft Act relating to matters of Joint Expenditure as between the City of Halifax, the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth be approved and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

> Alfred Whitman, CHAIRMAN.

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An Act Relating to Joint Expenditures between the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth.

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

The Governor-in-Council may appoint a Commission 1. of three members, none of whom shall be a resident of the County of Halifax or of the City of Halifax or of the Town of Dartmouth, such Commission shall make a valuation upon a uniform standard of the property and income liable to be rated for purposes of taxation in the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, and to fix and specify the ttems of expenditure which are for the joint benefit of the said Municipality, City and Town, and to be paid by them proportionately. The Commissioners, before entering upon their duties as such, shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties before a Commissioner of the Supreme Court.

2. The Commission shall make a report to the said Municipality and to the said City and Town showing the valuation so made, and a list of the items of expenditure which are for the joint benefit of the said Municipality, City and Town and the proportion in-which the same shall be respectively paid.

The said valuation, list of items and statement 3. of proportionate expenditure so made by the Commission shall be conclusive and binding on the said Municipality. City and Town, and shall be used instead of the statement of valuations required to be furnished under Sections 64 and 65 of the Assessment Act in fixing the proportion of municipal expenditure for the joint benefit of the said Municipality, City and Town respectively.

The said valuation and list of items and the said 4. proportion shall be used for the purposes specified in the hext preceding section until a further readjustment is made; provided, that no readjustment shall be made for a period of five years from the date of the report. 5. The said Municipality shall pay to the Commission

such reasonable remuneration as the Governor-in-Council determines, and such remuneration shall be an expenditure for the joint benefit of the said Municipality, City and Town and shall be payable proportionately.

6. The Commissioners shall have all the powers of a Commissioner appointed under Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1919 "Of Public Inquiries".

7. Upon the filing of the report of the Commission, the valuation made therein shall be the basis on which the Clerk of the said Municipality shall make the apportionment referred to in Section 66 of the Assessment Act. The Commission shall give not less than thirty 8. days' notice in writing to the Warden of the Municipality of Halifax and to the Mayors of the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, before undertaking the making of the valuation referred to in this Act. 9. The Commission shall make this report not later than the.....l92 .

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Cameron

that the report and draft act be adopted. Motion passed.

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PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS SINKING FUNDS, ABUTTERS SHARES AND INSTALL-MENTS ROYAL BANK LOAN \$700,000.00

ARead report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft Acts in respect to various matters in connection with Curbs and Gutters and Streets and Sidewalks Paving.

> Committee Room, City Hall, March 28th, 1923.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Laws and Privileges met this evening present Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, Cameron, Finlay, Guildford, Power and Daw.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council for approval three draft Acts, accompanied herewith for incorporation in the City's legislation now before the Provincial Assembly.

1. An Act providing that it shall not be necessary that Sinking Funds be established in connection with abutters' Shares of Paving etc.

2. An Act to repeal certain legislation in relation to installments due by abutters in respect to Paving etc.

3. An Act providing for the repayment to the Royal Bank of Canada of \$700,000.00 due as installments by abutters for paving etc.

> Alfred Whitman, CHAIRMAN.

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Sinking Funds not needed for Abutters Share of Paving

It shall not be necessary to include in the yearly estimates of the City any amount for a Sinking Fund in respect to any sums borrowed for repayment to the Royal Bank of Canada of the amounts borrowed in respect to the proportions payable by owners of abutting properties as specified in the schedule hereto, but all amounts paid in by such owners on account of such proportions shall be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to be applied to a Sinking Fund established in respect to amounts so borrowed.

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Abutters Installments for Paving etc.

Section 3 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1906, Section 15 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1906, and Section 8 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1922, are hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the liability of the City in respect to any moneys borrowed thereunder.

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Pavements Instalments \$700,000.00 Due Royal Bank.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report and the proposed Acts be referred to a Special Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Treasurer the City Solicitor and the City Engineer with power to deal with same as they think best. Motion passed.

COLLECTOR TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE TAXES ETC. DUE

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft act requiring the City Collector to furnish certain information with respect to Taxes etc. due.

> Committee Room, City Hall. March 28th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Laws and Privileges at a meeting held this evening present Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, Cameron, Finlay, Guildford, Power and Daw beg to recommend for approval of the City Council the accompanying draft act requiring the City Collector to furnish certain information to persons financially interested with respect to taxes etc on properties.

> Alfred Whitman, CHAIRMAN,

Section 324 is repealed and the following substituted: The Collector shall furnish on the request of a vendee mortgagee or other persons pecuniarily interested in any property a statement of the amount appearing by his books to be due for taxes, water rates or other charge in respect to such property.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman

Colwell that the report and the proposed Act be referred

to a Special Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor,

the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Treasurer,

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the City Solicitor and the City Engineer with power to deal with same as they think best. Motion passed.

AUDIT OF CITY FINANCES

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Alderman Ackhurst submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS in the Act relating to the City now before the Legislature provision is made for an audit of the accounts of the City by a Chartered Accountant or Accountants, and for the introduction of improved methods in Civic Accounting.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such audit shall be begun with as little delay as possible.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Daw, O'Toole, Ackhurst and Whitman be appointed with power to negotiate with such Accountant or Accountants as they see fit to ascertain the terms on which such work can be done, and such other details as are requisite, and in the event of such provision being enacted by the Legislature to engage such Accountant or Accountants on behalf of the City.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded

by Alderman Daw and being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Whitman

that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

LIST OF HEADLINES

Daylight Saving Time--Reconsideration - 499. Annual Report City Auditor 1921-22 - 500. Incinerator--Cost of Maintenance - 500. Governments Contributing Toward Civic Revenue etc. -501. Water Meter Bill 22 Agricola Street Joseph Thompson-501. Water Meter Bill 247 Brunswick Street--Catherine Ryan - 502. Water Meter Bill 805-7 Barrington Street--Thos. Mulcahy - 503. Estimates City Health Board 1923-24 - 504.

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Motor Truck Ordinance--License Fees etc. - $05.
Coal Weighers Fees - 505.
Police Inspectors - 507.
Housing Commission - 508.
Housing Commission -- Placing of Affairs with
  Trust Co. - 510.
County, City and Dartmouth Joint Expenditure - 515.
Paving Streets, - 517.
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Sinking Funds - 517.
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  $700,000.00 - 517.
Sinking Funds not needed for Abutters Share of
   Paving -517.
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LIST OF HEADLINES (Continued).

Pavements Instalments \$700,000.00 Due Royal Bank - 518. Collector to Furnish Information re Taxes etc.Due-518. Audit of City Finances - 519.

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

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CITY CLERK.

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<u>EVENING SESSION</u>

8.10 o'clock

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 5th, 1923.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship Mayor Murphy and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Hubley and Daw.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES

(For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting).

QUINPOOL ROAD PAVING AND DOUBLE TRAM TRACK

Alderman Gastonguay informed the Council that a delegation of residents of Quinpool Road and vicinity was in attendance desiring to present a petition to the Council re the paving and the double tracking of Quinpool Road.

By consent of Council H.H. Bloise addressed the Council and submits the following petition signed by

about 150 Citizens.

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Halifax, N.S. September 6th, 1922.

To the Mayor, and Members of the City Council. Sirs:-

The undersigned residents of Quinpool Road and vicinity respectfully request your honorable body to take any steps within your power to the end that in the paving of Quinpool Road, west from Oxford Street, that the Tranway Company will double track the street railway at the same time, at least from Oxford Street to the railway bridge, but preferably to the head of the Arm. The traffic on this line of railway is growing greater all the time and it is very important that a double track should be laid on Quinpool Road at as early a date as possible.

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Clerk fluork It certainly should be laid while the street is being paved which it is hoped will be done next year.

The petition is referred to the Committee on Works for report.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report Commissioners of Citizens Free Library recommending accounts for payment.

> Citizens' Free Library, Halifax, N.S. Aptil 5th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council. Gentlemen:-The Library Commission begs to submit the following bills for payment :---\$87.50 T.C. Allen & Co. Books Office Specialty Mfg.Co.Cabinet 18.51

> L. Barnaby, Librarian,

\$106.01

Moved by Alderman Cameron seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the accounts Motion passed. paid

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending accounts for payment.

> Committee Room, City Hall, April 4th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen:- The Committee of Firewards met this af present Aldermen Ackhurst, Chairman, Finlay, Camer McDonald, Daw and O'Toole and beg to recommend for the following named accounts:-	ron,
Fire Alarm Box Loan Account	
Northern Electric Co. Ltd. Signal Box	\$177.65
Fire Alarm Maintenance	
Canadian General Electric Co.Ltd.Supplies Northern Electric Co. Ltd. " Halifax Universal Motors Ltd. " David Roche Universal Motors Ltd. " Kellys Limited Oil	265.33 32.92 100,50 5.77 .80
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Guildford & Sons Ltd. N.S. Tramways & Power Co.Ltd. Dominion Rubber System	Screws Power for March	1.02 9.96
(Maritime) Ltd. Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd. N.S. Storage Battery Works Ltd. Jas. Simmonds Ltd. Wm. Collings & Sons Ltd. London Rubber Stamp Co. Austen Bros. Ltd. Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow Ltd. T.C. Allen & Co. Cragg Bros. Co. Ltd.	Repairing wheel Brass figures Supplies	8.90 3.00 95.68 6.08 .50 2.00 31.95 5.90 11.65 .99 \$582.95
Fire Department Maintenance		
The Ross Print Ltd. T.C. Allen & Co. Canadian Oil Companies Ltd. Wm. Jakeman & Son The Union Coal Co. Ltd. Halifax Vulcanizing Works C.H. Jordan Brandram-Henderson Ltd. Wm. Robertson & Son	Vet. services Coal Repairs Horseshoeing Paints Stores & Supplies Glass Hose	24.55 22.16 159.04 7.50 217.00 9.00 4.63 123.08
for the Blind The E.B. Eddy Co. Ltd. H.G. Lawrence The New Standard Vulcanizing Wo The N.S. Storage Battery Works T. Hogan & Co. American LaFrance Fire Engine C Canadian General Electric Co.Lt S.C. Thompson Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.Ltd.	Repairs " Co.Supplies Id. " Feed Telephones	23.51 5.59 210.00 8.50 .30 2.25 114.44 7.72 370.70 26.45
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.Ltd. Ungar's Laundry Dr. H. McFatridge	Lighting Laundry Medicine	52.94 32.5 3 3.00

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Dr. H. McFatridge
Wm. Collings & Sons Ltd.
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Horseshoeing Tools

26.35 <u>4.21</u> \$2337.01

C.W. Ackhurst, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman

Cameron that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts for payment.

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City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 4th, 1923.

To the City Council. Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee beg to recommend for payment accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$4,091.38 chargeable to the following services:-

	A.F. Mer	Genver.
Water Construction Water Maintenance	255,79 639,96	895.75 \$4,091.38
Loan Widening Streets	2.75	\$3,195.63
Internal Health Special	105.37	
Cleaning Paved Streets	31.85	
Rents City Property	15.85	
Electric Wiring Inspection	11.87	
Fuel.	310.00	
Sewerage	1753.01	
Telephones	206.07	
City Hall Lighting	7.23	
Market Revenue	57.28	
Streets Special	322.54	
City Property	303.85	
Teams & Stables	\$67.96	

A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital for the month of March.

