

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

October 11th, 1918.

A joint meeting of the Board of Control and the two remaining Alderman being all the members of the City Council was held this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Hines, Murphy, Finlay and Taylor and Aldermen Godwin and Parker.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Fire Department.
Street Sprinkler and Flusher Loan.
City Council-Election of Aldermen.
Young Street Extension Hennessey Field.
City Hall Carpets.
Abattoir
Accounts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In consequence of questions asked by His Worship the Mayor relating to Fire Department matters the Chief of the Fire Department is instructed to submit a written report showing the number of men in the Department, how employed and how distributed; who is in charge of all the Department Motor Apparatus, where the motor engines are located and who in charge of each of said engines, whether the chief operator is consulted as to fixing the locations of the engines and as to who is placed in charge of them. Also the number of calls for the chemical apparatus stationed at the various fire stations during the past few months.

STREET SPRINKLER AND FLUSHER LOAN.

The City Clerk for the City Treasurer verbally reported that in 1917 authority was obtained to borrow \$7500.00 for motor street sprinkler and flusher equipment but that under the act only \$4000. has been

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borrowed. It was afterwards discovered that the total cost of the machinery purchased amounted to \$7023.60 leaving a shortage in cash of the difference in amount. The City Council let the contract for the purchase of the apparatus.

Handwritten:
Hon G H Murray ✓
Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
Council

The City Treasurer is authorized to wait upon the premier of Nova Scotia for the purpose of obtaining from him if possible an assurance that he will use his best endeavors to secure from the Legislature at its next session an Act legalizing the raising of funds for the immediate payment of the balance of \$3023.60

CITY COUNCIL - ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.

The members of Council present met for the special purpose of considering the petition from Citizens urging the holding of an election for the purpose of filling vacancies in the City Council. See Minutes Board of Control October, 8th, page 755.

Read draft of letter prepared by the City Clerk proposed to be forwarded to the Premier of Nova Scotia, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 10, 1918.

Hon. G.H. Murray,
Premier of Nova Scotia.

Sir:-

Under instructions from the Board of Control, I have the honor to forward you herewith a copy of a petition praying that His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council declare by resolution the vacancies now existing in the Halifax City Council and thereafter in due course, cause a day to be fixed for an election to fill the vacancies.

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Also a copy of letters in reply forwarded by His Worship the Mayor to His Grace Archbishop McCarthy and His Grace Archbishop Worrell as representing the petitioners.

The Board of Control desires that you may be pleased to lay this matter before the Governor in Council, for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion and advising His Worship and the Members of the City Council what course should be pursued in the premises.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Controller Murphy explained that he had requested that the present joint meeting be held so that all the existing members of Council might be given an opportunity to pass their opinion as to what action should be taken - he thought some opinion should be recorded and submitted to the Government.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Alderman Parker that a copy of the Citizens petition be forwarded to the Governor in Council with the expression of the view of this meeting that the course outlined in the petition is desirable.

The motion is put and passed His Worship the Mayor dissenting.

His Worship the Mayor desires to have it recorded on the Minutes that in addition to opinions he himself entertained on the matter he dissented from the resolution in deference to the views expressed by the Honorable Premier of the Province, with which he agreed, that the Government had no statutory authority to order that an election be held. His Worship stated that if the charter permitted it he would have issued a proclamation at once upon the resignation of the aldermen calling for an election.

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Memo # ✓
Murphy

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YOUNG STREET EXTENSION HENNESSEY FIELD.

The City Clerk informed the Board ^{that} the L.A. Lovett, Solicitor for the owners of the Hennessey Field is pressing for the payment \$3500.00 the purchase ^r pice of the portion of land acquired for the straightening of East and West Young Street.

The money was borrowed for the purpose some years ago but was put into the common fund for street widening purposes and used with the amount \$5000.00 street widening fund in payment for small pieces of land acquired from time to time. During the year 1916 and again in 1917 the usual \$5000.00 a year was not borrowed and the suggestion was that the \$3500.00 (of the \$5000.00 allowed) not borrowed in 1916 be now borrowed if the sanction of the Government can be obtained.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Treasurer is requested to submit a written report as to the street wide ning fund and the Hennessey Field Fund showing the amounts borrowed each year and detailed schedule fo the amounts expende d each year to date.

The City Solicitor is instructed to submit his opinion as to whether the \$3500. could now be borrowed under authority of the street widening, borrowing powers the said sum having been used for street widening oather than for the purpose for which it was specifically borrowed; and also as to whether the years of 1916 and 1917 having passed without the City exercising its borrowing powers it can now borrow to pay debts contracted during those years.

Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓

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CITY HALL CARPETS.

The Janitor of the City Hall is instructed to send to the Industrial School to be cleaned the old carpets removed from the office of the Mayor and City Solicitor and after being cleaned to send them to the Red Cross Society for the purpose of being made into slippers for soldiers.

*Engineer ✓
Janitor City ✓
Hall.*

ABATTOIR.

At request of Alderman Godwin the City Engineer is instructed to make an early report as to the completion of the Public Abattoir and its equipment.

Engineer ✓

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Explosion Repairs City Hall \$997.91

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	929.25
Water Construction	10184.74
Sewerage	385.97
Teams & Stables	400.59
City Property	192.22
City Hall Lighting	113.71
Market Revenue	19.12
Streets	4935.50
Street Lighting	2163.95
Abattoir	7.35
Fuel City Hall	932.75
Loan Widening Streets	50.74
Baths	5.48
Motor Sprinkler	3819.40
Internal Health	13.69
City Prison Improvement	497.00
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	\$24651.46

Council

The Works Department accounts are ordered not to be paid until approved by Controller Finlay.

The Board adjourn ed.

L. J. ...
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 15th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Finlay, Taylor and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Imperial Oil Co. Plant Kempt Road and Robie Street.
Fodder Tenders.
Policeman Arthur O'Hearn Resignation.
Loans Widening Streets.
Explosion-American La France Fire Engine Co. Accounts.
Explosion-American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. Contribution.
Explosion - Loans from Relief Commission.
Coal Weighers Monthly report.
Drain # 144 Preston Street - Max Hornstein.
W. B. Kane & Co. Taxes Due.
City Prison Underkeepers Residence.
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.
Shipyards Fire Alarm Box.
City Electrician.
Isolation Hospital - Piercey vs City et al.
Isleville Street Extension.
Boat Landing Privileges & etc.
Explosion - City Home Chimney.

IMPERIAL OIL CO. PLANT KEMPT ROAD AND ROBIE STREET.

Read application Imperial Oil Co. as follows covering plan :-

Halifax, N. S. October 12th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
and Members of the Board of Control.
Dear Sirs:-

The business demands of Halifax for Refined Oil and Gasoline compel us to again approach you to obtain permission to install bulk storage for these products in this City.

Members of your Board will recall the efforts we have made to install underground bulk storage on our premises at the foot of Duke St. Our plans were elaborate complete, and absolutely safe, but the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters would not see with us, and threatened to advance insurance rates on neighboring properties. This prevented, as we understand it, the consent of your Board to our locating bulk storage on our Water St. premises.

We now come back with an alternative proposition, and ask ~~per~~ your permission to locate tanks on a triangular piece of property at the junction of Robie St., Longard Road and Young St., as per blueprint submitted herewith.

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We would prefer, of course, locating on our premises at the foot of Duke St., but failing to obtain your permission to locate at that point, we ask your approval of the new proposed site as a suitable location for the storage of Refined Oil and Gasoline.

We propose erecting at this point four 11½ x 20 ft. vertical steel storage tanks above ground. Two of the tanks to hold Refined Oil and two Gasoline. Also a stable suitable for eight or ten horses, a garage suitable for two motor tank wagons, a small gasoline engine house, and office building, and, perhaps a wagon house, all in connection with the business of distributing the above products to the trade throughout the City. The building to be of brick, and, or, concrete-- fireproof construction.

The idea is to transport the oil from our Refinery at Imperoyal, Dartmouth, to this location in tank cars, transfer it from the tank cars to the tanks, and then distribute by tank wagon throughout the city.

Your acknowledge of this location will show you that we will be practically isolated as there will be a large space between us and any other construction.

If any further information is required in connection with this enterprise we shall be pleased to supply it.

Soliciting the favor of your early action so that we may start building operations at once, we are,

Very respectfully yours,

IMPERIAL OIL Ltd.

By. S.S. Shatford.

MANAGER.

S. S. Shatford appears before and addresses the Board on behalf of the application of his Company.

Referred to the City Engineer to consult the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters and others interested and report.

FODDER TENDERS.

Read specifications for fodder submitted by the Clerk of Works for supplies for the various Civic Departments for six months ending May 1st, 1919 or for twelve months ending Nov. 1st. 1919.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to advertise for bids upon the specification submitted, tenders to be receivable up to 12 noon on Monday 28th. inst.

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POLICEMAN ARTHUR O'HEARN RESIGNATION.

Read resignation Policeman Arthur O'Hearn.

Accepted.

LOANS WIDENING STREETS.

Read report City Treasurer re loans for widening Streets as follows:-

STATEMENT.

LOAN WIDENING STREETS.

1914.	Sept. 30	By	Consol Loan	\$5,000.00	
		"	" " Ternan & Hennesay	3,500.00	
Aug.		"	" " Com. on Works	12.50	
1915.	Mar. 5	"	" "	5,000.00	
		"	" " Brookfield.....	1,400.00	
1918.	Sept. 26	"	" "	5,000.00	\$19,912.50
	Sept. 30	To.	1914.		
			W. S. Rogers & J.A. Marshall		
			Arbitrators.	\$ 50.00	
		"	C. Brister, Water Street....	5,000.00	
Nov. 24		"	S. M. Brookfield, Green St..	1,268.75	
Mar, 5		"	A. G. Cross, Harvard Street..	25.00	\$6343.75
			1915.		
June 15		"	A.P. Calnen, Land	72.00	
July 19		"	G.A. Prescott, Walnut Street.	902.70	
Mar. 13		"	Land St. Patricks Home Supplies	171.28	
		"	Balance, Brookfield.....	93.75	
May 6		"	Supplies	1.50	1241.23
			1916.		
June 26		"	H.W.Regan	1,100.00	
Oct. 17		"	H.Mc.Hart, Coburg Road.....	490.00	
Nov. 13		"	Heber Hartlen, Longard Road..	498.70	
Dec. 18		"	Advertising	1.50	
Jan. 13		"	M.S.Clarks, J.C.Horne		
			Arbitrators.	140.00	
Feb. 9		"	J.C Harris	12.50	
Mar. 24		"	John Morris Lilac Street....	657.40	
Apr. 12		"	Cragg Bros.Co. Barrington St.	427.73	
May 4		"	L.G.Dixon Quinpool Road.....	300.00	
May 14		"	Advertising	6.85	3634.68
			1917.		
June 6		"	Wm. Davies Chustnut Street...	453.00	
		"	Recording Deed, Dixon.....	1.50	
		"	E.P. Allison. Fees, Craggs Land	18.46	
July 7		"	Supplies	1.50	
		"	J.C.Harris Arbitrators Fees..	25.00	
		"	W.W.Foster, North Street.....	2,250.00	
Aug. 13		"	J.C.Harris Wm. Davies		
			Arbitrators	37.00	
Sept. 8		"	Recording Deed, Foster.....	1.50	
Oct. 5		"	M.S.Clarks, Arbitrators Fees.	18.50	

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Oct. 11	To.	Wm. McFatridge. Walnut Street.	859.00	
Nov. 10	"	Recording Deeds	4.50	
Jan. 5	"	G. F. Brady Arbitrators Fees..	25.00	
				\$3638.96
1918.				
Sept. 30	"	Mrs. Jane Murphy Cunard St...	602.04	
		Balance-on-hand		15510.66
		Balance on Hand.....		4401.84 \$19,912.50

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*Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Solicitor for report.

EXPLOSION AMERICAN LAFRANCE FIRE ENGINE CO. ACCOUNTS.

Read letter American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. re accounts due them by the City as follows:-

Toronto, Ont. October 11th, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk,
Halifax. N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We have received from your City Treasurer, this morning cheque for Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00), covering repairs to the "Patricia". This is mighty acceptable at this time.

We are building an addition on to our factory, this, together with the fact that our fiscal year, closes on November 30th, we would certainly appreciate the favour if you would bring to your Board of Control's attention the fact that the payment for the "Chebucto" is due, also rental for use of Steam Fire Engine, and these moneys we would appreciate at your very earliest convenience, so that at the end of our fiscal year we may have our books square with the City of Halifax, and be able to take advantage of your payment by using the same money to pay Contractors who are doing building for us.

Thanking you in advance for t is favour, we are
Very truly yours,

THE AMERICAN LAFRANCE FIRE ENGINE CO.
OO CANADA LTD.
G.E. Thomas.

The City Treasurer is instructed to apply to the Relief Commission for a loan of \$13,900.00 on Explosion account for the payment of the contract price of the "Chebucto" engine with the understanding that the matter of financing be considered in the final settlement

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of the City's Claims.

*Mayor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Relief Commission ✓
G.E. Thomas ✓
Council*

His Worship the Mayor informs the Board that until he is better informed as to the reasons for refusing the offer of the Company to loan the City the Steam Fire engine free of charge he will decline to sign a warrant for the payment of \$714.00 for the hire of it.

EXPLOSION-AMERICAN LAFRANCE FIRE ENGINE CO. CONTRIBUTION.

Read letter American La France Fire Engine Co. covering cheque for \$1500.00 being the Company's contribution for the relief of firemen and their dependents who suffered in the explosion as follows:-

Toronto Ont. October 11th, 1918.

Controller J. J. Hines,
Chairman of Halifax Fire Dept.
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We have this day received from your City Treasurer cheque for Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00), payment for repair of the "Patricia".

We are attaching hereto our cheque in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) payable to yourself, marked as donation to Firemen and Dependents suffering in the Halifax Disaster.

We will ask you to kindly see that this money donated by our Company will be distributed between the Firemen, who were injured and need assistance, and the families of the firemen who were killed in the horrible disaster.

Knowing this will be attended to properly in your hands, we are,

Very truly yours,
THE AMERICAN LA FRANCE FIRE ENGINE CO.
OF CANADA LTD.
G.E. Thomas.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Treasurer ✓
G.E. Thomas ✓
Council*

On motion of Controller Hines the letter is ordered to be acknowledged and the cheque passed over to the City Treasurer to be disbursed as may be determined upon later.

EXPLOSION-LOANS FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Relief Commission as follows:-

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Halifax, N. S. October 11th, 1918.

James J. Hopewell, Esq.,
City Treasurer, City.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by you we are advancing to the City a further sum - by way of loan - to the amount of \$35,000 (\$25,000 on school account and \$10,000 on general account) in order to aid you in meeting incurred expenses.

This makes a total of \$220,000 advanced to date. There must be added to this sum approximately \$40,000 which has been expended by the Commission on the City's account. (This amount is made up approximately, as follows. \$25,000 on the Infectious Diseases Hospital, \$8,000 on the Market Building, and \$7,000 in repairing the Small Pox Hospital and building an addition hereto.) From this the sum of \$10,000 is to be deducted for the present from the Infectious Diseases Hospital, it having been arranged that same should remain in abeyance pending future adjustments with the City.

A total sum of \$250,000 has, therefore, been advanced to the City.

At a meeting of the Civic Advisory Committee held on March 20th, 1918, it was stated that the probable requirements for the present year would be \$250,000. As this sum has now been advanced further applications for advances by the City should not be made.

Yours very truly,
T.S. Rogers,
Chairman.

*Relief Commission ✓
Treasurer ✓*

The City Treasurer is instructed to discuss the letter with the Relief Commission and to inform them that the item \$40,000.00 (made up approximately as follows \$25,000.00 Isolation Hospital, \$8,000.00 Market Building and \$7,000.00 Small Pox Hospital) was not contemplated when the amount of expenditures to be made this year was calculated.

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers showing each man to have received \$66.61 for the month of September. Filed.

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DRAIN #144 PRESTON STREET-MAX HORNSTEIN.

Max Hornstein appears before the Board and submits the following letter:-

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Halifax, N. S. October 11th, 1918.

Max Hornstein, Esq.,
122 Shirley Street.

Dear Sir:-

Submitted for your information is copy of a report sent to us by the City Engineer regarding the condition of your property No 144 Preston Street, caused be an overflow of sewer from an old drain. The report follows:-

"My attention was called to conditions at 144 Preston Street some time ago. I visited the property, and at the same time an excavation had been made in front of the house, exposing an old wooden drain. The wooden drain runs along under the sidewalk, and apparently leakage from it had been finding its way into the cellar of No. 144. There is a sewer in the street, and the City has not had any other drain in the street during my term of office. The wooden drain is a private drain ~~in the street during my~~ for which the city is in no way responsible and on which the city cannot spend any money. The remedy must be applied by the property owners affected".

sgd.

F.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

John. A. Watters,
SECRETARY

Mr. Hornstein is informed that the matter is one solely for the City Health Board and not for the Board of Control.

W. L. KANE & CO. TAXES DUE.

Read notice of sale of Judgement (covering City taxes due) as follows:-

SALE OF JUDGEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned will receive tenders in writing on or before the 21st day of November, A.D. 1918, at twelve o'clock noon at his office, Halifax N. S. for the purchase of the judgment recovered by the undersigned as liquidator of W.L. Kane & Co. Limited, against W. Lester Kane of Halifax N. S. for the sum of \$30,941.46, the whole amount of which is still due. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated at Halifax, N. S. the 8th day of October A. D. 1918.

T. Harold Johnson.
Liquidator.

Referred- to the City Collector to furnish a

*Health Board ✓
Wof Hornstein ✓*

Collector ✓

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statement of any City taxes due.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS RESIDENCE.

Read letter D. G. Stewart as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 11th, 1918.

The Mayor and Board of Control.
Halifax, N. S.
Gentlemen:-

I notice that it is your intention to reconstruct the City Prison's attendant's residence. This being the case I herewith make a proposition: That I will agree to undertake to do this building on the same basis of 12% as my present contract and will proceed with the work immediately I have instructions.

Yours respectfully,
D.G. Stewart.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read letter Hon. E. H. Armstrong as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 10th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk.
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Re Victoria General Hospital Accounts.

I beg to refer you again to my previous letters on above subject and to yours to me of the 24th, in which you state that this matter had been referred to His Worship the Mayor, with a request that he submit a report in writing to the Board of Control on Friday, the 27th ult. I have no intimation of the contents of this report, nor to what extent it will assist in determining the matters referred to by me.

Whilst I regret that I may appear insistent in this matter, I think, in view of all the circumstances, some definite reply is due me,

Yours truly,

E. H. Armstrong.
Minister of Public Works and Mines.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he has not yet had an opportunity to submit a report on this matter. Consideration of the subject is deferred.

SHIPYARDS FIRE ALARM BOX.

Read report City electrician as follows:-

*Engineer
City Prison*

*Hon E.H. Armstrong
Mayor*

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Halifax, N. S. October 11th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise that Fire Alarm Box No. 62 has been installed on Barrington St. near the new Ship Building Yards, as per your instructions.

Respectfully submitted,
P.R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Controller Finlay again informs the Board that the City Electrician is drawing the increased pay fixed in the Estimates notwithstanding that he is not devoting full time to his civic duties and that ~~he~~ report has yet been presented as to the stenographer in his office. Deferred.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL-PIERCEY vs CITY ET AL.

Read statement of claim in the action Piercey vs City of Halifax et al in connection with the contract for the construction of the Isolation Hospital Morris Street.

Referred to the City Solicitor for attention.

ISLESVILLE STREET EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 8th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached letters from Mrs. Annie Pritchard and John H. Hunt, respecting their property which is involved in the extension of Isleville Street from Young to Sullivan Street.

Mrs. Pritchard asks \$1000 for the property. The land is valued by the assessors at 10¢ per square foot. Mrs. Pritchard owns 4752 square feet, which at 10¢ would be \$475.20. It is assessed at only \$300.

Mr. Hunt's property has a damaged house on it, which I have been informed by a member of the Relief Commission, would be taken care of by them. so that the land only needs-be considered by the City. The lot has an area of 3623 square feet, which at 10¢ would be \$362.30. It is assessed at \$200.

Respectfully submitted,
F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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*Engineer
Mayor*

Referred to His Worship the Mayor to take up with all the property owners involved and report.

BOAT LANDING PRIVILEGES & ETC.

*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓*

The Clerk of Works is instructed to report on all leases and privileges outstanding in respect to the City property giving dimensions of property, name of lessee, date of expiry and the annual rental.

EXPLOSION-CITY HOME CHIMNEY.

*Engineer ✓
J. H. Buchanan ✓*

Controller Hines informed the Board that the City Home Chimney was cracked by the explosion and requires painting.

Referred to the City Engineer.

The Board adjourned.

J. H. Buchanan
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 15th, 1918.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

OCTOBER 17th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock present; Controllers Murphy (in the Chair) Taylor, Hines and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Explosion-Fire Engine Loan-Schools Loans-Relief Commission, Chairman.
- Imperial Oil Co. Plant Kempt Road and Robie Street.
- Shipyards-Retaining Wall Barrington Street.
- Fire Alarm Boxes.
- Milk Prices.
- High Cost of Living.
- North West Arm Sewer-Oakland Road to Chain Rock-Progress Payment.
- Explosion -Water Department Maintenance Account.
- Halifax Dispensary Annual Civic Grant.
- City Prison-Cost of Maintenance of Military Prisoners.
- Theatre License Fees.
- Motor Hack License E. F. O'Neil.
- Fuel Shortage.

EXPLOSION-FIRE ENGINE LOAN-SCHOOLS LOANS-RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read reports City Treasurer and letter School Board re loans as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 17th, 1918.

His worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

In company with Controller Finlay I waited upon Mr. Rogers Chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission in re loan for the new Motor Engine purchase and an additional \$50,000 for the repair of schools as per letter under date Oct. 15th, 1918.

Chairman Rogers distinctly made clear that no loan would be made for the motor engine specifically. Any loans made would be for general City purposes including as previous loans were made.

This morning Sec. Bell telephones that the sum of \$64,000 will be loaned to cover \$50,000 for schools and \$14,000 for City Account.

A letter will follow confirming telephone message.

Respectfully submitted,
James J. Hopewell.

P.S. Letter School Commissioners attached. City Treasurer.

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Halifax, N. S. October 15th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt this date of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), being the balance of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) asked for in September.

This Board will be expected to make payments about Friday of over Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), and in this connection, would respectfully request that you arrange for a further amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) to be placed at its disposal on as early a date as possible.

I am,
Yours very truly,
S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the report of the City Treasurer be approved and that he be authorized to negotiate with the Relief Commission for a loan of \$64,000.00 from the Relief Commission and hand over to them a City Stock Certificate as security therefor.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair.
in amendment

Moved/by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller

Murphy Taylor that the City Treasurer submit a report showing the various amounts already loaned by the Relief Commission on Public Schools Explosion account and that he and the City Engineer submit a report showing the amounts of the City's obligations in respect to City Property Explosion account and the amounts expended to date.

The amendment being put is passed Controller Murphy and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voting for and Controllers Finlay and Hines against it.

RP Bell
Duesman

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IMPERIAL OIL CO. PLANT KEMPT ROAD AND ROBIE STREET.

Engineer

S.S. Shatford and Hector McInnes K.C. appeared before the Board asking for an early determination as to their application to erect gasoline and oil tanks ON THE jib lot, Kempt Road and Robie Street. Mr. McInnes submits a petition ^{from} for users and sellers of gasoline and oil in favor of the application of the Company.

Referred to the City Engineer for an early report.

SHIPYARDS-RETAINING WALL BARRINGTON STREET.

Read application Powers & Brewer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 17th-18.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and members of the Board of Control.
City Hall.

Gentlemen:-

In connection with our contract for the construction of a retaining wall along Barrington St. for the Halifax Shipyards Ltd., we would respectfully ask permission to use part of the streets for our concrete mixing plant construction.

This will extend from the Dry Dock to a point opposite Mulgrave Park, and we would want to use about 100 feet along the wall to a width of about half the roadway, and move our plant along the wall as the work progresses. We would undertake to keep a road clear for traffic, and to take all precautions you may think necessary to safeguard the public.

Trusting this may meet with your approval, and that we may receive a favorable reply, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

Powers & Brewer,

per H.H. Prewed.

The City Clerk is instructed to write the applicants informing them that the application will be given due consideration by the Board of Control if made by their principals, the Halifax Shipyards Ltd. provided that detailed plans and specifications showing the location of the retaining wall with details are submitted and that the Halifax Shipyards Ltd. will give undertakings in writing to conform to same and to hold the City harmless.

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*Powers & Brewer
Shipyard's Secy
Engineer
Solicitor*

In the meantime the City Solicitor and City Engineer are instructed to draw up a permit for the use of the portion of Barrington Street asked for said permit to embody undertakings by the Shipyards to protect the City against any claims losses or damages.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 17th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.

No. 12,13,14,15,17,18,19, 212 and 35.

Respectfully submitted,
P.R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

MILK PRICES.

Read letter Board of Trade as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 16th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the Board of Control.
City.

Gentlemen:-

An advertisement has been inserted in the local Press by the Milk distributors, to the effect that on and after the 15th of October the price, delivered, will be fifteen cents (15¢) per quart.

This action on the part of the distributors demanded has been brought about by an increase of two cents per quart demanded by the producers in Hants and Colchester counties. notwithstanding the fact that the Chairman of the Food Board, Ottawa, advised the Secretary of the Milk producers Association of these two "fair price committee" nominated by the Council governing the section in which the increase is asked.

As the increase referred to was the result of a joint meeting between the producers and distributors in Halifax on Saturday evening last, it is apparent that your honorable body can, under Order in Council #2461 issued on the 4th day of October last, take some steps to see whether same is justified.

According to "up to date" information received by this Board, the price of Milk, delivered, to consumers in St. John is twelve cents (12¢) per quart; In Montreal

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thirteen cents (13¢) per quart, and in Ottawa eleven cents (11¢) per quart - notwithstanding the fact that in the latter City, Milk is delivered in glass bottles.

It is apparent that some action should be taken in this matter to ascertain whether the citizens of Halifax are being fairly dealt with.

I have the honor,

Sir,

to be,

Yours obedient servant.

S.A. Saunders,
Secretary.

*Solicitor
& A. Saunders*

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read letter and resolution Retail Merchants Association as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 16th, 1918.

