Board of School Commissioners, Feb. 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I hand you herewith, by order of the Board of School Commissioners, copy of the Estimates for 1928-29, as approved by them, and in accordance with resolution adopted by them at their meeting February 14th

> RESOLVED that the Estimates as herewith be adopted and that a copy thereof be transmitted to His Worship the Mayor, with the request that the City Council include in the General Assessment of the City a sum sufficient to yield Four Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-seven Dollars and Fifty-seven cents (436,127.57) that being the amount required for the support and maintenance of the Schools under the charge of the Board for the Year ending April 30th, 1929, and in accordance with Chapter X11, Sec.900 and following, City Charter, and amendments"

This amount does not include interest, on debentures issued for the schools by the City itself, nor an amount to supplement pensions paid to retired teachers.

I am, Yours sincerely, S.J.Wilson, SECRETARY

A large number of teachers of the

Public Schools were in attendance and His Worship the Mayor asked the delegation if they wished to address the Council. By unanimous consent of Council it was decided that Mr. Cummings, Principal of St.Mary's School address the Council on behalf of the School Teachers on the matter of restoring the salaries of the teachers to the amounts paid previous to 1924 when a deduction of 5 and 10% was made.

Council is now addressed by Mr.

After considerable discussion His Worship the Mayor refers the estimates to the Finance Committee for report.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Rains that the policy of restoring the salaries of School Teachers and other Civic Officials be dealt with at this meeting.

out of order.

Alderman Power appealed from the ruling of the Chair seconded by Alderman Rains.

The City Clerk put the question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

A vote being taken there appeared to sustain the ruling of the Chair 13 and against it 2 as follows:

FOR

AGAINST

Alderman Rains Power

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Alderman	Weston	
	Shannon	
	Mitchell	
	Tobin	
	Redden	
	Smith	
	Ryan	
	Corbin	
	O'Toole	
	Drysdale	
	Robertson	
	Smeltzer	
	Robinson-	13

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The City Clerk declares the ruling of the Chair sustained.

LEGISLATION RE COMMERCIAL SALESMEN

Aberman McDuff on behalf of the Lavs & Privileges Committee submits the following draft amendment relating to the licensing of persons doing business in the City who are not assessed:

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(1) No person shall, without a license therefor, sell goods, wares or merchandise from any office, hotel, lodging house or private dwelling, and no person shall, without a license therefor, take orders for the sale of any goods, wares or merchandise from samples displayed in any office, hotel, lodging house or private dwelling.

(2) Nothing in this Section shall apply to:

(2)

The sale of goods, wares or merchandise by any person, firm or corporation regularly doing business in the City from a fixed place of business and assessed by the City in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars or upwards:

(b) The taking of orders for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise, whether from samples or otherwise, from a merchant or tradesman, dealing in or using in his trade or business, goods, wares or merchandise of the same or a similar nature to those for which such order is taken, provided that said merchant or tradesman thereafter proposes to sell said goods, wares, or merchandise in his own business, whether by wholesale or retail, or to use the same in his trade;

(c) The sale of goods, wares and merchandise for religious or charitable purposes:

(d) Any person, who is a bona fide resident of the City and is assessed by the City in the sum of Six Hundred Dollars or more, or any person resident of the City in the employ of a person so resident and assessed, and such goods, wares or merchandise so sold or offered for sale are the property of said persons so assessed at the time the order therefor is taken or the sale thereof is made, and such order is taken or such sale is made from the office or private dwelling of said person so assessed:

(e) Any person bringing into the City milk, vegetables, fruit or other products of his own farm or garden or forest for sale, or selling or offering to sell same at the green market (so called) or in any other part of the City:

(f) Any fisherman bringing into the City fish caught by himself for sale, or selling or offering to sell the same:

(3) In any prosecution instituted for breach of any of the provisions of this Section, the burden of proving an exemption under any of the Clauses (a) (B),(c), (d),(e) or (f) shall be on the person

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who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall, for each offence, be liable to a penalty of not less than Three Hundred Dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

(4) The license required by this Section shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and issued by the Clerk, and shall expire on the 30th day of April next after the date of the issue thereof, and the fee for such license shall be Three Hundred Dollars

Colonel Phinney who was present on behalf of the Board of Trade was, by unanimous consent of Council, permitted to address the meeting on the subject of the proposed amendment.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the Draft Act be approved and adopted and incorporated in the Oity's Bill to be presented to the Legislature. Motion passed.

ST .PATRICKS GIRLS SCHOOL LACK OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re overcrowding at the St.Patrick Girl's School, covering report of G.K. Butler, Supervisor and. F.E.Hull, Superintendent.