Halifax, N.S. April 4th, 1923

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council. Gentlemen:-The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report Members present, The Chairman, Aldermen O'Toole, Sanford, McDonald and Castonguay. Superintendents Report, City Home Number of Inmates 313. The Superintendents report shows that during the month of March 1923 there were 12 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 13 discharged and 2 died. of the number admitted 3 were chargeable to the Province and 9 to the City. The total number of inmates March 31st, 1923 was 313, made up of 183 men, 123 women and 7 On the same date last year there were 184 men, bhildren. 19 women and 10 children a total of 313. Superintendents Report T.B. Hospital, Number of Patients 34. The Superintendents report shows that during the month of March 1923 there were 11 patients admitted

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into the City Tuberculosis Hos 1 child: 2 men, 1 woman and 2 and 2 men and 2 women died. 5 March 31st. 1923 was 34, made 1 child. On the same date las 18 women and 3 children a tota <u>City Home Accounts, March 1925</u> The following accounts are rec	children were disc The total number of up of 16 men, 17 w st year there were al of 42. 3, amount \$6461.93.	harged patients omen and 21 men,
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries & Flour Meats Milk Butter	\$904.98 308.86 197.63 252.00 95.76 43.66 223.52 27.00
Ralph E. Ward Blackadar Bros.	Fly Screens per contract Newspaper Coal Supplies Vico Horseshoeing Rope Light & Power	1160.00 5.00 741.89 50.89 32.50 1.63 46.52 51.88 etc.
Wm.Robertson & Son Kellys Ltd. Davison Parker Ltd.	Bland Book Oven Grates Sundries Repairs Lumber Coffin Fixtures Cash Expended	$ \begin{array}{r} 16.70\\ 2.30\\ 29.40\\ 2.26\\ .50\\ 27.35\\ 26.45\\ 575.89\\ 1556.49\\ 46461.93 \end{array} $
T.B. Hospital Accounts March Wentzells Ltd. W.A. Maling & Co.	1923 Ammount \$2971 Groceries Meats	<u>.26</u> \$227.87 142.82

Scotia Milk Co. Ltd. Moirs Ltd. R.B. Colwell Ltd. James Watson Globe Laundry Co.Ltd. N.S. Tram & Power Co.Ltd. Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.Ltd. J.A. Thompson & Son Geo. Hurchinson T.J. Whalen & Co. MacLeod Balcom Ltd. W.W. Hoyt Snow & Co. Ltd. Lawrence Hardware Co.Ltd. Wm.Robertson & Son Webster Smith Co. Ltd. Richmond Paper Co.

Milk & Cream Bread Butter & Eggs Fish Laundrywork Light & Power Exchange Service Elevator Doors Ice Dry Goods Drugs Repairs Buriel Sundries Hardware Crockeryware Napkins

120,02 35.03 171.75 21,60 39.29 84.27 12.56 55,28 8,05 49.96 53.63 2.45 14.00 6.49 8.53 27.45 16.87

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Nickerson & Crease T.C. Allen & Co. V.G. Hospital City Home Salaries

Fruit & Vegetables	12.70
Stationery	2.10
X Ray Services	25.00
Coal & Flour	707.27
March 1923	1126.27
	\$2971.27

H.S. Colwell, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on City Prison recommending accounts for payment.

> Committee Room, City Hall, April 4th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen: The Committee on City Prison met this afternoon present; Aldermen Colwell, Chairman, Gastonguay, Guildford and Mason and beg to recommend for payment the following named accounts :--\$40.10 Moirs Limited Bread 64.61 Groceries Wentzells Ltd. 55.91 Beef Maritime Market 43.30 S.C. Thompson Feed J. & M. Murphy Ltd. Dry Goods 196.54 33.80 Evans & Co. Hardware Horseshoeing 5.00 D.J. McIntosh N.S. Tramway & Power Co.Ltd. Current 10.98 16.08 Maritime Tel. & Tel.Co.Ltd. Rental Harness Repairs & Neil Fox 13,50 Supplies Repairs to Waggons et 9,15 K. McPhee Amherst Boot & Shoe Co. Boots etc. 5,10 Coal as per contract 155.00 Union Coal Co. Carpenter work 187.54 W.T. Harris & Sons Farm & Fencing Supp-A.L. Melvin 148.26 lies 52.00 Potatoes Nickerson & Crease Ltd. 12.80 W.I. Hubley & Co. Seed Potatoes Stove fittings & Labor 32.00 Hillis & Sons Ltd. 4.08 Sausago W.P. Meyer 30,00 Mattresses N.S. Furnishing Co. Repairs to time clock 40.15 Frank G. Ritchie \$1295.90

H.S. Colwell, Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report Finance Committee recommending miscellaneous accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 4th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this afternoon present; Aldermen Whitman, Chairman, Power, Schaffner and Bissett, the following named accounts were recommended to the City Council for payment.

Certificates of Death of Dr. W.D. Finn, M.E. Sheelah O. Penny 4.00; Patrick W. Walsh 4.00; A. Mombrequette 4.00; Lawrence Dempsey 4.00; Winnie Greem 4.00 \$28.00 Advertising 5.40; 2.40 7.80 The Citizen " 35.28; 8.82; 35.28 79,38 Halifax Herald " 30.24; 52.92 83.16 Chronicle Pub. Co. Sub.to Aug. 1st, 1923. Halifax Herald Mayor's Office. 9.00 Religious of Good Shepherd Maintenance of Girls for quarter ending Jan. 31/23 167.46 James Donohue Boxes 21.00 A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd. Books City Clerk 13.22 " Collector 1.57 " Auditor 1,15 15.94 Paper etc. Mayor's Office 5.25 Connolly Stationery T.C. Allen & Co. City Clerk's Office 19,50 "Assessor's " 10.34" Collector's" 66:33 96.17 United Typewriter Co. Box Carbon 3,00 Pantograph The Hughes Owens Co.Ltd. 73.62 Prothonotary's Fees A.G. Cummings 5.68 Union Canadian Municipalities Membership fee 1923 150,00 Protestant Home for Females 4 \$11 Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman D; that the report be adopted and the accounts paid with the exception that the account \$150.00 for fee in the Modern fee in the Modern (Salvation Army Rescue Home) Annual Grant 400.00 \$1145.46 Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Daw fee in the Union of Canadian Municipalities be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Motion passed. -- 527 --

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

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Office of City Health Board, Halifax, N.S. April 5th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members City Council. Gentlemen:-

The attached accounts of the City Health Board for January, February and March amounting to \$705.41, were passed at a meeting of the Board held yesterday, (Wednesday) the 4th inst. and I am directed to forward same for your concurrence.

> John A. Watters, Secretary City Health Board.

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General Accounts

Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	Service	\$37 .7 7
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	8.40
Ross Print	Printing	3,66
Baldwin & Co.	Tumblers	1.00
Connolly	Diary	2.50
C. Ormsby	Milk Disce	4.12
Kinleys Ltd.	Vaccine etc.	29.25
David Roche	Cutting Tube	.60
Kellys Ltd.	Rep. Bag	.25
T.C. Allen & Co.	Office Supplies	13.66
		\$101.21

Isolation Hospital

N.S. Tramways Cragg Bros. Hfx. Steam Laundry J. Lycon Union Coal Co. Scriven & Sons F.M. Walker Melvin & Co. Evans & Co.

Light	28.80
Battery et c.	4.35
Washing	64.71
Taxi Service	12.00
Coal	170.50
Bread	6.80
Milk & Cream	25,17
Hardware	.75
Hardware	27.42

Lac-Mac Mfg. Co. 30.01 Nurses Gowns MacLeod & Balcom Drugs 32.50 Butter-Eggs P.T. Shea 53.50 37.24 G.C. Hartlen Meate Fish 14.76 Boutilier's Ltd. Michael Day Plumbing 38.85 Wentzells Ltd. Groceries 56.84 \$604.20 Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Mason that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed. ANNUAL REPORT CITY CLERK Read Annual Report City Clerk for the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1922. Filed. -- 528 --

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

> Office of Chief of Police, Halifax, N.S. April 4th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date the following accounts amounting to \$236.30 were examined found correct and recommended for payment.

Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co. H.R. Bergman The Citizen Annand & Carten Kellys Ltd. N.S. Nursery T.C. Allen & Co. W.H. Isnor J. Wonnacott Fraser Bros, Three Ess Taxi Amherst Boot & Shoe Wentzells Ltd. Chief of Police Nova Motors

Service	\$15.00
Buckles and repair	67.15
Advertising	2.40
Policy on cloth	6.80
l Chamois	1.75
Two wreaths P.C.	.20.00
Stationery	3.00
Carriage Hire	8,00
Choke wire	.75
Taxi Hire	6,00
Taxi Hire	10.00
Rubber Boots	5.10
Chl.Lime & Cleanser	1.65
Scrubbing etc.	9.75
Auto parts	78.95
·····	\$236.30
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John Murphy, Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Scanlon seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

FIRES AND THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report Committee of Firewards re fires and their

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Causes and losses.

Committee Room, City Hall,

April 4th, 1923.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Firewards beg to submit for

the information of the City Council the report of the

Chief of Fire Department as to fires and their causes and

losses during the month of March as follows:-

Halifax, April 4th, 1923.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I submit my report for the month

of March during which there were 43 alarms of fire

as follows:
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Thinning paint on stove 1, defective flues 1, chimneys 22, thawing water pipes 1, overheated stove pipe 7, stove polishing rags 1, smoke 1, plumber's torch 1, false 1, hotashes 2, oil lamp upset 2, hot coal 1, unknown 2. \$243,800.00 Property at risk Insurance losses 639,00 Losses not insured 110.00 Total losses..... \$749.00 J.W. Churchill, Chief Halifax Fire Department. A comparative statement of the monthly losses during the civic year 1921-22 and the current year 1922-23 shows: 1922-23 1921-22 Total Total Calls Total Total Calls May \$16,216.00 \$7,515.00 $\mathbf{34}$ 33 June 27,015.00 4,151.70 14 20 July 2,822.00 13 5,493.00 16 7,244.78 Aug. 52,801.00 3216 Sept. 8,360.00 15 16 30,250.90 19 24 Oct. 20,822.00 8,732.00 Nov. 25,075.00 380,00 37 26 Dec. 7,505.00 38 46 6,438,96 Jan. 39,827.50 81 6,422.00 31 5,095.00 41 40 Feb. 34,346.20 Mar. 63,080.37 \$297870.07 41-365 749.00 \$82,472.34 43-311 $\overline{42}$ Apr. 16,861.00 \$314,731.07 407 C.W. Ackhurst, Chairman. Filed. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS PAVEMENT--ABUTTERS INSTALMENTS Read report Committee on Works re abutters instalments for paving Streets and Sidewalks.

City Works Office,

Halifax, N.S. March 29th, 1923



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A.F. Messervey,
          Clerk of Works.
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Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Daw

that the report be adopted and the City Solicitor instructed

to submit to the Provincial Assembly at once a Bill amend-

ing the existing legislation. Motion passed.

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TAG DAY MAY 19th--SALVATION ARMY

Read letter Salvation Army asking permission to

conduct a Tag Day Saturday, May 19th.

Halifax, N.S. March 29th, 1923.

To His Worship Mayor Murphy, Halifax, N.S. Dear Sir:-

In connection with our Annual Financial Effort to raise Funds for our work it is customary to hold a Tag Day. Throughout Canada East this is being arranged for in all the towns and cities where the Army is at work on Saturday May 19th.

Jeon W Des Lon . L Pour Lon . L I am sending you this communication asking that you kindly grant us the right to put on a Tag Day on that date, and for the specific purpose afore mentioned.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favorable reply.

> Thos. A. Burton, Divisional Commander.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Daw request-be granted. that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPER

Read report City Prison Committee recommending the appointment of James McGill as an Underkeeper at the City Prison.

> Committee Room, City Hall, April 4th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen: -

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The Committee on City Prison held a meeting this afternoon present; Aldermen Colwell, Chairman, Gastonguay, Guildford and Mason and beg to recommend that James McGill be appointed a permanent keeper to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of M.H. Burns. H.S. Colwell, Chairman. Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted. Motion passed. WATER METER BILL S6 DUFFUS STREET WM. PECKHAM Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re water meter bill William Peckham 86 Duffus Street. -- 531 --

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 5th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th inst. the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for 86 Duffus Street for half year ending March 1922, a copy of which is attached hereto, no reduction was recommended. In view of the fact that the owner at the time stated had a tenant who gave him a lot of trouble and refused the landlord entrance to premises and to further embarrass him purposely let the water run, and since said tenant was ejected there has been only an ordinary consumption of water, the committee decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one third.

