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was sent to the owner on July 5th, and apparently conditions were immediately remedied, as the consumption for the succeeding months became normal.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Clerk of Works  
Collector*

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

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WATER METER BILL 74 GERRISH ST.

Read report Committee on Works re Water Meter Bill for the premises 74 Gerrish St.

Clerk of Works' Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 4-25

74 Gerrish Street-Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on January 14th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for # 74 Gerrish Street. The total amount of the bill including arrears to October 1924 \$152.26. Copy of report is attached hereto.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the accounts for March and September 1924, amounting to \$63.13 be reduced to \$31.57.

Respectfully submitted,  
A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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No. 74 Gerrish Street, Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sirs:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 74 Gerrish Street, that the total amount of the bill is \$152.26 of which the current half years bill amounts to \$17.96. The arrears are for the following periods:-

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Half year ending	March	' 22	\$39.78
"	"	" Sept.	14.42
"	"	" March.	40.62
"	"	" Sept.	22.52
"	"	" March.	16.96

I find with regard to the bill ending March 1923, that an investigation was made at the time, and it was found that the closet and taps had been running full for over three months. As the waste was deliberate during that time, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works  
Collector*

WATER METER BILL 181 GOTTINGEN STREET

Read report Committee on Works re Water Meter Bill for the premises 181 Gottingen Street.

City Work's Office,  
Feb. 4th, 1925

181 Gottingen Street- Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on January 14th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for # 181 Gottingen Street. Total amount of bill including arrears to October 1924, \$113.97. Copy of report is attached hereto.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the Bill for the half year ending March, 1924, \$15.10 be reduced to \$7.55.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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No. 181 Gottingen Street, Water Bill

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises no. 181 Gottingen Street and claimed to be excessive, that the amount of the bill is \$113.97 of which \$4.16 is for the period ending October '24 and the balance is arrears. This balance is made up as follows:

March to April	1921	.91
April to Sept.	21	9.46
March.	22	25.06
Sept.		35.88
March.	23	13.64
Sept.	23	9.76
March.	24	15.10
Oct.	24	4.16

The large bill for the year ending September 1922 was caused by a closet wasting from February to July inclusive. Notices were sent in February, April and June, but the waste was not reduced until August. With regard to the bill for the period ending March 1924, the record of consumption was as follows:-

October	.1923	8,000	gallons
November		10,200	"
December		7,000	"
January	1924	9,800	"
February		20,800	Toilet Wasting N. 26-2-24
March.		20,100	N. 24-3-24

It will be seen that there was a waste in February and March. Notices were sent in these two months, and the leak was evidently repaired. A 20% reduction on the water bills for the premises was made in April and March 1917 covering the previous five years bills.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,

CITY ENGINEER.

*Resolved  
Engineer  
Chief of Works  
Collector*

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by

Alderman Gastonguay that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

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WATER METER BILL #179 GOTTINGEN STREET

Read report Committee on Works re Water  
Meter Bill for the premises 179 Gottingen Street.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 4-25

#179 Gottingen Street-Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on January 14th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for #179 Gottingen Street. Total amount of bill including arrears to October 1924, \$164.91. A copy of report is attached hereto.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the bill for March 1924, \$44.25 be reduced to \$23.13.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Jan. 13th, 1925

No. 179 Gottingen St.-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 179 Gottingen Street claimed to be excessive, that the amount of the bill is \$164.91 of which \$7.66 for the Current Half year, and the balance arrears as follows:-

Half Year ending	September	1921	\$19.40	
"	"	March	22	31.10
"	"	September	22	23.80
"	"	March.	23	21.50
"	"	September	23	16.20
"	"	March.	24	44.25
"	"	October.	24	7.66

The bill for the half year ending March 1922 was caused by a continuous waste of water during the six months. Five different notices were sent to the owner during this period, but no action to remedy conditions was taken. The large bill for the period ending March 1924 was, as the records show, caused by a closet wasting. The consumption during the period being as follows:-

September 1923	30,500	W.C. Wasting	N. 22-9-23
October	34,900	" "	N. 22-10-23
November	11,100	" "	N-26-12-23
December	23,600	" "	N-25-1-24
January 1924	61,300	" "	N-26-2-24
February	57,800	" "	N-26-2-24
March.	33,100	Closest Wasting.	

In both these cases, the large consumption was due to the negligence, default or failure on the part of the owner or occupant of such premises, to use proper care and precaution, and I am therefore unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd. H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Clerk of Works  
Collector*

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

WATER METER BILL # 8 MOREN STREET

Read report Committee on Works re Water Meter Bill for the premises # 8 Moran Street.

Clerk of Works's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 4-25

# 8 Moran Street-Water Meter Bill

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on February 22nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises # 8 Moran Street for half year ending October 1924, amounting to \$19.92. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the bill be reduced one-half making the same \$9.96.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd. A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Jan. 28th, 1925

# 8 Moran Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached Water Bill for the premises # 8 Moran Street and claimed to be excessive that the period complained of is that ending the first of November 1924. The bill amounts to \$19.92. A record of the consumption during the period complained of is as follows:-

1924		
March.	- 51,400- 3,800	
Apr	No reading	
May.	96,100- 34,700	W.C.Wasting.
June	101,00 - 14,900	"
July	104,200- 18,100	" " "
Aug.	123,100- 18,900	" " " Notified 29-9-24
Sept.	135,200- 12,100	
Oct.	151,00 - 15,800	

I have had the meter tested and it was found to register accurately. No waste was found on the date of inspection, January 19th, but the tenants stated that a closet was wasting during the summer, and the meter reader also reported it. Notices were sent in August and September. There are ten people in the premises and six taps and one closet.

As the leaky fixture was not repaired for over six months of the period I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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

WATER METER BILL # 81 CORNWALLIS ST.

Read report Committee on Works re Water Meter Bill for the premises # 81 Cornwallis St.

City Work's Office,  
Feb. 5th, 1925

# 81 Cornwallis St- Water Bill

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on January 14th, the City Engineer, submitted a report on Water Meter Bill # 81 Cornwallis Street. The total amount of bill including arrears to October 1924, \$32.68. Copy of the report is attached hereto.

*Audited by  
Engineer  
Frank J. Woods  
Collector.*

It was understood that the only portion of the bill complained of was for the period ending October 1924, amounting to \$14.02.

It was moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the consumption for July and August 1924 be reduced to 8,000 gallons and for September 10,000 gallons or a total reduction of 24,900 gallons, equal to \$4.98

It was moved in amendment by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the monthly consumption for July August and September be reduced to 3,800 gallons per month the largest consumption for any other month covered by the period mentioned in the bill therefore making the total amount chargeable 25,600 gallons instead of 66,800 gallons. Amendment carried thereby recommending to council that the said bill be reduced from \$14.02 to \$5.32.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 12th, 1925

No. 81 Cornwallis Street, Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached Water Bills for the premises No 81 Cornwallis Street, claimed to be excessive, that there are seventeen bills including the bill for the current half year which is \$14.02. As the other bills vary from .24¢ for a half year to \$7.82 with the exception of one in September 1919 for \$16.71. I presume that the only bill complained of is the one for the current half year, \$14.02. This bill is for a period of Seven months from March to October. The readings and consumption during these months are as follows:-

	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Consumption</u>
March.	\$106,100	
April.	109,900	3,800
May.	113,100	3,200
June	116,100	3,000
July	No Reading.	
August.	147,000	30,900 N -14-8-24
September	172,900	25,900
October.	176,200	3,300

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From the above it can be seen that the large consumption took place during July, August and September. No leaks were reported on the premises, and the only way I can account for the large consumption is that the taps were let run.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,

CITY ENGINEER.

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Class of Works  
Collector*

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

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LOANS UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 976  
OF THE CHARTER

Read report of the Finance Committee covering Resolution re loans under authority of Section 976 of the Halifax City Charter.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, Feb. 4th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached resolution prepared by the City Solicitor and City Auditor authorizing the borrowing of Certain sums passed at various times by the City Council under authority of Section 976 of the Halifax City Charter as enacted by Section 52 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924, was submitted, approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W.S. Munnis,  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.



Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City requires money to be expended for the following purposes, that is to say;

- 1 To pay various accounts in connection with the apprehension of Lewis Bevis on the Charge of murder. \$1612.96
  2. To pay as a contribution to the relief of Sufferers by the Fire in the town of Windsor. 1000.00
  3. To pay costs of Henry, Rogers Harris & Stewart in the action of Monaghan vs. the City of Halifax. 525.00
  4. To furnish relief to persons out of employment. 5000.00
  5. To pay the Halifax Housing Commission to enable it to effect repairs on houses taken over by it. 1500.00
- \$9637.96.

AND WHEREAS no appropriation has been made by the City in respect to the matters aforesaid and no provision has been made in respect to them by Legislative Authority;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City do under the authority of Section 976 of the Halifax City Charter as enacted by Section 52 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the amount required to defray the charges and expenditures aforesaid being \$9637.96. in all, and that the City Treasurer be authorized and empowered to effect the said loan and so pledge the credit of the City therefor;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount so borrowed with interest thereon be included in the yearly estimates for the civic year 1925-26 and be rated and collected as part thereof.

Sgd. W.S. Munnis,  
Andrew Hubley.

J.M. Murphy,  
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same.

Aldermen, Colwell, Russell, Munnis, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, H.W. Cameron, Rains, Hubley Whelan, O'Toole, Power, Smeltzer and Daw.

*Treasurer*  
*Auditor*

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BONDING SUITS THEAKSTON & HAYES  
DEFALCATIONS

His Worship the Mayor submits the following correspondence between himself and the City Solicitor, in reference to the bonding suits now pending between the City of Halifax and the London Guarantee Company and the Housing Commission and the Dominion Guarantee Company. Also letter from Mr. Stewart Jenks to the City Solicitor on the same subject:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 19.1925

F.H. Bell, Esq.,  
City Solicitor,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

RE BONDING SUITS

Would you kindly write me upon receipt what the delay is in finally disposing of the two bonding suits outstanding. If there anything which the City can do to bring these matters to a head?

The situation has drifted along for a considerable time. I anticipate an outbreak any day to demand what we are doing to clean these matters up. Your early attention will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) John Murphy,  
MAYOR

Office of City Solicitor,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb., 4/25

His Worship the Mayor,  
City.

City of Halifax vs. London Guarantee Coy.  
Housing Commission vs. Dominion Guarantee Co.

In reply to your inquiry as to the present position of these actions and the reason for the delay in getting them to trial, I beg to say as follows:-

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I entered both actions for trial at the October term of the Supreme Court and was ready to try them. Mr. Jenks, who is acting for the Defence in both actions, moved at the opening of the term for a continuance on the grounds that a material witness could not be present until after the close of the term. This court granted his application on condition that he would consent to the actions being tried at Chambers out of term. Since that date, both he and myself have endeavoured without success to have the cases set down. The reasons are known to every member of the Bar. There is a vacancy on the Bench. The work of the Criminal Court has been unusually heavy, and some members of the Bench have been hampered by ill-health

I have a communication from Mr. Jenks which I attach. I can assure you that I am anxious to dispose of the cases as speedily as possible.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) H.F. Bell,

CITY SOLICITOR.