Referred to the Finance Committee

andHiston

for report.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$10307.28:

February 16th 1928

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb. 15th 1928

Accounts-Works and Water Departments

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee recommend for payment accounts attached hereto for the amount of \$10,307.28 chargeable as follows:

Water	Dept.	Oapital Ourrent	\$66.23	\$1,112.48
Ŵorks	Dept.	Capital Current	\$487.49 8,707.31	9,194.80 \$ 10,307.28

Respectfully submitted,

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by

Alderman Brysdale that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee

recommending for payment accounts amounting to

\$1,010.34:

Committee Room, City Hall, Feb. 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts, amounting to \$1,010.34, was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted, B.A. Weston CHAIRMAN

February 16th, 1928

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

SPRING GARDEN ROAD ENGINE HOUSE LEASE OF SHOPS 3-5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD

Lest fall with permission

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of shops # 3 and 5 Spring

Garden Road:

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb. 13th 1928

3-5 Spring Garden Road-Lease

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer on tenders for lease of premises # 3-5 Spring Garden Road,

The Works Committee recommends that the tender of the Nova Scotia Undertaking Company for \$900.00 per year be accepted subject to the following conditions or restrictions-

That no bodies be brought to the

building.

That the premises be used for show rooms only and that no caskets be displayed in the windows:

Respectfully submitted, M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WOR CLERK OF WORKS

Mr. Cruikebank City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb.lst 1928

LEASE OF PREMISES No. 3-5 APRING GARDEN ROAD

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the tenders for the lease of the ground floor of the premises No.3-5 $\,$ Spring Garden Road owned by the City, that in response

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to an advertisement two offers were received, Nova Scotia Undertaking Company \$900.00 per annum and John E.Cahill \$725.00 per annum. The premises are now under base at a rental of \$780.00 a year to J.D. Lavers & Company which lease will expire on the 1st of May, 1928.

Last fall with permission of the Committee on Works, the shop was sub-divided by the lessee and one half is occupied by him as a painters shop and the other is sub-let to Cahill & Company who donduct a grocery and fruit business in it.

I have interviewed the two tenders and Mr. Cahill states he intends to use the premises as one store for a grocery shop. Mr. Cruikshank of the Nova Scotia Undertaking Company proposes to use the Store as an office, and show room for caskets etc., but says that he does not intend using it for eigher morgue or funeral purposes and that no bodies will be kept there.

I have received protests against the use of these premises for an undertaking establishment from the owners of the five adjoining properties, also from the Veteran Firemen's Association who occupy the top floor of the premises and also from the Director of the Technical Education Branch of the Province. Copies of these are attached.

If the premises were conducted in the same manner as the ordinary undertaking establishment is, these protests should have considerable weight. I doubt if any one of the Committee would care about having such a business near his residence. The Veteran Firemen have their club rooms over head and are directly interested in the type of business conducted underneath them.

Apart from the interest of the individual, it would also seem that from a public view point these premises should not be used for the purpose mentioned They are on one of our main arteries of travel and in the immediate vicinity of four Churches, two Schools, the Court House and Technical College, and in my opinion where the City can as in this case control it, the premises should not be let for the purpese proposed.

Mr. Cruikshank asks that in the event of the Committee refusing to recommend the least to him for an undertaking establishment that it will specify for what purposes it may be used as he is prepared to take the property and carry on any business that may be sanctioned by the Committee.

> Respectfully submitted, H.W.Johnston CITY ENGINEER

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His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that a delegation is present and would like to address the meeting on the subject of the report:

By unanimous consent Professor Howard Murray was permitted to address the Council on behalf of himself and other property owners of Spring Garden Road protesting against the building being leased for purposes mentioned in the report.

Moved by Alderman Drysdale seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ryan seconded by Alderman Rains that the report of the Committee on Works be not adopted.

Amendment put and passed nine voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston Shannon Mitchell Redden Gastonguay McDuff Rains Ryan Corbin -9 Alderman Smith O'Toole Power Drysdale Robertson Smeltzer Robinson

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$6,741.38 chargeable to the City Home and \$6,227.61 chargeable to T.B.Hospital;

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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 Drysdale, Ryan, McCarthy, Robertson and Redden.

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS JANUARY 1928 AMOUNT \$6,741.38

City Home accounts for the month of January 1928 amounting to \$6,741.38 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS JANUARY 1928 AMOUNT \$6,227.61

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of January 1928 amounting to \$6,227.61 are recommended for payment.