> A.F. Messervey. Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 3rd, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

Jack Winds

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied to the premises #86 Duffus Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the period from Sept. 12, 1921 to March 24, 1922, the consumption is 81,300 gals., and the amount of the bill \$16.26. A reference to the records shows that the large consumption took place in December and January, due to a closet wasting. Under the circumstances, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

> H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Daw

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

CTDAR STREET EXTENSION

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer

re Cedar Street Extension at property of A.S. Austen.

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 5th, 1923.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-
At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the
4th inst the attached report of the City Engineer recommend-
ing purchase of strip of land from Mr. A.S. Austen for the
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purpose of widening Cedar Street was favorably considered and recommended to Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 4th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

Some years ago the City Council purchased from Dr. Farrell, a strip of land fronting on Robie Street and extending westerly, to provide for the extension of Cedar Street to Robie Street. There was 17 feet however, north of Dr. Farrell's property which was not acquired and there has been considerable negotiation between Mr. A.S. Austen the owner, and the City.

I have a letter from Mr. Austen this morning agreeing to accept 15ϕ per square feet for the strip of land 17 x 166 feet, to complete the widening at his property, or a total of \$423.30.

I beg to recommend the acceptance of these terms.

F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Cameron that said reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the reports be referred back to the Committee on Works with power if they see fit to seek legislation permitting that Cedar Street be a 43 feet wide street instead of the usual width.

The amendment is put and passed 10 voting for the

same and 6 against it as follows:-<u>For the Amendment:</u>- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Gastonguay, McDonald, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Daw - 10. <u>Against it:-</u> Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sahford, Cameron, Hubley - 6. <u>TRAMWAY EXTENSION GOTTINGEN STREET TO DUFFUS STREET</u> Alderman Daw submits a petition addressed to the Board of Public Utilities, signed by about 200 Citizens -- 533 --

praying for the extension of the Gottingen Street Tramway service north to Duffus Street.

Halifax, N.S. March 23rd, 1923

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Utilities Board,

Technical College Building.

City.

Gentlemen:-

The undersigned residents of the northern district of the City of Halifax, known as Richmond Heights, beg to submit for your careful consideration the petition herein set forth for an extension of the tranway service for the better satisfaction of the requirements of the residents of this District.

We respectfully request an extension of the tranway service for the following reasons:

(1) The District in question extending from Young Street north to the shores of Bedford Basin, although now well settled, has no adequate transportation facilities to the centre of the town. The only service convenient for this District being the Gottingen Street Extension line and this service does not cater to the needs of the people residing in the district from Stanley Street north.

(2) This district contains the most moderately rented houses in the City and is therefore most suitable for persons of small incomes. At the present time owing to the time it takes to get to their work in the early hours of the morning, persons who otherwise would be living in this healthful district are compelled to live in more crowded and less salubrious quarters of the City.

Since the explosion property assessment in Ward 6 have increased from \$3,934,310. to \$9,098,590. but the services rendered to this section have not been proportionate to the increased taxation. Not available free but apart from the lighting service, which is greatly appreciated, other public services have not kept pace with the growth of the District. It is generally admitted that this is the healthiest section of the City of Halifax and we therefore ask you to give this petition your most careful thought and consideration, with the view of an extension of the tramway service, in order to give adequate transportation facilities to that section of the population that are most in need of it.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS an extension of the Tramway service north to Duffus Street is essential to the well being of our Citizens and Taxpayers, residing, and owning property in that district:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council place itself on record in approval of such extension to Duffus Street and that the City Clerk be instructed to forward letter to the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, expressing the wish of this Council, that they give earnest consideration to the petition for such extension signed by 200 of our fellow Citizens.
The resolution is moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Hubley.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for report.

The amendment is put and lost 6 voting for the same 10 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment: Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Guildford, Hubley - 6.

Against it:- Aldermen Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Cameron, McDonald, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Daw-10.

The original motion is put and passed 13 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Cameron, McDonald, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Hubley, Daw - 13.

Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Guildford-3.

CITY PRISON UNIFORM CLOTHING

ARead report City Prison Committee re Uniform Clothing for City Prison Officials and Prisoners.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 4th, 1923.

The City Council.

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Gentlemen:-The City Prison Committee met this afternoon present; Aldermen Colwell, Chairman, Gastonguay, Guildford and Mason. Prisoners Uniform Suits of Clothing In response to bids called for supplying 40 more or less uniform suits of clothing for Prisoners at the City Prison tenders accompanied by samples were received from: T.J. Whalen & Co. \$12.49 per suit. 0 @ 12.75 per suit. Clayton & Sons It is recommended that the tender of T.J. Whalen & Go., for 36 suits at \$12.49 each be accepted it being the lowest. Prison Öfficials Uniform Clothing It is recommended that six suits of uniform plothing be supplied to the City Prison Officials the bloth to be purchased from the Police Committee at cost -- 535 ---

右 price, the making and trimming at a price not exceeding twenty (\$20.00) dollars per suit.

> H.S. Colwell, Chairman.

Gou Grand, 4 Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed Alderman Ackhurst and Whitman dissenting.

SINKING FUNDS LEGISLATION

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee re legislation respecting Sinking Funds.

> Committee Room, City Hall, March 12th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the Committee had under consideration Alderman Power's motice of motion and Draft Act to seek legislation at the present session of the Legislature to repeal certain sections of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1922 relating to City Sinking Funds.

Your Committee after careful consideration of this matter recommend that the legislation in reference to City Sinking Funds stand as at present enacted.

> Alfred Whitman, Chairman.

Also read extract minutes of City Council March 7th. covering Alderman Power's notice of motion in respect to Sinking Funds.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of City Council of the City of Halifax held on the 7th day of March, 1923. Sinking Fund Legislation Alderman Power submits the following notice of motion: Alderman Power gives notice that at a subsequent meeting he will move a resolution to secure legislation to repeal Sections 19 to 26 inclusive of the Local Acts 1922, Chapter 54, relating to Special City Sinking Funds and the investment of General Sinking Fund money's, excepting so much of Section 22 under which any one was appointed trustee. H.S. Rhind. Assistant City Clerk. Also read Draft Act relating to Sinking Funds. A Bill entitled "An Act to repeal certain sections of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1922 relating to the City Sinking Funds ":-A.D. 1923). day of (Enacted the -- 536 --

<u>April 5th, 1923</u>.

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

Sections 19 to 26 inclusive, except section 22, of 1. the Act of the Legislature for 1922 chapter 54 be and the same are hereby repealed.

2. The sections of the City Charter, namely sections 355, 356 and 360 repealed by the said Chapter 54, which is itself hereby repealed, are hereby declared to be in full force and Affect, and to have the same validity and force in law as if the said Chapter 54 had not been passed, provided however that any contracts or transactions made or entered into in good faith by virtue of and in reliance on 👟 said chapter 54 shall not be I Affected by the repeal of said Chapter 54 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1922.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Hubley that this Council do not concur in the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee but that the above quoted resolution of which Alderman Power gave notice at a meeting of Council held March 7th and the foregoing draft act respecting Sinking Funds be now approved and adopted by this Council and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment.

Alderman Power's amendment is put and passed 9 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

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For the Amendment: - Aldermen Colwell, Sanford,

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Gastonguay, McDonald, Scanlon, O'Toole, Power, Mason,
Hubley - 9.
     Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay,
Bissett, Cameron, Guildford, Daw - 7.
     Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.
     THEATRES
     Read letter R.J. Macadam, Casino Theatre re proposed
legislation in respect to Theatre Buildings.
                            Halifax, N.S. March 23rd, 1923.
Mr. John Murphy,
Mayor, City Hall.
Your Worship:-You have no doubt noted that a bill was
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introduced in the Legislature this week, amending the Theatre Act, which if it is passed takes away from the City of Halifax all jurisdiction and control of the matters of construction and precautions for safety of theatres and other places of public assembly. I am aware of the fact that you were under the impression that the City had lost this control when the Theatre Act was first passed, but I have shown by two decisions in a case which I brought against the Community Theatre on Gottingen Street that this was not The decisions, which are now a matter of record, SO. were given by Mr. W.J. O'Hearn in the City Stipendiary's Court and by Judge Wallace in the County Court. They clearly show the construction and safety of theatres are still controlled by the City authorities. It is of course unnecessary for me to indicate to you the duty that devolves on the Mayor and Aldermen of a City to jealously guard against any infringements on their power to provide precautions for the safety of their constituents. Removing the supervision of the safety of theatres from your building inspector, fire chief, and police is, I submit, a matter that calls for vigorous opposition from those elected to govern the City. Soliciting your earnest consideration of this matter, I am

R.J. Macadam.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that this Council file a protest with the Prowincial Legislature against the control of Theatre Buildings being taken out of the hands of the City and that the City oppose the passage of Section 1 of Bill No. 62 entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 9 Acts of 1915 as amended entitled 'The Theatres Cinematographs and Amusements Act'".

Motion put and passed 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, O'Toole, Power, Mason, Hubley - 14. <u>Against it:-</u> Alderman Daw - 1. <u>DREDGING DEWOLF'S WHARF</u> Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re payment of amount of contract price for

dredging DeWolf's Wharf.

City Work's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 5th, 1923

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th inst., City Engineer's certificate recommending payment of \$2,000.00 to the Halifax Dredging Co. in full of their contract for dredging at Dewolf's Wharf was approved and recommended for payment when funds authorized by legislation have been borrowed.

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 4th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

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I beg to recommend payment to the Halifax Dredging Company Ltd., of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) In full on their contract for dredging at WeWolf's Wharf.

> H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Finlay that the account be passed for payment and paid as soon as the Finance Committee makes provision for the necessary funds. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION RELATING TO CITY OF HALIFAX

His Worship the Mayor verbally reports to Council as

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bills relating to the City of Halifax.
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Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering
report of Special Committee re uncollected taxes and the
collection thereof.
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Committee Room, City Hall, March 12th, 1923.

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To His Worship the Mayor, ...
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-
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At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the Chairman submitted the attached report prepared by himself on behalf of a Special Committee of the

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Finance Committee appointed to investigate the matter of uncollected taxes and the collection thereof and to ascertain what assistance is required by the City Collector to facilitate the work of his department.

The following resolution submitted by the Chairman and moved by Alderman Guildford seconded by Alderman Daw is recommended to the Council for adoption.

That a complete and independent audit by one or more Chartered Accountants or firms of accountants be made of the various departments of the City's affairs, and that such Auditor or Auditors if they think advisable introduce and establish a system of bookkeeping in order that the conditions of the various City Departments may be readily ascertained at any time, and further that Legislation be obtained enabling the City to borrow the money required for such audit and work from the Bank, and to assess the same in next year's assessment.

Alderman Power and Cameron dissenting.

Alfred Whitman, CHAIRMAN.

Reserve Fund Halifax, N.S. February 26th, 1923.

Sirs:-

The Trustees of the City of Halifax, Sinking Funds beg to report as follows:

Under the Provisions of Chapter 54, Acts of 1922 the City Auditor ceased to be a trustee of the Sinking Fund and the local Government appointed Mr. H.B. Stairs a trustee in his place.

The trustee of the Sinking Fund are now, His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the above mentioned appointee of the Local Government.

On the 18th September 1922 the trustee engaged Mr. Harvey E. Crowell to make a report on the Sinking Funds such as authorized by Section 26 of the legislation above. Mr. Crowell, accordingly, has prepared a report showing what the sinking fund of each issue having a Sinking Fund should be in each year in order to retire the issue at date of maturity.