His Worship,
Mayor A.C. Hawkins, M.D.
City Hall,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

The Order-in-Council No 2461 passed under the War Measures Act which places in the hands of the Council of any Municipality the right to appoint a "Fair Price Board", was discussed at our meeting held last night, and we are anxious to co-operate in any effort that will help to get the solution of any kind of the problems which are seemingly agitating the minds of the public at the present time in connection with the high cost of living.

Should the Council feel that it would be necessary to appoint a "Fair Price Board", we would impress upon you the importance of appointing capable business men who understand the situation thoroughly, as by the appointment of anyone to a position of this kind who are not familiar with these important matters, to our mind, would do a lot of harm and not get us any where, towards a solution of the important matters which most naturally must come before a committee of this kind. We trust that you and Council, before any steps will be taken to appoint this "Fair Price Board" will give this matter every consideration.

We are enclosing you a copy of a resolution which was passed last night at our meeting which will show you that we are anxious to do everything we possibly can to assist you and the "Fair Price Board", should you think it necessary to appoint.

Yours respectfully,

THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.
J. Gauthbertson Doyle. SECY.,
NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL BOARD.

October 17th, 1918.

RESOLVED: In view of the fact that the members of the Dominion Government have decided to pass an Order amending the present Order-in-Council No 2777, so as to enable Municipal Councils to appoint "Fair Price Boards", we, the undersigned Executive Officers of The Retail Merchants Association of Canada, Incorporated, Halifax Branch, wish to place ourselves upon record as desiring to give the members of the Municipal Council of the City of Halifax all the assistance we possibly can in aiding the Council to see that fair and equitable prices to the public are maintained.

We recognize that the price of all farm and garden produce, as well as the price of nearly all manufactured articles, and also the cost of labour, has greatly advanced and consequently the price of most staple articles had advanced to the public also.

In order, however, that the Order-in-Council may be properly carried out, and that full justice may be done to the public, as well as to those retail merchants whose goods the proposed "Fair Price Board" proposes to appraise, we strongly recommend that those persons who may be appointed to such Board should have a full and practical knowledge of the retail trade, as this, in our opinion, is absolutely essential to the proper carrying out of the Order.

We should also respectfully suggest that if the Municipal Council considers the adoption of the Order to be the proper and wise thing to do, that the application of the principle as suggested in the Order should also apply to all classes of the community who either manufacture, produce or secure their living through their professional services, and we further consider that the exemption of the Farming and Market Gardening classes as well as other classes, from the present order is indicative of exhibiting class distinction and favouritism which is by no means helpful to the maintaining of the true spirit of democracy.

THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
HALIFAX BRANCH.

W. J. Hopgood, PRESIDENT.
J. Cuthbertson Doyle, SECRETARY.

Laid on the table.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER-OAKLAND ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK-
PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 16th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Certificate #13.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Company and Wheaton of the sum of one thousand three hundred and twenty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1324.79) on account on their contract for the construction of the second section of the North-west Arm sewer from Oakland Road to Chain Rock.

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Estimated value of work done	\$144,905.73
Less 10% retained	14,490.57
	<u>\$130,415.16</u>
Paid on certificates 1 to 12	<u>129,090.37</u>
Bal. recommended	\$1,324.79

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

EXPLOSION-WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

At suggestion of His Worship the Mayor the City Engineer is instructed to submit a report and to keep an accounting as to all extra cost of maintaining the City Water service due to the explosion.

HALIFAX DISPENSARY ANNUAL CIVIC GRANT.

Read application Halifax Dispensary as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 11th, 1918.

To His worship the Mayor,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
Dear Sir:-

In view of the increased cost of carrying on the work of the Dispensary, as well as the extension of our work, it was decided at the last meeting of our Board of Directors to ask the City to increase its annual grant.

I would also draw your attention to the fact that the grant for the current year is now due, and would be glad to receive same as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your favorable consideration of our request, I am,

Yours very truly,
K.D. MacKay,
Secretary.

Amount of grant - \$750.00
Treasurer - Eastern Trust Company.

The application for increased grant is deferred for consideration with the annual civic Estimates.

CITY PRISON COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY PRISONERS.

Read the following correspondence:-

Engineer

K.D. MacKay

B/C

Auditor

October 17th, 1918.

Halifax, N. S. October 15th, 1918.

Major General Lessard,
O.C. Military District No. 6.,
CITY.

Sir:-

I am directed by His Worship the Mayor to enquire when an answer may be expected as to the payment of the cost of maintenance of Military Prisoners committed to the City Prison at Halifax. From the City's standpoint the matter is urgent. On September 5th, the Board of Control determined to release such prisoners on Sept. 15th, unless a satisfactory agreement was come to, but at your request for delay such action was deferred for a reasonable time pending further communication from you.

Yours very truly,

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

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Halifax, N/ S. 16th Oct. 1918.

To-L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S..

Cost of Maintenance Military Prisoners
in City Prison, Halifax.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 15th instant on the marginally noted subject, addressed to Major-General Lessard, has come before me, in the General's absence, for attention.

As I advised you in my letter of the 13th ultime, a wire was received asking that arrangements be made with the Municipal Authorities in Halifax to postpone their proposed action in reference to prisoners in civil jails, as the question was being reconsidered. Upon receipt of your reply, acceding to the request to postpone action, Militia Headquarters was advised, by letter dated September 21st, when further instructions were requested. Up to the present moment no further instructions have been received, and I am today writing Headquarters requesting a definite reply and stating that the City is urging this matter.

Yours very truly,

W.E. Thompson. Colonel,
for G.O.C. Mil. Dist. No. 6.
a.o.l.

Filed.

THEATRE LICENCE FEES.

Read letter Premier Murray and the City Clerk's reply as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 15th, 1918.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Honourable Privincial

October 17th, 1918.

Secretary to acknowledge your letter of 8th October, and to say that he will be pleased to arrange an appointment at the Executive Council Chamber to suit the convenience of the Board of Control, say this afternoon at three o'clock, or Thursday at twelve noon.

Yours truly,

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct. 15th, 1918.

Arthur S. Barnstead, Esq.,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.
CITY.

Sir:-

Your favor of 15th instant received. I am directed to request you to inform His Honor the Provincial Secretary that the Board of Control will be pleased to meet him at noon on Thursday 17th instant at the Executive Council Chamber for the purpose of conferring with him in respect to the matter of Theatre Licenses.

Yours truly,

L. Fredy Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Approved.

*Chief of Police
Asst. City Clerk*

MOTOR HACK LICENSE B. F. O'NEIL.

Read application Bernard F. O'Neil 5 Kent Street for a Motor Hack License.

On motion of Controller Murphy the license is ordered to be granted if approved by the Chief of Police.

Controller Finlay dissents.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

Controller Murphy, Local Fuel Commissioner, informed the Board that in conference with R.H. McKay Provincial Fuel Controller it was agreed that the fuel situation would be greatly relieved if water borne freight was available to supply the requirements of the City of Halifax, It was considered that if the Canadian Government could be prevailed upon ~~if the Canadian Government could be pre-~~ ~~vailed upon~~ to allow the use of any boats under their control a considerable quantity of Coal urgently needed

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could thus be shipped to Halifax. It was considered that the most expeditious and surest way of submitting this important matter to the Dominion authorities was to send a delegate to Ottawa.

*Auditor
Cont. Murphy*

Moved by controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that Controller Murphy be appointed a delegate to go to Ottawa for the purpose of laying this matter before the proper authorities in behalf of the City, the expenses to be paid out of Contingent account.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Fred Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

A. S. Barnston, Deputy Provincial Secretary, representing the Provincial Government and His Worship the Mayor, Controller Taylor, and Finlay, Alderman Gossie, F. H. Bull, City Solicitor, and E. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk, representing the City.

The City Solicitor stated the City's case showing that Provincial legislation reduced the City's revenue from this source in the year 1916-17 \$1790.00 to the sum of \$1381.00 for the year 1917-18 and to nothing at all for the current Civic Year 1918-19. And she says that she not unreasonably depriving the City of this revenue was passed after the City had made up its estimates and after said estimates had been ratified and approved by the Legislature.

Provincial Secretary stated to give the matter due consideration but explained that the legislation was deemed necessary because uniformity throughout the Province was considered advisable.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Provincial Building,

October 17th, 1918.

THEATRE LICENSE FEES.

The Board of Control met today at noon for the purpose of conferring with the Hon. Geo. H. Murray Premier of Nova Scotia on the matter of the City's loss of revenue through Provincial Legislation which prohibits the City from collecting a license fee from theatres.

Present Premier Murray, Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner, MEC. A.S. Barnstead, Deputy Provincial Secretary and F.F. Mathers, Deputy Attorney General, representing the Provincial Government and His Worship the Mayor Controllers Taylor, and Finlay, Alderman Godwin, F.H. Bell, City Solicitor, and E. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk, representing the City.

The City Solicitor stated the City's case showing that Provincial legislation reduced the City's revenue from this source in the year 1916-17 \$2790.30 to the sum of \$1381.00 for the year 1917-18 and to nothing at all for the current Civic Year 1918-19. And the fact that the act entirely depriving the City of this revenue was passed after the City had made up its estimates and after said estimates had been ratified and approved by the Legislature.

Premier Murray promised to give the matter due consideration but explained that the legislation was deemed necessary because uniformity throughout the Province was considered advisable.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

Similar protests had been received from various Towns but it was felt the principal laid down was the proper one and followed the practice in the other provinces. The revenues of the Province are falling behind and the Government found itself in the position that they have to seek every/possible means of securing moneys to carry on their ordinary activities.

The City Treasurer submitted verbally a statement received from the City Engineer that approximately \$15000. would be required to complete the general repairs of City Property and if painting were not contemplated \$4000. could be deducted from the \$15000.

The sum in hand is \$8000. and the City Clerk states that about \$1000. is needed to pay bills in his possession.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

The City Treasurer is instructed to interview the Relief Commission for the purpose of obtaining a loan of \$8000.00 to cover the above statement in addition to the \$8000.00 referred to in the City Treasurer's report dated October 17th - see Minutes Board of Council, October 17th, 1918.

The City Treasurer's report dated October 17th, is approved and he is authorized to hand over to the Halifax Relief Commission City Stock Certificates as security for loans of \$8000.00 and \$8000.00 respectively.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

October 18th, 1918.

A meeting of the Board of Control was held today in the office of His Worship the Mayor. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay Hines and Taylor.

EXPLOSION - LOANS FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

The City Treasurer submitted verbally a statement received from the City Engineer that approximately \$15000. would be required to complete the general repairs of City Property and if painting were not contemplated \$4000. could be deducted from the \$15000.

The sum in hand is \$8000. and the City Clerk states that about \$1000. is needed to pay bills in his possession.

The City Treasurer is instructed to interview the Relief Commission for the purpose of obtaining a loan of \$8000 .00 to cover the above statement in addition to the \$64000.00 referred to in the City Treasurer's report dated October 17th - see Minutes Board of Control , October 17th, 1918.

The City Treasurers' report dated October 17th, is approved and he is authorized to hand over to the Halifax Relief Commission City Stock Certificates as security for loans of \$64000.00 and \$8000.00 respectively.

MAYOR.

L. J. Wray
CITY CLERK.

*Treasurer
Auditor
R. P. Bell
Engineer*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

October 21st, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11.30 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Oxford School.

OXFORD SCHOOL.

Chairman John P. Quinn, and Alderman Parker and Supervisor G.H. Butler representing the Board of School Commissioners waited upon the Board asking that the City assent to a recommendation that an addition of two rooms be constructed on the Oxford School at the present time whilst repair work is being done.

The delegation is requested to present the matter before the Board at its regular meeting tomorrow morning.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. J. H. Morgan
CITY CLERK.

Secretary School Board

*Meeting of the Board of Control
October 21st 1918
Present: Mayor, Hines, Finlay, Taylor
Business: Oxford School
Resolved: That the City assent to a recommendation that an addition of two rooms be constructed on the Oxford School at the present time whilst repair work is being done.
The Board adjourned.
L. J. H. Morgan
City Clerk*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 22nd, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.20 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor, Hines and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Oxford School.
Imperial Oxil Company Plant -Kempt Road.
Willow Street Sewer.
Painting City Hall.
Workmens Pay.
City Prison -Consumptive Prisoner Harry Potter.
Quinpool Road Water Extension G.T.Murray.
Upper Water Street & etc., Encroachment by Dominion Government.
Miss Marion Thomson Leave of $\frac{1}{2}$ Absence.
Dominion Government Expropriation of properties.
Explosion -Taxes in Devastated Area.
Workshop in Residential District.
Water Meters.
City Prison Underkeepers Residence.
Police Department Rubber Boots.
Housing Bureau.

OXFORD SCHOOL.

Chairman John P.Quinn, Alderman Parker, Supervisor G.K.Butler and Mechanical Superintendent F.E. Hull, representing the School Board appeared before the meeting and asked that the City agree to the application of the School Board for permission to erect an addition of two rooms to the Oxford School at the present time while explosion repairs are being made to the building.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that this Board inform the Governor-in-Council that they will not oppose the application of the Board of School Commissioners for permission to let a contract on a cost plus 10% basis for the improve-

Secretary ✓
School Board ✓
Provincial ✓
Secretary ✓
Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
City Council ✓

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ment and enlargement of the Oxford School and for the raising of the necessary funds therefore by an issue of the City's bonds.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY PLANT-KEMPT ROAD.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Oct. 22, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the Imperial Oil Co. for permission to establish a storage station for refined oil and gasoline on the triangular piece of property at the junction of Robie, Longard Road and Young Street.

The Company proposes to erect four steel storage tanks 11½" by 20', two for gasoline and two for refined oil; also a stable for eight or ten horses, a garage, for two motor tank wagons, a small engine house, an office building and a wagon house, to be used in connection with their business of distributing oil in the City. The oil will be brought from the refinery at Dartmouth in tank cars, transferred to the storage tanks and distributed from there.

This question should not be approached with a prejudiced mind, altho I admit freely that it is difficult to avoid some bias against it. We must decide it, however, on its own merits., and in view of the conditions prevalent today. The City cannot be shut up and nothing but residences permitted. It would soon die of dry rot. There must be industries but the industries should be located as far as possible in the neighborhood of each other and away from the residential districts. The location of the Cotton Factory siding sets the neighbourhood of this property apart for industrial purposes, especially for those industries which need the railway service. It may be claimed that the Company already had a station near the railway, but it is a long way from the distribution district and off the main line of travel. Further, the road is difficult to keep up and has to be maintained principally to accommodate the Oil Company. The location proposed on Kempt Road would be on the main thoroughfare leading into the City over which gasoline cars and lorries pass, and would be a convenient location for such customers. It would be isolated from blocks of dwellings, being separated from all other properties by a street on each side.

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Even private garages are more or less offensive to adjoining owners, but a station located as far as possible, as this would be, from adjoining owners, would reduce anything of an offensive nature, to a minimum. The supply station would be uphill, the distribution being consequently down-hill and therefore much easier. The auto car is an established feature in City life, and this, one of its attendant nuisances has also come to stay, but should be controlled as strictly as possible.

I attach letter from the N.S. Board of Fire Underwriters, saying that they do not propose to make any objection to the proposition of the Company as submitted. I am informed that the owners of the property west do not oppose, and the property north is owned by the City and will be used solely for industrial and recreation purposes. It would be very difficult to find a site anywhere within the built-up portion of the City which would be less objectionable than this one.

I therefore recommend that permission be granted, subject to such conditions as may be decided and to which the Company shall be asked to agree, including the erection of all structures in accordance with the rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, that the grounds shall be ornamented with shrubs, flower beds, etc., as much as possible, that every structure erected shall be under special permit and subject to the approval of the City authorities, that all structures shall be kept clean and freshly painted, that the use of signs shall also be subject to permission and approval, and that all buildings shall be of permanent material.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The Board is addressed by Hector McInnis. K/C., and S.S. Shatford on behalf of the Company.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Peter Mancuso appears before the Board asking that he either be awarded the contract for trenching for the Willow Street sewer or his cheque deposited with tender returned to him.

*Engineer
Council*

Engineer

*Engineer ✓
Imperial Oil Co ✓
Council*

October 22nd, 1918.

Moved by Controller Taylor seconded by Controller Hines that the contract for the Willow Street sewer be awarded to Peter Mancuso and the work proceeded with. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting. See Board of Control Minutes, October 10th, page 770.

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Tenders for painting in City Hall are received and opened as follows,- D.G. Stewart, cost plus 10%; Victor McLaren \$1838.00; Musgrave Construction & Supplies Ltd. \$3650.80 and W.A. Coleman, John J. Mulrone, Michael Murphy and John Noonan 55¢ per hour on cost plus 8%.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WORKMENS PAY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 22, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying paper, which purports to be a petition from workmen employed on the paving. I am informed that it was written and signed by one man who had only been employed a few days.

I have look over these men and talked with some of them. I have to report that in my judgment it would be a grave mistake to further increase their pay. A 20% increase was given at the first of May. The men named in the paper are all old or partially disabled, so that they are not able-bodied men who can do a full day's work that a younger, active man could do. They are kept solely because they are paid less than able man, and consequently there is some excuse for the work done by them not being much increased in cost. If they were to receive an increase I should feel justified in discharging them and hiring better men who could be got for the increased pay, as the cost of the work would be considerably reduced and greater speed made with it, or the contract method would have to be adopted., solely for City work in order to

Engineer ✓
Council

Engineer ✓
Engineer ✓

Should have ✓
City Engineer ✓
City Engineer ✓

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get as much work done as possible for the money.
The suggestion has been made that we have so few men that it does not matter much if we increase the wages, but when the time comes for hiring a large force we cannot reduce the wages, and the cost of work will be permanently increased. Increasing the wages does not help us any, because the Relief Commission and other large employers engaged on special work, especially by the cost plus percentage method, do not hesitate to bid five cents more and take all the good men if they want them. It is a losing chase, which would cost the City a lot of money un-necessarily. The employers referred to are hiring temporarily and have not the same stake as the City corporation has. The threat of a strike made in the paper, is a joke. These men are free to go any day, but could not get employment elsewhere, and in any case, the work on which they are employed will soon be finished.

Engineer ✓

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY PRISON-CONSUMPTIVE PRISONER HARRY POTTER.

Read letter Department of the Secretary of State
as follows:-

Ottawa, October, 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:

With reference to your telegram of the 25th ultimo to the Minister of Justice urging the release of Harry Potter on the ground of ill health, I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to direct that Potter be released under Ticket-of-Leave on the express condition that the Sheriff of the County of Halifax is satisfied he will be received into and detained in a sanitarium for the treatment of consumptives.

G. Emond.

For-Under-Secretary of State.

Approved and copies ordered to be forwarded to Sheriff Hall, the Chief of Police, the City Medical Officer and the Governor of the City Prison.

*Sheriff Hall ✓
Chief of Police ✓
City Medical ✓
City Office ✓
Governor City ✓
Prison ✓*

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QUINPOOL ROAD WATER EXTENSION G.T.MURRAY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 22nd 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on petitions asking for water extension to Mr. Geo. T. Murray's house and to the Arm Bridge Hotel on Quinpool Road; that although there is a 4-inch pipe laid in Chebucto Road from the water main down to Quinpool Road, it is not a permanent pipe, being too small for the purpose.

We are not in a position to extend the service permanently to these two petitioners. Consequently we shall have to require them to pay the whole cost themselves.

The estimated cost of laying a 2-inch galvanized pipe from the four-inch pipe on Quinpool Road to Mr. Murray's property is \$371.15. And from the end of that pipe, if laid, to the Arm Bridge Hotel, \$434.

As these extensions would be of absolutely no use to the City except for the comparatively small revenue obtained, as stated above, the property owner would have to pay the whole cost.

F. W. W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Murray and to the Armdale Hotel.

UPPER WATER STREET & ETC., ENCROACHMENT BY
DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

Read letter City Solicitor to Hon. A. K. McLean,

P.C. as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 4, 1918.

Hon. A. K. McLean,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation of Thursday last, I beg on behalf of the City and by instruction of His Worship the Mayor, to ask you to call the attention of the various departments engaging in governmental work in this City, and more particularly the Department of Railways, to the disregard manifested by their officials to the City's laws and regulations respecting buildings, streets and ~~the~~ other matters under civic control.

The instance now particularly influencing me to make this protest is the recent action of the

*E. J. Murray ✓
J. B. Mitchell ✓
Engineer ✓*

October 22nd 1918.

Reilway Department in erecting a freight shed encroaching over the official street line as laid down on the Official Plan of the City, a distance of about 20 feet, which includes an encroachment on the sidewalk owned by the City, so that the concrete sidewalk had to be cut down to enable the building to be erected. This encroachment is shown on the accompanying plan. The building was so erected without permission and without any notice whatever to any city authority.

This is only one instance of many similar cases in which not only the Reilway officials but those of the Militia Department and other departments, have ignored the laws of the City.

The plumbing regulations, intended to secure proper and sanitary plumbing, have been in several instances disregarded.

To a great extent, the City is almost helpless in these matters, as against the Government, as it is undoubtedly the law that generally speaking, statutes and to a greater extent, municipal ordinances, are not binding upon the Crown - and even in cases of absolute trespass on the streets, the ordinary remedies in the Court by action and summary application for an injunction, are not open to us.

These regulations have not been made arbitrarily or without thought, but are intended for the improvement of the City, both in respect to appearance and health. The infringement of the law as to streets is particularly annoying, especially that in regard to the official street line. This is intended to gradually increase the width of the streets originally laid out too narrow for the traffic upon them. The City has compelled many property owners to place new buildings back to the official line, and has undergone considerable expense in so doing. But one building of a permanent character, placed in disregard of this law, practically prevents the widening of streets for an indefinite period.

The City feels that it should have the co-operation of the Government in its efforts at improvement, and believes that the trouble is due chiefly to an indifference or carelessness on the part of officials and engineers in government employ. If general instructions were issued in all cases to consult with the proper civic officials and conform wherever possible to civic requirements, we believe such questions would not often arise.

Yours faithfully,

F.H. Bell,

CITY SOLICITOR.

Filed.

MISS MARION THOMSON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read report City Assessor as follows:-

Halifax, N/ S. Oct. 22-18.

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October 22nd, 1918.

L. F. Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk.
City.

Dear Sir:- Leave of Absence, Miss Thomson;

Replying to the resolution of the Board of October 16th, in re of the above, I beg to submit the following report.

Miss Thomson was employed temporarily in our office in the months of February, March and April, 1916. She was again engaged as a temporary clerk from July 1916 to November 1917. Miss Thomson was then taken ill and did not come back until February 1918. In May last she was appointed to the permanent staff. I have no knowledge of the nature of her illness for the period Nov. '17, to Feb. '18, but I was informed that it was Spinal Meningitis.

Auditor ✓

Yours truly,
P.J. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

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DOMINION GOVERNMENT EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTIES.

Read report City Assessor as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 22/18

To His Worship the Mayor, and
Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit report on the amount of property taken over by the Dominion Government since 1893 to 1918.

P.J. McManus,
City Assessor.

PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

1893 to 1918.

Property-----Ward one.....	\$605.650....	Taxes	\$64,815.69
" two.....	15,000....	"	1,906.50
" three.....	50,000....	"	4,221.25
" four.....	145,000....	"	38,951.46
" five.....	201,300....	"	68,181.80
" six.....	14,000....	"	3,525.95
	\$ 1030,950		\$ 181,602.65

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List of properties taken by the Dominion Government from year 1893 to 1918, with Owners, Assessed amounts, Streets, year taken, also taxes for that year.