> Respectfully submitted, B.A. Weston, CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by

Alderman Drysdale that the report be adonted and accounts

paid. Motion passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards

recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department \$9,613.22 and to Fire Alarm Telegraph System \$389.42:

> Committee Room, City Hall, Feb.8th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Governor shows a total

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached lists of accounts amounting to 3389.42 chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance, and \$9,613.22 chargeable to fire department, were recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted, S.L.Shannon CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded

by Alderman Rains that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

of Point Pleasant Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$3,712.96:

Halifax, N.S.Feb. 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 1923, the follow-ing named accounts amounting to \$3,712.96 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Respectfully yours,

Arthur C.Pettipas SECRETARY C.H.B.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer

seconded by Alderman Corbin that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison

Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting

to 1,364.91:

Committee Room, Gity Hall, Feb. 7th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to *1,364.91 were passed as correct and re-commended to the City Council for payment.

The attached report of the Governor shows a total of forty-five prisoners in custody on January 31st 1928.

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Respectfully submitted, H. T. Rains CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Rains,

seconded by Alderman Robinson that the report be

adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed

POINT PLEASANT PARK ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Commissioners

of Point Pleasant Park recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$285.27:

Committee Room, City Hall, Feb.l6th 1928

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Point Pleasant Park Commission held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$288.27 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

> Respectfully submitted, J.J.Kenny MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston,

Read report of the Committee

Committee Room,

City Hall, Feb.7-28

seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

Gardens Parks and Common Accounts

on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to Public Gardens \$437.30 and chargeable to Fleming Park \$92.30:

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$92.30 chargeable to Fleming Park and \$437.30 chargeable to Public Gardens, were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

> Respectfully submitted, S.L.Shannon CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded

by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adouted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$376.99:

Halifax, N.S.Feb.13th 1928

His Worship the 'ayor, and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee begs to submit the following accounts for payment

City of Halifax	Salaries	\$221.65
T.C.Allen & Co.	Books	\$.80
Wm McNab & Son	Bookmarks	5.00
Review Pub. Co.	Subscriptions	2.00
Can.Hist.Review	н	2.00
C.D Cazenove & Son	11	138.54
Gens Lemente		\$376.99

Respectfully submitted, L.F.Barnaby LIBRARIAN

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

. Read report of the Police Committee

recommending for payment accounts amounting to

\$7,850,39:

Halifax, N.S.Feb. 16th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the attached accounts amounting to \$7,850.39 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

> Respectfully submitted J.B.Kenny MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alde man Ryan, seconded

by Alderman Drysdale that the remort be adouted and accounts paid / Motion passed.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION RD-ESTABLISHMENT FINAL PAYMENT SEVER CONSTRUCTION

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the final payment on account of the construction of a sever at the Provincial Exhibition grounds, the City's share of which is \$295.00:

> Committee Room, City Hall, Feb.15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen; -

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor covering a certificate of Andrew R.Cobb, Architect for the Provincial Exhibition Buildings, recommending a payment of \$295.00 to the Exhibition Commission, being the balance of the account of Messrs.Hanratty & Bianco, for sewerage construction at the Exhibition grounds was submitted and read

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Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to pay this amount out of General Account to be refunded when a loan for this purpose is issued.

Respectfully submitted B.A.Weston CHAIRMAN

> City Auditor&s Cffice, Jan. 16th, 1928

The Chairman Finance Committee City Hall.

Dear Sir:

I attach certificate from Andrew R. Cobb, Architect for the Provincial Exhibition Thich calls for a payment to the Commission for the purpose of meeting the balance of the account of Hanratty and Bianco for the Exhibition sewer

> Contract Price \$2,950.00 Previous payments 2,360.00

Present Certificate \$590.00

The City's share under this heading is \$295.00 and I shall be glad if you will approve the payment.

Respectfully submitted A.M.Butler CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION RE-CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PAYMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the 7th, Progress payment on account of construction of the new Exhibition Buildings:

Alderman Power that the report of the Finance Committee

City Auditor's Office, Halifax, M.S., Feb.15-28

The Chairman, Finance Committee City Hall.

be adopted. Motion passed.

Dear Sir;-

I attach certificate from Mr. A.R.Cobb, calling for the seventh payment to the Provincial Exhibition Commission on account of materials supplied and workmanship performed by the Contractors, The McDonald Construction Company, Limited. This certificate amounts to \$33,048.75 of which the City's share is \$16,524.38.

Please approve this payment in the usual

way.

Yours truly,

A.M.Butler, CITY AUDITOR,

> Committee Room, City Hall, Feb.15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Counittee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor covering certificate of A.R.Cobb, Architect for the construction of the new Exhibition Building, recommending the 7th Progress Payment of \$16,524.38, being one-half the City's portion for the construction of the new Exhibition Buildings, was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be instructed to pay this amount out of General Account, said amount to be refunded when a loan for this purpose is issued.