The City Treasurer in the past has had the sole bustody of the securities composing the Sinking Fund amounting to over one million and a quarter dollars. The Safety Box in the Royal Bank of Canada has been in his name, and he alone had had access to the Box. He, unaccompanied, took these securities from the Vault in the Royal Bank of Canada, to the City Hall and alone returned them. The trustees thought this wrong, and accordingly passed the following resolution. "Un motion of Mr. H.B. Stairs and seconded by Alderman Whitman it was unanimously resolved that the securities constituting the Sinking Funds of the City of Halifax. be lodged for safe keeping in a deposit Box at the Royal Bank of Canada, to be leased in the name of the Trustees of the City of Halifax, Sinking Funds, and that access be permitted thereto by the trustees, jointly or by any one of the Trustees only when accompanied by the City Treasurer, and that the Royal Bank of Canada be served with a copy of this resolution".

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The Trustees on January 23rd, 1923 instructed the City Treasurer to send a formal notice to the Royal Bank of the above resolution.

Subsequently it was found that the City Treasurer had not so notified the Bank; accordingly, Alderman Whitman on the 16th February, 1923 wrote a letter notifying the Bank of the above resolution.

On the 27th November 1922 the trustees mat at the Royal Bank of Canada to check the securities of the Sinking Funds. The Treasurer and Auditor reported to them as follows:

"The Treasurer laid upon the table his report of "the Various Sinking Funds which had been audited by "the City Auditor and certified by him as being properly "drawn up, so as to present a true and correct view of "the condition of the various sinking Funds of the City "of Halifax as at July 1st, 1922".

The Treasurer then purported to submit the various securities and Bank Books as follows:-

tt	11	Sinking	Funds 1902\$754,515.86
	11	"	" 1901 22,707.07
	tt	11	" Schools 375,788.57
	11	tt	" Silliker 132,363.01
	tt	Reserve	Fund
			Total

The Trustees checked the securities and Bank Books but found no securities for the Reserve Fund \$75,000. We afterwards learned that the Reserve Fund had only amounted to the sum of \$65,376.86, and had been loaned to the following years.

1909-10.			2																				\$10,419.08	
1910-11.		٠	•	•	•	•	٠	•	٠		•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	٠		•		٠	12,570.11	
••																							21,186.75	
1913-14.		-		-																			2,664.97	
1914-15.	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	٠	•	٠		٠	٠	•	•	•	•	18,535.95	
																							\$65.376.86	
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The City Treasurer reports that after careful search he can fund no resolution of the trustees having authorized these loans. The trustees alone under the Charter have the right to loan the Reserve Fund, but they, themselves, could not loan them in the manner in which it was done.

The City Auditor also has stated in his published Annual reports since 1914 that the Reserve Fund amounts to \$65,376.86 and that the securities for the same are in the immediate custody of the Treasurer. At the meeting of the trustees held the 18th January 1923 Alderman Whitman brought to the attention of the trustees a letter which he had written to the City Auditor 6th January, 1922 and to which he had no reply. The letter reads as follows:

Halifax, January 6th, 1923.

W.W. Foster, Esq., Gity Auditor, City Hall, City Dear Sir:-

Kindly let me know when the Reserve Fund would have reached \$75,000.00 if it was possible to carry out the provisions of 352 of the City Charter, also let me know how much would be coming or is due to the Sinking Funds if the provisions of Sections 355, 356 and 357 of the City Charter 1914 has been complied with. I would

like to have it for each year since 1902 when I understand the Reserve Fund was being made up and after the Reserve Fund had reached \$75,000.00 what then remained would go into the Sinking Fund.

Alfred Whitman.

His Worship the Mayor requested the City Auditor to give the information asked for in the above quoted letter. The City Auditor has not yet given the information asked for.

On the 1st of February, 1923 Alderman Whitman addressed a letter to the City Treasurer of which letter the following is a copy.

Halifax, February 1st, 1923.

James J. Hopewell, Esq., City Treasurer, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. Dear Sir:-

I, as Chairman of the Special Committee and of the Finance Committee want the following information.

1. A statement of the unexpended balances for each year from 1901 to 1922.

2. A statement of the money received each year by the City from any casual and unforseen source not included in the annual estimate.

3. Give a particular statement of the sums received under paragraphs 1 and 2 which has been paid (a) into the Sinking Funds (b) into the reserve Funds (c) and if not paid into a Reserve Fund or Sinking Fund what has become of it.

4. Give a statement for each year from 1901 to 1922 of the money paid into the Sinking Funds under each sub-section of paragraph 356 viz: (a)-(b)-(c)-(d)-(e)-(f)-(g) and the amounts if any that should have been paid in and have not been paid in and where the money is. 5. Give a statement for each year from 1901

to 1922 of the money collected under section 357 subsections (1) and (2) of Charter, and state how much each year of the amount collected was paid into the Sinking Fund and what became of the balance if any.

I do not think the above will give you a very great deal of work as it means only the copying of the information asked for from your books, The Auditor's annual statement gives the unexpended balances, and you would greatly oblige by giving me this information by "Monday afternoon if at all possible. His Worship the Mayor also requests you to give me this information at the earlest possible date.

A. Whitman.

The information asked for in this letter is in effect the same as that which was asked for in the letter from Alderman Whitman to the Auditor and dated the 6th January 1923. The City Treasurer replied that he could not answer the questions asked in the above letter within two months, and has not yet given us the above requested information. This information the trustees should have as it involves a very large sum of money which weuld should go into the Sinking Funds. The City Auditor and City Treasurer have never,

voluntarily at any time, given the present trustees any information but that the Sinking Funds of the

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City were in complete order and it was only recently that the trustee themselves investigated these matters so as to enable them to report as above.

The trustees consider it absolutely essential to the welfare of the City and the Sinking Funds that a complete and independent audit by one or more competent chartered Accountants of the whole of the City Sinking Funds be made immediately, and also a proper system of bookkeeping with a controlling ledger be installed; and they request that they be provided with funds to have this done without delay.

> Alfred Whitman, H.B. Stairs.

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Halifax, N.S. March 5th, 1923.

The Laws and Privileges Committee. Sirs:-

On the 25th April 1922 the council passed the following resolution, "moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Power, that the Finance Committee inquire into the matter of uncollected taxes, and the collection thereof, and report to this Council".

The above resolution came before the Finance Committee on the 12th May 1922, and the following resolutions were then passed. "Moved by Alderman Power and seconded by Alderman Bissett that Alderman Whitman and Bissett be a Special Committee to interview the City Collector and ascertain what assistance he required".

"Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Bissett that this Committee also get a report from the City Collector in detail of the persons in arrear of taxes for the past three years, and any other information which this Committee may require ".

Mr. Theakston the City Collector, in a letter dated the 3rd March, 1922 addressed to the City Council says "I would like Miss King appointed as a clerk or an amount apportioned for the payment of a stenographer". Since then we have given Mr. Theakston an extra man and Miss Street the Stenographer in the Mayor's office has been at his disposal.

Mrs. F.W. Bissett a few days ago informed me that Alderman Bissett would not be at home until the last of I regret Alderman Bissett's absence exceedingly, March. but the matters in this report are too pressing to allow this matter to wait longer. The report should have been made long ago, but I have been unable earlier to get the information which this Committee should have. The matters in this report however go far beyond the duties imposed upon this small committee of Alderman Bissett and myself. I became Chairman of the Finance Committee in May 1919 and soon after that date I commenced and have continued urging on the City Collector the necessity of having our taxes collected and to obey the imperative directions contained in the City Charter. Thirty or forty years ago there was great agitation in the City over the then arrears of taxes. The City rates and taxes become due and payable on the 31st of May in each year (435).

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The Charter provides that the Collector shall immediately after the 31st day of May take proceedings to recover rates and taxes (a by distra int(b) by action as for a debt, (c) by both forms of remedy (437).

"He shall collect or account for the whole of the rates and taxes for each and every year within the year for which they are imposed". (319)

He, every month, shall report to council rates and taxes, including water rates, collected by him giving the name of each rate payer who has paid, and the aggregate of rates, taxes and water rates uncollected. (321).

Then to clean up everything he is imperatively directed to advertise and sell within three years all real estate on which taxes are in arrear. The lien on Real Estate does not extend beyond three years. The lien is then lost (452), (479), (447), (448).

The lien for the taxes on personal property is lost at the end of one year (449).

The above are the imperative directions of the Charter to the City Collector in regard to the Collection of rates and taxes, and no Alderman, Committee or the City Council itself, can relieve him of the **above** duties under the Charter.

According to the following statements prepared by the City Collector (which after comparison with the figures contained in the Annual Report for the years in question do not appear quite correct). The uncollected taxes from 1913 to 1922 both inclusive amount to \$1,914,581.79 to which may be added previously uncollected taxes amounting to at least \$100,000 and thus you have uncollected taxes amounting to over \$2,000,000.00 and also to be added thereto a large arrear of interest.

1918	Tax $5,000.00$ $4,207.00$ $\$40,575.04$ $\$984,481.58$ $\$74,385.97$ Tax $5,000.00$ $4,152.00$ $\$78,537.97$	
hang	\$1,278,455.60 134,908.67 Tax 2,000.00 926.00 $\$135.834.67$	5
Year	Total\$380,381.92 \$380,381.92 <u>Memo of Uncollected Taxes January 31st, 1922</u> dated February 22, 1923. <u>Estimate Balance Due Total</u>	5
1920 Poll	\$1,470,846.54 \$231,700.74 Tax 2,000.00Col.2,793.00 \$228,907.74 "Over Col.\$793.00	

<u>April 5th, 1923</u>.

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Year Estimate Balance Due Total
1921 \$1,952,863.26 \$534,730.37 Poll Tax 2,000.00 Col.5,000.00 \$529,230.37 <u>" Over Col.\$3,500.00</u>
<u>\$758,138.11</u> \$758,138.11
1922 \$ 1,856,457.48 \$780,796.76 Poll Tax 3,000.00 Col.4,735.00 \$776,061.76 \$776,061.76 " <u>Over Col.\$1,735.00</u>
Total
Of the above list of overdue taxes we have already lost the lien on the taxes from 1913 to 1919 both included amounting to \$380,381.92 to which add the \$100,000,00 uncollected taxes before 1913 and you have the sum of \$480,381.92 and this sum has to be greatly increased by adding the interest at 6%.
Then I am afraid we are going to or have lost (by taking no action) in lien on the 1920 taxes amounting to \$228,907.74. If I am right in this we have list the lien on \$709,289.66 to which should be added a very large sum for interest.
Besides the above we have list the lien on all taxes on Personal Property (or taxes not levied on Real Estate) one year overdue.
The taxes on real and personal property with interest thereon on which we have list the lien will probably amount to a sum very much in excess of \$709,289.66. If skilful and determined efforts are immediately made a large amount of these taxes in arrear may be collected. The above statements of taxes in arrear do not
include the overdue payments on account of Permanent Bavements Account, Sidewalk Abutters Account, Permanent Sidewalk Abutters Account, Water account, and Sewer Abutters Account, all of which I am afraid are in very bad condition. I can get, however, no information in
regard to the above arrearages. On the 22nd February, 1923 the City owed the Bank on account of uncollected taxes and rates the sum of \$2,218,745.00.

The following is a statement of the Bank indebtedness.

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1922	Ta	c Acc	ount.			• •	• •		• •	• •	. 4	563,	652.	
1921			ount.										485.	
1920	Tap	c Acc	ount.	• • •		• •	• •	• • •	• •	• •	•	-	400.	
1919	Ta	c Acc	ount.	• • •	•••	• •		• • •	• •	• •	٠		309.	
1918			ount.										550.	
Danad	lian	Patr	iotic	Fui	nd.	• •	• •	• • •	• •	• •	٠	-	040.	
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The sum of the taxes and rates uncollected against which the Bank loan was made would naturally be greater than the loan.