McInnes, Janks, Lovett & McDonald,  
35 Bedford Row,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 2nd, 1925

Dear Mr. Bell:

City of Halifax v. London Guarantee Co.,  
City of Halifax v. Housing Commission

Pursuant to your request I have been doing everything possible to obtain an appointment for the trial of these actions. I may say that our clients are as anxious as you to have these matters disposed of and are disappointed that the litigation was not completed before the end of the year. I can appreciate however, that under the conditions we could not get them disposed of. We have other cases which have been in the same situation and the Judges have, I know, refused to set down cases for trial. I am, however, going to see the Chief Justice again this week and see if we cannot get these cases tried before the next meeting of the Appeal Court.

I shall report to you further after I see the Chief Justice.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Stuart Jenks-

F.H. Bell, Esq., K.C.  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.

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REPORT OF COAL WEIGHERS

Read report of A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the month of December 1924 showing each of the permanent Weighers to have received \$96.61 in fees during the month:-

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Report from A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coalweighers for the month of December 1924.

Amount of Weighing fees for month.

The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars and thirty five cents. - \$1520.35

Cash Paid. Supernumeries

J.P. Durelay	\$65.00	
H.W. Walker	65.00	
A.D. Currie	52.50	
P. Cummins.	55.00	
L.D. Murrans	65.00	
Wm. James	43.40	
Expenses.	12.60	
Telephone	3.00	
		- 361.00
		<u>\$1159.35.</u>

Filed.

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SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE THE LATE  
JOHN THOMPSON

His Worship the Mayor submits a copy of a letter he had addressed to Alderman Kenny, Chairman, of the Finance Committee in re the payment of the Superannuation allowance to the Daughter of the Late John Thompson, which would have been payable to Mr. Thompson had he lived until February 1st.

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Mayor's Office,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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Alderman J.B. Kenny,  
Chairman, Finance Committee,  
CITY.

RE. SUPERANNUATION LATE JOHN THOMPSON

Dear Sir:-

Mr. John Thompson, who died on the 17th ult., was superannuated by the City after a long and faithful service, the annual Grant being \$400.00

Section 11, of Chapter 77, Acts of 1921, provides as follows:-

"The City shall annually pay the following sums by way of superannuation, to the persons hereafter named".

Mr. Thompson is included in the list under this Section. A further provisions in the Charter has the effect that this Annual Grant shall be made in quarterly payments in advance. The last payment to Mr. Thompson would have been made first of present month. His death however, intervened.

His daughter, Miss Annie Thompson, has asked if City would consider the payment of this amount of \$100.00 to assist her in taking care of burial and other expenses, incurred, and has submitted the account of Snow & Company, amounting to \$100.00, also an account of the Medical Doctor amounting to \$25.00. The circumstances surrounding the case are most deserving and I feel sure a recommendation of your Committee that this final payment be paid would receive favourable consideration of Council.

Yours truly,

Sgd. John Murphy,  
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Munnis seconded by Alderman Sanford that this Council approve of the payment of the Superannuation allowance which would have been due on February 1st to the Late John Thompson had he lived until that date, providing the City Auditor can justify the payment of the same. Motion passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same.

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*Aldermen*  
*Members* Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Munnis, Sanford, Bissett,  
Gastonguay, H.W. Cameron, Rains, Hubley, Whelan, O'Toole  
Power, Smeltzer and Daw.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING. ESTATE OF LATE  
GEORGE WRIGHT

Read message from His Worship the Mayor re bequest  
of the will of the Late George Wright of the sum of  
\$20,000.00 for the erection of a building to serve as  
a place of amusement and education for our citizens:-

Mayor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 2nd, 1925

Community Building-Estate Late  
George Wright

Dear Sir:-

As Members of Council are aware the Will of the Late  
George Wright set aside the sum of \$20,000, which could  
be supplemented by public subscription, for the erection  
of a building to serve as a place of amusement and edu-  
cation for our citizens, and an additional sum of \$10,000  
to be used in carrying out the work contemplated.

So that the Council will know the exact con-  
ditions surrounding these bequests, I quote the sections  
of the Will dealing with same:-

"In order to provide for a higher form of amusement  
than is at present placed before the people and  
for a building to be erected for the purpose of  
bringing the people together to uplift and train  
them to higher ideals such building to be also  
used for Meetings, Lectures, and to provide clean  
amusement, in order to check the lure and bad  
influence of the streets, I GIVE the sum of  
Twenty Thousand Dollars towards the erection of  
such a building and if necessary this sum can be  
supplemented by public subscription.

"I give, devise and bequeath all, the rest, residue  
and remainder of my estate not hereby otherwise  
disposed of subject to and after payment of my  
funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and  
the legacies bequeathed by this Will unto and to  
the use of my Trustees upon trust out of the  
residue of the said monies to set apart the sum

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"of Ten Thousand Dollars to be applied in carrying on the work mentioned"

Some question was raised with regard to these bequests and in a decision handed down by the Supreme Court under date of Dec. 7th 1923, they were declared to be good and valid charitable bequests and the Court ordered that a scheme for the application of these funds in accordance with the directions surrounding same would be in order.

This money has now been standing at rest for some twelve years and would have been materially added to by accumulating interest. It would, therefore, seem desirable that a study be made to see how the wishes of the generous doner can be taken advantage of.

I would therefore ask that a special committee be selected to go fully into this matter and submit recommendations to Council at the earliest date.

Yours truly,

John Murphy,  
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Munnis that a special Committee to be nominated by the Mayor, be appointed to consider and report to the Council on this matter. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates to Committee Aldermen Russell, Finlay and W.O. Cameron.

*Also Russell*

✓  
WATER METERS

Read report Committee on Works covering Resolution submitted by Alderman Daw, re Water Meters and adopted by that Committee:-

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 4, 1925

RESOLUTION ALDERMEN DAW RE WATER METERS

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on February 2nd, the following resolution was moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed. unanimously, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Hubley, Daw Munnis and Sanford being present and voting for same.



"Whereas considerable dissatisfaction  
"is apparent among the citizens of Halifax,  
"in regard to the necessity of metering the  
"domestic Water supply and WHEREAS it is evident  
"that a large number of water users by meter are  
"not paying an equitable amount, some 2500 to 2800  
"persons approximately only having paid for the  
"past six months sums under Two Dollars-

"And WHEREAS Seven Hundred and Twenty con-  
"sumers by meter did, during the same period pay  
"only less than one dollar (1.00) or \$1.17) One  
Dollar and Seventeen Cents for the seven month  
period from March to October 1924.

"AND WHEREAS many citizens suffer through  
the meter system during the winter months, owing  
"to the fact that large numbers of houses in the  
"north and west end of our City are not sufficiently  
"proof against frost, whereby many suffer from  
"frozen and bursted pipes, and in many cases  
"frozen meters.-

AND WHEREAS it seems to be a debatable  
"question as to whether there was ever any real  
"necessity for the immense expenditure of the  
Peoples' money for water meters, or installation  
of same for the foregoing reasons and possibility  
many others which will be given later by those  
affected.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED- That this Board of  
"works recommend to the City Council,-the appoint-  
"ment of a special Committee of Council be appointed  
to investigate our whole water service particularly  
"that portion domestic supply, to make any recommend-  
"ation to Council in regard to any possible im-  
"provement, either by-

1. The abolition of the water meters entirely.
2. The advisability of a more equitable dis-  
tribution of the water rates by a minimum rate  
per annum.
3. The advisability of obtaining legislation  
which will relieve those who now suffer from frozen  
pipes and meters, and in general make a thorough  
survey of the water works situation making such  
recommendation to Council as such Committee deems  
necessary, including the advisability of returning  
to general flat rate for domestic purposes."

The original resolution is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.



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Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Hubley that a special Committee be appointed to go fully into this question and to report back to this Council.

Read letters F.J. Cragg and H.S. Marsh in reference to Water Meters.

Cragg Bros. , Company,  
Halifax, N.S.

Jan. 27th, 1925

Board of City Works,  
City Hall,  
CITY.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to thank you for the cards , advising me that there is an excessive use of water at houses owned by me, 44 and 46 Maynard St. The cost of water at these houses completely absorbs any revenue that might come from them. If your Board can advise me how water can be kept from freezing in the hundreds of houses like those referred to, it would be a boon. I therefore wish to add my objection to the use of Water Meters in such houses, and would suggest that at least the reading of water meters be suspended for the months of December, January and February and March I feel that what I am complaining about must be a very serious matter with many property owners- and the suspension of Water Meter readings during the cold months when it is necessary to let the water run to keep it from freezing would be a remedy.

Yours truly,

F.J. Cragg.

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45 Summit St.,  
City, Jan. 20-25

To The Chairman,  
City Board of Works.

Sir:-

I read that Ald. Daw has promised definite action toward doing away with water meters. I have never read a word in the press of favouring meters, and perhaps the reason is that those who are satisfied with the meter system have no kick to register, so say nothing, believing that the adverse criticism emanated from a few whose pockets are touched by the metered system, and that there is not likely to be any change.

Whatever arguments may be adduced against meters, the true objection is, that landlords, having properties rented, wish to protect their plumbing by means of running water and do not want to pay for it. Meters tend to make consumers as careful of their water as they are of their electric light, or phone calls. Unmeasured supplies of any kind tend towards waste.

It is said water is going to waste over the dams and might as well be used to protect the plumbing. This would be true if the indiscriminate use of water in this manner did not affect the more elevated parts of the City. But it does to the extent that at the present time we get a very low pressure in upstairs toilets and baths, and if a down stairs tap is turned we get none. Still we are, and have been getting some water continuously since the City was metered entirely; whereas previously during cold snaps, and dry seasons, we were supplied by City water carts and in the district in which I live people have come from as far as Willow Street to beg water from Serg. Ambrose Grays well.

Those were the days of frozen toilets, traps and pipes, because there was no possible movement of water.

My point Sir, is that meters ensure that every one gets water, by eliminating waste causing people to keep fixtures in good condition, and if they choose to protect plumbing by means of running water, to use only the smallest stream necessary for that purpose thus keeping up the pressure.

I believe the landlords presumed objection could be satisfied by letting the tenants pay for the water they use, as they do light. They may as well pay direct to the City as through the owners.

Thanking you Sir for your kind consideration

Yours sincerely,

H.S. Marsh,

Motion put and passed. His Worship the Mayor nominates the following Committee to report on the Water Meter question;

Aldermen, Daw, Munnis, Bissett, H.W. Cameron, Rains and O'Toole. Approved.

*W.D. Daw  
Clerk*

✓  
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges covering a Draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax, relating to traffic on streets.

February 5th, 1925

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Feb. 3rd, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, the attached draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 52 of the City of Halifax relating to traffic on Streets, was considered and recommended to the City Council for adoption, copies of same having been distributed to each member of the Council before this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Russell,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power that the said Ordinance be read the first time Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relating to Traffic on the Streets - (First Reading)

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power that the said Ordinance be read the second time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relating to traffic on streets (Second reading).