> Respectfully submitted, B.A.Weston CHAIRMAN

and tor

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by

Alderman Robinson that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

NEW ISOLATION HOSPITAL- PROGRESS PAYMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the 4th Progress Payment to M.E.Keefe Construction Co.,Ltd., on account of the new Isolation Hospital contract.

City Auditor's Office, Halifax, N.S., Jan.13th, 1928

The Chairman Finance Committee, City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I attach Architects certificate # 4 for \$3,000.00 calling for a payment to the Keefe Construction Company on account of the New Isolation Hospital. Would you please confirm this payment as well as one to the Architect, H.E. Gates, for \$200.00 on account of supervision of the work

Yours truly,

A.M.Butler CITY AUDITOR.

Committee Room, City Hall, Feb.15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of theCity Auditor covering a certificate of HE. Gates, Architect for the construction of the new Isolation Hospital, recommending the 4th Progress payment to the Keefe Construction Co.,Ltd. of §8,000.00 on account of their contract for the new Isolation Hospital, as well as payment of \$200.00 to Mr. Gates for professional services was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be instructed to pay to the Keefe Construction Co., the sum of 35,000.00, the amount of the Architect's Certificate on account of their contract, and \$200.00 to Mr. H.E.Gates for his services, said amounts to be taken from General account and to be refunded when a loan for this purpose is issued.

Respectfully submitted

B.A.Weston CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by

Alderman Robertson that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY . REPORT

Read report of the Charities

Committee for the month of January showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 277 and the number of patients in the T.B.Hospital to be 48; FILED:

TAX COLLECTIONS

Read report of the City Auditor re

Tax Collections for the month of January 1928:

City Auditor's Office, Feb. 16th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of January 1928 is attached. Collections amounted to \$117,812.25, In January 1927 collections tatalled \$99,796.96 showing an increase this year over last of \$18,015.29. The following table shows this increase in detail:

TAXES	JAN. 1927	Jan. 1928	INCREASE
Arrears Current Water	29,896.53 26,324.27	\$45,843.13 43,209.08 28,671.04	\$2,266.97 13,401.55 2,346.77
38 <u>1. 27</u>	\$99,796.96	\$117,812.25	\$ 18,015.29
Civic Years	Compar 1926-27 and 1	rative Statemer 1927-28	nt for 9 months;
CIVI YEAR	ASSESSMENT	COLLECTION TO JANUA	

1926-27\$1,8\$7,707.32\$1,2\$7,555.556\$.2%1927-281,925,027.001,434,050.4774.9%

Collections to . anuary 31st credited to the Tax Refunding Sinking Fund amount to \$494,981.96

Collections on account of Current Taxes this year are 6.7% ahead of last year for the same period. This is a very favourable showing.

A M. Butler CITY AUDITOR.

CITY OF HALIFAX STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS AS AT JANUARY 31st, 1928

Arrears Taxes	Outstanding Balance Previous Months	Çash Collections during January	Amounts Written off and Misc.Credits	Outstanding Balance Jan.31st 1928
Civic Years p to May 1 1925		\$15,730.31	\$3,649.65	\$883,717.96
Civic Year 1925-26	198,074.92	12,383.76	163.63	185,527.53
Civic Year 1926-27	<u>288,340.33</u> \$1,389,513.17 \$	17,729.06 45,843.13	<u>81.87</u> \$3,895.15	270,529.40 \$1,339,774.89
CURRENT TAXES	their actures	a duculați she a	oath	
Civic Year 1927-28	\$588,700.75	\$ 43,165.58	\$17.63	\$ 545,517.54
Poll Tax Estimate	132.50 \$588,833.25	132.50 \$ 43,298.08	\$17.63	\$ 545,517.54
WATER DEPARTMENT Rates and Taxes Balance Dec.31-27 \$165,901.18				
Add monthly charges 1,6	14.17-167,515.3	5\$28,671.04	\$	\$138,844.31_
Grand Totals_		77\$117,812,25	\$3,912.78	\$2,024,136.74
Surplus collected 1927-28 Poll Tax Estimate of \$3,500.00 \$50.50 Surplus collected 1927-28 Dog Tax Estimate of \$3,450.00 101.83				
FILED Engineer re Legislation to berson for services				
DEPAR MENCAL APPROPRIATIONS				
Read report of the City Auditor re				
Departmental Appropriations for the month of December 1928:				

City Auditor's Office, Feb.15th 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith the usual Statements of Appropriation, copies of which have been supplied the heads of Departments.