OWNER	STREET	WARD ONE.	YEAR	TAXES.
		AMOUNT.	1914	\$24.00
Joseph Miller	Young Avenue	1,200		

October 22nd, 1918.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
Louisa Smith	Young Avenue	7,500	1914	150.00
Dev. Daniel Owen	" "	1,500	1914	30.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
		<u>11,200</u>		<u>224.00</u>
Wm. Hannon	Brussels St.	150	1914	3.00
G.S. Campbell	" "	2,000	1914	40.00
Annie Black	" "	2,000	1914	40.00
S.M. Brookfield	" "	300	1914	6.00
Henry Romans	" "	150	1914	3.00
		<u>4,600</u>		<u>92.00</u>
John J. Quinn	Plover St.	800	1914	16.00
Thomas Boudreau	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
D.M. Owen	" "	400	1914	8.00
Vincent Pettipas	" "	900	1914	18.00
Thos. McLean	" "	200	1914	4.00
Albro Langille	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
Alfred Payne	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,700	1914	34.00
R.L. Weatherbee	" "	500	1914	10.00
Thos. Hooper	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
Fred S. Hull	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
John F. Chisholm	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
S.M./Brookfield	" "	300	1914	6.00
Henry Romans	" "	300	1914	6.00
G.J. Burton	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
Henry Roper	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
T.F. Bartlow	" "	1,500	1914	30.00
Elizabeth Worry	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
		<u>17,000</u>		<u>344.00</u>
Dev. D. Owen	View St.	500	1914	10.00
Hon. W.H. Owen	" "	150	1914	3.00
		<u>650</u>		<u>13.00</u>
Dev. D Owen	Ogilvie St.	400	1914	8.00
East. Trust Co.	Clarence St.	1,500	1914	30.00
Dev. D. Owen	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
		<u>2,500</u>		<u>50.00</u>
Dev. Miller (E.T.Co)	Owen St.	1,000	1914	20.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
Hon. W.H. Owen	" "	500	1914	10.00
		<u>2,700</u>		<u>54.00</u>

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OWNER	STREET	AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
M.E. Sutherland	Pleasant Ave.	2.200	1914	44.00
N.J. Lowe	" "	3,100	1914	62.00
Frank Cook	" "	1,300	1914	26.00
Fred. Greenough	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
Michael Fripps	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
Matilda Humphreys	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
Daniel Stewart	" "	1,600	1914	32.00
Jerusha McElmon	" "	2,000	1914	40.00
Wm. Dunbrack	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
Richard Giles	" "	900	1914	18.00
		<u>15,300</u>		<u>306.00</u>
Alvert Hiltz	" "	800	1914	16.00
Chas/ Bulger	" "	900	1914	18.00
Andrew Mitchell	" "	900	1914	18.00
Joseph Ingraham	" "	1,100	1914	22.00
		<u>19,000</u>		<u>580.00</u>
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J.E. Butler	Atlantic St.	800	1914	16.00
Sam. McCaulay	" "	500	1914	10.00
M.E. Bottonley	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
Thos. Bottomley	" "	400	1914	8.00
W.R. Bryant	" "	200	1914	4.00
W.A. Black	" "	1,000	1914	20.00
		<u>4,900</u>		<u>98.00</u>
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East. Trust Co.	Marlborough Woods	200	1914	4.00
East. Trust Co. (Brookfield)	" "	9,000	1914	180.00
Henry Roper	" "	2,500	1914	50.00
		<u>11,700</u>		<u>234.00</u>
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Heirs John Miller	Tower Road	500	1914	10.00
Joseph P. Miller	" "	600	1914	12.00
Caroline Kirkwood	" "	2,500	1914	50.00
Joseph Outerbridge	" "	3,500	1914	70.00
		<u>7,100</u>		<u>142.00</u>
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Robert Miller	S. Bland St.	500	1914	10.00
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H.R. Silver	Pleasant St. E.S.	1,000	1914	20.00
Emily Bauld	" "	1,200	1914	24.00
A.F. Mackintosh	" "	9,500	1914	190.00
R.N.S. Yacht Sq.	" "	10,400	1914	208.00
Arthur Boutilier	" "	2,400	1914	48.00
Dev. Chas. Aldrich (Water Lot)	" "	800	1914	16.00
Mary Dunn	" "	2,400	1914	48.00
N.A. Laidlaw	" "	2,800	1914	56.00
E.A.T. Croskill	" "	1,800	1914	36.00
East Trust Co.	" "	1,000	1914	20.00

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OWNER	STREET		AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
	Pleasant St. E.S. Con.				
E.F. Stevens	"	"	2,000	1914	40.00
A.B. Crosby	"	"	10,000	1914	200.00
East. Trust Co.	"	"	8,000	1914	160.00
Margt. Pugh	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
M. Carney	"	"	6,000	1914	120.00
F. Phelan	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
F.F. Mathers	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
F.H. Bell	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
J.C. O'Mullin	"	"	7,000	1914	140.00
Bessie R. Hart	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
East. Trust Co.	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
Arthur Boutilier	"	"	6,000	1914	120.00
A.B. Mitchell	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
E. Trust Co. (Naylor)	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
W.C. Bauld	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
E. Trust Co.	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
B.H. Collins	"	"	3,000	1914	60.00
Dev. James Flinn	"	"	2,500	1914	50.00
W.J.G. Thomson	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Wm. Gaul	"	"	2,000	1914	40.00
Est. Alex Wilson	"	"	2,000	1914	40.00
E. Trust Co.	"	"	3,600	1914	72.00
Arthur Boutilier	"	"	5,000	1914	100.00
E. Trust Co.	"	"	1,600	1914	32.00
Alfred Thomas	"	"	1,400	1914	28.00
E. Trust Co.	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Heirs C. McGinn	"	"	2,200	1914	44.00
A.H. Buckley	"	"	4,500	1914	90.00
John Courtney	"	"	5,500	1914	110.00
Wm. Barclay	"	"	2,800	1914	56.00
Sam. Wilson	"	"	3,000	1914	60.00
E. Trust Co.	"	"	3,000	1914	60.00
Arthur Boutilier	"	"	16,000	1914	320.00

West side.
Pleasant St.

S.M. Brookfield	"	"	16,000	1914	320.00
H.R. Silver	"	"	15,000	1914	300.00
Emily Bauld	"	"	10,000	1914	200.00
Ella Oland	"	"	7,500	1914	150.00
Annie D. Stanford	"	"	2,200	1914	44.00
Amelia Higgs	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Sophia Crane	"	"	3,500	1914	70.00
Ellen Conway	"	"	2,500	1914	50.00
R.H. Scriven	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Mary O'Connor	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Arthur Boutilier	"	"	800	1914	16.00
R.O. Bayers	"	"	4,000	1914	80.00
Robert Miller	"	"	14,000	1914	280.00
Henry Jenkins	"	"	3,000	1914	60.00
W.H. Muir	"	"	1,800	1914	36.00
Annie Wright	"	"	1,400	1914	28.00
Neil Landry	"	"	1,200	1914	24.00
			<u>267,300</u>		<u>5,346.00</u>

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<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
Malcolm Johnston	South Hollis	1,000	1914	20.00
Alex Wilson	" "	12,500	1914	250.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,600	1914	32.00
Ann. Cox	" "	500	1914	10.00
Thomas McCartney	" "	2,000	1914	40.00
Hfx. Elec. Tram.	" "	3,000	1914	60.00
		<u>20,000</u>		<u>412.00</u>
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Dev. James Flinn	Skerry Place	1,000	1914	20.00
Alex Wilson	" "	600	1914	12.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	500	1914	10.00
Hfx. Elec Tram.	" "	600	1914	12.00
Mary O'Leary	" "	400	1914	8.00
		<u>3,100</u>		<u>62.00</u>
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Hfx. Elec. Tram	Victoria Lane	1,200	1914	24.00
A.G. Cross	" "	300	1914	6.00
B.H. Collins	" "	800	1914	16.00
East. Trust Co.	" "	1,500	1904	30.00
		<u>3,800</u>		<u>76.00</u>
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East. Trust Co,	Hollis Street	5,600	1914	112.00
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Hfx. Elec. Tram.	Gas Lane	161,000.	1914	3,220.00
Ellen Kelly	" "	1,500	1914	30.00
A.H. Buckhey	" "	800	1914	16.00
		<u>163,300.</u>	1914	<u>3,266.00</u>
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Hfx. Elec. Tram	South St.	20,000	1914	400.00
W.H. Stevens	" "	3,000	1914	60.00
C.C. Morton	" "	3,000	1914	60.00
Arthur Boutilier	" "	10,000	1914	200.00
		<u>36,000</u>	1904	<u>720.00</u>
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Rev. John McMillan	Fawson	7,000	1914	140.00
Francis Smith	" "	4,500	1914	90.00
Effie M. Oxley	" "	3,500	1914	70.00
Sarah Fultz	" "	3,000	1914	60.00
		<u>18,000</u>	1914	<u>360.00</u>
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Och. McDonale	Young Ave.	5,500	1915	111.65

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LOSS IN TAXES.</u>
1914	600,150	2.00	12,003.00
1915	605,650	2.03	12,294.70
1916	605,650	2.02	12,234.13
1917	605,650	2.13	12,900.35
1918	605,650	2.54	15,383.50
			<u>\$64,815.69</u>

Total Loss in Taxes in Ward One\$64,815.69
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List of Properties taken by the Dominion Government from year 1893 to 1918, with Owners, Assessed amounts, Streets, year taken, also Taxes for that year.

WARD TWO.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
Dillon Property	Sackville St.	15,000	1913	298.50

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LOSS IN TAXES.</u>
1913	15,000	1.99	298.50
1914	15,000	2.00	300.00
1915	15,000	2.03	304.50
1916	15,000	2.02	303.00
1917	15,000	2.13	319.50
1918	15,000	2.54	381.00
			<u>1,906.50</u>

Total loss in Taxes in Ward Two.....\$1,906.50

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WARD THREE.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
Dev. Hon. Wm. Pryor	Pryor	1,000	1914	20.00
Miss Kate Lawson	Jubilee Rd.	15,000	1914	300.00
Robert O'Mullin	Quinpool Rd.	1,500	1914	30.00
Miss Kate Lawson	" "	5,000	1914	100.00
Dev. James Flinn (Water Lot) "	" "	2,000	1914	40.00
		<u>24,500</u>		<u>490.00</u>

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G. McG. Mitchell	Water St.	20,000	1916	404.00

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<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
H.G. Bauld	Water St.	2,500	1917	53.25
Wm. J. Grant	" "	3,000	1917	63.90
		<u>5,500</u>		<u>117.15</u>

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LOSS IN TAXES.</u>
1914	24,500	2.00	490.00
1915	24,500	2.03	497.35
1916	44,500	2.02	898.90
1917	50,000	2.13	1,065.00
1918	50,000	2.45	1,270.00
			<u>\$4,221.25</u>

Total Loss in Taxes in Ward Three.....\$4,221.25

List of Properties taken by the Dominion Government from year 1893 to 1918, with owners, Assessed amounts, Streets, Year taken, also Taxes for that year.

WARD FOUR.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
William Roche	E. side Water	5,000	1893	80.50
Mary Creamer	" " "	5,000	1893	80.50
Peter Hogan	" " "	15,000	1893	241.50
		<u>25,000</u>		<u>402.50</u>
Wm. Cunard	E. side Water	100,000	1907	1,790.00
Rebecca Watson	" " "	3,600	1907	64.44
		<u>103,600</u>		<u>1,854.44</u>
W.B. Wallace	Quinpool Rd.	600	1913	11.94
L.G. Power	Quinpool Rd.	300	1914	6.00
Dev. Jas. Flinn	(Water Lot)	15,000	1914	300.00
		<u>15,300</u>		<u>306.00</u>
R.C. Episoppal Corpt.	Quinpool Rd.	500	1915	10.15

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Total amt. Property taken in Ward 4 year	1893..\$	25,000
" " " " " " " "	1907..	103.600
" " " " " " " "	1913	600
" " " " " " " "	1914	15,300
" " " " " " " "	1915	500
		<u>145,000</u>

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WARD FOUR.

1893 to 1918.

<u>YEAR.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LOSS IN TAXES.</u>
1893	25,000	1.61	402.50
1894	25,000	1.44	360.00
1895	25,000	1.38	345.00
1895	25,000	1.58	395.00
1897	25,000	1.63	407.50
1898	25,000	1.61	402.50
1899	25,000	1.72	430.00
1900	25,000	1.71	427.50
1901	25,000	1.70	425.00
1902	25,000	1.72	430.00
1903	25,000	1.66	415.00
1904	25,000	1.69	422.50
1905	25,000	1.73	432.50
1906	25,000	1.72	430.00
1907	128,600	1.79	2,301.94
1908	128,600	1.91	2,456.26
1909	128,600	1.99	2,559.14
1910	128,600	1.97	2,533.42
1911	128,600	1.96	2,520.56
1912	128,600	1.96	2,520.56
1913	129,200	1.99	2,571.08
1914	144,500	2.00	2,890.00
1915	145,000	2.03	2,943.50
1916	145,000	2.02	2,929.00
1917	145,000	2.13	3,088.50
1918	145,000	2.54	3,552.50
			<u>\$ 38,951.46</u>

Total loss in Taxes in Ward Four \$ 38,951.46

List of properties taken by the Dominion Government
year 1893 to 1918 with Owners, Assessed amounts, Streets
Year taken, also Taxes for that Year.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>WARD FIVE.</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAXES.</u>
Wm. Roche	E. side Water St.	13,000	1894	187.20
Alex Campbell	" " "	9,000	1894	129.60
Jas. W. McKay	" " "	9,000	1894	129.60

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OWNER	STREET	AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
Douglas & Co.	E. side Water St.	5,000	1894	72.00
Mary Shortell	" " "	3,000	1894	43.20
J.W. Marvin	Water Lot	200	1894	2.88
Stephen Mitchell	" " "	3,000	1894	43.20
John Penny	" " "	2,500	1894	36.00
		<u>44,700</u>		<u>643.68</u>
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Margt. & Jane Thompson	Cunard St.	1,000	1895	13.80
James Thompson	"	2,000	1895	27.60
John W. Chandler	"	200	1895	2.76
John Rutledge	"	1,400	1895	19.32
John Cashman	"	100	1895	1.38
Diocesan Synod N.S.	"	800	1895	11.04
John F. Ryan	North Park	1,200	1895	16.56
John Menger	" "	2,000	1895	27.60
Wm. Power	" "	1,400	1895	19.32
Heirs Patk. Slattery	" "	1,800	1895	24.84
Diocesan Synod N.S.	" "	2,600	1895	35.88
Dev. Patk. Healy	" "	1,600	1895	22.08
Peter Metzenworth	" "	1,000	1895	13.08
Daniel Faulkner	" "	1,500	1895	20.70
Joseph Cruise	" "	2,000	1895	27.60
Jane Smith	" "	2,500	1895	34.50
John Greenway	John's Lane	1,000	1895	13.80
Wm. Power	" "	1,000	1895	13.80
John F. Ryan	" "	1,000	1895	13.80
		<u>26,100</u>		<u>359.46</u>

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WARD FIVE (2)

OWNER	STREET	AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
Jas. Thompson	W. side Water St.	1,000	1897	16.30
Ellen O'Bryan	" " "	1,000	1897	16.30
Heirs Peter Hogan	" " "	2,500	1897	40.75
Margt. Trail	" " "	2,000	1897	32.60
Michael Leonard	" " "	1,400	1897	22.82
Mary Condon	" " "	600	1897	9.78
Dev. P Power	" " "	6,000	1897	97.80
Annie Wilson	" " "	3,000	1897	48.90
J.W. Crawford	" " "	2,000	1897	32.60
J.W. Crawford	" " "	1,500	1897	24.45
Alex. Phillips	" " "	1,400	1897	22.82
Mary Mulroney	" " "	1,600	1897	26.08
		<u>24,000</u>		<u>391.20</u>

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OWNER	STREET	AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
Trust.Wm.Fane	Gerrish	1,000	1906	17.20
Mary Inglis, trustee	"	1,800	1906	30.96
Hector McInnis	Gray's Lane	2,400	1906	42.28
Dev. Conrad West	" "	1,600	1906	26.52
Daniel McMullen	" "	500	1906	8.60
Thomas Ritchie	" "	1,400	1906	24.08
Dev. Jas. Crawford	" "	1,000	1906	17.20
A.J. Rockwell	" "	1,000	1906	17.20
Dev. J.W. Robertson	Water St.	3,000	1906	516.0
Peter Mason	" "	1,200	1906	20.64
A.M. Bell	" "	3,000	1906	51.60
John Sullivan	" "	2,000	1906	34.40
Rev. H.H. Cogswell	" "	1,600	1906	26.52
		<u>21,500</u>		<u>368.80</u>
John Greenway	W. Side Water St.	1,000	1906	17.20
Dev. Jas. Artz	" " "	2,400	1906	42.28
Dev. Mary Graves	" " "	800	1906	14.76
John Penny & Sons	" " "	500	1906	8.60
Mary Barry	" " "	1,200	1906	20.64
Charlotte West	" " "	200	1906	3.44
Mary O'Brien	" " "	2,700	1906	46.44
James A. Artz	" " "	1,000	1906	17.20
John R. Hubley	" " "	2,200	1906	37.84
Dev. John Smith	" " "	500	1906	8.60
Jairus Hart	" " "	500	1906	8.60
Thomas Spry	" " "	1,000	1906	17.20
W.K. Thomson (Tst)	" " "	600	1906	10.32
James Reeves	" " "	1,000	1906	17.20
Dev. T.R. Jenkins	" " "	1,500	1906	25.80
Hannah McDuff	Artz Lane	4,800	1906	83.56
Levi Hart	" " "	5,000	1906	86.00
J.A.B. Wier	" " "	400	1906	6.88
George Rice	" " "	1,200	1906	20.64
Edward Waterman	" " "	1,400	1906	24.08
Mary Voltz	W. Side Water St.	1,500	1906	25.80
Hector McInnis (Tst)	" " "	3,600	1906	61.92
Peter Mason	" " "	800	1906	14.76
Heirs Ben. Smith	" " "	2,200	1906	37.84
George Shaffer	" " "	1,400	1906	24.08
Dev. J.W. Ritchie	" " "	2,000	1906	34.40
Trust. Mrs. Fane	" " "	800	1906	14.76
Heirs Robt. Boak	" " "	500	1906	8.60
Ben. Smith	" " "	1,900	1906	32.68
John A. Thompson	" " "	2,500	1906	43.00
Stairs Son & Morrow	" " "	4,000	1906	68.80
Chas. E. Rogers	" " "	4,000	1906	68.80
John Penny & Sons	" " "	13,400	1906	230.48
Dev. Wm. Johnston	" " "	2,000	1906	34.40
Levi Hart	" " "	<u>7,000</u>	1906	<u>120.40</u>
		<u>30,400</u>		<u>522.88</u>
Matilda Mason	Gottingen St.	5,000	1914	100.00
Geo. C. Kendrick	" "	2,500	1915	50.00

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Total amount Property taken in Ward 5 year	1894	44,700
" " " " " " " "	1895	26,100
" " " " " " " "	1897	24,000
" " " " " " " "	1906	99,000
" " " " " " " "	1914	5,000
" " " " " " " "	1915	22,500
		<u>\$201,300</u>

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WARD FIVE.

1893 to 1918.

YEAR	AMOUNT	RATE	LOSS IN TAXES.
1893	0	1.61	0
1894	44,700	1.44	643.68
1895	70,800	1.38	977.04
1896	70,800	1.58	1,018.64
1897	94,800	1.63	1,545.24
1898	94,800	1.61	1,526.28
1899	94,800	1.72	1,630.56
1900	94,800	1.71	1,621.08
1901	94,800	1.70	1,611.60
1902	94,800	1.72	1,630.56
1903	94,800	1.66	1,573.68
1904	94,800	1.69	1,602.12
1905	94,800	1.73	1,640.04
1906	193,800	1.72	3,333.36
1907	193,800	1.79	3,469.02
1908	193,800	1.91	3,701.48
1909	193,800	1.99	3,856.62
1910	193,800	1.97	3,817.86
1911	193,800	1.96	3,789.48
1912	193,800	1.96	3,789.48
1913	193,800	1.99	3,856.62
1914	198,800	2.00	3,976.00
1915	201,300	2.03	4,086.39
1916	201,300	2.02	4,066.26
1917	201,300	2.13	4,287.69
1918	201,300	2.54	5,113.02
			<u>\$ 68,181.80</u>

Total loss of Taxes in Ward Five.....\$68,181.80

List of Properties taken by the Dominion Government from year 1893 to 1918, with Owners, Assessed amounts, Streets and year taken also Taxes for that year.

WARD SIX.

OWNER	STREET	AMOUNT	YEAR	TAXES.
Wm. Johnston	218 Campbell Rd.	1,600	1894	23.04
G. A. & Susan Veith	Kempt Rd.	4,000	1907	68.00
W. A. Hendry	" "	4,500	1907	76.50
Ben. Hartlen	Campbell Rd.	1,400	1908	26.74
Wm. Cunard	" "	1,200	1909	23.88
Harriett Creighton	Duffus St.	200	1906	3.42
Arch. McFatridge	Village Rd.	1,000	1904	20.00
Victoria White	Kempt Rd.	100	1914	2.00
		<u>14,000</u>		<u>243.58</u>

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE.</u>	<u>LOSS IN TAXES</u>
1894	1,600	1.44	23.04
1895	1,600	1.38	22.08
1896	1,600	1.58	25.28
1897	1,600	1.63	26.08
1898	1,600	1.61	25.76
1899	1,600	1.72	27.52
1900	1,600	1.71	27.36
1901	1,600	1.70	27.20
1902	1,600	1.72	27.52
1903	1,600	1.66	26.56
1904	1,600	1.69	27.04
1905	1,600	1.73	27.68
1906	1,600	1.72	30.86
1907	10,300	1.79	184.37
1908	11,700	1.91	233.47
1909	12,900	1.99	256.81
1910	12,900	1.97	254.13
1911	12,900	1.96	252.84
1912	12,900	1.96	252.84
1913	12,900	1.99	256.71
1914	14,000	2.00	280.00
1915	14,000	2.03	284.20
1916	14,000	2.02	282.80
1917	14,000	2.13	298.20
1918	14,000	2.54	355.60
			<u>\$ 3,525.95</u>

\$ 3,525.95 Total loss in Taxes in Ward Six.
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City Assessor
 The report is filed and the City Assessor requested to supplement the same if possible with a schedule of the properties taken by the Government on Upper Water Street for railway purposes.

EXPLOSION - TAXES IN DEVASTATED AREA.

Read amended report City Assessor re Taxes on properties in the area devastated in the Explosion of December 6th, of which the following is a recapitulation:-

October 22nd, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. October, 22/18

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith submit for your approval the following amended report showing amount of Taxes on destroyed or condemned buildings in the devastated area and adjacent district.

P.J. McManus.
City Assessor.

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<u>STREET</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>IMP.</u>	<u>PER.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
ACADIA	2,650	11,300	1,700	15,650
ACADIA SQ.	200	1,500		1,700
ALBERT	9,350	42,900	7,100	59,350
BARRINGTON	80,050	207,800	54,400	342,250
DUFFUS	22,750	35,450	4,800	63,000
HANOVER	700	4,400	1,500	6,600
KENNY	4,500	16,800	1,800	23,100
KAYE	11,900	58,200	9,700	79,800
NEEDHAM	4,500	12,400	1,400	18,300
ROOME	5,950	24,200	3,550	33,700
RICHMOND	2,400	11,600	2,250	16,250
RUSSELL	16,300	68,050	9,250	93,600
ROSS	1,900	3,000	600	5,500
RECTOR	3,800	8,400	2,000	14,200
RENFORTH	80,500	352,500	20,000	453,000
SCHOOL	4,700	17,300	1,300	23,300
UNION	7,250	28,350	3,050	38,650
VEITH	7,100	34,000	6,250	47,350
E. YOUNG	12,500	54,900	13,350	80,750
	<u>279,000</u>	<u>993,050</u>	<u>144,000</u>	<u>1416,050</u>

Added since last report.

GOTTINGEN (East Side)				
	4,250	15,950	2,700	22,900
" (West Side)				
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>23,500</u>
	296,750	1,017,000	166,700	1,480,450

Total East of Gottingen Street.....\$1,480,450
 Total West of Gottingen Street..... 621,250
 \$2,101,700

Rate \$2.54

\$2,101.700 X 2.54 = \$52,383.18

Ordered to be filed with the City Auditor.

Auditor ✓

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WORKSHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 22, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I have an application from Alex. Rourke for permission to erect a one-storey building 20x15 on the north-west corner of Monastery Lane and Yokon Street. This is in the residential district and is to be used as a vulcanizing repair shop.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Mr. Rourke is instructed to advertise his application in the newspapers in the usual way.

WATER METERS.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 22, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir,

Reporting again on meters required, I have been delayed by an investigation into the meter records for the last two years. I find that the information given me three months ago was not complete, owing to the absence of one of the staff on vacation. The result of my enquiry shows that the total number of meters destroyed by the explosion was 364, as follows:-

Condemned on sight	47
Condemned after careful investigation, as beyond repair	214
Missing	103
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	364
	362 meters

In addition, there are in the repair shop which will be unservicable until after the war in consequence of the impossibility of replacing the worn parts, making a total of

726

I was absolutely correct in stating that the meters asked for were to replace loss in the devastated district and for new buildings with a margin for emergency cases, such as requests from property owners, industrial plants, etc. On Oct. 2nd the Supt. of the Water Department had a list of new dwellings numbering 307 which, under the

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policy followed for years, should be metered, to place them on the same footing as their neighbors. This we are unable to do, as we have not a single new half-inch meter. I was also correct in stating the balance on hand in Maintenance Account. The Treasurer's figures did not agree with mine, for this reason. He did not show over \$10,000 which was to the credit of the Account at the time. His explanation for this omission is that between now and May, that amount will be required to pay for wages. He neglected to state, however, that the rate payers pay water taxes into the City practically every day and that it almost invariably comes in faster than it is required for wages, interest and repairs.

Only a few weeks ago a surplus of \$20,000 was taken out of this Account, which was needed for this very purchase. In addition, the water bills for a total half year's revenue are just being sent out, and the City Collector can obtain the greater part of that money as required. The meter service was starved in 1916 and again in 1918 by neglect to purchase small meters. No person who knows anything about it, can be proud of the condition of the water service today. We need for our work every meter asked for, as follows-

500-	5/8" meters
150-	3/4" "
75-	1" "
25-	1 1/2" "
25-	2" "
50-	3" "
6-	4" "
2-	6" "

364 meters should be paid for on Explosion account; the remainder to be charged to Current Revenue.

F.W.W.Doane.
City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted and the City Engineer instructed to advertise for tenders for the meters required. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS RESIDENCE.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying communication from D.G. Stewart respecting the reconstruction of the residence occupied by the keeper at the City Prison.

Engineer
Surveyor City
Prison
Auditor
City Engineer
Engineer

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The only houses of which I am aware that were occupied by Prison keepers, were the buildings on the City reservoir property at Shaffroth's Hill, and these have been completely destroyed. It is not desirable to replace these buildings as they are not required for water works purposes.

It may be considered necessary later to reconstruct one single residence to be occupied by a man who shall look after the reservoir, but the location should not be on as prominent a site as the other buildings occupied, and it should be selected with due regard to the completion of the original scheme for twin reservoirs.

If quarters are required for City Prison keepers the matter should be dealt with on its merits, and it would be better, in my judgment, to have the buildings on the City Prison property.

F.W.W. Doane.
City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Taylor the City Engineer is instructed to prepare plans and specifications of two buildings or a double dwelling for City Prison Under-keepers and submit an estimate of cost.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RUBBER BOOTS.

The Chief of Police is authorized to purchase six pairs of rubber boots for the Police Department.

HOUSING BUREAU.

On motion of Controller Taylor the following advertisement is ordered to be inserted in the newspapers and Miss Mary Gowan is appointed to act as registrar-

"Mayor's Office, City Hall,
October, 22nd, 1918.

A registration bureau of houses, rooms and apartments, furnished and unfurnished, will be opened at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, with the object of relieving the serious need of housing accommodation existing in the City at present. No fees will be charged, and confidential information will be respected.

Hours from 10 to 12 and from 2.30 to 4 o'clock.
A.C. HAWKINS, MAYOR.

The Board adjourned.

L. J. ...
CITY CLERK.

Engineer ✓
Governor City ✓
Prison ✓
Auditor ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Miss Gowan ✓

MAYOR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 24th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Taylor and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Annual Civic Reports.
- Election of Aldermen.
- Milk Prices.
- City Home Tenders for Supplies.
- Spanish Influenza -Thanks City of Brockton.
- Policeman George E. Mallaley Resignation.
- Explosion- Painting Fire Stations.
- Assessment Filing System.
- City Electrician.
- Daniel J. McDougall applicant for Policeman.
- Police Force Depletion under Military Service Act.
- Water Department Maintenance Account-Meters.
- Painting City Hall.
- Agriolca Street-Bilby Street. - Windsor Street
- Doyle Street-Robinson Ltd. Garage.

ANNUAL CIVIC REPORTS.

Read the Annual Civic Reports of the City Auditor and Clerk of Works for 1917-1918.