CIVIC ESTIMATES 1925-26

*Res Colwell*  
*" Sastroway*  
*" b. J. Cole*  
*" Murray*  
*" A. C. Peltier*

His Worship the Mayor requested the  
Chairmen of the various Spending Committees

To have their estimates for 1925-26 prepared as soon as possible.

11.50 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman

Daw that this meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned.

H.S. Rhind,  
CITY CLERK.

John Murphy,  
MAYOR.

INFORMAL MEETING.

M O R N I N G S E S S I O N,

12 o'clock Noon,  
Council Chamber, City Hall,

February 14th., 1925.

An informal meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Kenny, H. W. Cameron, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Drysdale, W. O. Cameron and Daw.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Alderman present that the object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of co-operating with the Board of Trade in sending to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa a delegation to urge upon the Government the development of Canadian trade through Canadian ports.

A delegation from the Board of Trade consisting of Messrs. G. Fred. Pearson, F. G. J. Comeau, J. F. Fraser and E. A. Saunders, Secretary, were present and addressed the Council on the subject.

Mr. Pearson explained most clearly and fully the advantages to be derived should the Maritime Provinces succeed in this mission, and asked, on behalf of the Board of Trade, the co-operation of the City Council in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that His Worship the Mayor be appointed a delegate to represent the City Council, with other delegates from St. John, N. B., and other parts of the Province, to advocate legislation making compulsory the entry of goods under

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Preferential Tariff through Canadian Ports, and that a sum of Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00) be voted to defray his expenses.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the City guarantee a sum not to exceed One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to defray the expenses of a delegation to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa, the same to be administered by the present committee of the Board of Trade on which the City Council has representation. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
Drysdale  
W.O.Cameron.(9)

Against it:-

Alderman Bissett  
Hubley  
O'Toole  
Daw. (4)

Meeting adjourned.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
CITY CLERK.

  
JOHN MURPHY,  
MAYOR.

INFORMAL MEETING.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 o'clock,  
Council Chamber, City Hall,

February 20th., 1925.

An informal meeting of the City Council was held this Afternoon. At the above named hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Colwell, Russell, Munnis, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, H.W.Cameron, Rains, Hubley, Whelan, O'Toole, Drysdale, Smeltzer, W. O. Cameron and Daw.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of receiving a report of the delegates who were appointed to proceed to Quebec and Montreal for the purpose of a conference with the Boards of Trade of those cities to solicit their co-operation and support in the matter of the entry of all goods imported under the Preferential Tariff through Canadian ports.

At Quebec the delegates received an encouraging reception and without a dissenting voice the Board of Trade of that City favoured the resolution we placed before it and assured us that a fitting delegation would be sent from there to Ottawa to urge the need of the proposed Legislation. At Montreal the delegates also received a sympathetic hearing.

The Council was then addressed by Mr. George S. Campbell, the delegate from the Board of Trade; by

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D.R.Turnbull, President of the Board of Trade, Senator Martin, Mayor MacLean of Dartmouth, and H. S. Congdon, all of whom favoured sending to Ottawa a large representative delegation for this purpose.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Rains, that Alderman Hubley be named as a delegate to represent this Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley accepted this nomination and stated if he went to Ottawa he would do so at his own expense.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that Alderman Bissett be a delegate to represent this Council. Motion passed.

It was then unanimously decided that His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Bissett and Alderman Hubley compose the delegation from this Council.

✓ SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES 1925-26.

It was moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that His Worship the Mayor call a meeting of this Council for Monday Evening next, the 23rd. instant, at 8 O'clock, for the purpose of considering the School Estimates for 1925, and that all Members of Council signify their assent by waiving the notice as required by Section 98 of the City Charter. Motion passed unanimously, the following Members being present and voting for same:-

Alderman Colwell	Alderman Bissett	Alderman Whelan
Russell	Gastonguay	O'Toole
Munnis	H.W.Cameron	Drysdale
Finlay	Rains	Smeltzer
Sanford	Hubley	Daw.

Meeting adjourned.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
CITY CLERK.

  
JOHN MURPHY,  
MAYOR.



EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber, City Hall,  
February 23rd., 1925.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Munnis, Russell, Finlay, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, H. W. Cameron, Kenny, Rains, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Power, Daw and Smeltzer.

The meeting was especially called for the consideration of the Estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the civic year 1925-26, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF MEETING.

Read waiver of notice of this meeting of Council of the two (2) clear days as required by Section 98 of the City Charter.

City Council Chamber, City Hall,  
Halifax, February 23rd., 1925.

We hereby waive the two (2) clear days notice of a meeting of the Halifax City Council for the consideration of the Estimates of the Halifax Board of School Commissioners, as required by Section 98 of the Halifax City Charter, and agree that the proceedings of that meeting shall be as binding as though the same had been regularly called with the notice aforesaid.

H. E. Rains  
W. J. O'Toole  
W. S. Munnis  
Robert Daw  
Andrew Hubley

Albert Drysdale  
Arthur J. Smeltzer  
B. W. Russell  
I. E. Sanford  
L. A. Gastonguay  
H. S. Colwell

F.W.Bissett  
J. B. Kenny  
H. W. Cameron  
A. J. Finlay  
John J. Power.

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✓ PASTEURIZATION OF MILK.

Alderman Daw asks for the indulgence of Council before the regular business of the meeting is taken up, to ask if the Resolution passed by this Council on January 8th. last in re By Law of the City Health Board for pasteurization of Milk has been forwarded to the Governor in Council.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Alderman that this request has been complied with.

It was moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Rains, that a Committee of six Aldermen, one from each Ward, be appointed to confer with the Governor in Council when this matter would be taken up for consideration. Motion passed.

The following Committee was nominated by His Worship the Mayor:- Aldermen Russell, Bissett, H. W. Cameron, Daw, Hains and O'Toole. Approved.

*From C. H. Cunningham  
also Russell*

✓ APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that Alderman Colwell be appointed Acting Mayor during the absence from the City of His Worship Mayor Murphy and Deputy Mayor Alderman Bissett. Motion passed unanimously.

*also Pollock  
Treasurer  
Auditor*

✓ DELEGATION TO OTTAWA IN RE PREFERENTIAL TRADE RELATIONS.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that this Council confirm the action taken by Council at the informal meeting held on the 14th. instant in voting a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to defray the expenses of a delegation to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa to advocate Legislation making compulsory the

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entry of goods under the Preferential Tariff through Canadian ports.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Drysdale, that a sum not exceeding \$400.00 be voted for this purpose. Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Kenny  
Hubley  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Power

Moved in amendment by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Daw, that a sum not exceeding \$150.00 be voted to defray expenses of His Worship the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor as a delegate for this purpose. Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Hubley  
Power  
Drysdale  
Daw.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay, Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Smeltzer.

The original Motion, moved by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Finlay, is put and lost - 10 voting for the same and 6 against it, it requiring a two-thirds vote of Council. The vote stood as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
O'Toole.

Alderman Kenny  
Hubley  
Power  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
Daw.

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the expenses necessary to take care of the representatives from this Council on the delegation to Ottawa as named at an informal meeting of the Council held on February 20th. instant, be provided under authority of Section 976 of the Halifax City Charter as enacted by Section 52 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924 and be borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada or any fund available, and that the City Treasurer be authorized and empowered to effect the said loan and to so pledge the credit of the City there for; and further resolved that the amount so borrowed, with interest, be included in the yearly estimates for the civic year 1925-26 and be rated and collected as part thereof. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

*The motion  
was carried  
by a majority  
of 14  
against 2*

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Hubley  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer

Alderman Power  
Daw.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that Alderman H. W. Cameron be appointed a del-

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legate on this mission, he paying his own expenses.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Aldermen that any of them who wished could accompany the delegation.

✓  
SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES  
1925-26.

Read report Finance Committee covering Estimates of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax for the year ending April 30th. 1926..

Halifax, February 23, 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held on the 19th. instant the Estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the civic year 1925-26 as submitted by the School Board, were under consideration.

Your Committee after carefully going over each of the various items recommend that objection be taken to the following items:-

Grant to technical classes -	to be decreased	\$600.00
Janitors	to be decreased	300.00
Maintenance	to be decreased	790.00
Secretary's Salary	to be decreased	200.00
Assistant Secretary's Salary	to be decreased	165.00
		<u>2055.00</u>

That the following items be increased:-

Fuel - estimated short	1200.00
City of Halifax Water - estimated short	400.00

That the credit item be reduced by

Approximate amount bank interest overestimated	<u>500.00</u>
	2100.00

Total increase ..... \$ 45.00

Amount asked for by Board	<u>407,015.90</u>
	<u>\$407,060.90</u>

J. B. KENNY,  
Chairman.

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✓  
SCHOOL ESTIMATES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH., 1926.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	<u>1925</u>	<u>1926</u>
Teachers -	\$304,435.00	\$306,725.00
Technical classes	3,000.00	3,600.00
Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.00	2,000.00
Books and Stationery	3,000.00	3,000.00
School Apparatus	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auxiliary Classes and Equipment	7,201.00	7,354.00
Dental Inspection	1,713.00	1,570.00
Medical Inspection	6,537.00	6,412.00
Janitors	26,478.00	26,078.00
Maintenance	13,497.90	19,193.60
Rents	8,048.80	8,048.80
Insurance	7,595.92	1,839.00
Fuel	27,800.70	25,787.50
Telephones, Motor Power, etc	3,500.00	3,400.00
City of Halifax - Water	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Expenses	2,000.00	1,500.00
Advertising and Printing	800.00	750.00
Interest on Debentures	6,410.00	6,410.00
Supervisor	3,600.00	3,625.00
Secretary	1,800.00	2,000.00
Assistant Secretary	1,485.00	1,650.00
Stenographers (2)	1,734.00	1,734.00
Messenger Service	399.00	399.00
Mechanical Superintendent	2,700.00	2,700.00
Inspector of Heating, Plumbing and Janitors	1,620.00	1,620.00
Truant Officer	1,620.00	1,620.00
Office Expenses	300.00	300.00
Commissioners' Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contingent Account	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$446,775.32</u>	<u>\$446,815.90</u>

LESS:

Probable Provincial Grant in favor of Teachers (1926)	\$ 37,445.00	\$ 37,500.00
Approximate amount Bank interest		1,500.00
Approximate amount School fees		800.00
		<u>\$ 39,800.00</u>
	<u>\$409,330.32</u>	<u>\$407,015.90</u>

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By consent of Council the Estimates are considered item by item.

TEACHERS SALARIES ..... \$306,725.00

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that this item pass. Motion passed.

TECHNICAL CLASSES - \$3,600.00

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that this item be reduced by \$600. and that the item of \$3,000.00 pass. Motion passed.

3,000.00

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS ..... 2,000.00

2,000.00

Passed.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY ..... 3,000.00

3,000.00

Passed.

SCHOOL APPARATUS ..... 2,500.00

2,500.00

Passed.

AUXILIARY CLASSES & EQUIPMENT ..... 7,354.00

7,354.00

Passed.

DENTAL INSPECTION ..... 1,570.00

1,570.00

Passed.

MEDICAL INSPECTION ..... 6,412.00

6,412.00

Passed.

JANITORS - \$26,078.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this item be reduced by \$300.00 and that the item of \$25,778.00 pass. Motion passed.