Yours truly,

A.M.Butler CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

REPORT OF COAL WEIGHERS

Read report of A.H. Cullymore,

Supervisor of Coal Weighers showing that the Permanent Weighers received the sum of \$107.86 each in fees for their services during the month

FILED.

SEWER LOAN \$5,000.00

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 be placed in the City's Borrowing Bill now to be presented to the Legislature:

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb.15th 1928

SEWERS

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer re Legislation to borrow for sewer account

The Works Committee recommend that authority be asked to borrow a sum not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars for sewer purposes.

> Respectfully submitted M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

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February 16th, 1928

City Engineer 's Office, Feb. 15th 1928

SEWERS

His Worship the Mayor.

Works Depenartment Comm

Sir:-

Our borrowing power on account of sewer construction is exhausted and it is recommended that legislation be applied for authorizing the borrowing on this account of a sum not to exceed \$10,000. During the last few years such legislation was obtained for \$5,000. To avoid the necessity of applying each year for such Egislation it would seem to be advisable to get authority for the larger sum. This does not mean that the money need be borrowed unless we require it.

The cost of construction of sewers now on the order paper will amount to nearly \$5,000.00, and I have before me a proposed development on a street which will mean the erection of five houses and if these are built the estimated cost of the extension of the sewer to serve them will be approximately \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

> TRAFFIC REGULATIONS CITY'S ASH AND GARBAGE WAGGONS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that an amendment be made to Section 11 Chapter 69 of the Acts 1923 relative to the law respecting traffic on the streets:

> City Works Office, Feb. 15th, 1928

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11 CHAPTER 69 ACTS 1923

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:-

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Attached hereto is report of City Engineer re amendment to Section 11 Chapter 69 Acts of 1923, which was approved at a meeting of the Works Depepartment Committee held this day and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. Feb. 8th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

Section 11, Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1923 provides that-

"Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a sprinkler cart, a steam roller or a motor sweeper may travel in any direction on either side of the street, or in the centre thereof, and shall have the right of way against any vehicle except a tram car or a vehicle of the Fire Department when proceeding to a fire"

There are occasions when it is necessary fr the Ash and Garbage wagons to be on the wrong side of the stret to pick up heavy loads of material. I would suggest that "City Ash and Garbage wagson", be inserted in this section after the word "Sweeper" in the third line thereof.

> Respectfully submitted H.W.Johnston CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Robinson seconded by Alderman Weston, that the reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration. Church Wotion passed. /

> WORKS DEPARTMENT-LEASE OF MOREASH PROPERTY-KEMPT ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of house on Kempt Road being part of the Moreash Property to Mr. Frank McNeil:

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S. Jan.21st 1928

KEMPT ROAD MORASH PROPERTY

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:

I have an offer from Mr. Frank McNeil to rent the small cottage on the Morash Property fronting on Kempt Road. The house fronting on Lady Hammond Road has been let to Mr. McGrath at a rental of \$10.00 per month. The Kempt Road house is not in what might be called first-class condition. Mr. McNeil offers to pay \$4.00 per month and make what repairs arenecessary, provided the City replaces the broken windows

This house has been vacant for a long time and should either have a tenant init or be torn down.

I would recommend that Mr. McNeil's offer be accepted and the property be kased to him under a yearly agreement.

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

City Works Office, Halifax,N.S. Jan.26th,1928

Kempt Road-Morash Property

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer re lease of cottage on Morash Property fronting on Kempt Road has been approved by the Works Committee and is recommended to the Council for adoption.

> Respectfully submitted M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Seconded by



Alderman Robinson that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD MARY KIRKER PROPERTY 38 SEYMOUR ST.

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of the property of Miss Mary Kirker 38 Seymour Street for the extension of the Morris Street Boulevard:

> City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S., Jan. 18th, 1928

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD 38 SEYMOUR STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

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Sir:-

In accordance with the resolution of the Committee on Works I beg to report on the advisability of taking over the property # 38 Seymour Street that Plan No.6037 submitted herewith shows the location of this property.

It will be seen that two properties remain to be acquired by the City to complete the Morris Street Boulevard from Seymour Street to the entrance to Dalhousie University, one of these Is No. 38 and the other a portion of No.36. There is not as much necessity for acquiring the latter immediately as while until it is purchased and removed, it will form a jog in the street, stillif # 38 were acquired the Boulevard could be completed with the exception of the portion of the sidewalk on the south side occupied by No.36. No.38 is opposite the centre of Motris Street, and cuts out entirely, the view of the University grounds to anyone approaching from the eastward.