In compliance with the request of the Committee I herewith submit alist prepared by the City Collector of the persons in arrear for taxes on <u>Real Estate</u> from 1913 to 1922 both inclusive. These lists do not include the overdue taxes and rates on Personal property, Water rates, Business and Household taxes, although my request for information was intended to include these rates and taxes.

On the perusal of these lists it is quite obvious that if the provisions of the Charter had been obeyed every dollar on these lists would have been collected long ago, and it is now my very unpleasant duty to report that the City will meet a very heavy loss on the taxes on real estate reported in these lists, but will probably meet a proportionately heavier loss on the taxes imposed on personal property--the poll tax--Business and Household tax for the same years.

The Alderman and Council are in the dark as to the City's financial condition. The Annual Report is published one or two years after the date of the matters therein dealt with, and thus is unread, and if read would not much enlighten the reader. The City officials have never volunteered to me information as to the condition of the matters herein discussed. There has not been a balance sheet of the City's affairs published in the Annual Report or otherwise that I can learn of since the death of the late Treasurer, W.L. Brown, in 1916, This imperfect balance sheet is printed on pages 114+5 of the Annual report for the year 1915-16. It shows the amount due the Royal Bank to be \$208,500.00 taxes uncollected to be \$204,932.18. If a balance sheet of the City's affairs were published last month it would show amount due the Royal Bank to be \$2,240,289. in comparison with \$208,500.00 in 1915-16 and taxes uncollected to be \$2,014,581.79 in comparison with \$204,932.18. Contemplate the two sets of figures.

There should be a balance sheet of the City affairs published at least every year and most probably every month.

There are \$2,014,581.79 This is the proposition. taxes in arrears plus a large sum for interest due on the same. There is, I am afraid, a larger portion of Permanent Pavement Account, Sidewalk Abutters Accounts, Permanent Sidewalk Abutters account, Water Rates, and Sewer Abutters account in arrear with interest thereon. Of this large sum how much is uncollectable? What is uncollectable the tax payers will have to make up. For a number of years at the beginning of each year the City has borrowed from the Bank 30% of the year's taxes, the Charter providing that the "Amount so borrowed shall be repaid as speedily as practicable out of the taxes of the year for which it was borrowed". (346) Last autumn it occurred to me if the taxes were not being pollected the Bank could not be repaid. The next day I got a statement from the Bank and found the City had paid the Bank the loans made on account of taxes for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917, so on the

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27th November 1922 I wrote the City Auditor asking when the Bank Loans on the security of these taxes had been paid off, and from whence the money came. After some delay, on the 5th December, 1922 I got a letter from Mr. Foster in which he writes "In re settlement of amounts due the Bank each year from 1913-1914 to 1917-18, I find. 1913-14 -\$18000.00 was repaid March 23/16 By cash on hand.....\$164860.00 " 1912 account.... 15140.00 \$180000.00 1914-15 -\$198000.00 was repaid September 8/19 By cash on hand \$165880.65 " 1913 account... 32119.35 \$198000.00 1915-16 -\$20850.00 was repaid Sept. 8/19. By cash on hand.....\$175597.65 11**–** 11 1912-13 account 32902.35 \$208500.00 1916-17 -\$230500.00 was repaid Sept. 30/20 By cash on hand.....\$116071.06 " 1920 account.... 49533.94 11 " 1908,1909,1910, 11 1911,1912,1913,1914, 1917-18 -\$166622.90 was repaid May 18/22 By cash on hand.....\$ 31622.90 11 11 1918 account. 16000.00 tt -11 11 1919 74500.00 44500.00 \$166622.90 11 11 1920 11 W.W. Foster, City Auditor. You will notice from the above letter that the debt to the Bank of 1917-18, \$166,622.90 was repaid on the 18th May 1922 in part. By cash 1918 account......\$16,000.00 Ħ tt These payments amounting to \$135,000.00 were unlawfully made against the distinct provisions of the Charter.

This was done without my knowledge or consent, and no committee, nor the Council itself, could authorize such. See also the following sections of the Charter forbidding the taking of one year's taxes to pay the debt of another year (330) (339).

The history of the Reserve Fund is found in the report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund which report signed by Mr. H.B. Stairs and myself, and which will probably be signed by the Mayor, I have hereto annexed for your information.

I may add that I thought this Reserve Fund has been wholly lost, but the Mayor and myself, succeeded two or three days ago, in salving about \$20,000.00 of it from unexpected balances found in the years to which it had been loaned viz: 1909,1910,1911,1913 and 1914.

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<u>April 5th, 1923.</u>

The City Treasurers duties are laid down in sections 306 to 314. He keeps the books showing the financial conditions of the City.

The duties of the City Auditor are laid down in Paragraph 326 of the Charter and by law number 3 on pages 299-302. He had the supervision of the Financial business of the City, and should report to the Council upon each and every item of expenditure which is not authorized by law, also all warrants drawn for the payment of money should be certified by him before being paid, but no warrant for the payment of money shall be certified by him unless the payment is authorized by Law

which is respectively submitted.

Alfred Whitman.

Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

AUDIT OF CITY FINANCES

Alderman Ackhurst asked to be relieved from service on Special Committee appointed March 29th. in connection with proposed independent audit of City Finances.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Sanford that Alderman Ackhurst's resignation be accepted and that Alderman Guildford be appointed in his place. Motion passed.

PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR CIVIC ELECTIONS

His Worship the Mayor nominates as Presiding Officers

to conduct the Elections for Mayor and Aldermen April 25th.

the two Junior Aldermen for each ward namely:

Aldermen Colwell, Whitman. Ward No. 1 Finlay, Sanford. 11 2 11 11 Gastonguay, Schaffner. tt 3 11 11 McDonald, Guildford. O'Toole, Power. tt. 11 4 11 11 5 tt tt 11 Daw, Hubley. 6 tt 11

Approved unanimously by Council.

POPLAR STREET

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Alderman McDonald informed the Council that a delegation of Citizens was present desiring to address the Council as to the condition of Poplar Street.

The matter is referred to the Committee on Works for report.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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<u>EVENING SESSION</u>

8.10 o[‡]clock

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 26th, 1923.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Whitman, Colwell, Bissett, McDonald, Daw, O'Toole, Burgess and Scanlon.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Whitman that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 ofclock. Motion passed.

8.15 o^{*}clock Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, Guildford, Mason and Hubley.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES

(For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting).

SINKING FUNDS LEGISLATION

Read extract minutes of meeting of City Council April 5th. covering notice of reconsideration by Alderman Whitman

re proposed legislation affecting the City's Sinking Funds. In view of the fact that the Legislature has adjourned Alderman Whitman by consent of Council withdraws his notice of motion for reconsideration.

DEWOLFS WHARF DREDGING-LOAN \$2,000.00

Alderman Whitman, Chairman of Finance Committee submits tenders for loan to cover contract price for dredging seepage from City sewer at DeWolf's Wharf as follows:-----

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The Nova Scotia Trust Company, Halifax, N.S. April 25th, 1923.

Alfred Whitman, Esq., Chairman Finance Committee. City of Halifax, N.S. Dear Sir:-

We offer herewith Ninety Eight point Thirty One percent (98.31%) and accrued interest for Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.) City of Halifax 5% bonds maturing an equal amount each year from one to five years inclusive. Awaiting your further advices, I remain,

R.W. Elliot, Managing Director.

J.C. MacKintosh & Co., Halifax, N.S. April 25/23.

Alfred Whitman, Esq., Chairman Finance Committee. City. Dear Sir:-

Referring to the \$2500. of City of Halifax Bonds maturing in one to five years, we beg to offer for same and will pay 96% and Interest.

J.C. MacKintosh & Co.

W.F. Mahon & Co., Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923

Alfred Whitman, Esq., City. Dear Sir:-We bid 97 1/2 and Interest for \$2500. City of Halifax Serial Bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5%; Five Hundred maturing each year.

W.F. Mahon & Company,

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                         Eastern Securities Co. Ltd.,
                            Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923.
Alfred Whitman, Esq.,
Chairman Finance Committee.
City of Halifax, Halifax.N.S.
Dear Sir:-
          We herewith offer you a price of Ninety-six
Decimal Sixty (96.60) and Accrued Interest for Twenty-
five hundred Dollars ($2500.00) City of Halifax 5%
Bonds maturing Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) annually
in from one to five years.
           This offer is subject to legality of the issue
being approved by our Solicitors and immediate acceptance
of our offer.
                           W.I. Macdougally
                                 Vice-President.
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The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Trust Company has agreed by the tender submitted and accepted to loan the City of Halifax an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$2,000.00 required to pay the cost of dredging DeWolf's Dock by the Halifax Dredging Company, as per resolution of Council under date April 5th, 1923.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue to The Nova Scotia Trust Company short term debentures of the City of Halifax under Section 29, Chapter 54, Acts 1922 for an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$2,000.00 to be repayable in Five equal annual installments, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum and dated July 1st, 1922 at the rate of 98.31 as per their tender dated 25th April 1923.



by Alderman Bissett and passed.

CURBS AND GUTTERS ABUTTERS LOAN \$7,972.99

Read report Finance Committee re Loan for Curbs and

Gutters "Abutters Share".

Committee Room, City Hall, April 26th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Engineer in reference to amounts to be assessed against abutting property owners as their proportion of the cost of laying Curbs and Gutters during the years 1921 and 1922 was read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow from the Royal Bank the sum of \$7,972.99 at 6% per annum to be refunded as amounts due by said abutters are paid. Your Committee further recommend the adoption of attached resolution.



City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. July 22nd, 1922

The City Treasurer, City Hall. Dear Sir:-

In my letter of November 23rd, 1921, I gave the amount which will be chargeable against abutting property owners for curb and gutter laid in 1931 as \$4,725.36. I now find that part of that amount cannot be collected, and the amount which should be recovered from the abutters is \$4,311.35.

> F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett

that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City Engineer by letters dated November 23rd, 1921; July 22, 1922, and April 11, 1923, states the exact amount chargeable against abutting property owners for their proportion of the cost of laying curbs and gutters to be \$7,972.99 for the years 1921 and 1922.

AND WHEREAS under Section 616 of the City Charter as amended by Acts 1922, Section 8, Chapter 54, Chapter 63 of Acts 1918 and Section...., Chapter...., Acts of 1923, the City may borrow from any bank or fund available an amount not exceeding the amount estimated to become due from the owners of abutting properties and apply the same to defraying the proportion of the cost to be borne by such swners, and the amounts so borrowed with interest shall be repaid within six years and any money collected from such owners may be applied to such repayment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax through its Treasurer, do borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$7,972.99, at the rate of 6% interest per annum.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to do and perform all such matters and things, as shall be reasonably required by the said Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the same loan.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman and

seconded by Alderman Bissett and passed.

CIVIC ELECTIONS

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of John Murphy for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 26th inst.

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The City Clerk declares John Murphy duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the Civic Year 1923-34.

The following resolution is submitted: -

Provent (RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of John Murphy to the Office of Mayor of the City of Halifax and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to name the time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor elect.

> Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colweli.

The resolution is put to Council by Deputy Mayor Whitman and passed.

Read return City Clerk covering the nomination papers of William Samuel Munnis for the office of Alderman for Ward No. One, he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 26th instant.

The City Clerk declares William Samuel Munnis duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. One.

Read returns City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Frederick William Bissett and Charles Edwin Smith for the Office of Alderman for Ward No. Two

together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 26th inst. said returns showing Frederick William Bissett to have received 212 votes and Charles Edwin Smith 159 votes giving Frederick William Bissett a majority of 53 votes over Charles Edwin Smith. The City Clerk declares Frederick William Bissett the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly 554 ----

elected an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. Two.