Referred to the Special Committee on publication of the Annual Report.

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.

Read letter from Honorable Premier Murray, as follows:-

Halifax, 17th October, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of extract from Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, held on the 8th instant, respecting a Petition to the Mayor and City Council for the holding of an election to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Alderman, the matter being brought to my attention for an expression of the opinion of the Governor in Council, and for advice and suggestion as to the course that should be pursued.

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I have consulted the Deputy Attorney General, who advises me that he agrees with the opinion of the City Solicitor. that, as there is not a sufficient number of Aldermen to constitute the quorum prescribed by the City Charter, the remaining members of the City Council have no jurisdiction, and therefore an election to fill the vacancies cannot now be legally held. However, if the City authorities are desirous of having an election held and to that end proceed as they could proceed if there were a quorum, the Government would be prepared to use their good offices at the next Session of the Legislature to obtain the passage of legislation validating the election.

G.W. Murray,
Provincial Secretary.

At request of Controller Finlay consideration of the letter is deferred until 29th instant.

DOYLE STREET- ROBINSON LTD. GARAGE.

Read application Robinson Ltd. to construct a temporary roof on the second story of the new garage Doyle Street, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 23rd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor, and City Board of Control.
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:-

Re the building of our Garage at corner of Queen and Doyle Streets.

Our original plans called for a building to cover the whole of the corner lots west of our present buildings out to ~~Springfield St.~~ ^{Street Lines, when the City took the strip for the} it not only ^{for the} altered our plans, but took away the entrance from ^{extension} Queen Street to our second story, as the run-way was ^{of Brung-} to be constructed on the land which has since been ^{Quack St} taken.

The delay caused in getting the matter settled decided us to go ahead with one story for which plans are on file in the City Engineer's office, and the work is well under way with the walls for the first floor about up to their full height. As our floor space has been considerably recuded by the City taking over this land for street extension purposes, and there is a great demand for car storage which we are trying to meet, we have decided to put on the second story.

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This building will be absolutely fireproof when completed as the floors will be cement and the walls and partitions cement and brick.

In this connection, we would point out that there is a large lot of steel required in the construction of the building, and while the steel for the first story was ordered and shipped from the mills over two months ago, it has not yet come to hand. On this account, we are writing to ask you for permission to place a temporary roof on the second story, the same to be covered with rubberoid or similar roofing as may be approved by the City Engineer, the same to be replaced in May next by a permanent concrete roof.

In the meantime, we will have the steel come forward so it will be on hand when required. We trust that you will deal with this matter at once, so we can go right ahead with the work as quickly as possible and have it finished before the frost sets in. We are willing to make an undertaking with the City to have the roof completed not later than June 1919. Trusting that you will give this matter your favorable consideration, we remain,

ROBINSON'S LIMITED,
G.M. Robinson, President.

It is decided to grant the permission applied for if Robinson's Limited furnish written undertakings satisfactory to the City Engineer in line with the suggestions in their letter.

MILK PRICES.

Read letter I.C. Stewart, Chairman Nova Scotia Committee of the Canada Food Board, as follows:-

Halifax 17th October, 1918.

His Worship, The Mayor,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

Replying to the inquiry made by the City Clerk on the 15th inst. I beg to say that the Nova Scotia Committee have received from the Canada Food Board a copy of Order 246, passed by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 4th day of October, creating machinery to prevent the undue enhancing of the cost of living, and repealing previous Orders in Council in this respect in which, in their administration, it has been stated certain defects had been disclosed. I enclose you two copies of said Order in Council for your information in connection with your proposed inquiry into the price of milk.

*Robinsons Ltd
City Engineer
Council*

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Application had been made by the distributors of milk in the city of Halifax for an investigation in view of the increased price threatened to be charged by the producers as and from the 1st day of October, 1918. Said price has now become operative though we were advised by the Canada Food Board that both the Milk Producers and the Distributors Associations had been wired to from Ottawa on October 5th to the following effect:-

"Before this Board consents to increase in price such increase must receive approval of Fair Price Committee provided for under Order in Council 2461. Would direct your attention to fact that this Order provides on summary conviction penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment for term not exceeding two years or both fine and imprisonment for any person conspiring, combining, agreeing or arranging with other persons to prevent, limit or lessen the manufacture or production of any necessary of life or to enhance or maintain the price thereof."

Under date of September 27th. Mr. H.B. Thomson, Chairman of the Canada Food Board telegraphed to the Nova Scotia Committee, saying:-

"I am informed that milk producers of Colchester and Hants are arranging to advance the price of milk. By doing so they are placing themselves in a very serious position under Section two Sub-section C of Order in Council number 2777 and also the Criminal Code. As far as we can learn there is no just cause to increase the price of milk and they are only taking advantage of war conditions, as with present crop and price of bran and shorts same as last year their proposal is indefensible."

Copy of this telegram was sent to both the Milk Producers Association in Shubenacadie, Mr. E.M. Dewis, Secretary, and to Mr. E.H. Hamilton, Secretary of the Dealers Association, Halifax. In acknowledgment of the transmission of that telegram Mr. Dewis writes:-

"Your letter to hand enclosing telegram from H.B. Thomson re milk.

"The statements from Members of the Food Board to different people to contradict each other somewhat. Under date of August 26th I have before me a letter from Mr. Thomson, and amongst other things contains the following passage: "I feel that I am 'right in advising you ~~to~~ not to rely much on bran and shorts for the coming winter, but to see what 'can be done in the concentrated food line, and it 'is none too soon to make these necessary arrangements".

"Bran and shorts cannot be obtained today and he knows it. These prepared feeds are being offered in limited quantities and at prices just double that of bran and shorts".

"Again Mr. I.M. Ross, also of the Food Board, writes as follows:- "The dairy farmer has taken cold feet and the consuming public has got to help him to 'warm up. He raised the price of milk and immediately 'a-let people jumped on him - very unreasonably too. 'He had a lot of problems to meet that Mrs. Housewife

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'knew nothing about. If she had she would not have been so ready to blame him. There is ~~not~~-this to remember - that since the beginning of the war the price of cows has gone up 50%, feeds 75% and labour 75%."

"The above statements are from members of the Food Board who now presume to say that raising the price of milk is 'indefensible'. An exhaustive investigation was held at Ottawa last year, as you know, into this milk business, and I presume the finding of the Commission is on file there now. The Chairman of that Committee told the representatives of the milk producers that they were not asking enough for their milk according to the data at hand then, and if that was true then, and undoubtedly it was, how in the name of common sense could they say today, with conditions as they are, that our action is indefensible.

"For your own information I would say that Principal Cumming knows first hand about feed scarcity and other conditions confronting the farmer, and I think would gladly put you right on those things.

"Let it be understood that the farmers are not combining to increase the price to the consumer. We claim to have a fairly intimate knowledge of what it costs to produce milk and the price we set is the price in the country - if the consumers don't want it at that price we don't feel obliged to make it.

"According to the finding of the Food Board last year the dealers were getting well paid for delivery of the milk. As we understand the dealers are now asking permission to get another half cent per quart for delivery, hence the matter was taken before the Food Board.

"The freight rates are now in process of revision and we don't know yet what they are going to be.

"There can be no question whatever about the necessity of an advance in the price, and if the dealers are permitted the extra half cent for delivery the matter might be adjusted between the dealers and producers."

Mr. E. H. Hamilton, Secretary of the Milk Dealers Association of Halifax has written, under date of October 14th to day:-

"A delegation from the Colchester and Hants Milk Producers Association held a conference in Halifax on Saturday the 13th inst., with the Halifax Milk dealers, and asked for an immediate answer to their demand for an increase in the price of milk otherwise Halifax would be without milk. To protect ourselves and the public we were compelled to accept their terms, pending an investigation of the Food Board. I therefore beg to notify you that the price of milk will be advanced two cents per quart on October 15th, 1918"

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I also quote from a letter received from Mr. E. M. Davis, Secretary of the Milk Producers Association, from Shubenacadie, to Mr. Hamilton dated September 25th:-

"At the Annual meeting of our Association last evening, the price of milk was ^{voted} ~~quoted~~ \$1.05 per can for milk and \$4.50 per can for cream, from October 1st for 1 year. This meeting had been called late in the month in the hope that some light might be obtained on the feed supply. Mr. Thompson of the Food Board has advised that Bran and Middlings will be practically unobtainable so we will have to depend on chop feeds which are costing today \$70. per ton; another advance in freight rates coming on at once.

"The scarcity of hay and the cost of labor are also factors which make for higher prices."

Communications have, we understand, passed to the Chairman of the Canada Food Board from both the Milk Dealers and the Milk Producers Associations with respect to an inquiry, and the Canada Food Board write us saying:-

"The proper method to deal with the matter of milk both to the producers and the spread that is allowed to the retailer, is to have them make fair application to their Municipal Council for the appointment of a Fair Price Committee to establish what would be a fair price for milk."

The foregoing I think fully covers the information which this office has received with regard to the milk situation up to the present time.

I. C. Stewart,
Chairman, Nova Scotia Committee.

Also read schedule of prices of milk in other Cities of Canada submitted by the Secretary of the Board of Trade, as follows:-

The following are the ruling prices of Milk in the different cities of Canada Mentioned:-

	Producers p Price.	Distributors Price to Consumers	wholesale Price.	
St. John	7¢	12¢ per qt.	10 ¢ per qt.	(Distri- butors pay freight and supply cans.)
Toronto	7¼	13 " "	10¼¢ " "	(Do.

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	Producers Price	Distributors Price to Consumers.	Wholesale Price.	
Ottawa	7½	11	10	(Same as (Toronto
Hamilton	7¾	13	10	(Do-charge { 1¢ per can { per day to { producers { for use.
Montreal	8¾	13	10 to 10½ blk 10 to 12 bos	(Producers { pay freight { and furn- { ish cans.
Halifax	10½	15	12 to 13¢	(Producers { pay freight { ½¢ qt.-and { furnish cans.

Also read report from the City Solicitor on the matter, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

I have given a careful study to the Order in Council No. 2461 authorizing the regulation of prices and providing penalties for excessive prices.

The bulk of the powers conferred with it are conferred upon the Minister of Labor, but Section 6 authorizes the appointment by the council of any municipality (which includes a city) of a fair price committee which is authorized to investigate a number of things, including the cost within the municipality of any necessity of life, the price at which it is sold, and the price which, in the opinion of the committee would be a just and reasonable one within the municipalities. This committee is invested with the powers of a commissioner under "The Enquiries Act" which would give it the powers necessary to make a full investigation. If in the opinion of the committee there is evidence disclosing an offence against the regulations the committee or the council may take such proceedings under the regulation as they deem proper, or may remit the evidence to the Attorney General to take such action as he is pleased to institute. The expenses incurred by the committee are made a charge upon the municipality. The committee is also required to report its findings to the Minister and to publish in the local papers what they consider a fair price for the article, the subject of investigation.

It is difficult to make a full comment upon the

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powers conferred by this regulation, and upon the ~~power~~ difficulties likely to be encountered in making the investigation or taking any proceeding consequent upon an investigation; but two points deserve to be specially noted.

First, the judgment of the committee as to a fair price is not made even prima facie evidence of its own accuracy, and consequently upon any proceedings instituted it would be necessary to prove that the price at which the article was sold was not a fair and reasonable one. This would certainly be an extremely difficult task for a municipality, as nearly all the evidence required would be under the control of persons accused of selling unfairly. Some idea of the difficulty can be gathered from the extracts contained in the letter of Mr. I.C. Stewart.

In the second place, the committee could only be appointed by the City Council and a committee appointed only by the Board of Control would find itself hampered in almost every direction for want of the powers exercisable only by a regularly appointed committee.

There are probably many other points on which the Board would like information; but they could be discussed much more satisfactorily at a meeting of the Board than in a written report.

F.H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

The correspondence is filed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Tenders for supplies for the City Home are received and opened from the following:-

Dry-Goods-for 6 months- W.Y. Kennedy
Fresh-fish-for 6 months-Leonard Fisheries Ltd.
Meats-for 6 months and for 12 months J.A. Leaman & Co.
" -for 6 months and for 12 months Robt. McLeod & Son.

Referred to the Secretary of the City Home for report.

SPANISH INFLUENZA - THANKS CITY OF BROCKTON.

Read letter of thanks from the Mayor of the City of Brockton, as follows:-

City of Brockton, Mass,
Mayor's Office,
October 21, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins, Mayor,
Halifax, B.S.
Dear Sir:-

I am writing to inform you that the nurses

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you so kindly sent us in our distress are doing excellent work at our Field Hospital and are well satisfied to be able to relieve what suffering they can.

We have 130 patients in the hospital and feel as though conditions will be much better in a very short time.

I cannot find words to express my appreciation of your very prompt response to our appeal for help, and I assure you they arrived at a pretty good time, as many of our nurses were thoroughly exhausted.

Personally and for the citizens of this city as a whole, I again thank you for your kindness, and I am sure that whenever you would express your need of our city, we will do all in our power to grant your request.

Wishing you every success and health to yourself and family, I am,

Yours truly,
Wm. L. Gleason,
MAYOR.

Filed.

POLICEMAN GEORGE E. MALLALEY RESIGNATION.

Read resignation Policeman George E. Mallaley.

Accepted.

EXPLOSION - PAINTING FIRE STATIONS.

Read report City Engineer re painting of Fire Stations necessitated by the Explosion, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The Assistant Building Inspector has checked over the painting specification submitted by the Chief of the Fire Department. Mr. Fegan does not know, of his own knowledge, ~~the~~ what work was done on the fire stations; that is for the Chief to define, but in Mr. Egan's judgment, after a conference with the Chief, the painting provided for by the specification is all rendered necessary by the explosion of December 6th, 1917.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Taylor the Chief of Fire Department is instructed to advertise for tenders for the work (See minutes August 15th, 1918)

Controller Finlay dissents.

H W Mayor ✓

Chief of Police ✓

*Recorder ✓
mail ✓
Echo ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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ASSESSMENT FILING SYSTEM.

Read report City Assessor as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 24/18

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members Board of Control:-

Gentlemen:-

Some time ago I submitted a Memorandum to your Board, and which was adopted, showing the requirements of this office in order to install the Card System for our Assessment and Record purposes.

The Agent of the company who submitted the prices on the articles required, informs me that he will not be able to supply them at the prices quoted unless he receives the order at once.

The matter was held up owing to there being no funds available. At the last session of the Legislature and Act was passed authorizing the borrowing of sufficient money to complete the Assessment Plan, and to install the System. As I understand the funds are now available, I would like the instructions of your Board.

P. J. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

The City Assessor is authorized to procure the required equipment as provided for in the City's Short term borrowing Act.

CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918

His Worship the Mayor

Sir,-

In compliance with the instructions of your Board, I beg to report respecting the City Electrician.

Clerical assistance has been employed in the City Electricians' office during the busy season for about four weeks years. The present remuneration is five dollars per week.. The assistance was employed by Mr. Colpitt after consultation with the City Engineer, the City Engineer having been authorized by the Board to employ temporary assistance from time to time as required.

*City Assessor ✓
Auditor ✓
Council ✓*

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Respecting the question of the time given by the City Electrician to the City, I have to depend upon him for this information. He reports that the total time, including holidays, during which he has been absent from the City service during the current year is 25 days. He states that the Public Utilities Commission hearings have been much more frequent during the past year than in previous years, the average during the past five years having been nine days.

Mr. Colpitt has done considerable night work for the City during that period, which, as far as time is concerned, would in the aggregate, more than make up for time absent from the City Service.

Respecting the future, Mr. Colpitt states that he is ready to devote full time to the City service, but requests the privilege of finishing up with the Public Utilities Commission, work which is at present under consideration and in which he has worked with the Commission. He does not expect that this will necessitate his leaving the City.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Filed.

DANIEL J. McDOUGALL APPLICANT FOR POLICEMAN.

Read application Daniel J. McDougall for position as Policeman.

Referred to the City Medical Officer for further report.

POLICE FORCE DEPLETION UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

At suggestion of His Worship the Mayor the City Clerk is instructed to write Hon. A.K. McLean calling his attention to the depletion of the Police Force of the City of Halifax due to enlistment and to their absorption under the Military Service Act and to inform him that that condition does not prevail in Ottawa and other cities.

*Council
Electrician ✓
Auditor ✓
Engineer ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓
City Medical Officer ✓*

Letter Hon A.K. McLean ✓

October 24th, 1918.

WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT-METERS.

Read letter City Treasurer as follows:-
Sir,

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

My attention has been called to a report of the City Engineer wherein the following statements relating on me appear. "I was also correct in stating the balance on hand in Maintenance. The Treasurer's figures did not agree with mine for the reason, he did not show over \$10000 which was to the credit of the account at the time.

His explanation for the omission is that between now and May that amount will be required for to pay wages."

I emphatically answer that the above statements are entirely at variance with the facts. I never made any explanation for an omission to any one because such did not exist on my part.

Now, Gentlemen, as I personally gave the City Engineer his figures for his first report and personally pointed out to him on that statement the actual state of the account as the books show and clearly impressed upon him that \$10800 for the year's salaries, not wages, had not yet been transferred to Salary account, it seems to me that he is badly mixed in his report and to prove who is correct let him lay on the table my written statement to him the reason why it has not been transferred the books will show. Further he says "only a few weeks ago a surplus of \$20000 was taken out of the account which was needed for this very purchase. Permit me to state that it was unanimously decided by the City Council in 1917 when making the estimates and passing the loans required for the year to make no borrowing for construction but transfer the amount expended during the year on that service from the surplus in Water Maintenance. As \$20000 was approximately required to balance construction account the transfer was ordered and no money was borrowed.

James J. Hopwell,
CITY TREASURER.

After discussion with the City Treasurer and City Engineer the letter is filed.

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Read report City Engineer re tenders for painting the City Hall, as follows:-

October 24th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report that the tenders opened for painting the City Hall, were referred to me for consideration. The only tenders which are regular and in accordance with the terms of the specification are D.D. Stewart - Cost plus 12% on material and labor.

Victor McLaren - \$1838.

The tender of Victor McLaren would, in my judgment, be the lower, and I would therefore recommend its acceptance.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The report is approved and adopted Controller Finlay dissenting.

AGRICOLA STREET - BILBY STREET. - Windsor St.

Alderman Godwin complains of the condition of Agricola Street between Almon and Macara Streets and also of Bilby Street.

Windsor Street
His Worship the Mayor complains of the condition of Windsor Street north of Almon Street and also the state of the rails of the Railway siding crossing Almon Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

*Engineer ✓
Council.*

Engineer ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

October 29th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Geo. M. Howard.
Jubilee Road Sewer.
Food Board License - E.C. Westall - Bauld Bros. Ltd.
Y.M.C.A. Wooden Building in Brick District.
Dutch Billage Road Culvert.
Explosion - Policeman David C. Wilson Application for Relief.
Policeman J.F. MacDonald Resignation.
Policemen.
Tenders for Fodder.
City Prison Underkeepers Perquisites.
Building Plans.
Explosion - Rainwater Leaders Devastated Area.
Workshop in Residential District - Yukon Street.
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.
Water Values 12".
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
North Park Street Sidewalk.
Prince Street, Buckingham Street and Jacob Street Sidewalks.
Street Sprinkler and Flusher - Undertaking by Government.
Spanish Influenza - Death of Nurse Nellie A. Gray.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Street Railway Track Allowance Maintenance.
Barrington Street #314 Water Supply.
City Prison Groceries Tenders.
Taxi License Frederick A. Hamilton.
Annual City Report - Letter City Auditor.
Barrington Street #122 Water Service.
Willow Street Sewer.
Painting City Hall.
Shipyards Sewers and Water Pipes.
Prince Street Sewer Outlet.
Works Department Drivers Pay.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - GEO. M. HOWARD.

George M. Howard appeared before the Board requesting that a route for the North West Arm Trunk Sewer be selected through the eastern portion of his residential property rather than through the

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centre of it as at present intended. He desired to maintain the principal portion of his property intact and wanted as little damage done to it as possible.

The City Engineer submitted a plan of the sewer showing the ^{diversion} ~~diversion~~ requested by Mr. Howard

Mr. Howard is requested to submit his request in writing and any offer he may have to make as to the cash value or free gift of the rights required by the City in respect to the right of way for the sewer.

JUBILEE ROAD SEWER.

Charles E. Johnson appeared before the Board complaining that the trench for the Jubilee Road sewer has been open for a long time without any work being done on it and that the trench and the debris prevent him and neighbors from having access to their properties.

The City Engineer is instructed to have the cause of complaint removed as far as possible and provision made that residents may have safe access to their residences.

FOOD BOARD LICENSE -E.G.WESTALL-BAULD BROS LTD.

Harry Melvin representing Bauld Bros. Ltd. and Ernest G. Westall appeared before the Board and presented a letter of which the following is a copy-

CANADA FOODS BOARD,
Ottawa, October 25th, 1918

Ernest G. Westall, Esq.,
C/o Bauld Bros.
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Re APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Your statement has been received giving

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your reasons why a license should be issued to you by this Board. Before we grant you a license to do business it will be necessary for you to secure a recommendation from the Council of your Municipality. Until a license has been granted, you are prohibited by law from doing business under the penalty of a heavy fine, imprisonment of both.

C. J. Burchell
Canada Food Board
Bauld Bros
E. J. Westall

A letter from the CANADA FOOD BOARD, Fire Underwriters that there will be no increase in insurance rates in surrounding properties, Mr. Burchell in

671.
The Board unanimously decide to recommend the granting of the license/subject to the concurrence of Bauld Bros. Ltd.

Y.M.C.A. WOODEN BUILDING IN BRICK DISTRICT.

C. J. Burchell appeared before the Board asking permission for the Y.M.C.A. to erect a temporary wooden structure to be used as a Y.M.C.A. War hut fronting on the West side of Barrington Street on the property known as the Governots Field, the building to cost about \$40,000.00 and to be removed following the demobilization of troops after the War. Mr. Burchell informed the Board that an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council had been passed granting permission for the erection of this structure on Crown Lands on the condition above named and that the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters had stated that no increase in insurance rates on surrounding properties would be made in consequence of the placing of the temporary wooden building there.

City Engineer

On the representations made by Mr. Burchell the City Engineer is instructed not to take any

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action towards preventing the construction of the building provided Mr. Burchell submits an opinion from the City Solicitor that no permit would be required for its construction on Crown lands and a letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters that there will be no increase in insurance rates in surrounding properties; Mr. Burchell in the meantime to forward to the City Clerk a certified copy of the Order in Council in respect to the matter.

*Cy Burchell
Solicitor
Engineer
N.S.B. Fire Underwriters*

DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD CULVERT.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28th, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to recommend payment of the Hon. Minister of Highways of Nova Scotia, of the sum of four hundred and fourteen dollars and forty-nine cents (\$414.49) being half the cost of the concrete culvert across the Dutch Village Road near the north line of Chebucto Road.

On the 15th of November 1917 the Board of Control authorized this expenditure.

*Clark's Works
Council*

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

The report is approved and the account passed for payment.

EXPLOSION - POLICEMAN DAVID C. WILSON APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

Read letter Policeman David C. Wilson, as follows:-

Lakeville, N.C., Oct. 26th, 1918.

Chief of Police,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

It is now eleven months since I was injured in the Halifax explosion - losing one eye and the re-

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maining one is at times as good as lost. I understood that the Relief Commission was to take up cases such as mine, but as yet I have not heard anything definite what they intend to do. I write you, Sir, to ask you if you would be good enough to ask you ~~if you would be good enough to ask~~ the Board of Control, who have already shown me great consideration, if they would intercede on my behalf in this matter.

Thanking you and the Board of Control for all past favors and hoping I am not asking too much in this request.

D.C. Wilson,
Policeman.

The Chief of Police is requested to obtain a full report from the City Medical Officer on Policeman Wilson's case and present the same with a report from himself upon which the Advisory Relief Committee will be requested to consult with the Relief Commission.

POLICEMAN J.F. MACDONALD RESIGNATION.

Read resignation J.F. Macdonald, to take effect two weeks from October 28th.

The resignation is accepted to take effect October 31st. inst.

POLICEMEN.

Read applications for the position of Policemen from the following named:- Harry A. Power, William Joseph Fripps, Hayward Jackson and William McLeod.

Power, Fripps and Jackson appear before the Board.

The applications are referred to the Chief of Police for report.

TENDERS FOR FODDER.

Tenders for fodder in response to advertisement in the newspapers are received and opened from S.C. Thompson and F.W. Fraser.

*Chief of Police
City Clerk*

Chief of Police

Chief of Police

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*Clerk of Works
Chief of Dept
Engineer*

The tenders are referred to the Clerk of Works for report and to the City Engineer and Chief of Fire Department for recommendations as to the advisability and feasibility of immediate purchase and storage of six months supply.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS REQUISITIES.

*Governor of Prison
Mayor*

Read petition City Prison Underkeeper A. Robinson for the furnishing to him of a better grade of food than supplied by the Governor of the Prison.

His Worship the Mayor in the absence from the City of Controller Taylor is requested to discuss the matter with the Governor of the Prison and make satisfactory arrangements.

BUILDINGS PLANS.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

While our Building Act has been modified and to a certain extent, improved, from time to time, it is far short of being up to date. There is one feature on which it has always been lacking and that is the absence of provision for dictation to the prospective builder as to the design of the building which he should erect. The benefits of Town Planning are beginning to be recognized today, and even the individual builder is beginning to be anxious to be up to date as far as he can afford. As the construction work of the Halifax Reconstruction Committee develops and progresses, the public will be able to appreciate what can be done by intelligent and skilful designing of even workmen's cottages, in comparison with the old custom of building the cheapest possible way with the plainest possible design, which means ugly construction.

Intelligent designing does not necessarily mean any considerable increase in cost, while it means an immense increase in the satisfaction of to

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the purchaser, and a corresponding improvement in the general appearance of the City. If the Building Department of the city had some discretionary power so that they could prevent the erection of ugly structures immediately adjoining or in the vicinity of handsome and pretentious structures, it would be a desirable step in advance. The Halifax Relief Commission has a varied assortment of designs, prepared by architects of standing, all pleasing in appearance and many of them comparatively inexpensive. I am satisfied that I could obtain a copy of these designs on application, some of them have been filed already in this office. The great majority of the house builders with limited means would be only too pleased to get the assistance of this Department, if it did not add very much to the cost of their construction; and even though the City had to pay for the designs I think it would be money well spent if a large number of designs were on file in this office for selection by prospective builders.