The acquisition of this property and the removal of the building would undoubtedly effect a great improvement in this locality. It will have to be purchased some day and the only question affecting the advisability of taking it now is one of finance. The value of the property has been dealt with in my report of the llth instant submitted at the last meeting of the Committee. It will be remembered that Miss Kirker originally asked \$6,500. for the property and eventually named \$5,500 as the lowest price she would take. Since that report was submitted I have received another letter from her in which she states that she will take \$5,000, if the City willpurchase theproperty immediately, although she considers that this price is below its value. This will make a difference between my value of\$4,500 and Miss Kirker's of \$500.00.

Most of the adjoining properties required for the purposes of this street extension were bought before the amendment-relating to valuation was passed in 1919 and the prices paid were in all cases higher than were contemplated by the legislation. As there are only two properties remaining to be acquired to complete the work it would seem only fair that the owners of these should be treated in a similar manner to the owners of those previously taken.

In view of all the circumstances surrounding the case I would recommend that the City take over this property.

> Respectfully submitted, H.V.Johnston SITY ENGINEER

(See Previous letter Jan.11 following)

City Works Office, Halifax,N.S.,Jan.20-28

MOBRIS STREET BOULEVARD 38 SEYMOUR STREET

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto are reports of City Engineer on Property 38 Seymour Street, owned by Miss Mary Kirker.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 18th inst., it was decided to recommend to Council that the City purchase said property for the sum of \$4,750.00.

Respectfully submitted, M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

> City Engine er's Office Jan. 11th 1922

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD 38 SEYMOUR STREET

HisWorship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with the resolution of the Committee on Works I have discussed with Miss Kirker the question of the price that she would sell her property # 38 Seymour Street to the City for the purposes of the Morris Street Boulevard.

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It will be recalled that she asked the sum of \$6,500. After discussion, she, without prejudice, agrees to accept \$5,500 for the property provided the City will take it over immediately.

For the information of the Committee an Act passed in 1919 is here quoted.

Section 25, Chapter 79 Acts 1919.

"If any real property not the property of the City or forming part of any street is indicated upon the official plan as property which will ultimately be required as a part of any street the value or compensation to be paid therefor by the City, if the same is subsequently taken by the City by expropriation proceedings, shall be the market value of the land at the date of the confirmation of the section of the official plan on which such property is shown and no additional allowance shall be made for compulsory taking"

The Official plan of the Morris Street Bouldvard was confirmed on April 28, 1911 and I understand that the property was purchased by the late Mr. Kirker, father of the present owner, in 1909. At this date it is a little difficult to arrive at what was the market value of the property at that time. An index to it may be obtained by comparing the assessed values then and now.

Between 1909 and 1912 the property was assessed for 9,000 for the past five years it has been assessed for \$3,600, of which \$800.00 is the valuation placed on the land.

From the best information obtainable it is estimated that the cost of constructing this building in 1911 would be not more than \$3,000, estimating the value of the lot at \$500.00 would make a total of \$3,500.00 as the market value of the property when the plan was confirmed. The present value of the property is estimated at \$4,500.

In fairness to the present owner of this property it must be pointed out that the mandatory law requiring that the City pay only the market value at the time the plan was confirmed, was passed in 1919, while the adjoining properties were acquired in 1915 and 1916 and the owners were paid a considerably higher price than is contemplated by the amendment mentioned.

There is at present a credit balance of account of Morris Street extension amounting to \$156.91 and an amount of \$3,782.97 in the street widening fund. If the Committee decide to buy this property it will be necessary for the City to make a further borrowing on the account of street widening fund Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston

CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the report be adopted. Motion wave passed.

SEWER ASSESSMENT-MUMFORD ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer assessment Munford Road on the property of St. Agnes Church and Mrs. Florence Brunt, recommending that an amendment be made to the Oharter to relieve these properties of sewerage assessment:

> City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb. 15th,1928

MUMFORD ROAD SEWER ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

(1)

The question of the relief from sewer assessment of the properties on either side of Mumford Road from Chebucto Road about 200 feet northwardly was referred to the City Solicitor and myself for report as to whether an amendment to the Charter could be drawn which would cover such cases. After consultation and discussion we decided that this would be difficult if not impracticable and that the better way would be to treat any such cases that some up on their merits and if the Committee decide that relief should be given, that special kgislation should be obtained in each case.

Your Committee has not yet decided whether these properties should be relieved of the assessment, but if you should so decide I am attaching an amendment to the Charter drafted by the City Solicitor to cover the case.