Read returns City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Hugh William Cameron and Henry Curtis for the Office of Alderman for Ward No. Three together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 26th inst. said returns showing Hugh William Cameron to have received 195 votes and Henry Curtis 189 votes giving Hugh William Cameron a majority of 6 votes over Henry Curtis.

The City Clerk declares Hugh William Cameron the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. Three.

Read return City Clerk covering the nomination papers of James Frederick Whelan for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Four he being the only candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 26th instant.

The City Clerk declares James Frederick Whelan duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for

Ward No. Four.

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Albert A. Drysdale and Ira Guy Mason for the Office of Alderman for Ward No. Five together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 26th inst. said returns showing Albert A. Drysdale to have received 280 votes and Ira Guy Mason 68 votes giving Albert A. Drysdale a majority of 212 votes over Ira Guy Mason,

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The City Clerk declares Albert A. Drysdale the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected and an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. Five.

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of William Owen Cameron and John William Fisher for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Six together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officer at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 26th inst. said returns showing William Owen Cameron to have received 455 votes and John William Fisher 273 votes giving William Owen Cameron 182 votes over John William Fisher.

The City Clerk declares William Owen Cameron the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. Six.

> Office of the City Clerk, Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof, in respect to the election of Mayor and Aldermen, I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 25th day of April, inst. I have made separate returns in respect to the election for Mayor and for the election of an Alderman for each ward, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers of all the candidates. Navor Returned unapposed. John Murphy Aldermen Ward I. Returned unapposed. William Samuel Munnis Ward II Polling Place Polling Place Total. L to Z A to K 212 102 Frederick William Bissett 110 86 159 73 Charles Edwin Smith Majority for Frederick William Bissett.. 53 --- 556 ---

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Ward III Polling Place Polling Place A to K L to Z Total. Hugh William Cameron 195 94 101 117 . 72 189 Henry Curtis Majority for Hugh William Cameron Ward IV James Frederick Whelan Returned unapposed. Ward V Albert A. Drysdale 147 280 133 30 Ira Guy Mason ...68 38 Majority for Albert A. Drysdale 212 Ward VI William Owen Cameron 245 210 455 273 John William Fisher 127 146 Majority for William Owen Cameron 182

L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

FIRE INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY

"Read report Committee on Works re tenders for Fire

Insurance on certain City Property.

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 26,1923

To the City Council. Gentlemen: -

Tenders for insurance as per schedule attached on the various city properties totalling \$197,900.00 expiring May 1st, 1924 were received on April 18th inst. and referred to Alderman Finlay for report. The said report was considered at a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, and was approved by a majority of the committee, with the exception that instead of the insurance being divided between eighteen companies as mentioned in report, that the report be amended and the insurance divided between twenty-five of the twenty-eight tariff companies who submitted tenders. Your Committee recommend that the report of Alderman Finlay (attached hereto) be approved and adopted, with the amendment suggested, and that the insurance be divided amongst the following firms:-Rainnie & Keator Ltd. A.S. Wylde A.E. Curran & Co. Ltd. Haliburton & Freeman Ltd. Acadia Fire Insurance Co. G.J. Lynch Thompson Adams & Co. Ltd. Shortt & McFatridge Dale & Co. Ltd. Major Bros. Ltd. Royal Insurance Co. Annand & Carten Ltd. W.R. MacInnes & Co. A.J. Bell & Co. A.M. Jack & Son Saunders & Duffus Grant Oxley & Co. Faulkner & Co. John Strachan & Co. Ltd. J.P, Quinn Oakland Agencies Ltd. W.E. Hebb & Son F.W. Dickie & Co. G.E. Fraser & Co. N.S. Realty & Investment Co.Ltd. Regarding the other three tariff companies who submitted tenders Dale & Co. Ltd. submitted a tender for a second company R.H. Pugh is a sub-agent for Rainnie & Keator --- 557 ---

Ltd. and the Eastern Trust Co. representing an Underwriters Agency only. These three last named firms were not considered. Alderman Finlay dissented from the majority report, and requested that his report be forwarded as a minority report.

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

Also read minority report Alderman Finlay.

Halifax, April 23, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor and Members Committee on Works. Gentlemen:-

Your sub-committee appointed at last meeting to report on tenders received for fire insurance on the several city properties as per schedule attached, totalling \$197,900.00 beg to report as follows:

With one exception, all tenders received are from agencies who are allied with the N.S. Board of Underwriters, and the rates are identical in each case.

The North Western Mutual Fire Insurance Association submitted a tender, but in view of the City Solicitor's opinion on a previous occasion in respect to said company, wherein it was held that it was illegal for the City to enter into a contract with a mutual company where there was an apparent liability to pay further assessments, and the action of the Council ordering the policy of said Company cancelled, their offer has not been taken into consideration.

Last year the insurance was effected through the N.S. Board of Underwriters and placed by them in eighteen different companies each of whom issued a policy direct to the City for their proportion of the total sum. The confusion in the event of a claim was made apparent during the year when a small loss had to be adjusted.

It is recommended that only one policy be accepted by the City for the entire risk; but the plan of giving eighteen companies an equal share of the business be continued.

Messrs A.M. Jack & Son offered to attend to this service without any added expense to the City or division of commission with those amongst whom it is directed that the risk be divided. Subject to their accepting the stipulations set out in the preceding clauses, it is recommended that the insurance as per schedule for a period of one year from May first 1923 be awarded to Messrs A.M. Jack & Son, they to issue to the City one policy for the total sum of \$197,900.00, and to equally divide the insurance between themselves and the undermentioned firms or companies: Agent for Pheonix of London A.S. Wylde * Yank-Tsze Ins. Assoc. J.P. Quinn * Mount Royal Halbburton & Freeman Ltd. " Globe Underwriters A.E. Curran & Co.Ltd. • Sun Insurance Co. 11 G.J. Lynch Acadia Fire Ins. Co. * N.S. Fire Ins. Co. Thompson Adams & Co.Ltd. # W Union of Paris · • Short & McFatridge

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Major Bros. Ltd. Dale & Co. Ltd.

Annand & Carter Ltd. F.W. Dickie Co. A.J. Bell & Co. W.R. MacInnes & Co. N.S. Realty Co. Faulkner & Co. G.E. Fraser & Co.

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Agent for Home Insurance Eagle, Starr & British Dominion. Hudson Bay Winnipeg Fire 1 N 1 Palatine 1 Ħ Atlas Ħ · · • National of Hartford 11 Western . Norwich Union.

A.J. Finlay.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Ackburst that the majority report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Scanlon that the minority report be adopted in so far as that the insurance be placed with one firm and divided by that firm between eighteen companies.

The amendment is put and lost 3 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:--

For the Amendment: Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Scanlon - 3.

<u>Against it:</u> Aldermen Colwell, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Schaffner, Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, O*Toole, Mason, Hubley, Burgess, Daw - 13.

The original motion is put and passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report City Prison Committee covering accounts

for payment.

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City Prison,
April 24th, 1923.
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The City Council. Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison met at the City Prison at 6 o'clock this evening; present Aldermen Colwell, Chairman, Gastonguay, Mason, Bissett and Guildford.

The following named accounts wer e examined found correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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Moirs Limited 32.60 127.36 Bread Wentzells Limited Groceries 41.11 The Maritime Market Beef W.P. Meyer Sausage Feed 3.40 45.00 S.C. Thompson J. & M. Murphy D.J. McIntosh Feed Dry Goods Horseshoeing 46.97 D.J. McIntosh McLeod Balcom Ltd. 4.00 Drug**s** Harn**ess Supplies** 20.20 Neil Fox 11.70 MOIRS LimitedBuns1.80Davison Parker Co. Ltd.Posts etc.64.75 Davison Parker Co. Ltd.Posts etc.64.75W.G. FoleyRepairs to roof228.12Police CommissionMaterial for Uniforms 106.52T.J. Whalen & Co.Prisoners suits449.64Thomas MuldowneyRepairs to Plumbing34.55Black & FlinnLime3.07Dr. G.R. HennigarExodontist8.00Hillis & SonsStove fittings5.40W.I. Hubley & Co.Seed Potatoes40.00Singer Sewing Machine Co.Machine45.60 Singer Sewing Machine Co. Machine 45.60 Imperial Oil Limited Floor Dressing The Union Coal Co. Ltd. Coal 1.33 178.25 Nova Scotia Tramway & Power Co. Power 9.63 Maritime Telephone Co. Rental 27.32 Nova Scotia Tramway & Power Co.Power 200.Power 200.27.32Maritime Telephone Co.Rental27.32George GrantHouse Cleaning etc.35.00George GrantPostage Stamps5.33J. & M. MurphyDry Goods53.26Evans & Co.Hardware49.10Echo Clock Co.Dial Forms No. 1.15.00\$1694.01

> H.S. Colwell, CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Mason that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON SUPPLIES TENDERS

Read report City Prison Committee re tenders for

Supplies for six months from May 1st. City Prison, April 24th, 1923. The City Council. Gentlemen:-The City Prison Committee met at the City Prison at 6 of clock this evening; present Aldermen Colwell, Chairman, Gastonguay, Mason, Bissett and Guildford. In response to tenders asked for 6 months supplies of Beef, Bread and Groceries for the Prison bids were received as follows:-Beef. \$6.60 per 100 lbs. W.A. Maling & Co. $7\frac{1}{2}\phi$ per 1b. The Maritime Market It is recommended that the tender of W.A. Maling & Co. being the lowest be accepted.

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Bread Moirs Limited \$4.10 per 100 lbs. O'Malley's Bakery .385 per 1b. Scriven[®]s Bakery 42¢ per 1b. It is recommended that the tender of O'Malley's Bakery being the lowest be accepted. Groceries Firth, Thurlow & Co. Ltd. as per schedule \$504.52 Wentzells Limited 480.90 Howards Limited 486.72 M.J. Ritcey & Co. Ltd. 485.58 It is recommended that the tender of Wentzells Limited being the lowest be accepted. H.S. Colwell, CHAIRMAN. Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Guildford that the report be adopted. Motion passed. CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES Read report Charities Committee re tenders for supplies for the City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital for six months from May 1st. Halifax, N.S. April 26, 1923 His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the City Council. Gentlemen: -The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report: Members present; The Chairman, Alderman O'Toole Sanford, Gastonguay and Burgess. Tenders for Supplies for the City Home and City Tuberculosis Hospital were opened as follows:-City Home. Groceries: Howards Limited \$5,083.45

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	Wentzells Limited	4,	833.14		
Flour:	Howards Limited		\$7.90	per 1	Bbl.
	Wentzells Limited,	Beaver	7.75		W
	Wentzells Limited,	Victor	7.55	M	
Butter:	P.T. Shea		• 35d	per	lb.
	R.B. Colwell Ltd.		.34	4/5 j	per 1b.
	Smith & Proctor Lto	i.	. 33	¢.pe:	r 1b.
Fresh Fish:	James Watson		•05¢ 547•05	per	lb.
Dry Goods:	T.J. Whalen & Co.	\$1,	547.05	-	
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	W.A. Maling & Co.	ī.	991.30		
	City Tuberculosis	Hospital:	• • •		
Groceries	Wentzells Limited	\$1.	595.12		-
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Howards Limited \$1,539.94 Butter & Eggs: Smith & Proator Ltd. Butter 34¢ 1b. Eggs 39¢doz R.B. Colwell Ltd. 355¢ * 36¢ * 1 P.T. Shea 36 33¢ * Milk & Cream: Scotia Pure Milk Co.Ltd. Milk $.08 \pm \phi$ quart do Light Cream.38¢ do Heavy Cream.53¢ Ideal Dairy Ltd. Milk •07±¢ do Light Cream.35¢ do Heavy Cream. 45¢ Fresh Fish: James Watson \$147.00 Moirs Ltd. Bread: .0615 per 12 1b. John Fry .06 Halifax Steam Laundry Laundry: .77¢ average St. Michaels Laundry .71¢ Globe Laundry .61¢ Can. Home Meat HMarket Ltd. \$956.83 Meats: W.A. Maling & Co. 873.25 Maritime Market 872.00 City Home Recommendation: The following tenders being the lowest are recommended for acceptance. Wentzells Limited Groceries: \$4,833.14 Flour: \$7.75 & \$7.55 per Bbl. Wentzells Ltd. Smith & Proctor Ltd. .33¢ per 1b. Butter: Fresh Fish: James Watson .05¢ per 1b. T.J. Whalen & Co. Dry Goods: \$1,547.05 Mess Pork: Davis & Freaser .16t¢ per 1b. Milk: Ideal Dairy Ltd. •075¢ per quart. W.A. Maling & Co. Meats: **\$1,991.30** City Tuberculosis Hospital Recommendation: Howards Limited Groceries: \$1,539.94 Smith & Proctor Ltd. .345¢ per 1b. Butter: P.T. Shea Eggsl .33¢ per doz. Milk & Cream: Ideal Dairy Ltd. Milk .072¢ per quart. L. Cream.35¢ West of the second H. Cream.45¢ James Watson Fresh Fish: **\$147.00** Bread: John Fry •06¢ per 15 1b. Globe Laundry Laundry .61¢ average Maritime Market Meats \$872.00 H.S. Colwell, CHAIRMAN.