25,778.00

MAINTENANCE - \$19,193.60

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this item be reduced by \$2,696.60 and that the item pass at \$16,497.00. Motion passed \$16,497.00

RENTS 8,048.80

Passed.

INSURANCE 1,839.00

Passed.

FUEL 25,787.50

Passed.

FUEL EXPERTS FEE - \$1200.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that this item be struck out. On a vote being taken there appeared a tie vote as follows:-

For the Motion:-	Against it:-
Alderman Munnis	Alderman Colwell
Hubley	Russell
Rains	Finlay
O'Toole	Sanford
Power	Bissett
Drysdale	Gastonguay
Smeltzer	Kenny
Daw.	H.W.Cameron.

His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the Motion and declared the item struck out of the Estimates.

TELEPHONES, MOTOR POWER, ETC. - \$3,400.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that this item be reduced to \$3,200 - \$200. being taken from the Appropriation for up-keep of cars. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-	Against it:-	
Alderman Colwell	Alderman Munnis	
Russell	Gastonguay	
Finlay	Hubley	
Sanford	Power	
Bissett	Drysdale	
Kenny	Smeltzer	
H.W.Cameron	Daw.	
Rains		
O'Toole.		3,200.00



CITY OF HALIFAX WATER - \$4,000.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this item be increased by \$400. and the item passed at \$4,400. Motion passed. \$ 4,400.00

GENERAL EXPENSES ..... 1,500.00

Passed.

ADVERTISING & PRINTING ..... 750.00

Passed.

INTEREST ON DEBENTURES ..... 6,410.00

Passed.

SUPERVISOR'S SALARY ..... 3,625.00

Passed.

SECRETARY'S SALARY - \$2,000.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the item "Secretary's Salary" be reduced to \$1,800. Motion passed. Item passed at 1,800.00

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S SALARY \$1,650.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the item "Assistant Secretary's Salary" be reduced by \$165.00. Motion passed. Item passed at 1,485.00

STENOGRAPHERS (2) SALARY ..... 1,734.00

Passed.

MESSENGER SERVICE ..... 399.00

Passed.

MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY ..... 2,700.00

Passed.

INSPECTOR HEATING, PLUMBING & JANITORS SALARY ..... 1,620.00

Passed.

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TRUANT OFFICER ..... \$1,620.00

Passed.

Office Expenses ..... 300.00

Passed.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT ..... 1,000.00

Passed.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ..... \$443,054.30

LESS:

Estimated Revenue -

Provincial Grant in  
favour of Teachers \$ 37,500.00

Bank Interest 1,000.00

School Fees 800.00 39,300.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE ..... \$403,754.30

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Finlay,  
that the School Board Estimates amounting to \$403,754.30  
be adopted and that all objections and recommendations in  
connection with the various Items in same be communicated  
to the School Board at once. Motion passed unanimously,

*Miss Wilson  
seconded  
Alderman Kenny*

the following named Aldermen being present and voting for

the Motion:-

- Alderman Colwell
- Russell
- Munnis
- Finlay
- Sanford
- Bissett
- Gastonguay
- Kenny
- H.W.Cameron
- Hubley
- Rains
- O'Toole
- Power
- Drysdale
- Smeltzer
- Daw.

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✓  
LEGISLATION.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Chairman of the Finance Committee to look into the matter of the payment of the Appropriation to the School Board, that instead of the ten monthly payments as required by Section 899 of the City Charter the Appropriation be paid to the Board on requisition as required for its various services, and that if legislation is required for this purpose to have the same enacted at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

*had 14 amendments  
submitted*

✓  
LEASE 3 - 5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

Read report Committee on Works covering tenders for the lease of the property 3-5 Spring Garden Road known as the Spring Garden Road Engine House at present occupied by Peter Laba.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, February 19, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on February 18th., as according to advertisement in the daily press tenders were received and opened from the following named offering to lease the premises 3-5 Spring Garden Road for the period of three years from May 1st. next.

Doubleday Transfer Co	\$500.00 per annum
Peter Laba	540.00
H.G.Fraser	700.00
G.B.Beazley & Co	780.00
J.D.Lavers	780.00

Alderman Power moved, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the tender of J. D. Lavers & Co. be recommended to Council for acceptance provided they would agree to pay the rent monthly in advance, namely \$65.00. The Deputy Mayor moved that in view of the firm of G. B. Beazley & Co. Ltd., offering the same rate \$780.00 but stating definitely they would pay the rent monthly at the rate of \$65.00, their tender be recommended to Council for acceptance. There was no seconder to his amendment and the motion as submitted by Alderman Power passed unanimously.

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J.D.Lavers & Company were advised in respect to the special condition of paying the rent monthly. Attached hereto is a letter whereby they agree to accept this condition.

All tenders received are forwarded herewith.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and the tender of J. D. Lavers & Company for the lease of the premises on the terms specified in their letter of February 18th., 1925, accepted.

Halifax, February 18th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, agree to rent premises No. 3 - 5 Spring Garden Road, for a three year lease at the sum of Seven Hundred and Eighty (\$780.00) dollars a year.

J. D. LAVERS & COMPANY.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the consideration of the report of the Committee on Works be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Read letter L. A. Forsyth, Esq., Solicitor, for Peter Laba in re lease of this property.

Halifax, February 23, 1925.

His Worship Mayor Murphy,  
City Hall,  
Halifax.

Your Worship,

I am instructed by my client, Mr. Peter Laba, that it has been brought to his attention that the matter of

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the lease of the Spring Garden Road Fire Station property, in which he has been the City's tenant for some time, is to come before your Council meeting this evening.

Mr. Laba retained me a short time ago in this connection and was unable to get in touch with me about it until after five o'clock this afternoon. As I was under the impression that the City Council meeting this evening was called to deal with the question of school estimates, I was absolutely unprepared to attend before the Council this evening and had made another engagement which it is practically impossible for me to break. I take the liberty therefore, of asking the Council to be good enough to defer consideration of this matter until their next meeting which would give me an opportunity to be present and say a few words on Mr. Laba's behalf.

L. A. FORSYTH.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Alderman Finlay  
Bissett  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Hubley.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Power  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
Daw.

*Engineer  
Clark of Works  
J.D. Lawrence  
Solicitor*

The original Motion is put and passed. Alderman Finlay asked to be recorded as against the Motion.

✓ TAXATION: ISNOR BLOCK, AGRICOLA STREET.

Read letter Gordon B. Isnor re assessment of the Isnor Block, Agricola Street, for 1925-26.

Halifax, February 13, 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

As you are no doubt aware my building known as "The Isnor Block" was almost totally destroyed by fire on the evening of January 15th. and as I will not be reconstructing the building to such an extent as to

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bring in any revenue during the period of 1925-26, I hereby petition that steps be taken to relieve me of the full assessment of the value of the building as it stood previous to the fire. By this I mean that I believe I should only be assessed for the value of the building as it now stands. In the event of me rebuilding or improving the property during this period I would naturally expect to be assessed for said improvements but at the present time cannot see any justification for the assessment as it now stands and which I am told by the City Assessor cannot be changed without legislation to this effect. Thanking you in advance and trusting this will be given your careful attention.

GORDON B. ISNOR.

*Acc Russell  
Clerk*

Referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report.

✓

INSURANCE POLICE PATROL.

His Worship the Mayor issued instructions to the City Clerk to effect insurance on the Police Patrol in accordance with resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council held on February 5th. instant.

*A. S. Carver  
Clerk*

11.55 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned.

*H. S. Rhind*  
JOHN MURPHY,  
MAYOR.

H. S. RHIND,  
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber, City Hall,  
March 5th., 1925.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Munnis, Russell, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, H. W. Cameron, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Power, Daw, W. O. Cameron and Smeltzer.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

✓  
SCHOOL ESTIMATES.

Read letter Miss S. J. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, in re School Estimates as adopted by the City Council at it's meeting held on the 26th. ultimo.

Halifax, N. S.,  
March 4, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Board held February 26th. to consider the letter written by the City Clerk re estimates submitted by this Board, it was resolved that the Board accept the City's ruling as regards reduction in estimates for Technical education, Janitors, Maintenance and Telephones and Motor Power.

In the matter of Salaries, it was resolved to appeal to the Governor-in-Council. This has been done and a hearing set for Wednesday, March 11th., at 11.30 A. M.

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Regarding the item, "Halifax City Water", to which the City Council made an addition of Four Hundred dollars, the Board asks to be favoured with the reasons for this increase.

S. J. WILSON,  
Secretary,

Filed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Works Department - \$7,571.90, and to the Water Department - \$673.80.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, March 5th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th. instant accounts for February as under were approved and recommended to Council for payment:-

Works Department:

Capital	\$27.34	
Appropriations	<u>7,544.56</u>	\$ 7,571.90

Water Department:

Capital	\$26.46	
Appropriations	<u>647.34</u>	673.80

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Prison Committee recommending for



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payment accounts amounting to \$970.64 and covering report of Governor Grant for the month of February 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 4, 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee, held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$970.64, was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

The Governor reported that during the month 6 males and 1 female were admitted and 7 males and 1 female discharged - at the end of the month 31 males and 7 females in custody.

L. A. GASTONGUAY,  
Chairman.

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

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending for payment accounts chargeable to General Appropriation \$1,609.12 and against the Isolation Hospital \$788.03.

Office City Health Board,  
Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday March 3rd. 1925, the attached accounts amounting to \$2,347.15 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

ARTHUR C. PETTIPAS,  
Secretary, City Health Board.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that the report be adopted and accounts paid.  
Motion passed.

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✓  
CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL,  
ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to City Home \$7,389.36 and to the Tuberculosis Hospital \$2,319.72.

Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

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 Gastonguay, O'Toole and Daw.

City Home Accounts, February 1925 - Amount \$7,389.36

City Home accounts for the month of February 1925 amounting to \$7,389.36 are recommended for payment.

Tuberculosis Hospital, Accounts February 1925 -  
Amount \$2,319.72

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of February 1925 amounting to \$2,319.72 are recommended for payment.

H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.

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

✓  
CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Citizens' Free Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$240.86.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 5th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

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The Citizens' Free Library Committee beg to recommend attached accounts - \$240.86, for the month of February 1925, for payment.

A. J. FINLAY,  
Chairman.

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

✓  
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the General Account of the Fire Department \$11,582.64 and to Fire Alarm Maintenance Department \$361.26.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, there being present Aldermen O'Toole, Chairman; Munnis and Daw, the attached accounts - \$11,582.64 chargeable to general expenses of the Fire Department, and \$361.26 to Fire Alarm Maintenance, were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

W. J. O'TOOLE,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓  
GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$112.81.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

March 5th., 1925.

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$112.81 were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

John Murphy,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓  
POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8,509.86.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 5th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Committee, held this day, the attached accounts amounting to \$8,509.86 for February 1925, were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

John Murphy,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓  
CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

Read report of Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7.45.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 2nd., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

The Camp Hill Cemetery Committee beg to recommend for payment attached accounts amounting to \$7.45 for the month of February 1925.

W. O. CAMERON,  
Chairman.

March 5th., 1925.