> Respectfully submitted City Engineer

AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER

If the City constructs a sever on Mumford Road to connect with the sever on Chebucto Road for the purpose of diverting a stream of water which now crosses Mumford Road at a point approximately two hundred feet northerly from Chebucto Road, no owner of a property abutting on the part of Mumford Road through which such sewer passes shall be required to contribute to the cost of constructing such sever so long as such property is not connected with such sever by a private drain.

(2) If the owner of any such property at any time wishes to connect such property with the said sewer by a private drain he shall be permitted to do so on payment of the amount in respect to his property now chargeable in the gase of property abutting on a street in which a sewer is constructed and on conforming to the other provisions respecting the connection of private drains with public sewers.

> Oity Engineer's Office, Halffax, N.S. January 21st 1928

SEWER ASSESSMENT MUMFORD ROAD

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of the Rev. Father Cole of St. Agnes Shurch and Mrs. Florence Brunt owner of the property opposite, at the northwest corner of Mumford and Chebucto Road, protesting against paying sewerage rates for the proposed new sewer, that this sewer is the one recently ordered to be built on Mumford Road to intercept the water now flowing across Mumford Road in the original water course and thence through private property to Chebucto Road westwardly from Mumford Road.

The proposed sewer, as pointed out at the time is, and will be of no benefit to either of the properties of the protesting parties.

Any sewer extension on Mumford Road will have to flow northerly as the ground falls in that direction, so that the piece of sewer proposed is solely for the purpose of diverting the water course in the sewerage system and will not be used to dispose of household drainage.

The circumstances here are pecular, I do not know of any other like case. It has been suggested that the proposed work in view of the surrounding facts, is an extension of the cluvert, and is not a sewer, but I am unable to agree with this contention, as I think it is a sewer within the meaning of the Act.

This being do, under the Charter, the Council has no power to remit the assessment without special legislation.

Respectfully submitted, H·W.Johnston CITY ENGINEER

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- City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb. 15th 1925

MUMFORD ROAD SEWER ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

The Works Committee recommends that the attached reports of the City Engineer together with the accompanying proposed amendment to the City Charter re relief from sever assessment on properties on Mumford Road be adopted.

> Respectfully submitted, M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the reports be adopted and the draft act incorporated into the City's Bill to be presented to the Legislature. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL-MILITARY GYM.COGSWELL STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill Military Gymnasium swell Street:

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. Jan.20th 1928

Military Gymnasium-Water Acct.

his Worship the Mayor and City Council. Sirs:-

The Works Committee recommends that the Dill for water supplied the Military Gymnasium from October 3rd, to November 3rd 1927, be made up on the Dasis of one-half consumption registered viz--

> 1,622,000 gallons instead of \$3,244,000 Respectfully submitted, M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

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Report of City Engineer on fyle.

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

WATER METER BILL S & M. FRIED

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill S & M. Fried:

> City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb.15th 1928

WATER BILLS 8 & M. Fried

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer on Water Bills on properties of S and M. Fried.

The Works Committee recommends that water Meter account 169-71 Windsor Street, 1922-23 amounting to 3152.61 be reduced by \$100.00 and that Water Account premises # 173 Windsor Street for March 1923, amounting to \$39.74 be reduced to \$20.00

> Respectfully submitted M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

Report of the City Engineer on file.

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

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WATER HETER BILL 100 LOWER WATER STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 100 Lower Water street;

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February 16th, 1928

City Works Office Halifax, N.S.Jan 20th, 1928 Alderman Robinson that the saport of the Coomittee on

100 Lower Water Street, WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

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and Oity In The Works Committee recommend that Water Account for premises No.100 Lower Water Street for six months ending March 1922 (\$\$7.27) and six months end-ing March 1922 (\$\$7.96) total \$155.23; be reduced by \$130.00

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Respectfully submitted, M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

(Report of the City Engineer on file)

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

WATER METER BILL 74 GERRISH STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 74 Gerrish Street:

by Alderson Robinski City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. Jan.20th 1928

74 GerrishStreet -Water Account

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer on Water Bill No. 74 Gerrish Street.

The Works Committee recommend that said report be adopted and the October 1927 reading reduced to 10,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted.

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS (Report of City Engine er on file)

Alderman Robinson that the report

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Robinson that the report of the Committee on

WATER METER BILL 68-72 BIRMINGHAL STRUET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Heter Bill 65-72 Birmingham Street:-

> City Works Office Halifax, M S., Feb.10th 1928

68-72 BIRMINCHAM STREET-WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer on Water Bill 68-72 Birmingham Street.