I would recommend that an amendment ~~to~~ ^{to} the Building Act be sought at the next session of the Legislature providing that the Building Inspector shall have the power to reject the design of any building submitted by a prospective builder, and that he shall have the power to compel such builder to substitute therefor, either a design selected from those on file in the Building Inspector's office, or one prepared by himself as the Building Inspector might approve.

There are many cases, also, where builders with limited means are unable to provide any plan except in their own head, which could be happily solved if the Building Inspector were able to suggest a design. It would help the Town Planning movement and prevent the erection of one class of houses on one side of the street and an absolutely inferior class on the other side, as it is possible may occur on North Creighton Street, for instance.

I submit the foregoing recommendation for your approval.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

The report is unanimously approved, the City Engineer complimented on the suggestion and the City Solicitor instructed to draft and submit legislation in line with the Engineer's recommendations.

Alderman Godwin who was present agreed generally with the City Engineer's ideas but thought that con-

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sideration should be given to the matter of the size of bed rooms and kitchens and provision made that they should be ample from a hygienic standpoint.

Approved and ordered to be recommended to the City Solicitor and City Engineer for consideration in drafting legislation.

EXPLOSION - RAINWATER LEADERS DEVASTATED AREA.

Alderman Godwin recommended that in the devastated area the general City law be complied with which requires that all buildings have their down spouts connected to the City Sewers.

The City Engineer is instructed to impress the necessity for this upon the Relief Commission.

WORKSHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-YUKON STREET.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The applicant for permission to erect a one-storey building on the north-west corner of Mon-

astery Lane and Yukon Street has advertised the fact in three papers, two insertions in each, notifying any person protesting, to lodge the protest with the Building Inspector. No protests have been received against this work.

H.W. Johnston.
Asst. City Engineer.

The permit applied for is ordered to be granted
Controller Finlay dissents.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read letter Hon. E.H. Armstrong, Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct, 19, 1918.

File 39,

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Council ✓
Board of Health ✓

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Council ✓
Board of Health ✓

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Council ✓
Board of Health ✓

October 29th, 1918.

L. Fred. Monaghan Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 10th inst., enclosing extract of the proceedings of the Board of Control with reference to my letter of the 10th inst. on the above matter.

I note that consideration of the subject has been deferred. In view of this action on the part of the Board of Control, I beg to advise you that I shall no longer hold myself under any further obligations to observe the understanding contained in my letter to Controller Murphy of the 17th April last, and which arrangement was approved of and confirmed by the Board of Control on the 23rd of April 1918.

E. A; Armstrong,
Commissioner Public Works and Mines.

The City Clerk is instructed to lay upon the table the correspondence on this matter submitted to the City Council at meeting held April 29th, 1918.

WATER VALVES 12".

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

We shall require for work in sight for next season at least twelve 12-inch valves including the ten which will have to be installed on Argyle Street before paving can be laid. I would recommend that these be purchased without delay.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Deferred until Controller Finlay ascertains the condition of water construction funds.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Secretary City Home as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October, 28.18

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report re

*City Clerk -
H. & H.
Armstrong -
F. W. W. Doane*

*Engineer -
Cont. Finlay -
P. C.*

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Tenders for supplies for the City Home.

MEATS.

ROBERT MCLEOD & SON.

One year.

30,000 lbs.	fore Beef	@	21¢	per lb.	6300.00
10,000 "	hind Beef	@	26¢	" "	2600.00
800 "	Lamb	@	42¢	" "	336.00
125 "	Veal	@	20¢	" "	25.00
200 "	Fresh Pork	@	28¢	" "	56.00
400 "	Corned beef	@	22¢	" "	88.00
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					\$ 9405.00

J. A LEAMAN & CO.

ONE YEAR.

30,000 lbs.	Fore Beef	@	21¢	per lb.	6300.00
10,000 lbs.	Hind Beef	@	26¢	per lb.	2600.00
800 "	Lamb	@	45¢	" "	360.00
125 "	Veal	@	30¢	" "	37.50
200 "	Fresh Pork	@	45¢	" "	90.00
400 "	Corned Beef	@	25¢	" "	100.00
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					\$ 9487.50

ROBERT MCLEOD & SON.

SIX MONTHS.

18,000 lbs.	Fore Beef	@	19¢	per lb.	3420.00
7,000 "	Hind Beef	@	23¢	" "	1610.00
300 "	Lamb	@	40¢	" "	120.00
75 "	Veal	@	19¢	" "	14.25
125 "	Fresh Pork	@	26¢	" "	32.50
100 "	Corned Bef	@	22¢	" "	22.00
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					\$ 5218.75

J. A LEAMAN & CO.

SIX MONTHS.

18000 lbs.	Fore Beef	@	19¢	per lb.	3420.00
7,000 "	Hind Beef	@	24¢	" "	1680.00
300 "	Lamb	@	40¢	" "	120.00
75 "	Veal	@	30¢	" "	22.50
125 "	Fresh Pork	@	40¢	" "	50.00
100 "	corned Beef	@	23¢	" "	23.00
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					\$ 5315.50

I would recommend that the Tender of Robert McLeod and Son for one year from November 1st, 1918 be accepted.

DRY GOODS.- Six Months, Kennedy's \$3203.51

This being the only Tender, would recommend same for acceptance.

FRESH FISH. .- Six months, Leonard Fisheries, Ltd. Only tender recommend same for acceptance.

James O'Bryan,
Secretary.

On motion of Controller Murphy the tender of

October 24th, 1918.

Robert McLeod and Son for meet supply for six months ^{is} ~~be~~ accepted and the balance of the report is adopted.

NORTH PARK STREET SIDEWALK.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The sidewalk on the east side of North Park Street from Cogswell Street to the Armouries has always carried a lot of traffic, especially at certain times in the day. The block between Dogswell and Cornwallis Street has never been in satisfactory condition and as the trees are large and the branches clost together, it is difficult to light the sidewalk properly at night, It would be much safer if it were covered with concrete.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the east side of North Park Street from Cogswell Street to Armoury Street and that concrete curb and gutter be laid between Cornwallis and Armoury Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$5530.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

PRINCE STREET, BUCKINGHAM STREET AND JACOB STREET SIDEWALKS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Following out the policy which has been begun by the laying of the bituminous macadam pavement on Duke Street, it will be necessary to re-set the curb stones in some blocks on Prince Street, Buckingham and Jacob Streets so that any work done may be done to permanent grade. When these curbs are re-set it will be cheaper to lay a concrete sidewalk at the same time, to avoid doing the work twice.

On Prince Street a sidewalk will be required on the south side from Argyle to Brunswick Street and on the north side from Argyle to Market Street. The estimated cost is \$4587.

On Buckingham Street a sidewalk will be required on the north side from Argyle to Brunswick Street and on the south side from Barrington to Market Street, at a cost of \$5581.00

Jos (Bryon) Council

Engineer Council

Council

October, 29th 1918.

On Jacob Street a sidewalk will be required on the south side from Barrington to Brunswick Street - estimated cost \$3024.00

I would recommend that the sidewalks named, be constructed under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The curbs being re-set on Jacob Street between Barrington and Argyle, this small section of sidewalk should be laid at once.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

The City Treasurer is requested to report as to the present standing of the permanent sidewalk funds.

STREET SPRINKLER AND FLUSHER-UNDERTAKING BY GOVERNMENT.

Read letter Hon. Geo. H. Murray, Premier, as follows:-

Halifax, 17th October, 1918.

The City Clerk and Treasurer,
City Hall,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of 11 October and to inform you on behalf of the Government that I will undertake to use the good offices of the Government to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature legalizing the raising of funds by the City of Halifax for the immediate payment of ~~XX~~ Three Thousand and Twenty-three dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,023.60) the balance of the amount due on account of the purchase by the City of a motor street sprinkler and flusher equipment, and that said legislation will authorize the borrowing of the amount, its expenditure and all warrants certified by the City Auditor therefor.

G.W. Murray,

Filed.

SPANISH INFLUENZA - DEATH OF NURSE NELLIE A. GRAY.

His Worship the Mayor reported that Miss Nellie A. Gray of 40 Buckingham Street who recently during the epidemic of Spanish Influenza in the state of Massachusetts volunteered and went to Brockton as a nurse succumbed to overwork and died there on

Engineer
Council

Treasurer

Council
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓

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the 25th inst. of influenza.

It is unanimously agreed that the City bear any expense of bringing the body back to Halifax and of burial.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Dear Sir:

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition. Nos. 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 214. P.R. Colpitt, City Electrician.

Filed.

STREET RAILWAY TRACK ALLOWANCE MAINTENANCE.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

A short time ago the City Engineer and City Electrician were instructed to make a report on the condition of the Nova Scotia Tramways plant. In the meantime the question of the maintenance of their road bed has arisen and I beg to report that I have inspected their lines and find the track allowance in a very unsatisfactory condition. Particulars are as follows-

South Park St. - Track allowance rutten badly and rails above surface between Spring Garden Rd. and Inglis Street.

Inglis St. - Same condition between Park and Mitchell Sts.

Barrington St. - Hole in pavement north of Green St. Depression in pavement near Kent St. Pavement uneven on east side of track between Bishop and St. Matthew's Church. Depression in pavement opposite #819, Ditto opp. #866. Blocks need attention next rails between Artx and North Sts. Track allowance practically out of repair from the end of the pavement above North St. to Roome St. Rails high and track allowance rutted. This latter portion of the line is dangerous for traffic.

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Gottingen St. - Rails are high and track allowance in bad repair between Kaye and Bilby Streets; also near Bloomfield and Black Streets, at turn-out between Black and North, North and Charles and in the neighborhood of Uniacke.

Cunard St. - Granite Pavement very rough and uneven.

Agricola St. - Track is out of repair and the rails above the surface in places between Cunard and Almon.

Almon St. - Same condition between Agricola and Robie.

Windsor St. - Same condition between Almon and Quinpool, Rd.

Quinpool Rd. - Same condition between Oxford St. and Bloomingdale Terrace and at the foot of the Arm Hill. A fender was lying on the track near the Arm Bridge Hotel which apparently had dropped off a car which has just passed me going up the hill. I also saw a fender lying on the roadway at the corner of Inglis and Park Sts. A few days earlier and one on Spring Garden Road.

Oxford St. The track allowance is badly worn and the rails above the surge in places between Pepperell and South Streets.

Coburg Rd. - Same condition from Oxford to Edward St.

Spr. Garden Rd. - Same conditions between Robie St. and Tower Rd. Paving blocks need attention next the rail in places between Park and Barrington Streets.

Morris St. - Roadway in bad repair and rails above the surface between Hollis and Water Street.

Hollis St. - South of Bishop St. one rail apparently was broken. The blocks next the rail at places on this street need re-laying.

Granville St. Pavement bad near Goerge and Buckingham Sts.

Buckingham St. - Pavement is bad, rough and uneven, especially outside the rails above Argyle St.

Brunswick St. - The roadway is worn and the rails above the surface between Buckingham and Jacob Sts.

Grafton St. - Same conditions.

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Jacob St. - Rails above surface and pavement rough and uneven.

These conditions mean that practically the whole track allowance is out of repair-in an unsatisfactory condition.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

The City Clerk is instructed to forward a copy of the report to the Halifax Tramways and Power Co. Ltd. to request them to give it immediate attention and to ask them how soon the City may expect that steps will be taken to remedy the conditions reported.

The City Clerk is also instructed to forward a copy of the report to the Board of Public utilities with the request that they will lend any assistance in their power to have the conditions complained of remedied.

BARRINGTON STREET #314 WATER SUPPLY.

Read letter The American Red Cross re Water supply at No. 314 Barrington Street as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct., 16th, 1918.

Board of Control,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

The American Red Cross moved into the premises No. 314 Barrington Street on September 30th. Since that date for a number of hours, nearly every day, the water has failed to run in the house. The plumbing is all in order and the fault lies outside the house line. We have called up the City Engineer's office to complain of the trouble, but have received no statement as to the cause. Every now and then at irregular intervals, without any warning, the water simply ceases coming into the house.

As we have a number of convalescent men here and besides are feeding a large number of men in our Canteen, the interruption of the water supply

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is a serious matter.

I trust that you will refer this matter to the proper authority and that we may have some speedy relief.

Walcott P. Robbins,
Director Canteen Service
At Halifax.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY PRISON GROCERIES TENDERS.

Tenders are received and opened for grocery supplies for the City Prison for three months from Wentzells Ltd. R.N. McDonald and W.I. Hubley & Co.

Referred to the Governor of the City Prison for report.

TAXI LICENSE FREDERICK A HAMILTON.

Read application Frederick A. Hamilton 45 Maynard Street for a motor Hack License.

The license is ordered to be granted if approved by the Chief of Police, Controller Finlay dissenting.

ANNUAL CITY REPORT - LETTER CITY AUDITOR.

Read letter City Auditor re publication of the Annual Civic report, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 25th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

After more than usual delay I have at last got the yearly report ready for the printer, and the same has been referred to the Publication Committee.

Under the Charter, I am to "annually prepare a full and accurate report of the financial condition of the City", and would suggest that this work should be accomplished with the least possible delay, as different organizations are asking for same almost daily, and it is rather unbusinesslike to have to admit that it is not yet in the hands of the printer.

As I understand the matter, the contract for printing has not yet been awarded.

W.W. Foster,
City Auditor.

Engineer ✓

Governor of Prison ✓

*Chief of Police ✓
Anti-Corruption ✓*

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City Clerk
The City Clerk is instructed to lay on the table at its next meeting all the annual reports so far presented.

BARRINGTON STREET #122 WATER SERVICE.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 24, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of Council, that the Superintendent of the Water Department has investigated but has been unable to find anything wrong with the water service at #122 Barrington Street.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

Filed.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read report City Engineer re sewer St. John's Church Willow Street as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Engineer
I beg to report that a permit was taken out for a drain for St. John's Church, Willow Street, but the drain was not constructed.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

Referred back to the City Engineer for further report.

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The cost of painting to date is \$1463, including the work in the Mayor's office, which Mr. Fegan estimates at about \$250, leaving the balance of \$1213 for painting the Police Station and Library. The lowest tender for painting was \$4995. Mr. Fegan estimates that not much more than one-eighth of the painting has been done, so it would indicate that the system we are following will cost more than contract work.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

Filed.

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SHIPYARDS SEWERS AND WATER PIPES.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. October 23th. 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I beg to report on the situation caused by the acquiring of the Shipyard property, which includes the location of water pipes and sewers-

I would recommend that the Shipyards Company be required to sign an agreement providing that if water pipes are altered or removed, it must be subject to the approval of the City Engineer, and that plans of all water mains, existing and proposed, shall be filed in the City Engineer's office; that the Company shall submit plans and specifications for approval, covering all changes that may be considered necessary in sewers; that the Company shall agree to maintain the sewers and water pipe systems on their property to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; that the City Engineer or any official representing him, shall have the right to enter the property for the purpose of inspecting the water pipes and sewers, and on failure of the Company to maintain or repair, or in case of emergency to enter with men, tools and materials and so any work which he may consider necessary, including cleaning or removing obstructions; that the City shall have the right to discharge more sewage or surface water if considered necessary by the City Engineer; that the City shall not be responsible for any filling up of docks or any portion of the water front of the Shipyards property in consequence of sewers discharging; that the City shall not be liable for payment for any right of way, but shall have the right for sewers to exist where constructed; that the City shall have the right to install any apparatus or alter or add to the construction if the City Engineer deems it an improvement; that the water supply system shall be so arranged that all the water can be passed through one meter; that the Company shall be responsible for all damage to sewers or water pipes on their property whether by operations of their Company, by the Canadian Government Railways or other railway Companies, persons or corporations or by the action of the elements. The plan of the retaining wall which the Company propose to construct along the street line, shall be submitted to the City for approval, and such other conditions as the Board of Control and City Solicitor shall consider advisable.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The report is unanimously approved and the City Solicitor and City Engineer instructed to draw

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*Engineer ✓
Scheider ✓
Council*

an agreement in accordance therewith and submit the same to the Halifax Shipyards Ltd. for execution at once.

PRINCE STREET SEWER OUTLET.

Read report City Engineer re Prince Street Sewer Outlet as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I am attaching to this report, communications from the Militia Department and the City Health Board, with a letter sent to the City Health Board, respecting conditions at the outlet of the Prince Street Sewer.

Owing to war conditions, we cannot get the material to extend this sewer further than one length of pipe. We have that on hand and I would recommend that the sewer be extended so that it will discharge at all times under water. The estimated cost is \$800.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

*Engineer ✓
Council*

WORKS DEPARTMENT DRIVERS PAY.

The City Engineer verbally informed the Board of difficulty experienced in getting and keeping works Department drivers at the present rate of pay.

On motion of Controller Murphy the matter is left in the hands of the City Engineer to adjust.

The Board adjourns.

L. Fred McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

Engineer ✓

Council Chamber, City Hall.

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The board of Control met this morning at 10. 30 o'clock. present; Controller Murphy, Chairman, and Controllers Finlay and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Workmens Compensation Act, Account \$346.30
Richmond School Site.
Chairman.
Account - \$2300. Plans New St. Patricks Boys School.
Jublee Road.
Tenders for Forage. *Fodder*
Salary-City Medical Officer.
Housing Bureau.
Water Supply-Argyle Street.
Permanent Sidewalks Funds.
Granville Street Lighting.
Lights Out- Cedar and Preston Streets.
Light's Out- Corner Creighton & Cogswell Sts.
Annual Report, City Treasurer.
Fuel Supply.

WORKMENS COMPENSATION ACT, ACCOUNT \$346.30

Read report Board of School Commissioners as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners, held on Monday the 28th inst., it was resolved. THAT application be made to the Board of Control for the amount of Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$2646.30) for the following purposes:
Twenty Three Hundred Dollars (\$2300.00) to pay cost of plans for new St. Patrick's Boys' School.
Three Hundred and Forty-Six, Thirty (\$346.30) to pay assessment under Workmen's Compensation Act.

I am further directed to report to Your Honored Body that application has this day been filed with the Deputy Provincial Secretary asking the approval of the Governor in Council of a contract at a cost not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) For additional classroom accommodation at Oxford School.

I am,
Yours very truly,
S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

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J. P. Quinn, Chairman School Board, and Alderman Parker appeared before and addressed the Board, urging payment of an account to the Workmens' Compensation Board of \$346.30.

*Auditor ✓
Subj School Board
Council*

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that this Board approve of the expenditure and make whatever arrangements necessary for payment of same.

RICHMOND SCHOOL SITE.

J. P. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners and Alderman Parker appeared before and addressed the Board, urging the purchase of a lot of land in the vicinity of Richmond, belonging to the Murray Estate for the building of a new school in the north end.

*J P Quinn ✓
Miss J. O. Wilson ✓*

The Chairman is instructed to make a written report with recommendations and submit the same to this Board.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair.

ACCOUNT-\$2300. PLANS NEW ST. PATRICK'S BOYS SCHOOL.

J. P. Quinn Chairman Board of School Commissioners addressed the Board re account from Architect Gates for plans submitted to the School Board for the proposed new St. Patrick's Boys School.

*Subj School Board ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Council ✓*

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the School Board be authorized to purchase the plans prepared by Architect Gates at the price of \$2300. , providing they meet with the approval of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

JUBLIE ROAD.

W. W. Hoyt appeared before the Board, complaining

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of the condition of Jublee Road north of Camp Hill Cemetery.

Engineer

The City Engineer informed the Board that they are commencing repairs on Jublee Road.

TENDERS FOR FORAGE. Fodder

Read report Clerk of Works, City Engineer, and Chief of Fire Dept. as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 31st, 1918.

To-
His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

In re tender for forage for the different Civic Departments submitted me for comparison of prices, I beg to submit the following report.

Total Price for estimated quantity as per schedule in tender;

	6 Months Supply		12 months supply.	
	Immediate Delivery	Delivery as required.	Immediate Delivery	Delivery as required.
F.W. Fraser	\$5910.50	\$6488.00	\$11821.00	\$12976.00
S.C/Thompson	6305.00	6305.00	13180.00	131180.00

Based on the lowest tender, immediate delivery for years supply, the cost to each department approximately would be as follows:-

City Works Department	\$5997.40
Fire Department	4200.60
City Home	980.00
City Prison	643.00
	<u>\$11821.00</u>

One of the conditions of the tender (see section 6) gives the board certain rights in the awarding of the contract. Mr. F.W. Fraser specially states he will not accept a portion of the contract.

Present contract for Forage expires today.

Respectfully submitted,
A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct. 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

The Clerk of Works is reporting on tenders received for forage. Thompson's tender is the same for immediate delivery as for delivery as required during six months and as for delivery as required during the twelve months. Fraser's tender makes a reduction for immediate delivery.

The Works Department order will be the largest order in the City Contract, and looking at the interests of that

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Department, I believe that the City would save money by taking the lowest tender for the total delivery, that of Fraser, which would amount to \$11,821 for the works Department requirements for a year - a saving of about \$800 over Thompson's tender at a six months' rate, and \$1100 over Fraser's tender for delivery as required during the year.

The Works Department is in a position to take care of a year's supply of forage, but I understand that the Fire Department has not storage for so much. No doubt the Chief of the Fire Department will report.

The question is open for decision on policy alone, as the ultimate cost depends on conditions during the year. The price of forage must depend principally on this year's crop, notwithstanding the changes that may be made in the war situation. While such changes will naturally govern to some extent the price will be governed principally by supply and demand, and as the supply is limited in consequence of the war conditions, I am inclined to the opinion that it would be wise to make the saving suggested rather than take the risk of other possible savings.

Respectfully submitted,
F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on storage of fodder for Fire Department as follows:-

We have storage for six months supply of hay and straw in department lofts but by using other space in buildings we would be able to lay in a twelve month's supply of hay and straw. The grain situation would be entirely different as out bins provided will only contain twenty five bushels of oats and five hundred lbs/ bran with the exception of one bin which holds forty bushels of oats. The disadvantage of storing this grain due to wastage by rats and mice could be over come by building more bins to contain same. The additional cost of which I have not gone into. I might say that of late our delivery of feed has not been satisfactory even at this present month and I might say to-day that we are compelled in order to get out feed to send out own teams to the depot to haul and then at that we are compelled to take one bundle of hay to each engine house some of those houses have from five to seven horses.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Churchill,
Chief H. F. D.

It is recommended that the tender of F.W. Fraser, being the lowest, be accepted for the immediate delivery of six months supply.

*Chas B. Works ✓
Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Council*

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SALARY-CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read letter W.B. Almon, Acting City Medical Officer
as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. October 28th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
City Hall, Halifax.

Sirs:-

As I was not re-appointed as City Medical Officer for the Civic year of 1918-19, and am now only acting as City Medical Officer from month to month, until such time as the City can obtain a full time medical man, I beg again to make demand for the immediate return to me of the money which, while I was City Medical Officer, I paid into the Superannuation Fund. I also wish a return of the money which, since the 1st of May has been illegally retained by the City from the amount payable to me each month.

I also beg respectfully to call to your attention the fact, that although I was notified that my salary from the 1st of May should be increased no increase has been paid to me, but I am still receiving the salary which I formerly had as a permanent City Official.

Your immediate attention to this matter, together with a cheque for the several amounts now overdue me, is requested.

I have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

W. Bruce Almon,

Acting City Medical Officer.

Referred to the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund for a report as to amount of money due him from the fund, and also a report from the City Auditor on the items of salary withheld.

HOUSING BUREAU.

Read report Miss M. Gowen, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

Re Housing Bureau established at the Mayor's Office, I beg to submit for your information the following statement:-

REGISTRATION OF ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL.

3 householders have offered 1 furnished bedroom each.
4 " " " 3 " " "

While there are on file fifty-two enquiries for rooms

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City Medical Officer ✓

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and houses.

As I understand it is the intention of your Board to aid rather than to further perplex the many anxious citizen househunters, for whom this Bureau, because of its establishment as a civic one, has raised another hope, the above will readily suggest that some further effort is necessary, as the registration of requirements most noticeably exceeds that of houses and rooms reported available for rental.

With but few exceptions, enquiries so far received are from people who have been given notice to vacate the rooms which they now occupy. In some cases because the repair work necessary makes the premises uninhabitable, while others express themselves as being housed only through the tolerance of acquaintances. In general there seems to be an intimation of inconvenience, if not of decided discomfort, due to lack of proper housing accommodation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Gowen.

Filed.

WATER SUPPLY-ARGYLE STREET.

Controller Hines verbally reports that Wm. Schon of Ungars Laundry complained to him of lack of water for laundry facilities and asked that a twelve inch pipe be installed on Argyle Street be offered to pay cost of excavation, if City will provide the piping.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Schon to make his application in writing and submit same to this Board.

The City Engineer is instructed to report and obtain an understanding taking from Mr. Schon to cover excavating expenses.

PERMANENT SIDEWALKS FUNDS.

Read report City Treasurer as follows:-

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 30th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following answers to the inquiries made.

Water Construction.

Oct. 29th, 1918. a credit Balance of \$5911.19

Permanent Sidewalk Loan Construction.

Oct. 29th, 1918 a debit Balance of \$4395.21

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Honewell.

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Engineer
It is recommended that the report of the City Engineer submitted at meeting Oct. 28th, re 12 " valves be approved and the City Engineer authorized to take prices on same.

GRANVILLE STREET LIGHTING.

Controller Hines reports that merchants on Granville Street are complaining because of lack of light, now that the "Light's Out Orders" have been cancelled.

Engineer
Controller Murphy asked the City Engineer to prepare a report on conditions under which White Way lighting can be put into service as there will probably be a sufficient surplus in the appropriation to take care of same.

LIGHTS' OUT-CEDAR AND PRESTON STREETS.

Electrician
His Worship the Mayor reports that complaints have been made to him that the light at the corner of Cedar and Preston Streets has been out for a month. Referred to the City Electrician for attention.

LIGHTS' OUT, -CORNER CREIGHTON AND COGSWELL STS.

Electrician
Controller Hines reports the light at the corner of Creighton and Cunard Street has been out for a fortnight. Referred to the City Electrician.

ANNUAL REPORT-CITY TREASURER.

Accountant
Read annual report City Treasurer for civic year 1917-18.

Referred to the publication committee.

FUEL SUPPLY.

Read reports Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, N S. Oct. 31st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

October 31st, 1918.

Gentlemen:-

RE SOFT COAL TO SMALL CONSUMERS.