Moved by Alderman W. O. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓ GENERAL ACCOUNTS AND CIVIC GRANTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$6,188.56 including quarterly Grants for the last quarter year ending April 30th., 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, March 3rd., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$6,188.56, including the last quarterly payment on the Grants to the various Charitable institutions for the civic year 1924-25, was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

J. B. KENNY,  
Chairman.

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

✓ DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Read report City Auditor covering Statement of Departmental Appropriations as at January 31st. 1925, copy of which has been furnished the Chairman of the various Committees.

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, March 3rd., 1925.

The Mayor and Councillors,  
City of Halifax.

Sirs,

I enclose the usual monthly statements of the position of the departmental appropriations, copies of which

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have already been supplied to the Chairmen of the different Committees.

H. F. GLASS,  
City Auditor.

Filed.

✓  
STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED.

Read report of City Auditor covering Statement of taxes collected during the month of February 1925.

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax,  
March 2nd., 1925.

The Mayor and Councillors,  
City of Halifax.

Sirs, Re Tax Collections.

I enclose herewith monthly Statement as at 28th. of February as to the collection of Taxes and would supplement same with the following remarks.

It will be seen that there was a falling off in the Collections of tax arrears during the month of February, they having amounted to \$25,578.41 as compared with \$39,670.02 in December, and \$70,933.69 in January. The total collections of these arrears during the current year now amount to \$462,917.45 reducing the total arrears of back years taxes to \$1,730,854.26. In order that you may more readily realize the result of the efforts that have been made to improve the City's position regarding arrears of back year taxes, I would state that of the sixteen years accumulation of tax arrears totalling at the commencement of the present civic year \$2,205,273.87 twenty-one per cent of the same has been collected during the last ten months, and this in addition to the improvement in the situation regarding the current years taxes.

I would report that the consolidation of the Property tax arrears is well under way. One ward is finished and another almost complete. As the wards are completed, statements are being sent out with the intimation that if the arrears are not adjusted the names of Tax payers in arrears will eventually be reported to Council.

The Collections of the current years taxes for February total \$41,418.59 as compared with \$60,731.12 in January. The total collections on account of current years taxes during the ten months ending February 28th., total \$1,249,533.36 out of a total assessment of \$1,836,063.62.

In order to make the situation regarding the current years taxes clearer I would state that the arrears of these taxes at the 28th. of February were equivalent to about 31% of the years Taxation, and the collections for the two months of January and February 5½%, so that with

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only two months now remaining of the civic year unless collections improve over those of January and February, the City will end its year with 25% of its current years taxation outstanding, or in other terms approximately \$460,000.00 to which extent it will have to increase its borrowings until the same is collected.

H. F. GLASS,  
City Auditor.

STATEMENT AS TO COLLECTIONS OF TAXES  
AS AT 28th. February, 1925.

General Tax Arrears (Exclusive of Current year)

Balance as at 31-st January 1925	\$ 1,756,432.67
LESS	
Cash Collections during month February 1925	<u>25,578.41</u>
Total Tax Arrears outstanding 28th. February 1925 Exclusive of current years	<u>\$ 1,730,854.26</u>

Current Year General Taxes (Exclusive of Poll Tax, Licenses, etc.)

Balance as at 31-st January 1925	\$ 627,948.85
LESS	
Cash Collections during month February 1925	<u>41,418.59</u>
Total Current Year Taxes outstanding February 28th. 1925	<u>\$ 586,530.26</u>

Poll and Dog Taxes, etc.

Estimated outstanding 31-st January 1925	\$ 2,137.50
LESS	
Cash Collections during month February 1925	<u>47.00</u>
Total Estimated Poll and Dog Taxes outstanding 28th. February 1925	<u>\$ 2,090.50</u>

WATER RATES AND TAXES

Balance outstanding 31-st January 1925	\$ 204,155.78
LESS	
Cash Collections during month February 1925	<u>5,529.29</u>
Total Water Rates etc outstanding 28th. February 1925	<u>\$ 198,626.49</u>

Total Cash Collected on account of above Taxes and Rates during month of February 1925 . . . . . \$ 72,573.29



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✓  
REPORT COAL WEIGHERS.

Read report A. H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, showing that the regular Coal Weighers received the sum of \$123.19 each in fees during the month of January 1925.

Filed.

✓  
CITY HOME AND TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL  
MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of February 1925, showing the number of inmates in the City Home on the 28th. of February to be 333 and the number of patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital 42.

Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

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, Aldermen O'Toole, Gastonguay and Daw.

Superintendent's Report, City Home - February 1925  
Number of Inmates 333.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of February 1925 there were 21 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 10 discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 4 were chargeable to the Province and 17 to the City.

The total number of inmates February 28th. 1925 was 333, made up of 188 men, 138 women and 7 children. On the same date last year there were 174 men, 129 women and 6 children, a total of 309.

Superintendent's Report, Tuberculosis Hospital -  
February 1925 - Number of Patients 42.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of February 1925 there was 1 female patient admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 1 woman was discharged and 1 man and 1 child died.

The total number of patients February 28th. 1925 was 42, made up of 20 men and 22 women. On the same date last year there were 20 men, 18 women and 2 children a total of 40.

H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.



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Filed.

✓  
BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION -  
TENDERS FOR PLUMBING.

Read report Committee of Firewards re tender for  
Plumbing repairs at Bedford Row Fire Station.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax,  
March 4th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held  
this day, tenders were received for repairs to Plumbing  
at Bedford Row Fire Station from Mr. J. H. Thomas--  
\$45.00, and Messrs. D. A. Cummings & Company--\$46.00.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Mr.  
J. H. Thomas be accepted, the work to be done subject  
to the approval of the Plumbing Inspector.

W. J. O'TOOLE,  
Chairman.

*Chief Clerk  
J. H. Thomas  
Inspector*  
Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report be adopted and the tender of Mr. J. H.  
Thomas - \$45.00, accepted. Motion passed.

✓  
FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES.

Read report Committee of Firewards covering report  
of the City Electrician re purchase of two Fire Alarm Sig-  
nal Boxes.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax,  
March 4th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held  
this day, the attached report of the City Electrician rec-  
ommending the purchase of two Fire Alarm Signal boxes,  
was read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Electrician

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be authorized to purchase said Signal boxes at an approximate cost of \$364.26.

W. J. O'TOOLE,  
Chairman.

City Electrician's Office,  
Halifax, March 4th., 1925.

Chairman and Members of  
the Board of Firewards.

Dear Sirs,

As the amount of \$262.13 for the purchase of one new fire alarm signal box and line material for same has been deducted from the estimates for 1925-26, I would recommend that this box and wire be purchased and charged to Fire Alarm Equipment account which the Auditor states has a credit balance of approximately \$379.00.

G. H. DURLING,  
City Electrician.

*City Electrician  
Auditor*  
Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ STREET PAVING - BARRETT COMPANY BOND.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee of meeting held February 18th. 1925 in re cancellation of the Bond of the Barrett Paving Company.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax,  
February 18, 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Laws and Privileges, held this day, the report of this Committee dated February 3rd. instant, asking that the request of the Barrett Company for the cancellation of their Bond under the city paving contract, be not complied with, and referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report, was considered.

Your Committee having given this matter careful consideration adhere to their former recommendation that the request of the Barrett Company be not complied with.

B. W. RUSSELL, Chairman.

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*City Engineer  
Barrett to  
2001-21  
Hubley  
Municipal*

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Hubley,  
that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - 54-R NORTH STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter rates 54-R North Street.

City Works Office,  
Halifax,  
March 5th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Dear Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th. in-  
stant, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water meter  
bills for premises 54-R North Street, a copy of which is  
attached hereto.

The Works Committee decided to recommend to Council  
that as respects the bill for March 1923 \$65.02, the con-  
sumption for the months of January and March be reduced  
to 25,000 gallons each thereby making the bill \$40.98  
instead of as originally rendered.

Bill for September 1923 \$42.00 the consumption for the  
months of April, May, July and August be reduced to  
25,000 gallons each thereby making the bill \$31.20 in-  
stead of as originally rendered.

Bill for March 1924 \$37.27 the consumption for February  
and March be reduced to 25,000 gallons each thereby making  
the bill \$24.90 instead of as originally rendered.

Bill for October 1924 \$28.44 the consumption for Aug-  
ust be reduced to 25,000 gallons thereby making the bill  
\$25.28 instead of as originally rendered.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax,  
March 2nd., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the pre-  
mises #54-R North Street, claimed to be excessive, that  
the amount of the bill is \$394.95 of which amount \$28.44  
is for the half year ending October 1924 and the balance  
\$366.51 is arrears. Of these arrears \$230.71 is for meter  
rates as follows:-

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March	1922	- \$45.18
September	1922	18.96
March	1923	65.02
September	1923	42.00
March	1924	37.27

and the balance is for fire protection rates extending back to 1915.

The consumption at these premises since March 1922 has been as follows:-

<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1924</u>
April	8,600	Jan. 28,900
May	17,400	Feb. 59,100
June	15,900	Mar. 57,400
July	13,500	April 10,200
Aug.	16,700	May 9,900
Sept	17,700	June 30,500
Oct	11,500	July 10,600
Nov	9,400	Aug 40,800
Dec	17,300	Sept 26,700
		Oct 8,100
		Nov 7,100
		Dec 17,700

From these readings it will be seen that the consumption at these premises has been very uneven varying from a minimum of about 9,000 to a maximum of 113,000 a month.

At this late date it will be impossible to arrive at a reason for this condition, however I have no doubt but that the water passed through the meter and was used or wasted within the premises, and, under the circumstances, I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
City Engineer.

*City Engineer  
Committee of Works*

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that said reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration and report. Motion passed.

STORAGE TANK FOR ROAD OIL.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommends for the purchase of a Storage Tank for road oil.

City Works Office,  
Halifax,  
March 5th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th. instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on cost of Tank

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for storage of Road Oils, copy of which is attached hereto, it was decided to recommend to Council that a Tank be purchased from the Horton Steel Works at a total cost of \$725.00 F.O.B. Halifax.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax,  
March 2nd., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I have been trying for some time to get a proper tank to erect on the Incinerator lot to store road oil in, and so avoid the heavy charges for demurrage which we are now frequently liable for. At present cars may arrive at our siding and the weather be such that the material cannot be used on the streets for some days. With a storage tank the car may be unloaded immediately and the work of oiling the street carried on as the weather or other conditions permit.

I have prices as follows:-

T.Hogan & Co.                    \$1,621.00 at Halifax,  
sales tax to be added.

Horton Steel Works            725.00 at Halifax,  
including sales tax.

These are for a new tank of 10,000 Imp. gal. capacity.

I asked the Barrett Company and the Imperial Oil Company, if they could obtain one for me and the Manager of the Barrett Company writes that he has found one of 11,800 gals., capacity that would be suitable for our purposes, which could be bought at approximately \$550.00 on cars Montreal, the freight to Halifax is about \$105.00 which would bring the price to about \$655.00.

I have every confidence in the judgment of Mr. Scutar, the district manager of the Barrett Co., as for some years he has had experience in this kind of work and is familiar with our requirements.