Noved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman

Sanford that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES 1923-24

A Read report Committee on Works covering Water Depart-

ment Estimates for the Civic Year 1923-24.

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City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. April 26, 1923.
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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.
Sirs:-
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The water estimates for 1923-24 as per schedule attached were approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

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A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.
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		Expenditure		Imated
		1922-23		re 1923-24
	Shop\$	11,100.11	\$11,000.0	
	Repairs	38,609.51	38,000.0	
	Supplies	13,397.93	13,000.0	
		9,900.00	9,900.0	
	Workmens* Compensation Board.	463.00	463.0	
	Contingencies/	3.680.37	3,680.0	-
	Interest1	.06.055.46	112,000.0	
[Sinking Fund		20,678.0	-
	Salaries:-			•
	Deputy City Engineer	4,000.00	4,000.0	20
	Clerk of Works	2,200.00	2,200.0	
	Asst. Clerk of Works	1,700.00	1,700.0	
	Ofrice Assistant		1,400.0	-
	City Collector (Part)	200.00	200•(
ĺ	First Clerk Collector [®] s Office		2,000.0	
	Second " " " " "	1,200.00	1,200.(
	Stenographer	900.00	900.0	
	Supt. Water Works		2,000.(
			950.0	
	Asst.Plumbing Inspector (Part)	320,434.42	\$225,271.0	
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	Revenue:			· ·
ام	Meter Rentals	4,313.80	4,313.	
	Shops and Offices	29,641.87	29,841.	87
5 4	Factories		14,829.	
للمري	Government	27,056.54	27,056.	
	Educational, Charitable, Religio	ous	• •	
		4,376.85	4,376.	
	Domestic	63, 179.79	64,000.0	00
	Bonds		6,650.4	
~	New Buildings, Steamers, etc.	-	1,690.9	
	Fire Protection	72.170.83	72,545.	
	8	323,828.24	\$225,304.	
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·	Moved by Alderman Finlay	seconded by	Alderman	Hubley
·	that the report and said Estim	nates be adop	pted. Mot	ion
~	passed unanimously.			
	MARKET BUILDING FLOOR TEN	NDERS.		
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Read report Committee on Works re tenders for

renewal of the floor of the City Market Building. City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923. To the City Council. Gentlemen: -At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day tenders for renewal of floor in Market Building were received from the following named: --Concrete Concrete floor floor Mastic floor with special hardening \$8,901.64 \$5,797.00 \$5,020.00 W.G. Foley N.S. Construction 10,565.00 7,745.00 6,995.00 00. Stockley Con-5,280.00 5,670.00 struction Co. 563 ----النظ ويتها

Macdonald Construction Co. 6,364.00 9,458.00 7,069,00 Russell & MacAulay 7,152.00 10,357.00 6,195.00 James Stockley 6,150.00 9,090.00 5,655,00 Standard Con-7,497.00 struction Co. 8,172.00 10,800.00

On advice of the City Engineer, it was decided to recommend to the Council that the floor be laid in concrete with special hardening and that the tender of the Stockley Construction Co. Ltd., being the lowest, be accepted; and that the whole or any portion of the money standing to the credit of the Market Revenue account for the current year be applied to this contract, and that the balance required be authorized to be borrowed out of the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars authorized by legislation.

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed Alderman Daw disgenting. {

CAMP HILL CEMETERY NEW SUB DIVISIONS

Read report Camp Hill Cemetery Commission re the opening of new sub divisions in the outer ring of the circular plot of ground in the centre of the Cemetery.

Halifax, N.S. April 25th, 1923.

The City Council. Gentlemen:-

The Cemetery Commission recommend that the proceeds from the sale of all lots sold in the outer circle be placed to the credit of the Cemetery Commission, and said amounts so collected shall be expended by the City for the purpose of replacing the fence now surrounding Camp Hill Cemetery.

> C.W. Ackhurst, R.A. Guildford.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Guildford that the report be adopted. Motion passed. <u>ANNUAL REPORT TENDERS FOR PRINTING</u> Read report Tenders Committee re tenders for printing Annual Civic Report. <u>Mayor's Office, City Hall, April 17th, 1923.</u> The City Council, Gentlemen:-In response to advartisement in the newspapers calling for tenders for printing the Annual Civic Reports -- 564 --

for 1921-22 two bids were received by me and laid before the Committee on Tenders at a meeting held this morning; present The Mayor and Aldermen Guildford and Bissett. The tenders were:

Royal Print & Litho Ltd. T.C. Allen & Co. It is recommended that the tender of T.C. Allen & Co. being the lowest be accepted. 3.49 per page 2.40 " "

The original tenders are attached thereto.

John Murphy, Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Bissett that the tender of T.C. Allen & Co. be accepted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to condense the material for the report making it as much as possible a financial statement. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION OF JAMES JARRETT

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re the superannuation of James Jarrett an employee of the Works Department.

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council. Sirs:-

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The City Engineer submitted a report recommending that James Jarrett now in the employ of the Water Works Department be superannuated from May 1st next. The retiring Ellowance to be at the rate of \$673.92 per annum.

Copy of the report is attached hereto. Report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 25th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

We have an old employee in the blacksmith and machine shop, James Harrett, who, through age and infirmity is no longer able to carry on his work. He is over age and has been contributing to the superannuation fund. I would recommend that he be superannuated from First of May, 1923. He has been receiving \$3.60 a day for the last three years and the City Treasurer estimates his superannuation allowance at \$673.92, sixteen-fiftieths of which, or \$359.36

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will be paid by the superannuation fund and the remainder by the City.

Our work in the shops is up-to-date and the remaining staff is sufficient to carry on the work in sight so that it will not be necessary to appoint any person in his place at present.

> F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Finlay that the reports be adopted and that Mr. Jarrett be superannuated at \$673.92 per annum. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES TENDERS

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re tenders for supplies.

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, and Council. Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held today the City Engineer submitted a report on tenders received for supplies required by the Works Department for the civic year 1923-24, report is attached hereto.

The several tenders recommended by him for acceptance were approved and recommended to Council for adoption, with the exception of that in respect to "forage" the tender be for six months supply delivery as required, instead of immediate delivery as stated in the report. The firm whose tender is recommended for acceptance verbally agreed to make the change without additional charge.

A protest from the Solicitors of S.C. Thompson the next lowest tender protesting that the tender of W.I. Hubley could not be accepted on the ground that Alderman Hubley was a Director of the Company was read and ordered to Council for its information.

> A.F. Messervey, Clerk of Works.

P.S. Since the Committee met today I have received a letter from S.C. Thompson offering to agree in respect to their tender that they would make delivery as required for six months supply at same price as quoted for immediate delivery.

I have also received a letter withdrawing the tender of W.I. Hubley Ltd. Correspondence is attached.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. April 24th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:- I beg to report on the tenders received for supplies for the Department of Works, required during the civic

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year 1923-24, as follows:-Crushed Stone Tenders were received from the Fairview Crushed Stone Co. Ltd. - Nova Scotia Stone Co. Ltd. - Geo. E. VanBuskirk & Co. Ltd. and J.M. McGrath. The tender of the Fairview Crushed Stone Co. Ltd. for delivery on the street as required, is the lowest and is recommended for acceptance. Gasoline etc. Tenders were received as follows:-Est. Quantity Imperial Oil Co. Canadian Oil Co. 1,000 gals Keresine 24¢ 23¢ 11,000 "Premier 32¢ White Rome Gasoline 34¢ Linseed 0il . 20 * Engine Oil 20 "(Imperial 37¢(Fast Engine 42¢ (Dominion58¢ (Steam National 59¢ Cylinder Oil 900 "Polarine 65¢ Enarco 75¢ Arctic Cup 45" Imperial #32,12¢ 1b. Grease The tender of the Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., is the lower and is recommended for acceptance. Scrap Iron Tenders for the purchase of scrap iron were received as follows:-J.M. Garson \$18.75 per ton Fleming Bros. 17.50 A tender was received in this office after the meeting of the Committee on Works from John Simon for \$19.00 per ton. It is recommended that the tender of J.M. Garson being the highest of those submitted in accordance with the advertisement be accepted. Sand and Gravel Tenders were received from -Gravel Sand Terminals Supply Co.Ltd. 102¢ per bus. 122¢ per bus.Delivered at any point in the City Geo, E. VanBuskirk Čo.Ltd. \$2.84 cu.yd. \$2.84 per cu.yd Delivered at any point in the City. T.A.S. DeWolf & Son 8ϕ and 9ϕ per bus. 9ϕ and $9\frac{1}{2}\phi$ per Delivered on wharf.

It is estimated that the average cost of loading on trucks at the wharf and delivering this material to any point in the City, would be not less than 3¢ per bushel. In fact, on enquiry, T.A.S. DeWolf & Son offer to deliver the sand and gravel to any point in the City at an addition of 3¢ to the prices quoted by them in their tender. This would make their price 11¢ for sand and 12¢ for gravel delivered. It is recommended that the contract for sand be awarded to the Terminals Supply Co. Ltd. at 10½¢ per bus. delivered to any point within the City and that the contract for gravel be awarded to T.A.S. DeWolf & Son at a price of 12¢ per bus. delivered to any part of the City.

Tenders were received from-Schedule prices

Jas. Simmonds Ltd. Evans & Co.

Frank A. Gillis Co.Ltd.

Austen Bros. Ltd. Jas. Simmonds Ltd. is the only tender that quotes on all the articles mentioned, in any case, taking only the articles quoted by the others, it is the lowest,

and it is recommended that the contract be awarded to this firm for the hardware, with the exception of lead pipe and pig lead. Lead and Pig Lead Lead Pipe Tenders were received from-\$14.50 per 100 lbs. Evans & Co. Jas.Simmonds Ltd. 11.75 " less 2% Geo.D. Hatfield 10.75 thirty days. Pig Lead 8.95 per 100 lbs. Geo. Hatfield 9.50 Jas.Simmonds Ltd. It is recommended that the contract for lead pipe and pig lead be awarded to Geo. D. Hatfield, Agent for Thos. Robertson & Co. Ltd. Special Castings Tenders were received from the following:-Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co.Ltd. Schedule rates. Fleming Bros. Hillis & Sons Ltd. The tender of the Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co. Ltd. is the lowest Fleming Bros. the nest lowest and Hillis & Sons Ltd. the highest. The Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co. Ltd. had the contract for special castings in 1916 and their work in carrying out the contract was most unsatisfactory and other firms, had in some cases to be asked to do the work in connection with the contract. Under these circumstances I am unable to recommend the acceptance of this tender and would recommend that the next lowest, that of Fleming Bros. be accepted. Forage Tenders were received from -Schedule pates. W.I. Hubley Ltd. S.C. Thompson Farguhar & Co. Ltd. A comparison of the tenders on the estimated quantities shown in the specification, shows that the tender of W.I. Hubley Ltd., is the lowest for immediate delivery for both six months' supply and twenve months' supply. It is recommended that this tender be accepted. Explosives No tenderswere received for explosives and it is recommended that they be purchased as required at current market rates. H.W. Johnston, Assistant City Engineer. Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Finlay that the reports be adopted with the exception of the recommendation in respect to the tenders for fodder and that the report as to tenders for fodder be separately considered. Motion passed.