In a separate report I have outlined to you the arrangement made for the supply of approximately 4000 tons of soft coal; this to be handled by the City and supplied to those who buy in small quantities.

At the present time the very small user pays in the neighborhood of from \$16.00 to \$17.00 per ton for soft coal. This price does not necessarily mean that undue advantage is being taken of them, as those who cater to this particular trade must of course make a living. I am making an investigation at present to see whether they should be made to reduce their charges, and will report results later.

In the meantime I feel that we are fully justified in extending any relief we can to this class of consumer, as they are the ones who suffer most under the abnormal conditions at present obtaining. For this reason, I trust you will decide to have the City purchase this lot of coal and offer it at cost price, which would be very much below that now paid.

As soon as work is received of the result of the conference regarding water rate, I will immediately call a meeting of the dealers, here, to discuss with them the prices which they are at present charging, and see what reduction can be made.

HARD COAL. While I think satisfactory arrangements can be made to bring in whatever quantity of hard coal is obtainable, I consider that the prices which the dealers are at present asking should be reduced, and purpose to call an immediate conference to discuss same, and see if we cannot have these prices modified.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy,
CONTROLLER.

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Halifax, N. S. Oct. 31st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

RE FUEL SUPPLY.

In company with Mr. R.H. MacKay, Provincial Fuel Controller, writer spent last week in Ottawa, where we were in daily conference with heads and officials of Departments of Railways and Marine. I submit herewith report of our negotiations:-

Our soft coal situation is this.- The Government requires for its own purposes all coal brought here by rail, thereby making necessary that the City look to Water transportation for its requirements. The cost per ton of coal brought in by rail is \$6.90 on car; while the price asked by the Dominion Coal Company, by water was \$8.50, at their wharf; making a difference of \$1.60 per ton. In the face of this, the dealers here withheld putting in their supply, hoping that something would transpire to bring the price more in keeping with the rate by rail.

Our purpose in taking this matter up with the Departments at Ottawa was to see if they would place at our

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disposal one of their boats, under some arrangement which would enable us to bring this coal in at a more reasonable rate of transportation. Conferences were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with D. Reid, Minister of Railways, Mr. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine Mr. MacLean, Mr. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine, Mr. Bell, Deputy Minister of Railways, Mr. Alexander Dick, of the Dominion Coal Company, Mr. McGrath, Fuel Controller, Mr. R.H. MacKay and writer.

After a full discussion, feeling seemed to be against interfering with the Dominion Coal Company in the carrying of this coal. The Minister of Marine appreciated our position, but found that his Department had no boat available which could help out our situation. Mr. Reid was inclined to the view that it would be difficult for him to justify the use of any of the boats coming under his Department at lower rates that could be obtained for them from the Dominion Coal Company, namely, \$1,000 per day, particularly as private owners were asking as high as \$1,200 to \$1,400 per day. He further impressed on us the many demands confronting them today for the boats which they have and that great pressure was being brought to have them used to carry sugar from the West Indies, to relieve the shortage in this commodity.

Following these conferences, Mr. MacLean arranged to have Mr. Mark Workman, of the Dominion Coal Company, come to Ottawa to see if they could be induced to reduce their charge by water. This conference was to be held first of present week, and we will be advised of the outcome.

SMALL CONSUMER. Feeling that the only way we could definitely help out our situation was to obtain some quantity at least of soft coal by rail, I took this matter up with the Deputy Minister of Railways, suggesting to him he get us a quantity of 4000 tons, which the City would undertake to handle and sell direct to our small consumers. This he advised us they would undertake to do, delivering it to us at the rate of 1000 tons per month.

I am submitting you a separate report a recommendation for the handling of this coal, under conditions which will enable the very small buyer to obtain it at markedly reduced prices over those at present paid.

HARD COAL. The hard coal situation was gone into very fully with Mr. McGrath, who got in touch with his representatives in New York and Washington, and detailed a man from New York to confine his efforts to pushing through for us as early as possible, whatever portion or allotment of hard coal is available.

To meet the question of transportation, a number of empty box cars will be sent to the mines, to carry this coal. Mr. McGrath has promised to keep us advised as to the result of his efforts.

I plan to immediately take up, here, the question of prices which are being asked by the dealers for hard coal. While I realize that they are called on to pay abnormal transportation rates, I feel that the prices at present in force should be materially reduced and hope to be able to make a report on same within a few days.

The details given herein will give you in a general way what has passed on our coal situation. We are deeply indebted to Mr. McGrath, Dominion Fuel Controller, and to Mr. MacKay, Provincial Fuel Commissioner, who spared

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neither time nor effort to assist our situation, and should we succeed in bettering conditions, as to supply or prices, it will be due to a very great extent to the generous assistance which we have had from them in these negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,
John Murphy.
Controller.

The City Engineer is instructed as to the feasibility of handling and storing the coal at 1000 tons per month, and report.

Controller Murphy is requested to interview some of the coal Merchants, with a view to their handling and distributing the coal on a percentage basis.

M. Paugden

MAYOR.

ACTING SECRETARY.

*Engineer -
Cont Murphy*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 5th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.15 o'clock present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Finlay and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Street Sweeping Machinery.
Police Force Depletion.
Broken Stone.
City Prison Repairs and Improvement.
City Fuel Yard.
Sewer Trenching Contract.
Town Clock Maintenance.
Policemen. Line
Imperial Oil Company Kempt/Road.
City Prison Groceries Tenders.
Market Restaurant Receipts.
Joseph F. Woodlands Employment.
Union Protection Company Increase of City Grant.
Argyle Street Water Pipe-Ungar's Laundry.
Police Force Increase in Pay.
Liverpool Street Water Extension.
Advertising.
Morris Street-Wooden Building in Brick District.
Columbus Street Sewer and Water.
Dangerous Building Corner Robie and St. Albans Streets.
Dangerous Building Corner Almon and Gottingen Streets.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Morris Street Boulevard-Dalhousie College-Sullivan Property.
War Damage to Halifax Roadways.
Explosion-City Hall Repairs.
War-Lights out orders.
Electric Wire Pole Corner Cogswell and Gottingen Street.
Oakland Road.
Resignations of Aldermen - Election.
Abattoir.
Accounts.

STREET SWEEPING MACHINERY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Nov. 4, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

For a long time I have been watching the progress made in street cleaning machinery, especially in the direction of pick-up machines.

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There have been a number of machines invented, principally horse-drawn, but in every case, on investigation, some important defect has developed. Just before the war, an Austrian machine was purchased by the City of Montreal, which was claimed to be every efficient on paved streets, but it was operated like a carpet sweeper and consequently was not so adaptable to rough, unpaved streets.

In recent years a motor driven machine has been put on the market, called the Elgin. I have written to a number of cities to get their experience, and all the replies are very enthusiastic respecting the machine. It is sold in Canada by Müssens Limited, Montreal. Several of the cities, in replying to my enquiry, give particulars of the work done, and the saving made, both in time and in money.

Our street cleaning work for years has been consigned to the weakest and oldest men; and consequently has cost far more in proportion than it should. This means ^{very much} less work was done than should have been done, for the money expended. By the use of a motor driven machine, more work could be done and at much less cost.

The machine not only sweeps, but sprinkles the street ahead of the broom, picks up the sweepings and either takes them to a dump or deposits them in one pile where they can be easily and quickly picked up by the carts. As labor troubles are likely to be acute for next season, at least, the purchase of a machine would be an additional advantage.

Müssens Limited quote \$3100. delivered, all charges paid, and with an instructor to teach our man how to operate the machine - provided the order is given at once. If the order can be placed at once, the delivery of a machine for next year's work can be assured. It would of course not be needed until the opening of next season's work, but the order should be placed without delay if the Board decide upon it.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor to interview Hon. Geo. H. Murray Premier of Nova Scotia and ascertain from him whether he will undertake to use the good offices of the Government for the

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passage of legislation to legalize the purchase of the machinery recommended and to authorize the borrowing of the money necessary therefor on five year bonds.

(NOTE- After the adjournment of the meeting His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer waited upon Hon. Mr. Murray who agreed to comply with the request of the Board of Control and to write the City Clerk to that effect upon receiving the City's application in writing.)

POLICE FORCE DEPLETION.

Read correspondence between Hon. A. K. McLean and the City Clerk as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 25th, 18

Hon. A.K. McLean, P.C.,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:-

Early in the War some of our young Policemen out of patriotic spirit enlisted in the overseas forces, and we found great difficulty in filling their places because of the same influence deterred young capable men from taking a home job instead of donning the kakhi. When it becomes impressed upon us that this condition was seriously impairing the effectiveness of the force we made every effort to induce young men to remain on duty for the benefit of the City and to prevail upon others to join, but have been unable to maintain anything like our complement or to secure efficiency. This circumstance was strongly urged upon the Military Authorities when they commended to draft our young men under the Military Service Act, and they were unavailingly appealed to to help the situation.

It would appear unnecessary to point out to you that the proper protection and policing of this great National Naval port and Military Station is of immense concern to the whole Dominion and we believe the Militia Department could render us much needed assistance.

It has been reported to us that all through the war the Ottawa Police Force has been able to maintain its Police Department practically intact, and if this is so Halifax should be accorded equal privilege.

Letter Hon
94 Murray ✓

Chief of Police

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The way should be made clear for competent young men to join our Police Force without any stigma attaching to them as to their patriotism or without interference under the Military Service Act.

We believe you could materially assist us and earnestly request that you may be pleased to render any service in your power to that end.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
CITY CLERK .

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Ottawa, October 30th, 1918.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk's Office,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, in reference to the matter of Halifax Police Force Depletion, and beg to say I am much interested in the maintenance of an effective police force in the City of Halifax, and shall be pleased to bring your communication before the proper authorities with the purpose, if possible, of meeting your wishes.

A.K. McLean.

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Ottawa, November 2nd, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

Further referring to your letter of October 25th on this subject, I think the best way to secure action would be to make application for exemption whenever any appointment is contemplated of a person liable to military service. You would then be in a position to give a specific ground for your application.

I am sure that other cities have not been treated differently to Halifax in this respect and I think it is very unlikely that any general regulation made in a matter of this kind and of the scope suggested in your letter. Therefore, I suggest whenever a concrete case arises you make an application upon the same.

A.K. McLean.

Referred to the Chief of Police.

Chief of Police ✓

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BROKEN STONE.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 4, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

While the labour question has been a great obstacle in prosecuting the work of street repairs this year, a greater obstacle has been the difficulty in getting broken stone to make the repairs. We have ~~done~~ made practically no headway in repairing the serious and extensive damage done to the streets last winter. We must begin now to prepare for the work next year and we should be ready to start with all the force we can collect, as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

To enable us to do this, we must have the stone on hand. We have depended on contractors this year, who have been unable to supply the stone fast enough to keep us going, and our men have stood on the street for hours with nothing to do.

If we had stone in store, either at the Crusher or elsewhere, so that we could draw on it with our motor trucks as rapidly as we require it, we should be able to accomplish four times as much work. I have been expecting that the City Prison would be able to provide the stone, but Governor Grant tells me this morning that he sees no prospect of being able to do this work.

I therefore recommend that tenders be invited at once for the supplying stone either at the Crusher where it is, or at some other site to which it may be moved, or to the City Yard at the Incinerator.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY PRISON REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Governor Grant of the City Prison as follows:-

Halifax, N/S. November 5th/18

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

I beg to submit the report of the City Prison ending October 30th. A.E. 1918 as follows:-

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I would report repair work is progressing at the prison, the main prison building requiring the largest amount of work yet to be done. The out houses are nearing completion, with the exception of the replacing of the Cart house, which I would say should be erected without delay as the Farm Implements are under the weather.

I would also report that for the summer months a portion of the prison clothing have been laundried at the prison, will now have to be sent out, as there is no drying facilities. Up to the present there always has been a spare corridor for this purpose under normal conditions, but owing to the increased number of prisoners, the corridors are all occupied, and which would be inadequate for drying the clothing that is required for the Prisoners.

A drying room is urgently required and could be erected at a small cost.

George Grant.

(A list containing the number of prisoners admitted and discharged during the month of October also showing term of sentence and crime and occupation are attached to the above report.)

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

CITY FUEL YARD.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control asking as to the feasibility of the City's handling and storing coal.

I understand this coal is coming by rail. The only land owned by the City, adjoining the railway, that could be utilized for this purpose, is the Incinerator Field. As you are aware, a large part of this property is occupied by buildings used by the Relief Commission and there is also a new siding running across the same to North Creighton Street. These structures block the property so much that conditions are very inconvenient for handling and storing any quantity of coal there.

Last year we opened a municipal fuel yard for the supply of the City's requirements, and also sold about 900 tons of coal to citizens. The operation of this fuel yard showed a balance of over \$700, and the City obtained its bituminous coal at 90¢ below the dealers' price and the anthracite

Cont Taylor ✓
Gov Grant ✓

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coal at \$1.00 below. Judging from the experience obtained last year, I think it would be better policy for the Board to have a dealer take this coal and agree to supply it in small lots to citizens at so much per ton. With the present scarcity of labour and truckage and owing to the City not having an organization for this class of work, it is probably that there would be considerable delay in unloading cars, especially if several came together, and the demurrage on these cars, ~~ex~~ increase the price. The dealers, having storage facilities and organization already, should be in a much better position to handle this coal more economically than the City.

-H.W. John
F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

SEWER TRENCHING CONTRACT.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 5, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

In July Messrs. Morrison & Company entered into a contract to do the trenching for sewers on Quinpool Road, Beech and Chestnut Streets. The trench was opened for a short distance on Quinpool Road and the work dragged along until the end of August. On Sept. 3rd a notice was sent the contractor, to take measures to ensure the satisfactory completion of the work within the time stipulated in the contract.

No notice was taken of this until Sept. 19th when a further notice was sent them that if measures were not taken within five days, the City would proceed to exercise the powers conferred upon it by section 34 of the specification and complete the work, charging any extra cost to the contractor. The contractors then claimed that, owing to the proximity of the trench to the water pipe on Quinpool Road the work would cost more than they anticipated, and stated that if the location of the trench were moved, they would be ready to proceed with the work.

In order to expedite matters and to assist the contractors at their request, on October 17th they were notified that the line of the trench on Quinpool Road would be moved $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet further north, and arrangements were made for giving fortnightly payments

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instead of monthly, would be made. Since that date no work has been done, and the contractors have been formally notified that on their failure to progress with the work that the City would take action under the contract to provide other means of doing it.

It is recommended that the City Engineer be empowered to make whatever arrangements he deems best for having this work completed, either by contract or otherwise; the cost to be charged to the contractor and his bonding company.

H. W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

The report is approved and referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for necessary action.

TOWN CLOCK MAINTENANCE

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report that Mr. H.E. Steele, who has the contract for the Maintenance of the Town Clock at the head of George Street, has been notified several times to put the clock in repair, under his contract, and up to date has not done so, claiming that he is not responsible for the work. His contract provides for the maintenance and repair of the clock from the first of May, and the work required, comes under his contract.

I would recommend that this contract be cancelled and the City Engineer empowered to enter into a contract with some other party who will do the work for the balance of the year.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

POLICEMEN.

John Henry Reid, Ernest James Leworthy and John Edward Merrill appeared before the Board presenting applications for the position of Policemen.

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On recommendation of the Chief of Police Reid is probationally appointed a Policeman and Leworthy and Merrill advised to apply to the Governor of the City Prison for positions as underkeepers there. Governor Grant to report to the Board with recommendations for or against the appointment of either or both of them.

IMPERIAL OIL CO. PIPE LINE KEMPT ROAD.

Read application Imperial Company as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 4th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor, and
Halifax Board of Control.
C I T Y.

Dear Sirs:-

We beg to make application to temporarily place two lines of 3" W.I. Pipe between our proposed premises on Robie St. and the Railway Siding on the Piercey Supply Co. property directly opposite. This will necessitate our crossing Robie St., and we make application for this permission. There will be a direct line across the street, and the pipe will be buried, and placed under the supervision of the City Engineer, and as he may direct.

Soliciting your favorable consideration,

IMPERIAL OIL . LTD,
By S.S. Shatford,
Manager.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY PRISON GROCERIES TENDERS.

Read report Governor City Prison re tenders for City Prison Groceries as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

As requested by the Board of Control in re Prison supplied I would report the tender of

Chief of Police
Gov Grant

Engineer
S.S. Shatford

Gov Grant ✓
Council

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Wentzell's Ltd. for groceries being \$102.36½, W.I Hubley & Co. being \$101.24¼ and that of R.N. McDonald being \$95.72¾

George Grant,

It is decided to accept the tender of R.N. McDonald it being the lowest.

MARKET RESTAURANT RECEIPTS.

Read report St. John Ambulance Brigade re receipts and expenditures Public Market Restuarant as follows:-

Report-Market Committee,
October 1918.

Receipts.:

Oct. 5.....	\$29.71	
12.....	18.04	
19.....	4.43	
26.....	7.44	\$59.62

Expenses:-

Cash Box.....	1.00	
Oil cloth for long table	1.30	
Gas bill for Sept.....	62	
Supplies	29.81	32.73
		<u>\$ 26.89</u>

Clara B. Bligh,
Superintendent.

Filed.

J JOSEPH WOODLANDS EMPLOYMENT.

Read application Joseph F. Woodlands fro employment at light work during the winter months.

Referred to the City Engineer.

Engineer ✓

UNION PROTECTION COMPANY INCREASE OF CITY GRANT.

Read letter Union Protection Company as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 23rd, 1918.

J .J. Hines, Esq.,
Chairman Halifax Fire Department.
City

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 19th inst. in

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regard to requiring an additional grant of one thousand dollars for the above Company, I received a letter from the Board of Control informing us that His Worship the Mayor suggested that instead of increasing the annual grant to the U.P.C., that the City provide us with a Motor Salvage Car instead of the present horse drawn vehicle.

In reply we beg to inform you, that we are much pleased with the Mayors suggestion, and will accept the Motor Salvage Car when they are in a position to present us with it. This may not be until well into the next year or later, therefore, in the meantime we must have an additional grant, not only to pay our debts this year, caused by the increased expenditures, but to carry this work along until we get the Motor Salvage Car, therefore, we will kindly ask you to bring this matter again before the Controllers before the estimates are made up for next year, and impress upon them that we must have an additional grant, otherwise, we cannot continue this work under the present conditions.

H.F. Burton,
Capt. U.P.C. 1768

Controller Hines is requested to consult Captain Burton, to ascertain from him an estimate of probable receipts from sale of horses and vehicles and equipment to offset cost of a Motor Salvage waggon and to inform him that the Company's application will receive due consideration when the Civic Estimates for next year are being considered.

ARGYLE STREET WATER PIPE - UNGAR'S LAUNDRY.

Read letter Ungar's Laundry re water supply Argyle Street, as follows:-
Halifax, N.S. November 1, -18

His Worship the Mayor &
Board of Control,
City of Halifax
Gentlemen:-

I beg to make application herewith for a better water supply to my laundry Building Argyle Street, the pressure there is very poor at all times more especially in the winter season. On many occasions we were obliged to shut down in the cold weather on account of the shortage of water.

*Cont. Hines
B/c -
Availor
Chief Fire Dept
Capt. Burton*

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You cannot realize just what it means when our plant has to shut down in loss to ourselves and our customers as our promises have to be kept, ships have to sail at a certain time and the laundry must be on board before leaving. I am given to understand the only way of overcoming the difficulty is by laying a larger water main in the street I was also given to understand that this was to have been done this summer, but as it has not been done, the condition remains the same.

I am quite willing to supply the men to do the excavating from the main on Sackville Street to the front of my building on Argyle Street and am willing to pay all the cost of this excavating that is to say, I will pay for this work for the sake of having it done at once with the understanding that the City will reimburse me for such portion of the expense I should not have to pay for, this matter to be adjusted by your Board at a later date. I ~~am~~ make this offer as I do not wish to have the same experience I had last winter with reference this shortage of water.

Trusting your Honorable Board will give this matter your early and best attention,

William Schon.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

POLICE FORCE INCREASE IN PAY.

Read petition from forty members of the Police Force, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. November 2nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and to
The Board of Control of the City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

We the undersigned, members of the Police Force of the City of Halifax, do respectfully request a raise in our pay, the same to take effect at the earliest possible date.

We have very carefully considered the matter, and have reached the conclusion that, in order to live and support our dependents, we require a minimum wage of \$30.00 a week, which is what we are respectfully asking you to grant us.

The following facts may assist you in determining as to whether our request is fair or not. Thirty five men on the force are married, with average families of three children.

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The average rent paid by the married men is \$25.00 a month. Lastly, and a very obvious fact to everyone, the cost of living has increased, at the very least, fifty per cent since our present rate of wages came into force.

In conclusion, we say in all sincerity that it is impossible for us to live and meet our obligations on the present scale of pay we are receiving.

The City Clerk is instructed to write other Cities in Canada of populations about the same as Halifax for information as to population, strength of Police Force and rates of pay. In the meantime consideration of the petition is deferred.

LIVERPOOL STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 1, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the request of Jane Appleby for extension of water to her property #6 Liverpool Street.

The district is high service, size of pipe required, 6-inch; length 126 feet; estimated cost \$506.40; estimated interest \$30.38

I would recommend that the extension be made provided Mrs. Appleby will agree to pay a special rate of \$30.38.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

ADVERTISING.

Read statement prepared by the City Auditor at the request of His Worship the Mayor showing that the cost of City Advertising for the first five months of the Current Civic Year has been \$1010.61. The question of advertising in two newspapers instead of three is discussed. It is decided to continue the present practice of advertising in the three evening newspapers.

*City Clerk -
Chief of Police -
C. Taylor -*

*Engineer -
Council*

Council.

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MORRIS STREET-WOODEN BUILDING IN BRICK DISTRICT.

Engineer
Read letter Sidney Locke complaining of the erection of a wooden building on Morris Street in the brick building district. Referred to the City Engineer.

COLUMBUS STREET SEWER AND WATER.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 1st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I have had verbal requests from property owners on Columbus Street between Robie and Agricola Street, for the extension of the water and sewer service to that block.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer is \$3980; the estimated cost of water pipe extension, if the pipe is laid in the sewer trench, is \$883.80

*Engineer ✓
Council*
I would recommend that a sewer be constructed in Columbus Street between Robie and Agricola Street, and that the water pipe be laid in the same trench, provided the property owners will agree to sign a bond for a special rate of \$13.26

F.W.W.Doane.
City Engineer.

Approved.

DANGEROUS BUILDING CORNER ROBIE AND ST. ALBANS STREETS.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 1, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The Assistant Building Inspector reports that the building on the south-west corner of Robie and St. Albans Street is in a dangerous condition and has been in that condition for more than six months; that it is not fit for occupancy and that part of the roof fell yesterday, showing that there is danger of accident.

The building he reports, is jointly owned by William Hurshman and George Cole.

I would recommend that action be taken to compel the demolition of this building.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

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Engineer ✓
The report is approved and the City Engineer authorized ~~to~~ and instructed to forward the necessary notices for the removal of the structure.

DANGEROUS BUILDING CORNER ALMON AND GOTTINGEN STREETS.

Engineer ✓
The City Engineer is instructed to notify the owner of the building corner of Almon and Gottingen Street to at once remove the dangerous structure or to appear before the Board to show cause why it should not be demolished.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 30th, 1918.

Engineer ✓
His Worship the Mayor,
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good order.

No. 61, 69, 67, 63, 65 and 6.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

MORRIS STREET BOULEVARD-DALHOUSIE COLLEGE-SULLIVAN PROPERTY.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Referring to the attached minute of the Board respecting property of Morris Street boulevard, owned by Miss Theresa Sullivan, I interviewed Miss Sullivan in reference to a proposal to sell to the City. She stated that she had already given an undertaking to sell, and would be obliged to sell to the prospective purchaser. There being no other vacant lots on the north side of Morris Street between Seymour and Robie Streets. This lot has been kept vacant by Miss Sullivan because of the benefits to her residential property. She states that Miss Power who is buying from her, proposes to retain it for the same reason.

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If a property owner desires to retain a vacant lot in order to preserve the view from his own residence, to provide easy access or for any other reason which means convenience or desirability, I think it would be a fair proposition that he should pay ordinary taxes on the property for such purpose, even including ordinary sewerage. The sewerage tax is a tax for sewer privileges based on the size of the property and not on the size of the building which is erected on it. I think it would be stretching generous intentions very far to suggest that sewerage rates or ordinary taxes should be rebated. On the other hand, the sidewalk has been laid on Edward Street since the Robie Street boulevard line was homologated, and in my opinion the cost of the sidewalk is front of the building should have been charged to the general tax payer instead of to the property, due account being taken of it when adjusting the damage to be paid when the lot is taken.

If such a rebate can be made under the law, it should be made to Miss Sullivan, not to the new purchaser, as the new purchaser is buying with the knowledge that the lot cannot be used for building purposes but can be used for any other purpose until the street is widened.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the amount of taxes and cost of sidewalk frontage involved.

WAR DAMAGE TO HALIFAX ROADWAYS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following extract from the Toronto "Saturday Night",

"The city of Halifax seemingly has a legitimate claim for redress against the rest of Canada, in the destruction of her streets as a result of our war activities, of which the capital of Nova Scotia is the chief outlet to the sea.

It is true that the conflict has brought great business activity to Halifax, which automatically became one of the great naval bases of Entente effort so soon as war was declared. Nevertheless, the terrible explosion of last December, which, except for the fact that the greatest of wars was in progress, would have been esteemed one of the greatest disasters of all history, did much to cancel any advantage that the conflict had brought to the city. In addition, the pavements of all the leading streets of Halifax have been practically cut to pieces by the Military motor trucks of large dimensions that are constantly passing over them, carrying stores for the armies in France and Britain.

The destruction is far too great to be met by any

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ordinary tax levy, and it must be remembered that the revenues of both the City of Halifax and the Province of Nova Scotia are by no means large. The cutting-up ~~dema~~ of Halifax streets comes under the head of legitimate war damage and should be paid for as such. This was the view taken by the United States War Department during the Spanish-American war, when the streets of Tampa and other Florida towns were very badly damaged by the heavy traffic incidental to the war. The Federal Government willingly recompensed the towns affected for the destruction so inflicted. In France, at the present time, the British Government takes a similar view of its responsibilities, and pays the cost of necessary injuries to terrain. This policy is carried to such a length, that is a trench is dug across a peasant's farm, the army authorities pay ground rent to the owner; while if any considerable plot is used as a burying ground for dead soldiers, the land is bought outright.