I would recommend that the Engineer be authorized to purchase this tank at a price not to exceed the amount stated, if it complies with required tests, otherwise that a tank be ordered from Horton Steel Works at \$725.00 F.O.B. Halifax.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Power,  
that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and  
the tender of the Horton Steel Works - \$725.00 delivered

*Engineer  
Council*

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at Halifax including Sales Tax, be accepted. Motion passed.  
ed.

✓  
COMMON IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Committee on Works in re providing in the Estimates for 1925-26 the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.) dollars for the purpose of completing the grading of the South Common and providing a Comfort Station at the Children's Playgrounds.

City Works Office,  
Halifax,  
March 5th., 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 4th. instant, Alderman Power moved, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that it be recommended to Council that the sum of \$1,000. be placed in Estimates for 1925-26 for the purpose of completing the grading of the South Common and providing a Comfort Station for Children's Playgrounds; it was moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the amount to be recommended be \$500. for the Comfort Station only - the amendment failed to carry and the motion being put to a vote was carried.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Power, that the consideration of this matter be deferred and that the report be referred to the Finance Committee to take up with the Estimates. Motion passed.

*Acad Kennedy  
Clerk*

✓  
HIGHWAY TAX AND PROVINCIAL LICENSE FEES  
FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

Read letter Arthur Roberts, Esq., K. C., Secretary of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, in re Provincial Highway Tax and Provincial License Fees on motor vehicles.

Bridgewater, N. S.,  
February 12th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,



March 5th., 1925.

The necessary upkeep of the streets has always been one of the heaviest financial burdens of the cities and towns of Nova Scotia, and this was very materially increased by the Highway Tax. The matter has for some years been receiving the anxious consideration of our town councils and there has been a growing agitation and demand for relief. This has been expressed by resolutions of such councils passed from time to time asking for such relief either by way of:-

1. Exemption in whole or in part from payment of the Highway Tax.
2. Provincial aid to the streets of our cities and towns, especially on those roads which are connecting links with the main highways of the Province. Or,
3. That the cities and towns should receive in whole or in part the Provincial license fees on motor vehicles owned in such cities and towns respectively.

The question has also been before the annual conventions of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in 1922, 1923 and 1924, on which there were very earnest and lively discussions, resulting in similar resolutions being passed by such conventions, and thereafter the Executive of the Union from time to time waited upon our Provincial Government and duly reported such proceedings and resolutions, and earnestly impressed the same upon the Government and asked for its serious and sympathetic consideration, with the request that such relief in some form should be granted.

It is well to point out that the work of your Executive in this respect has been very much more difficult because of the fact that the county councils have decidedly different views, and some of them as well as the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association at its meeting this year, have passed resolutions protesting against such relief being granted, for the alleged reason that it would increase the taxation of the rest of the Province.

At the present time some of our towns are passing resolutions in favour of a large delegation waiting upon our Provincial Government and some delegates have been appointed.

The purpose of this letter is to give the foregoing information especially for the benefit of the new Aldermen and further to say that our Executive will meet at Halifax in the early part of the ensuing session of the Legislature and will then have a conference with the Government in connection with the work of the Union. If the proposed delegation from the cities and towns would arrange to wait upon the Government at such time, we shall be glad to join them and to help them. You are cordially invited to make all possible use of our organization and its officials as to every matter in which your Council is interested. We shall indeed be glad to co-operate with you, and now suggest that you get in touch with us as to more definite arrangements.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciat-

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ion of your support of the Union and its work, and confidently depend upon its continuance. We beg to extend our best wishes for your personal and civic welfare.

On behalf of the Executive.

ARTHUR ROBERTS,  
Secretary  
U. N. S. M.

*Wm. Russell*  
Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

✓  
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 52

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee covering draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relative to Traffic on the Streets.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax,  
February 18th., 1925.

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

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee, held this day, it was decided to recommend that the following amendment be inserted in Ordinance No. 52 entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 52 of the City of Halifax relating to traffic on "Streets."

In ordinance No. 52 relating to traffic on Streets add in the Section 43-A, after the word "Police" in the 25th. line the words "and except as hereinafter provided in respect to licensed hacks."

Also add at the conclusion of Sections after 43 the following:- "any person or company operating "licensed hacks or vehicles for hire may be permitted "by the Chief of Police to keep not more than one "vehicle in front of the premises occupied by such "person or company on any street for any length of "time continuously".

B. W. RUSSELL,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power,



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that the draft Ordinance be read a first time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relative to traffic on the Streets. First reading.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power, that the draft Ordinance be read a second time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relative to traffic on the Streets. Second reading.

It was unanimously decided to refer the draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 52 of the City of Halifax relating to Streets, back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to enable that Committee to take up with Aldermen Bissett and Hubley several amendments taken from the Montreal and Ottawa traffic regulations which they consider should be inserted.

*Refer Russell  
to Clerk*

✓  
DELEGATION TO OTTAWA  
RE PREFERENTIAL TRADE  
RELATIONS.

Alderman Colwell submits the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED that this Council extend to His Worship the Mayor a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he placed before the Cabinet at Ottawa the claims of the Maritime Provinces and particularly of the City of Halifax, while on the delegation in re Preferential Trade relations.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Munnis, and passed unanimously by a standing vote of the Council.

✓  
W. W. FOSTER VERSAS THE CITY.

Read transcript of Judgment of Mr. Justice Mellish in the suit of W. W. Foster, Ex-City Auditor versas the City of Halifax.

I N T H E S U P R E M E C O U R T

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Mellish J. In 1907 a fund was established for the superannuation of Officials and employees of the City other than those of the fire and police departments. The legislative provisions referring to this fund and relevant to the present action are the following, taken from the City Charter of 1914, as amended by subsequent legislation -Sections 87, 119, 293, 297 298, 299 , 300 and 304.

The foregoing sections contemplate according to circumstances for participation in the fund upon voluntary retirement (Sections 298 & 300); participation by permission of the Council on Retirement (Section 297); participation on resignation (Section 304) Participation on dismissal or compulsory retirement, (Sections 299 , 300 & 304).

Under Section 298 an Official who has reached sixty years of age and who has contributed to the fund for thirty years is entitled to retire and to receive three-fifths of his salary for life out of the fund. If he has contributed to the fund for at least two years no matter what his age or term of service , he is entitled on voluntary retirement to one half of what he has contributed to the fund (Section 300). If he has contributed to the fund for ten years, has reached the age of sixty years, and served the city for thirty years (Plaintiff's case) he is entitled under Section 304, as I read the section, on voluntary or "other retirement" from office to three-fifths of his average salary for the three years preceding his "retirement".

There is no provision in this section as in section 299 restricting its application to cases other than compulsory retirement ( i.e. dismissal) for cause, and the words "resignation or other retirement" are significant, I think, as indicating that by "resignation" is meant it ordinarily means - a voluntary retirement from office on notice. And it is significant also that the language of Section 304 as passed in 1914 Chapter 74, Section 12, is made different from that which it replaces in the City Charter for 1914 (where the language used is "may be permitted by the Council to retire...and to receive" apparently for the purpose of making it clear that an unfettered right was being conferred upon one who with other qualifications had served the City for thirty years.

Plaintiff resigned and retired from the service permanently, apparently of necessity and on his physician's advise, without any resolution of the Council, and claims to be entitled to the benefits conferred by this section (304)

It is said, no doubt truly, that by common law public officers cannot resign without the consent of those who appoint them, or of those to whom their resignation is properly directed. That state of the law may have rested in its origin on the obligation to accept such offices and possibly on the difficulty which in certain periods of our history might arise in having such offices filled and no doubt also upon the desirability of having the public duly served. At the present day it is not I think difficult to get incumbents for municipal or other public offices and legislatures have in a great measure rendered the common law rule inapplicable;

for example, it is I think quite clear from section 87 of the City Charter above quoted, that an alderman can vacate his office without any acceptance of his resignation, and that when he filed such a "Resignation" his office is as "Vacant" as if he had died. And I think that the "resignation" of a civic officer contemplated by section 119 is intended by the legislature to be effective apart altogether from the wishes of the Council. Section 298, for example, would otherwise be inconsistent with Section 119. The former section states that in certain conditions an officer is "entitled to retire" Under the latter he would have to hold office until death unless the Council consented to his retirement, if the word "resignation" is not to be treated as an effective abandonment of office. I think the word means "giving up" of office by the incumbent and I think that the legislature has said that upon such "resignation" or "giving up" the office is vacant in the same way as it would be if the incumbent had died. A "resignation" is not an offer to resign (1902) 2 K.B.D.S. or at p. 417, but a surrender of office and the legislature has I think said that such a surrender terminates the tenure. I think it would be a misuse of language which will not be attributed to the legislature to say as the legislature does say in section 298 that an official shall be "entitled to retire from his employment" unless it is necessarily meant thereby that an official has the right to retire if he so desires and thereby vacate his office. I am aware that section 298 does not apply to the Plaintiff's case, but I am testing the meaning of the legislature when it speaks of "resignation" or "retirement" from office.

No authority in my opinion has been cited on defendants' behalf contrary to the view herein expressed. An expression is used in the books as to a resignation being "complete" . In its plain meaning a "resignation" is I think wholly the act of the officer holder and is complete when it is delivered by him to the proper party. I do not think the word in itself can mean anything else. The sole question in my opinion on this branch of the case is whether the officer can resign. In my opinion the legislature has clearly indicated that he can. It has said that he shall hold office until his death or resignation. An accepted or acceptable resignation is something more than a resignation. Its acceptability is not an essential to a resignation and no part of a resignation as such- which is merely the surrender of an office and something in which of necessity the city can take no effective part.

The only case cited on behalf of the defendants having any bearing on the matter of statutory construction was EDWARDS v UNITED STATES, 103 U.S. 471. - a case decided in 1880. The Court there construed Statutes of the State of Michigan which inter alia provided that each officer "shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor shall be elected and duly qualified". the defendant, a township supervisor, attempted to resign contrary, as was held, to the provisions of this section shortly after his appointment, and it was decided that he could not do so under the circumstances of that case.

The other statutory provisions of the state of Michigan dealing with resignation had to be read in the light of the one just quoted and considering them together as I understand the case it was decided that the

provisions quoted was an overriding one which prevented a resignation being operative if made during the period of office notwithstanding the other statutory provisions as to the mode of resignation etc., it did not, however, it was held, prevent a resignation becoming "complete" i.e. operative if accepted. See also BRIGGS v SPRAULDING 141 U.S. at p. 154. A similar statutory provision to that quoted has been so construed in many of the States but there is no such provision here.

The meaning which I have put upon the word "resignation" is the one which I think I am bound to put upon it by the elementary rules of statutory construction. The Council can by the very nature of the Act have nothing to do with the "resignation". This, too, as far as I am able to determine, is the meaning put upon the word in English Regulations dealing with Municipal Officials. R v WIGAN 14, Q.B.D. 908.

Referring to Offices such as that held by the Plaintiff, section 119 (2) of the City Charter states; "every such officer shall hold office until his death or resignation" I do not think these words are capable of being read as meaning that the officer shall hold office till his death or until he vacates his office with the consent of the body that appointed him.