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FODDER TENDERS

Moved by Alderman Burgess seconded by Alderman Sanford that new tenders be called for supply of fodder.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Cameron that the next lowest tender for fodder be accepted.

The amendment is put and lost 3 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment: Aldermen Gastonguay, Cameron,

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Schaffner, McDonald, Guildford, Scanlon, O'Toole, Mason, Hubley, Burgess - 13.

Alderman Burgess' motion that new tenders becalled for is put and passed Alderman Daw dissenting.

The report of the Committee on Works as amended is adopted.

(TAG DAY BOY SCOUTS MAY 5th.

Read application Boy Scouts for permission to hold a Tag Day on the Streets on Saturday May 5th.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Finlay that the request to hold a tag day be granted, the date to be fixed by His Worship the Mayor because of another application in for the same date. Motion passed. <u>TAG DAY NAVY LEAGUE, MAY 5th</u> Read application The Navy League of Canada for permission to hold a tag day on the Streets on Saturday May 5th. Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Finlay that the request to hold a Tag Day be granted, the date to be fixed by His Worship the Mayor because of another application in for the same date. Motion passed.

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GARDEN WEEK

Read letter Progressive Club as follows:-

The Progressive Club, Halifax, N.S. April 24th, 1923.

Mayor Murphy, Halifax. Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Executive of the Progressive Club, April 23rd. I was instructed to write asking that your Council appoint two delegates tp act in conjunction Constand Donalow Dia Jone (with representatives from other organizations of the City, at a meeting to be held in the Board of Trade rooms to discuss the proposed "Garden Week" for Halifax. This meeting will be held Wednesday May 2nd. at 8 p.m. Your co-operation will help beautify our City.

E.A. Murray, Secretary.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Cameron and Sanford as the Council's delegates. Approved.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF EXPENDITURE 1922-23

His Worship the Mayor lays upon the table for the information of the Council schedules of the amount of moneys distributed during the Civic Year 1922-23 on account of Unemployment Relief.

Halifax, N.S. April 25th, 1923. Honorable E.H. Armstrong, Premier Province of Nova Scotia Provincial Bldg. City. Dear Mr. Armstrong: In your letter of February 26th. you sent me the arrangements as agreed to at the Conference held in Ottawa during the month of September 1922 with respect to the handling of unemployment, which, as previously pointed out, was the first intimation we had of the policy laid down at that time. From the report submitted, I take it that the Federal and Provincial Government have pledged themselves to share equally with any Municipality the financial burden of meeting an abnormal unemployment situation, should it develop. It is to be regretted that we had no knowledge of this arrangement earlier, but inasmuch as your Department of Unemployment was in close touch with the situation, I do not consider it necessary to go into any details as to the problem with which we had to deal. Our Department of Works and Unemployment Relief Committee have prepared for me a statement

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of expenditures made for direct relief, during the past Winter, in this City, and I submit these detailed statements herewith, showing an amount, chargeable under this heading of \$35,947.21. To this amount, it will be necessary to add about \$2,500.00 to cover expenditures from the date these statements were made up to the closing down of this special emergency relief. This \$2,500000 will be added to the Halifax Unemployment Relief Committee's account of \$12,344.76, bringing it to nearly \$15,000.00. A statement, showing the details of this additional item, will be submitted as soon as struck.

I would appreciate your having this matter placed immediately in the proper hands so that we can obtain an early adjustment of the Province's portion of onethird, which would replenish our funds and enable us to undertake some further work, which would give employment to those still seeking aid. Any details you may desire to expedite the settlement of this matter will be given promptly upon request.

Thanking you in advance I remain

John Murphy, Mayor.

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. April 18th, 1923.

His Worship the Mayor, Sir:-

As requested I herewith beg to submit you a statement of amounts paid out directly by this department during the past winter wholely to relieve the unemployment situation:-

1922

Week	ending	December	20	\$879.20
	N	W	27	804.35
1923	W	January	3	1036.75
2000	Ħ	#	10	1342.15
	W		17	1971.00
	W	Ħ	24	2082.20
	W	Ħ	31	1852.20
	W	February	7	2304.45





CEDAR STREET WIDENING-PETITION AGAINST

 \sim Read petition signed by ten Citizens against the

widening of Cedar- Street.

Halifax, N.S. April 25th, 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Ward 3. Dear Sir:-

It has been brought to our notice that a movement is on foot to widen Cedar Street, this Street is now 40 feet wide and is only a one sided street. To bring it up to regulation 60 feet. 20 feet would have to be taken from the rear of our lots, cutting down valuable trees, and otherwise destroying our lots. On a number of our lots Garages have been built which would have to be taken lots Garages have been built which would have to be taken down, and if 20 feet were taken off the lots, it would bring the Garages too handy the houses.

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We the undersigned property holders on the south side of Cherry Street strongly protest against the unnecessary widening of this one sided street there is plenty of room for a sidewalk on the south side of Cedar Street and it is not at all necessary to widen the street.

Trusting that this matter will receive your careful consideration.

We are Sirs

Referred to the Committee on Works.

WAR VETERANS APPLICATION FOR USE OF COMMON TO CONDUCT AMUSEMENT SHOW

Read application Halifax Branch Great War Veterans

Association Limited as follows:-

The Great War Veterans Association of Canada, Halifax, N.S. April 11th, 1923.

To His Worship John Murphy, Mayor of Halifax, N.S. Dear Sir:---

During the past two winters, The Great War Veterans have rendered considerable assistance, both directly and indirectly to ex-service men in this City. Directly, by assisting our needy comrades with food, clothing and coal. Indirectly by presenting their various claims for pension and treatment to the proper Government authorities.

Our only revenue is from the annual dues of members which has dwindled now to almost the vanishing point.

In order to carry on our work for another year It will be necessary for us to look around for some means of increasing our revenue and to that end I have been instructed to write you and ask permission to conduct some kind of an outdoor show on the Common during the coming summer. Should you favourably consider this application, I can assure you that there will be no objectionable features in connection with any show we



Schooner Race held at Gloucester, Mass., last October be paid. Motion passed.

QUALIFICATION OF ALDERMEN

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Alderman Ackhurst addressed the Council giving as his opinion that a property qualification should be required of candidates for membership in the City Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Alderman Colwell submitted the following letter

re promotions in the Police Department.

Halifax, N.S. April 26th, 1923.

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

I am not a member of the Police Commission from my own choice.

When you nominated me I immediately asked Alderman Ackhurst to replace me and it was after his refusal I consented to act.

I have always voted in what I conceived to be for the best interests of the Police Force, disregarding popular expressions. You and I have been in the Council together for about eight years, and I feel Your Worship that you will acknowledge that I have been honest in my efforts for good Civic Government however imperfect my public actions may have seemed to be.

It is considerable of a personal sacrifice for me to be here at all, but since I am here I do the best I can and I do not think it can be said that I have ever shirked a public duty in time of need (and there have been plenty of such times).

Experience in several departments of the City has taught me that it is safe to support heads of departments in the matter of promotions. This is a rule that I have consistantly followed for the last few years. I have found it to work very well at the City Home, T.B. Hospital and City Prison; it encourages respect and promotes harmony. On the School Board the Supervisor is always supported in this regard. And I find in the Police Department length of service is not much of a factor in promotions, it seems that other considerations pre-Take the case of Ex Chief Rudlands rapid provail. Among the Inspectors and Sergeants now serving motion. I find: Police Appointments William E. Palmer, Deputy Chief.

April 26th, 1923

	all of the following.
Inspector Spruin - 29-	6-99
Inspector Lovett - 9-	5-94
Inspector Meehan - 3-	·5-97
Sergeant Doyle - 9-	5-94
Sergeant Doyle - 9- Sergeant White - 3-	·5-97
Sergeant Boyle - 21-	-11-91
Policeman Wilson - 7-	•8=93
Detective Colyer - 12-	.6-97
Detective Kennedy - 22-	.5-99
Protestant Appointments.	Roman Catholic Appointments
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Inspector McIsaac.	Inspector H. Meehan,
appointed 2-1-06	Attested 3-5-97
Sergeant 1-8-18	Sergeant 9.5-11
Inspector 31-5-19	Inspector 31-5-19
Junior to the following,	Junior to the following,
Sergeant Young - 30-10-94	Sergeant Doyle 9-5-94
Pol. Miller - 27-6-04	J.W. Golden 2-10-85
Pol. Johnstone - 30-4-03	P. Boyle 21-11-91
Sergeant Young	Inspector Spruin Attested 29-6-99.
Attested 30-10-94	Sergeant 15-2-15
Junior to Pol Wilson	Inspector 31-5-19
Sergeant 15-4-18	Junior to Sergeant Doyle
	9-5-94 & White 3-5-97.
Sergeant Eisenhauer	2-2-24 C MUT 00 2-2-214
Attested 2-11-06	Sergeont OlHelloren.
Sergeant 31-5-19	Sergeant O'Halloran.
Junior to the following,	Attested 31-7-06
Pol. Miller - 27-6-04	Sergeant 31-5-19
Johnstone 30-4-03	Junior to the following,
	Pol. Gray, - 2-1-06
Sergeant Conrod	Barrett 2-1-06
Attested 14-8-11	Simmons 30-5-01
Attested 14-8-11 Sergeant 25-6-19	
Junior to the following	Sergeant O'Leary.
Pol. Mitchell	
Miller 27-6-04	Sergeant 25-6-19
Johnstone 30-4-03	Junior to the following.
	Phalen 24-10-13
Inspector Miller	McDonald, T. 2-8-13 Malally, G. 2-5-11 Elford 9-5-11
Attested 27-6-04	Malally, G. 2-5-11
Inspector March 1923.	
	Horne A. 15-3-10
Pol. Johnstone 30-4-03	Gray 2-1-06
	Barret 2-1-06

Barret Simmons

S-T=00 30-5-01

In the case of Peter Ryan. I was unable to judge of the qualities of the applicants and put the responsibility where I thought it belonged. He was promoted on the recommendation of the Chief supported by the votes of commissioner Scanlon and myself.

Suppose Sergeant Ryan is reduced to the ranks would it not be the duty of the Police Commission to fill the vacancy? If so would you allow the majority vote to rule or would you again resort to your present course? If so what useful purpose could the other two commissioners serve.

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If Ryan is removed will you tell the Council who you want to put in his place?

I am far better acquainted with some of the other applicants than I am with Officer Ryan, there are at least twp of them that I would favor on personal grounds but I really do not know their qualifications as well as the Chief should.

If the rule regarding promotions among school teachers is sound then I see no good reason why it should not apply to the Police Force.

H,S. Colwell.

His Worship the Mayor directs that a copy of the letter be sent to each member of the Council.

FINAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

His Worship the Mayor expressed his appreciation of the courtesies extended to him during the year by the retiring Aldermenall of whom made suitable remarks in reply.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourns 10.07 ofclock.

L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

John Murphy,

MAYOR.