It will thus be seen that under existing military theory, Halifax has a legitimate claim for the restoration of her streets by the Ottawa authorities; although nothing should be done anywhere to encourage the idea that the Federal Treasury is inexhaustible."

The article is referred to the City Engineer for report.

EXPLOSION- CITY HALL REPAIRS.

On recommendation of Controller Hines that the City Engineer is instructed to take steps before the winter sets in to have the damages done by the explosion to the doors and windows in the basement of the City Hall repaired and the transoms over windows throughout the building put in proper condition.

WAR-LIGHTS OUT ORDERS.

At suggestion of the City Engineer it is decided to notify the Tramway Company to remove the paint from the street lights which now obscures them under the Military orders for dimming lights.

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ELECTRIC WIRE POLE CORNER COGSWELL AND
GOTTINGEN STREET.

On recommendation of Controller Hines the City Engineer is instructed to investigate and attend to a wire pole at the corner of Cogswell and Gottingen Streets which appears to be overstrained and is apparently dangerous.

OAKLAND ROAD.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to the City's position with respect to the claim of Rodk. Macdonald that the City does not own the strip of land expropriated some time ago for the extension of Oakland Road and he is also instructed to inform Mr. Macdonald that the City Solicitor's opinion is that the expropriation proceedings vested the property in the City of Halifax.

RESIGNATIONS OF ALDERMEN - ELECTION.

On motion of Controller Murphy it is decided to request Aldermen Godwin and Parker to attend Thursdays meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering the recently presented petition that an election be held to fill the 10 vacancies in the City Council caused by the resignation of aldermen.

ABATTOIR.

The City Engineer is instructed to request Messrs. Falkner and MacDonald to attend the next meeting of the Board for the purpose of discussing their nonfulfilment of contract for the construction of the public abattoir.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:

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City Prison.

J.J. Scriven & Sons.	Bread	111.20
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	-----
W.A. Maling & Co.	Beef	246.24
Frank Fraser	Feed	50.54
J. & M. Murphy	Dry Goods	26.24
T.J. Whalen & Co.	"	69.00
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Boots	15.75
Canadian Rubber Co.	Rubber Coats	
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Boots & Thread	5.78
Technical College	Boots	17.50
Hillis & Sons.	Stove fittings	13.50
Irwin & Sons.	Drugs	24.15
Imperial Oil Co.	Axle Grease	3.05
N.S.T. & P. Co.	Light	2.52
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		\$ 485.47

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City Health Board.

Cragg Bros.	Supplies	23.20
Royal Gazette	Advertising	2.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	11.20
Moirs Ltd.	Bread	26.87
W. T. Francis	Screens	7.35
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	11.00
City Home	Wood	1.15
J.W. O'Brien	Blinds (contract)	200.00
O.C. Warner	Milk	26.57
A. Milne Fraser	Type Ribbons	1.00
Robt. McLeod	Meat	78.41
Euckley Coal Co.	Coal	52.50
T.C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	5.85
Morton & Thomson	supplies	16.20
John Starr Son & Co.	Batteries	.75
R.N. McDonald	Supplies	53.65
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	27.96
John Starr Son & Co.	flashlight	2.40
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		\$ 547.96

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. Fred McEvoy
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 7th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines Murphy and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Street Sweeping Machinery.
Robie Street - Longard Road - Heber Hartlen Property.
Robie Street - Heber Hartlens Claim for snow Removal.
Robie Street - Heber Hartlens Wells and Water Extension.
Policeman Guy Mouzer.
Policemen - Extension of Age Limit.
Police Winter Uniform Caps.
Imperial Oil Company Pipe Line Kempt Road.
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STREET SWEEPING MACHINERY.

The City Clerk reported, in answer to questions, that he had not yet written to the Premier of the Province in connection with the Boards desire for authority to purchase street sweeping machinery at a cost of \$8100.00.

The Clerk is instructed to forthwith forward the application to The Hon. Mr. Murray and in the meantime the City Engineer is requested to telegraph to Mussen's Ltd. for their best terms under conditions of recent peace news and to submit data into machinery of like character. At request of Controller Murphy it is decided to take the matter up again

Letter Hon SH ✓
Murray ✓
Engineer ✓
Cont-Murphy ✓

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at Tuesday's meeting, he in the meantime to examine the information available in the City Engineer's office (Note: See Minutes Board of Control November 5th, 1918)

ROBIE STREET - LONGARD ROAD - HEBER HARTLEN PROPERTY.

Heber Hartlen appeared before the Board asking that he be paid \$450.00 the amount agreed upon as the cost of shifting fence for widening Robie Street, formerly Longard Road, at his property.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to whether the fence has been shifted to his satisfaction and Mr. Hartlen is informed that if the Engineer reports favorably the account will be paid.

ROBIE STREET - HEBER HARTLEN'S CLAIM FOR SNOW REMOVAL.

Heber Hartlen verbally ~~se~~ again requested the Board to consider his claim for \$40.00 for cost of breaking up the roadway of Robie Street through last winters snow so that the street could be used for traffic for the neighborhood. Referred to the City Engineer.

ROBIE STREET - HEBER HARTLEN'S WELLS AND WATER EXTENSION?

Heber Hartlen again complained of the pollution of wells on his property Robie Street through the diversion by the City of surface water from the City Prison lands. He informed the Board that he did not wish to go to the expense of paying a large amount of interest on cost of extending the City Water supply

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to his property and would in lieu thereof be satisfied if the City restored his wells.

It is agreed that Controller Murphy and the City Engineer drive out to Mr. Hartlen's property at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and inspect the conditions and report.

POLICEMAN GUY MOUZER.

Read application Guy Mouzer for position of Policeman.

On recommendation of the Chief of Police Mr. Mouzer is temporarily appointed a member of the Police Force.

POLICEMEN - EXTENSION OF AGE LIMIT.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft legislation extending the age limit of applicants for the Police Force from 30 to 35 years.

POLICE - WINTER UNIFORM CAPS.

The Chief of Police submits samples of black sealskin uniform winter caps which Colwell Bros. offer to supply at \$6.50 each. The Chief is requested to obtain prices from other dealers and report at Tuesday's meeting.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY PIPE LINE KEMPT ROAD.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the application of the Imperial Oil Company for permission to place two lines of 3-inch wrought iron pipe between their property on the east side of Kempt Road and the railway siding on the west.

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I would recommend that permission be granted so far as the City has the power to grant the same, provided the Company will instal the pipe and maintain it to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER FOR OCTOBER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for month of October. Filed.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

Read report City Home for the month of October as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. November 7th, 1918.

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

I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of October, 1918.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month there were 26 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 17 discharged and 10 died. Of the number admitted 9 were chargeable to the Province and 17 to the City.

The total number of inmates on October 31st was 269, made up of 144 men, 119 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 158 men, 110 women and 8 children, a total of 276.

During the month there were 4 persons admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital whose maintenance is chargeable to the City of Halifax, 1 person so chargeable was discharged and 3 died.

It will be necessary to secure offers from the various dealers to supply the Institution with 1000 bushels of potatoes and 50 bushels of turnips.

Attached hereto you will find report of the Boiler Inspector and Insurance Company of Canada dated October 17th, 1918.

J. J. Hines,
Controller.

The report is tabled and the Secretary of the City Home instructed to obtain and submit quotations for the produce required.

Engineer
Council

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Secretary
City Home
Council

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City Home
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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

His Worship the Mayor lays upon the table a report submitted by Ex. Mayor Martin at a meeting of the City Council February 7th, 1918 looking to the rehabilitation of the Provincial Exhibition.

The report is referred to His Worship the Mayor to bring to the attention of the Provincial Exhibition Commission whose annual meeting is to take place on the 19th inst.

SCHOOLS COMMISSIONERS.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by His Worship the Mayor that Controllers Taylor and Hines be appointed members of the Board of School Commissioners to represent the City Council in place of the Commissioners whose terms of office have expired and that the Hon. Premier Murray be requested to undertake to have the action of this Board sanctioned at the next session of the Legislature. Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting.

EXHIBITION COMMISSIONER.

The City Clerk is instructed to inform the Board at its next meeting as to the name of the City Council's member of the Exhibition Commission retiring this year by lapse of time.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY AGREEMENT.

The City Clerk lays upon the table an agreement between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Power Company which had been presented to him for execution on behalf of the City and along with it the following

Mayor. ✓

*Secy Board ✓
School Board ✓
Hon S.H. Murray ✓
Cont Taylor ✓
Cont Hines ✓
Council ✓
Solicitor ✓*

City Clerk. ✓

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letter from Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, addressed to Controller Murphy:-

Halifax, N.S. Septebmer 27th, 1918

John Murphy, Esq.,
Controller,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We have been advised that the govern ing authorities of the City of Halifax, are now proposing to enter into a contract with the Halifax Power Company which is unauthorized and ultra vires.

We have been instructed to take necessary proceedings to prevent this contract being entered into and to advise you and the members of the Council that an action will be begun shortly for a declaration that the contract is not binding on the City of Halifax, and that the members of the Council who authorized or concurred in the City making such a contract or in executing such a contract on behalf of the City will be held p ersonally liable for so doing.

Henry, Rogers & Co.

JMS/W

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT entered into in duplicate this Sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen BETWEEN The Halifax P ower Company, Limited, a body corporate (hereinafter called the Company) of the First Part and the City of Halifax, also a body corporate (hereinafter called the ~~Company~~ ^{City}) of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH.

1. The Company hereby agrees to complete the development of its hydro-electric plant at the North East River, St. Margaret's Bay, including complete dams and storage basins, and generating plant, and also high tension transmission lines from the generating plant to receiving stations in the City of Halifax, distribution system for street lighting, lamps and fixtures and all other things necessary for the proper construction, installation and equipment of a hydro-electric lighting system and for the performance of the contract for street lighting entered into between the parties hereto, dated 16th March 1916, and set out as a schedule to Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916.

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2. The said construction, installation and equipment shall in all respects be subject to the approval of and to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City, and shall be according to the plans and specifications hereto attached, and which shall be deemed to be included in and form part of this agreement.

3. The Company agrees to perform and carry out the work agreed to be done by it in accordance with the said plans and specifications hereto attached, and subject to the satisfaction and under the supervision of the said Engineer, the salary and expenses of such Engineer to be paid by the City.

4. The Company agrees to operate the system upon the completion thereof for a period of not less than three months, and to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the City at any time or times during said period by a test of its machinery and equipment that the same is capable of supplying not less than 675 K.W. of electric current at the terminal in the City of Halifax and has been constructed, installed and equipped in accordance with the said plans and specifications hereto attached.

5. Upon the City being satisfied by such demonstration the City shall give to the company \$400,000 in cash or at the option of the City a sufficient number of bonds of the City bearing either 5 or 6 percent interest and repayable in 35 years to produce at the current market price of such bonds, the sum of \$400,000.

6. In exchange for the said cash or bonds the Company agrees to give to the City-

(a) A mortgage equal in amount to the face value of the bonds given by the City to the Company, or to the amount of the face value of the bonds issued by the City to replace the said sum of \$400,000 to be advanced by the City to the Company; and

(b) 5100 shares of the Common stock of the Company.

7. The said mortgage shall be a first mortgage upon all the property and assets of the Company of every description, and shall include or be accompanied by a chattel mortgage upon all the personal property of the Company. Such securities shall be repayable in 25 years or at such earlier date in case of default by the Company or failure to comply with the conditions thereof as are therein expressed, and shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum and shall also provide for the payment by the Company to the City of a yearly amount which, together with any difference in interest, between the amount payable by the City on any bonds issued to provide the sum of \$400,000 loaned to the Company and the interest payable by the Company to the City when compounded produce in 25 years a sum sufficient to discharge any liability incurred by the City in

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in connection with the advance to the Company of cash or bonds.

8. If the City elects to take the bonds of the Company, such bonds to bear interest at 6% and shall be secured by a first mortgage upon all the real and personal property of the Company and such mortgage shall also contain provisions for the payment of the amounts required to produce a sinking fund as set out in the next preceding paragraph hereof.

9. The Company agrees that if the City elects to take the bonds of the Company the Company will not issue any other bond or security or create any lien or charge upon the property of the Company having prior or equal rank with such bonds until such issue is specially authorized by the City.

10. The Company agrees that it will not issue any other stock of any description having voting power, without the consent of the City so that the control of the Company shall remain vested in the City.

11. The City agrees that it will at any time release and cancel the said mortgage or bonds upon payment by the Company to the City of the amount of principal loaned by the City to the Company or of the par value of any bonds issued by the City to the Company, together with all interest then due; any amount then standing in sinking fund to be credited as cash paid to the City.

12. If any dispute arises as to the value of bonds of the City, such dispute shall be settled by an arbitrator to be appointed by the parties, or if they are unable to agree, to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

13. The City agrees to assist the Company in every possible way to obtain statutory confirmation of this agreement from the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and to obtain, if necessary, the approval of the Water Power Commission of Nova Scotia to the said plans and specifications hereto attached, and also the authorization of the Department of Finance at Ottawa for the issue of the Company's securities for payment of the construction, installation and equipment of its system.

14. It is hereby mutually agreed that this Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties hereto until and unless same has been ratified and confirmed by the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed These Presents by the hands of their proper officers and their corporate seals.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered)
In the presence of

Witness to signature of
Mayor A.C.Hawkins,
Mary Gowen

A. C. HAWKINS,
Mayor.

(I execute this document in compliance with the resolution of the City Council of July 29th 1918 a Minute of which is hereto attached, and on the understanding that it has no legal validity until confirmed by legislation)
A.C.HAWKINS.

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Extract from Minutes of the City Council -
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HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER - HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

Read joint report City Engineer and City Electrician covering draft of proposed agreement between the City and the Halifax Power Company for hydro-electric power for lighting the streets of the City.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Taylor that Roderick McColl, representing the Company be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Mr. McColl addressed the meeting.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report and the draft of agreement be approved.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman R.B. Colwell that the report and the draft agreement be referred to the Board of Control with the recommendation that a copy be furnished to each member of the City Council.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows-

For the Amendment

Controllers Murphy
Hines
Taylor
Alderman R. B. Colwell
Furness -5

Against it.

Controller Finlay
Alderman H. S. Colwell
Kelly
Hart
Day
Guildford
Godwin-7

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The original motion is put and passed, Controllers Hines, Taylor and Murphy and Aldermen R.B. Colwell requesting to be recorded as voting against it.

Controller Murphy submits the following report-

Halifax, N.S/ Nov. 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

Understanding that steps are being taken to have some form of contract executed on behalf of the City with the above, and that same is to be in accordance with the report and draft agreement passed at a meeting of the City Council held on July 29th. last, I submit the following:-

1. The City of Halifax should know, before it commits itself to any undertaking involving an outlay of \$400,000.00 just what it is to receive in return for this amount. Section 3 of the draft agreement distinctly states that the plant is to be in accordance with plans and specifications attached. We were previously informed by the Halifax Power Company that no specifications had up to that time been prepared. I feel that under this section it is necessary that such plans and specifications with particulars of the equipment to be supplied, should form part of this agreement.

2. It was distinctly understood by all concerned and one of the points which was specially set out in the previous agreement, that the City was to be guaranteed a minimum of 675 K.W. continuous supply. I understand that this is omitted in the draft which is now under consideration.

3. At the Council Meeting of July 29th, at which this agreement was discussed, the resolution of Council was to confirm the agreement in conjunction with the report of the City Engineer. This report required some further details before the agreement could be finally drafted. So far as I am aware these details have not yet been supplied.

In view of the above, and feeling that the City should endeavor to safeguard itself, in every way against any after financial or legal complications, I beg to move the following resolution:

That a contract or agreement between the Halifax Power Company and the City of Halifax be not executed until the City obtains independent legal advice as to whether this agreement is in accordance with the legislation surrounding same;

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And that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to obtain said legal opinion and submit the same for consideration of this Board.

John Murphy,
CONTROLLER.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that Controller Murphy's report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTOMOBILES-EXCESSIVE SPEED.

Hon. Senator Power addressed the Board complaining that automobiles in the City of Halifax exceed the statutory speed limit of 15 miles per hour. Referred to the Chief of Police for attention.

SHERWOOD STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read letter C.E. Bower asking for early extension of Water Service on Sherwood Street. Referred to the City Engineer for-.

ARGYLE STREET - WATER EXTENSION UNGARS LAUNDRY.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

November, 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the application of William Schon for the laying of a larger pipe on Argyle Street from Sackville Street south to supply his property. The directors of this industry have already paid the whole cost of laying a pipe on Barrington Street to supply water to their building. Their work has increased, and consequently the consumption of water has also increased.

The pipe on Argyle Street is too small to supply industries, and was intended only to supply the local consumption, fire hydrants being connected with the larger mains on the hills. It is the intention of the City to lay a 12-inch main in Argyle Street, and under the circumstances it would seem hardly fair to ask the proprietor of the laundry to pay more than others would be required to pay, simply because he wants it this Fall instead of next Spring.

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We cannot do the trenching this Fall, but if Mr. Schon is prepared to do the trenching and back-filling to the satisfaction of the City, I think it would be fair to have the work carried out and a refund made to him equal to the actual cost per foot for laying the rest of the pipe next year.

The objection made that any change which would increase the quantity of water consumed by the laundry would affect water takers on any streets in the vicinity, is not a reasonable one. The low service lakes and mains will afford an ample supply if the water is used legitimately. The low service is following the history of the high service and getting worse every year, and there is no question that it will have to be metered before satisfactory service can be maintained. Under the circumstances the argument mentioned, should not be used to the disadvantage of any industry or water taker.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved, Controller Finlay dissenting.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board decides to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment-

Fire Department.

Frank Fraser	Feed	69.77
Ungers Laundry	Laundry	20.59
N. S.T. & Power Co.	Light	62.87
Wm. Collings & Son.	Machine Supplies	30.99
Burns & Kelleher	" "	.45
Hillis & Sons	" "	4.75
H. McFatrige	Vet. Services	9.65
Northern Electric Co.	Elec. Supplies	8.00
Can. General Electric.	" "	68.48
American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.	Motor Supplies	168.40
Halifax Vul Works	Vulcanizing	34.25
J. MacInnes	Lumber	15.60
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	2.70
F.W. McNally	Plumbing	2.00
Hillis & Sons	Machine Supplies	5.80
David Roche	Paints	7.46
Wm. Regan	Harness Repairs	33.40
A.J. McNutt	Carriage "	4.00

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E. Pullan Wipers Waste Co.	Stores	10.50
Nat. Drug. & Chem Co.	"	1.25
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	92.24
Nat. Drug. & Chem Co.	Stores	12.00
Can. Oil Co.	Oil	54.25
O.C. Marriott	Horshoeing	21.50
J.L. Wilson	Stores	18.00
N.S. Tramway Co.	Light	3.15
Imperial Oil Co.	Oil	9.00
James Donohue	Motor Supplies	2.50
Chas. Brister	" "	.90
G. Perrier	Plumbing	27.36
American Ed France		
Fire Engine Co.	Motor Supplies	45.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	21.00
Robert Horner	Horshoeing	21.50
R.N. McDonald	Stores	19.75
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	Fire hose	1150.00
Wm. Buckley Coal & Con. Co.	Coal	545.27
G.A. Redmond	Bran	26.00
Chief Fire Dept. Expenses to Toronto		150.00
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		\$ 2772.33

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	742.75
Water Construction	234.81
Sewerage	643.55
Streets	6677.49
Internal Health	186.13
City Property	57.95
Teams & Stables	36.09
Market Revenue	5.00
Street Lighting	2176.62
Sewer Maintenance	15.00
Electric Wiring Inspection	27.20
Motor Sprinkler	3023.60
Abattoir	81.96
Cleaning Paved Streets	19.30
Tuberculosis Hospital	2.25
Streets	387.60
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	\$14317.30

City Home.

July 25	Nova Scotia Hospital	Maintenance	
		M. O'Conner	56.50
16	" " "	A. Brown	58.50
Aug. 12	" " "	M. Dunn	58.50
28	" " "	P.M./Sheehan	58.50
Sept. 7	" " "	S.A. Sullivan	58.50
10	" " "	J.A. Foster	58.50
17	" " "	H.M. McCurdy	58.50
	Wentzelle Ltd.	Groceries	1090.87
	H.L. Williston	Meats	551.74
	Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	105.00

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Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fresh Fish	62.10
Smith & Proctor	Butter	205.80
F.W.Keddy	Milk	199.00
F.W.Fraser	Forage	19.51
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.55
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	58.40
A.Fordham & Co.	Leather	18.73
W.Y.Kennedy	Dry-Goods	225.15
N.S.Tramway Co.	Light	42.75
S.C.Thompson	Hay	11.82
J.J.Scriven & Sons	Bread	105.60
Jas.Simmonds Ltd.	Sundries	38.79
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	1.95
Chronicle Pub.Co.	" (2)	6.30
Halifax Herald Ltd.	" (2)	10.50
Arthur Cox & Co.	Repairs to S.Kett-	
	les.	239.84
Geo.Hutchinson	Ice	30.00
Nat. Drug. Co. Ltd.	Sputum Refills	3.00
A.&W.Mackinlay	Blank Books	.90
Snow & Co. Ltd.	Coffin Fixtures	29.40
Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Relining Tanks	14.05
T.C.Johnston & Sons	Repairs	1.00
Brookfield Bros.	Lumber for	
	Coffins	45.00
J.T.Dorey	Elec. Lamps etc.	16.50
H.McFatrige	Horseshoeing	7.25
Douglas-Fullerton Co.	Castle Grate Ring	6.93
J.F.Outhit & Sons	Potatoes	138.58
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	5.13
J.H.Buchanan	Cash expended	150.89
Salaries	Pay sheet Oct.	1098.45
N.S.Hospital	Mntc. Insane	2330.37
		<u>\$ 7283.35</u>

Council

The Board adjourned.

L. J. O'Rourke
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

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CIVIC ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR MCCALL OF MASSACHUSETTS.

For the purpose of the records the following account of the reading and presentation of an address from the City of Halifax, to His Honor Samuel Walter McCall Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, taken from the Morning Chronicle, is inserted upon the Minutes of the Board of Control and City Council.

The Civic reception to Hon. Samuel W. McCall, Governor of Massachusetts, at the City Hall yesterday was a thoroughly democratic and enthusiastic one, and the distinguished guest entered thoroughly into the spirit of it. The City Council Chamber was crowded to its capacity with prominent citizens and officials as well as many ladies. Among those present were His Honor Lieutenant Governor Grant, His Grace Archbishop Warrell, Premier Murray, Admiral Chambers, Hon. L. G. Power, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Justice Longley, Rev. Dr. Foley, Very Rev. Dean Lloydy, a large representation of military and naval officers, U.S. Consul General Young, Mr. Ganoury, French Consul, C.H. Mitchell, the members of the Board of Control, the Superintendent of Education, ex-Chairman J.P. Quinn of the School Commission, W.A. Black, and very many others.

The City Council Chamber was brightened up in honor of the distinguished visitor. Back of the Mayor's chair the windows were draped with British, American and French flags. The Mayor's desk and the window ledges were decorated with plants, ferns and flowers. There was no possibility of any effective decoration in the lower part of the building, as the explosion repairs are still being made there.

ARRIVED AT NOON.

On arrival at sharp noon by automobile at the Parade, accompanied by Lieut. Gov. Grant, and Mr. G. Fred Parson, Governor McCall was received by the band of the Garrison Regt. and a guard of honor of 100 men from the Seige Battery the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner" which tribute Governor McCall acknowledged by uncovering. Lieut. Gov. Grant introduced the officer commanding the guard to the distinguished guest, after which Governor McCall and the Lieutenant Governor entered the City Hall, being met at the entrance and welcomed by Mayor Hawkins, who escorted them to the Council chamber upstairs.

The Mayor's and City Solicitor's chairs were removed from the platform they occupy to the main floor, that of the Mayor in the centre with that of Governor McCall on His Worship's right, and Lieut. Governor Grant on the left.

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THE CIVIC ADDRESS.

The address read by City Clerk Monaghan, to Governor McCall had been illuminated by Mr. Story in old English text, and was enclosed in a purple plush case. It was headed by the city coat of arms and was as follows:-

The Honourable Samuel W. McCall-
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

May it Please your Honour-

On behalf of the City of Halifax, we extend to you our warmest welcome. Between the Commonwealth of which you are the chief executive, and this City and Province, there have always been the closest and most intimate relations. Some of our most prominent citizens have come to us from Massachusetts, and in return, many of our people have left us for your State, in which they have found, not only a welcome and a home, but have attained positions of distinction. Your laws and educational institutions have in many cases been the model upon which we have fashioned our own. In particular, the Charter of the City of Boston and its system of municipal government, was in a great measure adopted by this City when beginning its corporate existence in 1841.

If no other reason had existed for the heartiest greetings to a representative of Massachusetts the magnificent and spontaneous assistance rendered us in ~~ix~~ the time of our great calamity last December, would have sufficed for all time to have ensured our deepest feelings of gratitude. The physicians and nurses you sent us, rendered invaluable service, and undoubtedly many lives were saved by their skilled and devoted attention. Altogether, apart from the large material gifts you made for the comfort and assistance of our people, the advice and organizing ability of the ladies and gentlemen you sent us were incalculable value, and we will never forget all that you have done for us. Great as your aid was at the moment of the disaster, it did not exhaust the good will of the people of Massachusetts, which is further manifested by the splendid work still being carried on by them for the benefit of this community. It is some small satisfaction to us that recently, that when trouble has come to your people, through the epidemic of Influenza, we have been able to afford you some slight measure of assistance. We wish that our circumstances, and conditions would have permitted us to make it more reciprocally commensurate.

The struggle in the cause of civilization and humanity in which the great Nation to which you belong is taking so prominent a place and in which we also are striving to do our utmost, is a fresh tie to bind us, and it is our warmest hope that the relations and intercourse between the two countries may steadily and harmoniously increase.