The subsection I think means to say that the office is one of life tenure unless sooner surrendered by the incumbent. The length of tenure of the office is what the subsection purports to define. It is not laying down the common law that a public office is vacated by the death of the incumbent or by the consent of the incumbent and his employers.

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Of course, no Officer, public or otherwise, can legally resign during the period which he has agreed to serve. But there is no common law rule to prevent the fixing of the period of service by death or resignation or any other event. Even though the occurrence of such an event as death or resignation may cause inconvenience the contract must be adhered to.

Holding as I do the foregoing views it is unnecessary to add anything more to enable the plaintiff to obtain the relief asked for. But there is another phase of the case to which I may properly refer. The Plaintiff's resignation was referred to the consideration of the Finance Committee by the City Council.

It will be observed that the Council, and the Council alone, has the power of dismissal. The Committee, however, passed judgment upon the causes to be assigned for such dismissal and members of such Committee thereafter took part as members of the Council in the proceedings for dismissal on these same causes. When the causes for dismissal were considered before the Council, which included some members of this Committee, these members as it appears by their report had already prejudged these causes and determined them in a way prejudicial to the plaintiff. And not only so, but they had in my opinion determined the most important alleged causes for such dismissal affecting as they do the plaintiff's honesty, in a manner prejudicial to the plaintiff, without evidence.

For these reasons, to which others might be added, I do not think the resolution for dismissal should stand- even assuming that plaintiff's resignation is to be regarded as ineffectual without acceptance.

There will be an order accordingly with costs to the plaintiff.



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*Wm Russell  
Clerk*  
Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee and the Clerk instructed to furnish a copy to each Alderman.

✓  
WAR MEMORIAL.

Read report Special Committee in re erection of a suitable Memorial in this City.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax,  
December 15, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

Your Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Russell, Kenny and Daw, appointed to confer with representatives of various clubs and organizations with reference to the erection of a suitable War Memorial in this City, held a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock, there being present Aldermen Russell, who was appointed Chairman; Kenny and Daw; Miss G. E. Faulkner representing the I. O. D. E.; Major Edwards St. George's Society; G. E. Hagan the Commercial Club; and V. G. Worth Progressive Club.

The Committee after hearing the opinions expressed by the Representatives present and after a general discussion, passed unanimously the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to the City Council and to the various clubs and organizations interested in the matter of a War Memorial, that a Memorial be erected taking the form of either a monument or memorial arch, at an approximate cost of \$25,000.; that a Committee be appointed consisting of four members of the City Council and one representative from each club or organization that undertakes to raise funds for the project, which Committee shall, first, draw up details as to site, plans, cost, etc.; secondly, raise necessary funds by a grant from the City of Halifax and subscriptions from citizens, and, finally, carry the project to completion; and that after completion of the Memorial the City of Halifax be charged with its care and maintenance.

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the various clubs and organizations interested and to the City Council with a request for its adoption and for undelayed action thereon.

B. W. RUSSELL,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted. Motion passed, 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-



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For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron  
Hubley  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
W.O.Cameron  
Daw.

Alderman Power.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Finlay, that the City of Halifax hereby agrees to subscribe the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) towards the erection of a war memorial in accordance with the report of the Special Committee as adopted at this meeting, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to obtain Legislation for that purpose and that the sum when borrowed be repaid in five equal annual instalments with Interest.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that this Council vote the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars for this purpose. The amendment is put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Against it:-

Alderman Munnis  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron.

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Hubley  
O'Toole  
Power  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
W.O.Cameron  
Daw.

The original Motion is put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

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For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Bissett  
Sanford  
Castonguay  
H.W. Cameron  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
W.O. Cameron  
Daw.

Alderman Hubley  
Power.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following Special Committee to act with the Representatives from each club or organization which undertakes to raise funds for this purpose:-

*and Russell*  
*J. P. Edwards*  
*J. J. Maloney*  
*R. J. Studd*  
*O. J. Wootch*  
*H. M. Bradford*  
*Hilda M. May*

Alderman Russell,  
Finlay,  
Kenny,  
Rains,  
Power,  
and,  
Daw.

✓  
LEGISLATION.

*Solicitor*  
. Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Power, that the City Solicitor be instructed to re-introduce the draft Legislation passed at a meeting of the City Council held on the 24th. of March last, in reference to the appointment of Members to the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Alderman Power submits the following Notice of Motion:-

*Council*  
THAT Legislation be procured at the present session of the Legislature to abolish the veto of the Provincial Government as to proposed expenditures by the City of monies voted by it to the School and Health Boards, or other public bodies supplied with public monies by the Council, and that the City Council be the supreme and ultimate authority as to the necessary expenditure and amount of all such monies voted to such Boards by the City Council.

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Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that the City Solicitor be instructed to submit a draft amendment to Section ~~51~~<sup>41</sup>, Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924, Sub-section "c", and that the draft be so amended to read as originally introduced in Chapter 64 Acts of 1924, and that the said amendment be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. Motion passed.

*Wm Russell  
City Solicitor  
C. L. S.*

✓  
SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATION,  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Alderman Daw submits and reads the following letter from Professor Sexton, Director of Technical Education, in re application of the School Board for a further grant of \$668.00 for these classes.

Present situation regarding Evening  
Technical Classes in Halifax, N. S.

MEMORANDUM TO ALDERMEN J. B. KENNY, A. A. HUBLEY  
AND R. C. DAW.

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The evening technical classes will have to be out short during the first week of March and over 900 pupils dismissed for the year unless the City Council will agree to provide an extra amount of about \$600.00 asked for by the School Board to cover its proportion of the expense of training of the unexpectedly large enrollment in these classes this year. The regular time of closing would be the first week in April and the regular courses of instruction would all be incomplete. No certificates could be issued and the early closing would seriously affect these classes for next year and perhaps the year afterward because of the summary shortening of the courses.

The School Board estimates for the year 1924-25 were cut from \$3500.00 to \$3000.00 last year by the Council. The amount of \$3000.00 might have been sufficient if the number of pupils applying for instruction in October 1924 had not unexpectedly increased almost 50% over the previous year. The School Board foresaw difficulty and asked for some reduction of the pupils in the classes in Automobile operation where the number of pupils had doubled over that of 1923-24. This was done with a great deal of difficulty and over 100 students who did not own or drive automobiles or work in garages were dismissed about the 20th. of December. This has aroused a good deal of criticism, because many of those who were cut out felt they were being deprived of a chance to improve their knowledge and consequent earning power. Even this drastic action did not bring down the cost of teaching services in the evening classes enough to come within \$3000.00 for the regular session.

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If the City Council will not agree to provide the sum asked for by the School Board to continue the classes until the first week in April, none of them will be able to finish the work of the year. Women in dressmaking classes who are now at work on garments will not have the teacher to tell them how to complete them. The same is true in millinery where ladies have learned to make hats for autumn and winter, and are now engaged on those for spring and summer. Bookkeeping students will have finished only two-thirds or three quarters of the prescribed course as it has been carried out for years and is being carried on in other towns and cities of the Province. Men taking instruction in electricity, machine shop work, building construction drawing, mechanical drafting, sign painting, show-card writing, chemistry, etc., would be left in the air. The whole educational plans of these courses would be disrupted.

Halifax is the only place in the Province where the authorities are not carrying through the complete program of the evening technical classes for those citizens who wish to spend their winter evenings in trying to acquire knowledge that may help them to better living conditions either by increasing efficiency in their daily work or by more intelligent economy in the home. Sydney Mines which has faced a very severe crisis this last year, is still adhering to full provision for evening technical classes and the same applies to other towns where times have been none too bright in 1924.

The students in Halifax are roughly apportioned in the different subjects as follows:-

English and Arithmetic	90	
Bookkeeping	120	
Dressmaking	280	
Millinery	140	
Cooking	20	
Home Nursing	60	
Drafting	35	
Electricity	60	
Sign Painting and Show card writing	40	
Machine Shop	30	
Automobile operation	75	
Other technical subjects	<u>20</u>	960

Most of the students in these classes are mature and in age run from 16 to 60. About two-thirds of them are twenty and over. All have left the public school system but a mere handful, say a dozen or two, and these are required to bring a certificate from their teachers assenting to the pupils taking classes in the evenings. About 100 of the pupils are from Dartmouth and the School Board collects the cost of these out of town pupils from the Dartmouth authorities. There are a very few from outside the city limits on the west side of the Arm, but perhaps not more than a dozen.

These people are all in earnest. Each one makes a deposit on entrance of \$3.00 which is returned to him at the close of the session. In some cases this is a considerable sacrifice. They are attending faithfully and receiving effective instruction from devoted teachers.

The amount of expense for which the School Board is liable

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for one-half the teaching services up to February 28th. 1925, is approximately \$2,875.00. This leaves only \$125.00 of the \$3,000.00 passed last year for this item. Therefore, all the evening classes will have to be cut off short unless the City Council co-operates with the School Board to provide the extra amount of about \$600.00 to run these courses the length of time that has been the practice in former years in Halifax and is now being carried out in other towns and cities in the Province.

This is a crisis that affects the plans and efforts of over 900 citizens of Halifax to improve themselves in their spare time and any action to make their efforts effective must be quick and definite.

F. H. SEXTON,  
Director Technical Education Branch,  
Department of Education.

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 28th., 1925.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that this Council approve of the carrying on of the classes in Technical Education until the end of the present term and of the expenditure of the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty-eight (\$668.00) dollars for said purpose - the financing method of this amount to be left with His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

*Mayor!  
Alderman  
Deputy School  
Board*

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
H.W.Cameron  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
W.O.Cameron  
Daw.

Alderman Munnis  
Bissett  
Hubley  
O'Toole  
Rower.

11.20 o'clock P. M.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Russell, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned.

  
JOHN MURPHY,  
MAYOR.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
CITY CLERK.

EVENING      SESSION.

SPECIAL MEETING,  
8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall,  
March 12th., 1925.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Munnis, Russell, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, H. W. Cameron, Kenny, Rains, Whelan, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Power, Daw, W. O. Cameron and Smeltzer.

The Council was called especially for the consideration of the Civic Estimates for the year 1925-26.

✓ CAPE BRETON MINERS' RELIEF.

Alderman Power asked that the order of business be suspended to allow him to introduce a resolution.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Alderman that this was a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the Estimates, but, owing to the urgency, he would give Alderman Power an opportunity later on in the meeting to introduce his resolution.

✓ ESTIMATES 1925-26.

Alderman Kenny, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submits the Estimates for the civic year 1925-26 as prepared by the Finance Committee - revised copies of which had been laid on the desks of the Aldermen.

By unanimous consent the Estimates are considered schedule by schedule.

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EXTRA ASSESSMENT.

1925-26

Schedule A - Joint Estimates of the City of  
Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and  
Municipality of Halifax -

Item ..... \$51,507.86

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass. Motion passed.

Schedule B - Estimate Public Schools -

Item ..... 557,533.53

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STREET PAVING  
AND BETTERMENT ACCOUNTS.

His Worship the Mayor refers to the Laws & Privileges Committee, for its consideration, the matter of assessment of Public Schools and other city property for permanent pavement, sidewalk improvement and other betterments.