The Works Committee recommends that the consumption shown for the month of January 1928, viz- 14,000 gals. be reduced by 5,000 gals.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

(City Engineer's report on fyle)

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded

by Alderman Robinson that the report of the Committee

on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

Street:

WATER METER BILL 10-12 Jacob Street

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 10-12 Jacob

Øity Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb. 6th 1928

10-12 Jacob Street-Water Bills

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of City Engineer on Water Bills # 10-12 Jacob Street.

The Works Committee recommends that the consumption shown January 1928 vbz: - 212,100 gallons be reduced by 25,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

(City Engineer's report on file)

Moved by Ald erman Gastonguay, seconded

by Alderman Robinson that the report of the Committee on

Works be adopted .Motion passed



WATER METER BILL 119 LOWER WATER STREET

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Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 119 Lower Water Street:-

> City Works Office, Halifax,N.S., Feb. 6-2\$

His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto are reports of City Engineer on Water Bill 119 Lower Water Street.

The Works Committee recommends that Meter Accounts on said premises from September 1924 to October 1925 amounting to \$195.94 be reduced by fifty per-cent.

> Respectfully submitted M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

(City Engineer's report on file) -573-

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Aberman Robinson that the report of the Committee onWorks be adopted. Motionpassed.

WATER METER BILL 194-196 ARGYLE STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 194-196 Argyle Street:

City Works Office, Halifax, N.S. Feb.6th,1923

194-196 Argyle Street-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto are reports of City Engineer and City Solicitor re water bill for p remises 194-196 Argyle Street.

The Works Committee recommends that the consumption for the half year ending October 1927 be reduced by one-half.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

file)

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay,

seconded by Alderman Robinson that the report of the

Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed

WATER METER BILL 42 YALE STREET

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 42 Yale Street:

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City Works Office, Halifax, N.S., Feb.6th, 1928

42 Yale Street-Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

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The Works Committee begs to recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer on water consumption at # 42 Yale Street be adopted and that the consumption for November and December 1927, be made up on the basis of 10,000 gallons per month.

Respectfully submitted

M.A.Hunter CLERK OF WORKS

(Report of the City Engineer on file)

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

BROKERAGE LICENSE FEES

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of Messrs.Rainnie and Keator, and W.A. Thompson for a refund of Brokerage License Fees paid by them in 1914 and covering opinion of the City Solicitor on same:

> Committee Room, City Hall, Feb. 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen: -

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the applications of Messrs.Rainnie and Keator and W.A.Thompson,Manager for the British and Canadian Underwriters, asking for a refund of License fee paid in 1924 were submitted.

This matter was referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion as to whether the Claimants were entitled to a refund from the City. The City Solicitor in a written opinion states that he could see no reason why the City should be called upon to make a refund.

Your Committee recommend that the opinion of the City Solicitor be concurred in, and that a copy of the same be sent to the parties claiming a refund.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 16th, 1927

The Chairman Finance Committee, City

RE CLAIM OF RAINNIE & KEATOR FOR RETURN OF LICENSE FEES

I cannot add to the statement of facts already set out in my previous report.

As to the claim for a return of the license fees paid, I cannot add to the statement of the law given in my report to this Committee in the Kingdom matter, a copy of which I enclose. The case, however against the return in the present matter is much stronger than in the Kingdom case. That case was undoubtedly one in which a mistake of overpayment was made. In the present case there was no illegality in respect to the payments. The law authorized the City to assess Insurance Associations. Those represented by Messrs.Rainnie & Keator accepted the view that they were Wiable and paid their tax.

As to a number of others in respect to which I made my previous report, the difficulty, as I pointed out, was not any illegality in the law, but the impossibility of coll cting from Associations which apparently did not exist. In the case of those represented by Messrs. Rainnie & Keator, the Associations apparently did exist and considered themselves liable to the tax and paid.

Under these circumstances I can see no reason why the City should be called upon the make any refund.

Yours truly, F.H. Bell CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded

by Alderman Robertson that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

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COAL WEIGHERS REES

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on the application of the Coal Weighers for increase of 2¢ per ton to their fees for weighing of coal and coke;

> Committee Room, City Hall, Jan.24-1928

His Worship the Mayor, and Members of theCity Council.

Gentlemen: -

At a meeting of the Committee of Laws & Privileges held this date an application from the Supervisor of Goal Weighers for an increase of 2 per ton in the fee for the weighing of goal was considered.

Your Committee recommend that a special committee be appointed to investigate this matter and report to the City Council.

> Respectfully submitted, T.F.Tobin, CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded

by Alderman Robertson that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates

as a SpecialCommittee to investigate the matter of coal weighers fees the following:

Aldermen Tobin, Mitchell, Ryan,

where and Robertson.

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His Worship the Mayor submits