*Law Russell  
C. Lusk  
Solicitor*

Schedule C - Estimate City Home -

Item..... 60,919.03

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass. Motion passed.

Schedule D - Estimate Tuberculosis Hospital -

Item..... 27,115.75

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this schedule pass. Motion passed.



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Schedule E - Estimate Public Gardens, Parks  
and Common -

Item..... \$ 9,900.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded  
by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
Hubley, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that  
the item in this schedule for draining and  
cleaning pond and repairs to the wall -  
\$300.00, be reduced to \$150.00. Amendment  
put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11  
against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-      Against it:-

Alderman Bissett  
Hubley  
Power  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
Daw.

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
Whelan  
O'Toole  
W.O.Cameron.

The original Motion for the adopt-  
ion of the Schedule at \$9,900.00 is put  
and passed.

Schedule "F" - Estimate Point Pleasant Park -

Item ..... 4,000.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded  
by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
Bissett, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that  
the item "Labor and Expense" in this sch-  
edule - \$2,230.00, be reduced to \$2,000.00.  
Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the  
same and 9 against it as follows:-

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For the Amendment:-      Against it:-

Alderman Munnis	Alderman Colwell
Bissett	Russell
H.W.Cameron	Sanford
Hubley	Gastonguay
Rains	Kenny
Power	Whelan
Drysdale	O'Toole
Daw.	Smeltzer
	W.O.Cameron.

The original motion for the adoption of the schedule at \$4,000. is put and passed.

Schedule G - Estimate Citizens' Free Library -

Item ..... \$ 3,760.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this schedule pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Power, that the item for Maintenance in this schedule - \$1,100. be reduced to \$900. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-      Against it:-

Alderman Munnis	Alderman Colwell
Bissett	Russell
H.W.Cameron	Sanford
Hubley	Gastonguay
O'Toole	Kenny
Power	Rains
Drysdale	Whelan
Daw.	Smeltzer
	W.O.Cameron.

The original Motion for the adoption of the schedule at \$3,760.00 is put and passed.

Schedule H - City Health Board -

Item ..... \$32,329.50

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this schedule pass.

Read letter City Health Board in re

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action of the Finance Committee on the Estimates of that Board.

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Office City Health Board,  
Halifax, March 12, 1925.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to inform you that at a special meeting of the City Health Board on March 11th. consideration was given to changes recommended by the Finance Committee to the original estimates as passed by the City Health Board. I am directed by resolution to inform you that the estimates passed on March 4th. have been reaffirmed with the exception of changes recommended by the Committee and approved by the Auditor covering Maintenance of the Office and Maintenance at the Isolation Hospital.

The City Health Board does not concur in the recommendations of the Finance Committee:-

1st. That the item of salaries for Inspectors be reduced by dispensing with the services of two Inspectors.

2nd. That the salary of the Dairy and Food Inspector be decreased by \$1,150.00 in lieu of placing the Inspector on part time.

3rd. That the salary item of \$800.00 for the services of the stenographer in the office be struck off.

A. C. Pettipas,  
Secretary,  
City Health Board.

Alderman Kenny, with the consent of the "Seconder", withdraws his Motion to adopt the estimates as submitted by the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Kenny, that the estimates of the City Health Board for the civic year 1925-26 as recommended by the Finance Committee - \$32,329.50, be increased by the addition of the following items:-

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Milk and Food Inspector	\$1,150.00	
Stenographer	800.00	
2 Inspectors @ \$1,350.00	<u>3,060.00</u>	
Total additional .....	\$5,010.00, <u>mak-</u>	
<u>ing the Schedule</u> .....		\$37,339.50.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the report of the Finance Committee recommending the estimates of the City Health Board for the civic year 1925-26 at \$32,329.50, be adopted. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-      Against it:-

Alderman Russell	Alderman Colwell
Munnis	Sanford
Hubley	Bissett
Rains	Gastonguay
O'Toole	Kenny
Power.	H.W.Cameron
	Whelan
	Drysdale
	Smeltzer
	W.O.Cameron
	Daw.

With the consent of Council Alderman Bissett adds to his Motion that the Estimates of the Board of Health for the civic year 1925-26 be fixed at \$37,339.50 under protest, as recommended by the City Health Board, and that application be made for Legislation to have the City Charter amended in respect to the powers of the City Health Board to fix its expenditure, and if such Legislation is obtained before the civic rate for 1925-26 is struck, the Estimates be amended in accordance therewith.

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*Received  
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The Motion to adopt the schedule \$37,339.50 is put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Sanford  
Bissett  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
Whelan  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
W.O.Cameron.

Alderman Hubley  
O'Toole  
Power  
Daw.

Schedule "I" - Estimate Superannuations -

Item ..... \$14,227.84

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Schedule pass. Motion passed, Alderman Power dissenting and wishing to be recorded as voting against the Motion.

Schedule "J" - Estimate City Grants and Sundries -

Item \$98,703.02

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Schedule pass.

By unanimous consent of Council this Schedule is taken up and considered item by item.

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Victoria General Hospital \$22,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this Item pass and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be added to the schedule for income from Patients at the Victoria General Hospital. Motion passed.

\$22,000.00

Revisers of Jury Lists  
Passed.

200.00

Halifax Dispensary & Morgue

1,500.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Rains, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that the item for Halifax Dispensary be reduced to \$1,250.00. Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment:-

Against it:-

Alderman Bissett  
Hubley  
Power  
Daw.

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
Whelan  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
W.O.Cameron.

The original Motion is put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell  
Russell  
Munnis  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Kenny  
H.W.Cameron  
Rains  
Whelan  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
W.O.Cameron.

Alderman Bissett  
Hubley  
Power  
Daw.

Truants, Neglected and Delinquent Children,  
Adult Female Prisoners, Feeble minded  
Children

12,550.00

Passed.

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Infants Home, Brunswick Street <u>Passed.</u>	\$ 1,000.00
Infants Home, Tower Road <u>Passed.</u>	1,000.00
Protestant Home for Females <u>Passed.</u>	400.00
Roman Catholic Home for Females <u>Passed.</u>	400.00
Camp Hill Cemetery <u>Passed.</u>	1,800.00
Victoria School for Art & Design <u>Passed.</u>	1,000.00
Dalhousie University <u>Passed.</u>	500.00
Assessment Appeal Court & Clerk <u>Passed.</u>	325.00
Registrar of Births & Deaths <u>Passed.</u>	500.00
Medical Examiner <u>Passed.</u>	450.00
Children's Hospital <u>Passed.</u>	3,500.00
Victorian Order of Nurses <u>Passed.</u>	2,500.00
Society Prevention of Cruelty <u>Passed.</u>	500.00
Sir Sanford Fleming Park <u>Passed.</u>	1,800.00
Sir Sanford Fleming Park Improvement	1,000.00
Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Power, that this item be struck out.	
His Worship the Mayor ruled this motion out of order as the item is fixed by legislation - See Chapter 79, Section 16, Acts 1919, making it compulsory to provide for this expenditure.	
<u>Item \$1,000.00 passed</u> - Alderman Daw asking to be recorded as voting against this item.	
Town Planning Board -	\$150.00
Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this item pass,	
Moved in amendment by Alderman W. O. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the item Town Planning Board be reduced to \$50.00. Amendment put and passed.	
	50.00

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Printing Annual Report <u>Passed.</u>	\$ 800.00
Maintenance Juvenile Court <u>Passed.</u>	1,000.00
Housing Scheme <u>Passed.</u>	2,860.00
Registrar Property Transfer <u>Passed.</u>	300.00
Collector preparing lists -civic voters- <u>Passed.</u>	200.00
Registrar of Voters <u>Passed.</u>	250.00
Traveller's Aid, Y. W. C. A. <u>Passed.</u>	200.00
Colored Children's Home <u>Passed.</u>	500.00
Halifax Welfare Bureau <u>Passed.</u>	200.00
Expenditure under Legislation 1924 <u>Passed.</u>	12,127.06
Expenditure under Legislation 1924 in respect of installation of accounting system and additional help <u>Passed.</u>	11,693.00
Expenditure under Legislation 1924 (C.C.976) <u>Passed.</u>	9,997.96
Expenditure under Legislation 1923 Provision for Discount on taxes	5,500.00
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	\$ 98,603.02
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Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by  
Alderman Munnis, that Schedule "J" -  
City Grants and Sundries, as amended be  
now passed at \$98,603.02. Motion pass-  
ed.

Alderman Kenny moved, seconded by Ald-  
erman Munnis, that the Laws and Privileges  
Committee be requested to submit legislat-  
ion permitting this Council to fix the am-



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ount of Grants to various City Charities at such sums as the Council from time to time deems advisable. Motion passed.

*Also Russell  
Solomon  
Clark*

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the order of business be now suspended to allow Alderman Power to introduce a Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS conditions of extreme deprivation and need are known to exist among the families of miners in Cape Breton, who have been out of employment for a number of months;

AND WHEREAS great suffering and want are likely to result from said conditions unless speedy relief is immediately forthcoming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do contribute the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for the purpose of alleviating the distressing conditions in the families of the said miners at the present time, and that the same be forwarded to Mayor Morrison, Chairman of the Relief Committee at Glace Bay, forthwith.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman O'Toole.

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads telegram from the Mayor of Kentville to the Mayor of Glace Bay, and Mayor Morrison's reply to Mayor Pelton of Kentville, stating the urgency of sending immediate relief.

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Kentville, March 12, 1925.

Mayor D. W. Morrison,  
Glace Bay, C. B.

Kindly advise as to need for immediate relief re strike situation. We are ready to cooperate in any manner you may suggest. Stores conflicting.

A.L. Pelton,  
Mayor of Kentville.

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A.L. Pelton,  
Mayor of Kentville.

Wire received. Necessity for immediate relief urgent. Glad to accept foodstuffs, clothing or cash donations; today 628 families, 3089 persons, provided for. Increasing one-third greater daily. Contrary reports unfounded. Address Glace Bay General Relief Committee.

D. W. Morrison,  
Mayor.

*Ward Russell  
Solicitor*

The resolution is now passed unanimously.

The Council resumes the consideration of the  
Estimates.

Schedule K - Estimate Short Term Debentures,  
Temporary Loans and Interest -

Item ..... \$ 71,192.66

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by  
Alderman Daw, that this schedule pass.  
Motion passed.

Schedule L - Estimate Interest on Consol-  
idated Fund 1880 -

Item ..... 53,794.00

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by  
Alderman Daw, that this schedule pass.  
Motion passed.

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Schedule M - Estimate Interest on Consol-  
idated Fund 1905 -

Item ..... \$ 246,934.56

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by  
Alderman Daw, that this schedule  
pass. Motion passed.

Schedule N - Estimate Sinking Fund Require-  
ments -

Item ..... 53,705.31

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by  
Alderman Daw, that this schedule  
pass. Motion passed.

11.35 o'clock.


Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by  
Alderman Daw, that this meeting do  
now adjourn until Tomorrow, Friday Ev-  
ening, March 13th. instant, at 8  
o'clock, for the further consideration  
of the Civic Estimates for the year  
1925-26. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Cape Breton Miners' Relief  
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JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
CITY CLERK.