To yourself, personally, we desire to express our felicitations. We are not unfamiliar with

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your record of public service in Congress, nor with the manner in which you have discharged the duties of your high office. It is a special source of pleasure that your visit is to inaugurate a new course of instruction in a branch that most particularly concerns the task of civic government

Arthur C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

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THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

In his reply Governor McCall addressed the Mayor, the Lieutenant Governor and ladies and gentlemen present and said that he fully appreciated the beautifully worded unique address and the sentiments contained therein and he felt they were addressed to him as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Word of the dreadful calamity in Halifax in December reached Massachusetts before other parts of America and calling the Massachusetts Public Safety Committee together they had the satisfaction of sending aid to Halifax almost as soon as the sounds of the explosion had died away. The calamity was regarded as a national one and Massachusetts' sympathy came right from the heart. Surgeon General Brooks, one of the most distinguished surgeons in the United States, proposed the relief train and the proposed was immediately carried into effect.

Governor McCall said he could well understand how the people of Halifax had regarded the surgeons and nurses from Massachusetts so early on the ground here as angels of mercy, aiding them in their struggle to overcome the effects of the great disaster. (applause). It was a great privilege for Massachusetts to come to the aid of Halifax. This morning he had visited ruins of buildings razed by the explosion and apartments built for people rendered homeless and he confessed he took more pride in looking over those relief apartments than he would in viewing magnificent palaces of imperishable material. "He who gives quickly gives twice" (applause).

Governor McCall said that he fully appreciated the reference in the address to the relations between Canada and the United States, and confessed he always had a warm regard for Canada. The President of the United States, after negotiations, had invited him to introduce in the House the reciprocity measure, and he did it in the firm belief he was doing something for Canada, doing something to draw the two great nations closer together without a line to check the aspirations of the people to trade with each other. If he therefore was to confess such as a crime, he pleaded his wish to do something for Canada. On the line which divides the two peoples birds build their nests in the mouths of the cannon and children played on and about the latter, It is a line defended only by kindly sentiment

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and friendship of two nations, which friendship and sentiment he hoped would always continue. They are fighting side by side in war now, and a feature of that great war is the part played by Canada. It is a war to establish a peace that will extend far into the future.

He was glad to be in Halifax to see the beautiful city to experience the genial hospitality of His Honor Lieut. Gov. Grant (long continued applause).

ADDRESS BY MAYOR.

Lieut. Governor Grant called upon the Mayor for an address.

His Worship said he heartily welcomed the distinguished guest and expressed his appreciation of all that the great State of Massachusetts had done so well for Halifax. He spoke of Governor McCall's eloquent address and said he himself was for reciprocity and thought opposition to the proposed at the time was a crime. Now the two nations are side by side, allies in the great cause, and that will have accomplished much in drawing the two nations closer together.

Lieut. Gov. Grant then invited all present desiring to meet Governor McCall to do so, and His Excellency had a half-hour of handshaking before he left the City Hall.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

November 14th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.25 o'clock, present Controllers Murphy, Acting Chairman and Hin ee and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Abattoir.
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Morris Street Weighing Scales Dominion Coal Company.
Chairman.
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School Board-Superannuation John Morris.
Schools-St. Patrick's Boy's School Plans.
Explosion-School Building Repairs \$50,000.00.
City Hall Roofing.
Medical College Building.
City Building Buildings Repairs.
Accounts.

ABATTOIR.

Read reports City Engineer and Assistant Building Inspector re abattoir building, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct, 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Mr. Fegan, Assistant Building Inspector, has reported up to date on the Abattoir building as shown in the attached report.

The contractors, Messrs. Falconer & McDonald, are making little progress with it. The delay may be due to the difficulty in obtaining material, but I think an explanation should be demanded from the contractors so that your Board may be in a position to deal with the matter intelligently.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

November 14th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 26, 1918.

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

Sir,

I beg to notify you that I have visited the building and find it in the following condition -
The walls are completed and the concrete roof on.
The tar composition which the contract calls for, has only been partly done.
The windows which were destroyed by the explosion have not yet been repaired.
The doors are not yet on the job.
The shute has not been erected.
The insulation felt is on the job but has not yet been placed.

W.R. Fegan,
Asst. Bldg. Inspector.

✓ In response to request of the Board, A.D. Faulkner of Faulkner and McDonald, Contractors for the building appeared before the Board. Mr. Faulkner explained that the non-completion of the building was partly due to the fact that his firm has been busy at other work, getting houses ready for the homeless etc.,. The work was also delayed through the non-completion of work by subcontractors. The windows should be ready in a few days, the doors are in the hands of the subcontractor being covered with tin. He suggested that the heating and wiring be not done now but delayed until about the time when the building will be needed for occupancy. The chimney has not been provided for in the plans and specifications. The chimney would cost roughly about \$900.00. He offered to construct the chimney on the basis of cost plus 10 per cent.

November 14th, 1918.

In answer to questions ~~put~~ by, Controller Murphy, Mr. McDonald informed the Board that he can complete the work under his contract by December 20th next.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the 20th day of December be set as the day for the completion of Faulkner & McDonald's contract. Motion passed.

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare plans and specifications and call for tenders for the chimney for the abattoir.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to how the matter of equipment for the abattoir stands at present.

SPANISH INFLUENZA HOSPITAL ACCOUNT E.B. LOWNDS.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 14th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins and
Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

The attached account for E.B. Lownds for \$3929.33 for work performed ~~xxxx~~ at the Influenza Hospital has been passed for payment by the Board of Health if it is found correct and certified by the Architect.

The account was checked yesterday by the Architect and found correct.

J. A. Watters, Secretary,
C.H.B.

The account \$3929.33 is read.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that the account be paid. Motion passed, Controller

Finlay dissenting.

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Engineer ✓

*Auditor ✓
City Health Board ✓*

November 14th, 1918.

BRISTER PROPERTY USE OF WATER.

Read report City Engineer covering detailed account of water taken at Brister's Wharf by the Naval Department from April 11th, to August 2nd, showing the total consumption to have been 376,500 gallons. The Engineer's report is as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

In compliance with the attached extract from Minutes of the Board of Control I beg to submit the statement sent from the Admiralty authorities showing the quantity of water drawn by them through the pipes at the Brister property during the period of their occupation, which they state was from April 2nd to the day upon which we cut off the water. I would recommend that in order to settle this difficulty, the Naval authorities be rendered a bill in accordance with the agreement under which they are supplied with water at other Naval depots.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

P O L I C E M A N .

Read application David Godsoe for position of Policeman. Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

P O L I C E M A N S W I N E H A M E R R E S I G N A T I O N .

Read resignation Raymond Swinehamer to take effect 15th, inst. Accepted.

S H I P Y A R D S L I M I T E D M A R K E T B U I L D I N G .

Read application Halifax Shipyards Limited, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 13, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
&
The Board of Control,
Halifax,
Gentlemen:-

No doubt you are aware that we have a con-

*Council
Engineer
Chief Works
Collector
Auditor*

*Chief of Police
Chief of Police*

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tract with the Government of the Dominion of Canada for the construction of two 8111 D.W. ton ships, and we are endeavoring to lay the keel of the first of these ships early next month, which, by the way we are informed will be the first steel ship to be built in Halifax.

You will understand that our Shipbuilding Plant being, as yet, only under construction, we are encountering many difficulties, the chief of which, at present is our lack of mould loft, in which, I may explain the lines of the ship must be laid down, from which templates of all parts of the hull are made, For ships of this size we require ~~ere~~ a mould loft 150' x 50', and have made a contract for the erection of a plate shop - 600' x 75' - the upper floor of which will contain our mould loft ultimately, but this building cannot be completed until next spring.

We have searched all over the city to endeavor to secure a building to use temporarily as a mould loft, but as the space required - 150' x 50' - must be clear of any obstruction the only one available that we have discovered so far is the Market Building, In the foregoing we have endeavored to show you our urgent need of a mould loft, and we respectfully request that you give us the use of this ~~buildin~~ amount of space in the Market Building for the ensuing five or six months at terms to be mutually agreed upon. The portion of the building that we have in mind is that now partially occupied for storage purposes by the Relief Commission who assure us that should you grant our request they will remove the material now stored there within two weeks. We beg to assure you that should you see fit to grant our request, we will not make any alterations, whatever, to the building; all we will do will be to lay a wooden floor on top of the concrete floor, enclosing it with a railing or fence to prevent people using the Market from walking over our floor.

We are sure that you will give this matter your serious consideration, taking into account the urgent need there is now and will be in the future for additional ships, as we are satisfied, if you give us the use of a portion of this building, we will thus be enabled to launch our first ship at an earlier date than will be possible otherwise.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED.

J.E. McLurg,
General Manager,

Referred to the City Engineer for immediate report.

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Engineer ✓

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STONE TENDERS.

Tenders for supplying of stone are received and opened from- W.E.Rood & Company, Heber Hartlen, J. M. McGrath & Sons, and J.E.Hennigar, at schedule prices.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER METERS TENDERS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 13, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to submit herewith tenders from The Neptune Meter Company, Wm. Stiare, Son & Morrow and H.B. Clarke & Son for meters. A tender was also received from Drummond, McCall & Company, but it did not arrive until the day after the time for receiving tenders, and therefore should not be considered.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The Board unanimously decides to receive the tender of Drummond McCall & Company.

The four tenders referred to in the Engineer's report are opened and referred to the City Engineer for report.

LOAN FROM SINKING FUNDS.

Read report City Treasurer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 13th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins
and
Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds held this day I was instructed to offer to loan the City of Halifax under the guarantee of Premier Murray to pass legislation (see letter Oct. 2nd, & 17th, 1918) the following sums for the purposes specified:

November 14th, 1918.

Short Term Loans (Influenza Epidemic Massachusetts \$1000
Motor Sprinkler bal. of loan \$3023.60

The date to be Oct. 1st, 1918 purchase price 98% of
par. Interest rate 6% per annum.

Also for City Prison Wall \$3000.00
to be repayable July 1st, 1940, issued Halifax Consols.
1905 stock, purchase price 98% of par and rate of
interest at 6% per annum.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

The report is received and approved less the
amount \$1000. cost of Influenza Epidemic, Massachusetts
which is decided should be included in the next annual
estimates.

The City Treasurer is instructed to draft the
usual formal resolution for the loan less the \$1000.
referred to.

Controller Murphy dissents from the purchase price
of the issue.

JUBILEE ROAD REPAIRS, THANKS T.L.E. PIERS.

Read letter T.L.E. Piers, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control,
Halifax,

Gentlemen:-

Allow me to express my appreciation for the
repairs to sidewalk on Jubilee Road.

Thanking you for the prompt action. I
remain.

T.L. E. Piers.

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MORRIS STREET WEIGHING SCALES-DOMINION COAL
COMPANY.

Read application Dominion Coal Company, as follows:

*Council
Treasurer.*

November 14th, 1918.

Messrs. The Board of Control,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the present coal situation and more particularly in regard to the congestion existing at our wharf at the present time, and likely to continue through the winter. We would respectfully request that we be granted permission to put a large scale capable of weighing motor trucks, on Morris St., below Water St., immediately adjoining our office, and that we be allowed a right-of-way for empty carts on the filled in portion of the present City Slip below Water St., and directly adjoining our own wharf.

There is practically no traffic below Water St., except in connection with the Coal business, and if we be granted permission to put a scale on the street below Water St., and to utilize the filled in portion of the City slip as a right-of-way for all teams coming to our wharf, it will relieve a great deal of congestion of teams and keep the Street below Water St., much freer of waiting teams, and would, we believe be of great benefit to the whole coal consuming public, and would relieve the situation in regard to coal supply to the City to a very material extent.

The business of the wharf has outgrown the means of access and egress to and from it, and the only possible way the wharf can be laid out to cater satisfactorily to the needs of the Public would be by our being able to get permission to use the street as indicated, which would be of the greatest assistance possible in relieving the situation in regard to coal deliveries for the City at the present time.

We had some correspondence in the matter, on a somewhat different basis in 1915, but although we were advised informally that our request met with the approval of the Board. we were never able to the present time to get the official consent necessary to enable us to go ahead in the matter. Since then the congestion has become a great deal worse on account of the increased demand for our coal in the City and if we can have our present request granted, it would relieve very materially the coal situation in this City, our interests in this case being, we believe, identical with the interests of the City in general.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.
per. M.R. MORROW.

(see Board of Control Minutes, September 3rd, 1915,
November 5th, 1915, December 1st, 1915, January 3rd,
1916, Section 22-Chapter 36- Acts 1916)

Also read report City Engineer, as follows:-

November 14th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 8, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached letter from the Dominion Coal Company, asking for permission to put a large scale, capable of weighing motor trucks, on Morris Street below Water Street, immediately adjoining their office.

I reported on a similar request in 1915. Subsequent to that report, authority was obtained from the Legislature to grant a permit. Morris Street below Water Street is used very little by anybody but officials and employees of the Dominion Coal Company and the construction of a scale on the south side of the street would not materially interfere with the use of the street by the public or by the owners of property fronting on it.

I would recommend that permission be granted to the Company to place scales on Morris Street east of Water Street, the design and location to be approved by the City Engineer as required, by the Charter, and on such terms and conditions as he specifies in the permit, one of which, as required by the Act, to be that the scale shall be removed when so ordered by the City, and that in default of removal of the scale the Engineer may remove the same at the expense of the Company. The conditions shall include the construction of a catchpit above the scales at the expense of the Company, to take the drainage. There should be a rental charged for the use of the street for this purpose.

The Company also request the privilege of using the north side of the street, to which the sewer outfall is constructed, as a right of way for empty carts, I would recommend that permission be granted, provided no permanent obstruction is placed on the street, that wear and tear of the surface is made good from time to time by the Company at their own expense, as and when directed by the City Engineer, that the permit be may be revoked at the option of the City, and that a rental be charged for the privilege.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the Chair.

The matter is referred to the City Engineer for supplementary report.

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*Engineer ✓
Council*

November 14th, 1918.

STREET SWEEPER.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer immediately place an order for an "Elgin" street sweeper at \$8100.00 ^{for} ~~in~~ shipment as promptly as possible. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

Council
Engineer
Auditor
Club 7 works ✓

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.

Agreeably to invitation ~~of~~ the Board, Aldermen Parker and Godwin were in attendance at the meeting.

Again read letter Hon. G.H. Murray, Premier, as written in the minutes of the Board, October 24th, page 831. Also read Minutes of Board of Control on this subject October, 11th, 1918, pages 782 and 782A.

Moved by Controller Murphy that an election be held on Wednest 27th inst. to fill the ten vacancies at present existing in the City Council.

In answer to His Worship the Mayor as to the legality of the motion, the City Solicitor says there is no law on the matter. His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order and declines to put it.

The City Solicitor in answer to questions says that the present situation is not provided for in the City Charter and that by resolution of the Board of Control and election cannot be called.

Moved by Controller Murphy that this Board receive the communication from the Hon. G.H. Murray

November 14th, 1918.

Dated October 17th and written in the Minutes of
October 24th. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the undertaking
of the Government referred to in the motion just
adopted be accepted as set out and acted upon by
this Board and the remaining members of the City
Council.

His Worship the Mayor acting on the opinion of
the City Solicitor declines to put the motion.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller
Finlay that the Governor in Council be requested
to pass an Order in Council confirming any action
of this Board and City Council in the holding of
an election for the filling of the vacancies now
existing in the City Council.

His Worship the Mayor asks the City Solicitor
to submit a written opinion as to whether ^{the Mayor} ~~he~~ would
assume any liability in putting the resolution to
the meeting and as to what ^{the} effect of such a resolu-
tion would be and in the meantime ^{he} declined to
put the motion to the Meeting.

PROCTOR AND BARRINGTON STREETS DANGEROUS
EXCAVATION.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City En-
gineer is instructed to write Clayton & Sons order-
ing them to immediately remedy the dangerous condition
existing at the excavation for a foundation at the
corner of Proctor and Barrington Streets.

Solicitor ✓

Engineer ✓

November 14th, 1918.

SCHOOL BOARD-SUPERANNUATION JOHN MORRIS.

Read communication Board of School Commissioners,
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 7, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor, and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners, it was resolved that the City be asked to contribute an annual amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) towards a pension for Mr. John Morris, caretaker of school property during the past forty-three years.

S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to ask the School Board for a statement as to any superannuation allowance granted Mr. Morris by that Board.

SCHOOLS -ST. PATRICK'S BOY'S SCHOOL EMANS.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners,
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 7th, 1918.

His Worship, the Mayor, and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In April 1917, in accordance with the request of the Board of Control, the plans and specifications for the new St. Patrick's Boy's School were sent to the City Engineer's office and have not yet been received by this office.

Will you kindly investigate this matter as in accordance with your recent request it is desirable that they should be approved by the City Engineer.

S.J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention/

EXPLOSION-SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIRS \$50,000.00

Read letter School Board, as follows :-

*Secretary
School Board*

Engineer

November 14th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 14, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.
City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly arrange at your earliest convenience, for a further advance of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) on the Explosion Repair Account of the Public Schools.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

It is decided to take the School Board's application up with the Relief Commission.

CITY HALL ROOFING.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The slate roof on the City Hall, is in places, in a dangerous condition, that is, there is danger of the slates falling and causing serious accidents. There is urgent necessity for immediate repairs being made.

I should have the work done at once, but that the City Property Account is about exhausted. The demand on this appropriation this year has been extraordinary and the estimate has not been sufficient to meet the demands for the whole year. The conditions could not have been foreseen when the estimates were made up, and the occasion is an emergency which must be met when it arises.

I would recommend that the City Engineer be authorized to have such repairs made as are necessary, even though it may involve an overdraft on the Account, as an accident caused by neglect to meet the emergency, would be much more expensive than any overdraft that could be made for repairs.

F. W. W. Doane
City Engineer.

The City Engineer is instructed to submit an estimate of the cost, and to call for tenders for the work and submit them to this Board for consideration.

*City Clerk ✓
School Board ✓*

Engineer ✓

November 14th, 1918.

MEDICAL COLLEGE BUILDING

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The Assistant Building Inspector reports to me that the building known as the Medical College at the corner of Carlton and College Streets has been altered, converting it into sleeping apartments for young ladies and installing a restaurant.

The inspector reports that this wooden building has not proper means of exit in case of fire, and he considers it a very dangerous building to use as a boarding house.

The work, he states, has been done by the Morris Construction Company without a permit. They applied for a permit on the 31st of October and when he went to look the building over, he found that the work was already finished. Under the circumstances, prompt action should be taken against this company, to protect the safety of those using the building.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer,
Bldg. Inspector.

Engineer ✓
The City Engineer is requested to instruct the Manager of the building to provide proper exits at once, and to call their attention to the breach of law by them, to caution them as to their future behaviour in regard to the building laws and for the present breach to exact any penalty that is provided by the Building Laws.

CITY BUILDINGS REPAIRS.

Engineer ✓
Read application D.G. Stewart, Contractor for repairing City Buildings for a progress payment of \$8000.00 on account.

Referred to the City Engineer for report so that the Board may ~~xxxxix~~ apply to the Relief

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Commission for a loan if the account is certified.

ACCOUNT.

The following named accounts are passed for
payment:-

General Accounts.

A.M.Fraser	Typewriter Ribbon &	4.00
Religious of Good Shepherd		76.98
Halifax Herald	Advertising	9.45
		6.30
		15.75
T.C.Allen & Co.	Printing Acct.	
Mayor		2.75
Assessors		1.00
Clerk		28.33
		32.08

A.W.Mackinlay	Books	
Assessors		2.50
Collector		4.50
Assessors		110.15
Clerk		12.00
		129.15

United Typewriter Co.		
Typewriter City Collector		133.23
Ribbon		1.00

E.Montgomery Veith	Service for Oct.	10.00
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Dr.Finn Medical Examiner, Certificates of Death of		
G.I/Suker, S.C.Trask, A.Watkins, L.Hurshman,		
C.Harvey, E.White, J.Wiswell, A.Smith,		
G. Jusoff, E.Borgue 10 @ 4.00		40.00
Halifax, Industrial School Maintenance		
of Boys, 3 months to Nov. 1st, 1918		
Truants		242.60
Juvenile Offenders		384.59
		627.19

St. Patrick's Home do.		
Truants	707/42	
Juvenile Offenders	375.39	
		1082.81
		\$ 2152.21

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Police Department.

City Taxi Service,	Taxi Hire	3.00	
J.W.Martin	Plumbing Rep.	2.00	5.00
D.H.McFatriage	vet.Surgeon		10.50
F.W.Fraser	Feed		2.65
W.B.Williams	Badge		15.38
			2.75

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T.C. Allen & Co.	Desk Pags	1.60
A.W. Mackinlay Ltd.	Books	68.27
Deputy Chief	canvas bags	19.00
Mary Virtue	Hat	7.50
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		\$ 132.65

The Board adjourned.

Halifax Board of Control
City Market Building

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 15, 1918.

Dear Sirs,
Reference is made to the report of the City Engineer as submitted of
Halifax Board of Control for use of City Market
Building as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 15, 1918.

The Board of Control,
City Market Building.

The Halifax Board of Control applied for permission
to use the space at the Market Building by 50
feet wide for a building for the purpose of
storing goods and materials for the use of the
Board of Control. They propose to erect a building which
will contain a small shop and
office space.

MAYOR.

L. J. O'Donnell
CITY CLERK.

The Board of Control has been advised that the
area available for the building is
only about 100 feet long by 50 feet wide. It would
also require a considerable amount of building and would
be very inconvenient for market purposes.
It is suggested that a sign be constructed overhead,
which could be used for the same purpose. This
could be done without interfering with the use of
the building for market purposes and is only the Board
representing the Board of Control as far as possible,
and it would be glad to do so. It would be glad to
report on the same and to erect a building there
if you wish to do so. It would be glad to do so
if you wish to do so. It would be glad to do so
if you wish to do so.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

November 16th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11.45 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Murphy, Finlay, and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Shipyards use of Market Building.
Hydro Electric Power - Halifax Power Company.

SHIPYARDS USE OF MARKET BUILDING.

Read report City Engineer on application of Halifax Shipyards Ltd. for use of City Market Building as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov.15,1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

The Halifax Shipyards Limited applied for permission to use the floor of the Market 150 feet long by 50 feet wide for a mould loft for laying down the lines from which templates for the construction of the ships can be made. They propose to erect a building which will contain a mould loft but that cannot be done until next Spring. In the meantime they are desirous of laying the first keel next month.

The use of so much of the floor of the Market building by the Shipyards Limited would reduce the area available very largely, as the building is only about 190 feet long by 90 feet wide. It would also obstruct passage through the building and would make it very inconvenient for market purposes.

I visited the building with Mr. McLurg, who suggested that a floor might be constructed overhead, which could be used for the same purposes. This could be done without interfering with the use of the building for Market purposes as only the posts supporting the floor need be in the way. To meet the difficulty of the Company as far as possible, permission could be given, if it meets with the approval of your Board, to erect an overhead floor on such terms and conditions as may be named in an agreement to be made, but under the circumstances it does not seem advisable to grant the request as made.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

November 16th, 1918.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the Halifax Shipyards Limited be permitted to construct an overhead floor in the City Market Building and to use the same for a period not exceeding five months at a rental of \$500.00 per month.

Plans to be first submitted to the City Engineer for his approval and the work to be done under his supervision; the permission to be on such terms and conditions as may be named in an agreement to be made. Motion passed unanimously.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER-HALIFAX POWER COMPANY.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had received an opinion from John J. Power, K/C., as to the legal aspects of the proposed execution of an agreement between the City and the Halifax Power Company for the furnishing of hydro-electric power for lighting the streets of the City (see Minutes Board of Control November 7th, 1918)

Controller Finlay objected that Mr. Power has not been retained by the City to give an opinion.

At request of His Worship the Mayor the Minutes of Board of Control meeting November 7th on this matter including the report of Controller Murphy incorporated therein are read.

His Worship the Mayor submits the opinion of Mr. Power which is read to the meeting as follows:-

Halifax, November 15th, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins, Esq., M/D.
Mayor of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter

Engineer ✓
Letter to
Shipyards ✓

November 16th, 1918.

under date of the 7th inst., from the City Clerk requesting me, under a resolution of the Board of Control of that date, and by your direction, to give an opinion as to the legal propriety of your executing, as Mayor of the City, with the City Clerk and under the corporate seal, a paper writing, called a memorandum of agreement, purporting to be entered into between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Power Company, Limited, in reference to a hydro-electric lighting system for street lighting the City, pursuant to the City's contract with said Company, dated March 16th, 1916, and set out as schedule to Chapter 36 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for 1916.

I have carefully examined the draft so-called agreement, with the report of the Engineer of July 29th last, and the opinion of the learned City Solicitor, of October 10th, ult., the letter from Mr. Brookfield, President of the Company to you of the same date, and your answer to that gentleman; and I have also carefully considered in relation to these documents, Chapter 88 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for 1917.

After careful consideration of the question submitted to me, I am of opinion that neither you nor the City Clerk should execute the proposed so-called Memorandum of Agreement, nor affix the corporate seal of the City thereto, for the simple and full reason that there is no legislative authority for such action. No Counsel, in so advising against such action by the City could do better than adopt the luminous language of your letter above referred to, to Mr. Brookfield, wherein you state that :- "The City is a purely statutory body and apart from special legislative authority has no power to enter into such a contract as is proposed. That power was conferred by Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917, which also set out in detail, the contract. Neither myself" (i. e. the Mayor), "nor the Board of Control, nor the City Council would have the power to vary this statutory contract, at any rate by introducing into it anything at variance with its terms."

With the very excellent business policy of the contract, Counsel has nothing to do. The legal phase of the matter is all I am called upon to discuss or advise upon, and it is sufficient for me to advise the City against executing any such document, and to base my advice on the lack of legislative authority for so doing as I have already stated, and further because again adopting the language of your letter to Mr. Brookfield, such action by the City might "easily be misunderstood by persons not familiar with the situation and might involve both the City and myself" (i.e. the Mayor) "in unforeseen complications."

I might also say that I am in complete accord with the opinion so given in the same matter

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by Mr. Bell, K.C., the learned City Solicitor.

I here return herewith the papers submitted by you to me in this matter.

John J. Power,
One of His Majesty's Counsel.

In the ensuing discussion various communications in the hands of His Worship the Mayor are referred to and quoted from.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Clerk is instructed to notify the Halifax Power Company that in view of the legal opinion received by the City it is deemed that the City is not in a position to execute the agreement submitted.

The following communications above referred to were handed to the Clerk by His Worship the Mayor:-

Halifax, N.S. July 29th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

We beg to report on the agreement submitted by the Halifax Power Company to be made between the Company and the City respecting the carrying out of the scheme proposed in the Act of the Legislature passed at the last session. The agreement as submitted, differs from the agreement included in the Act in two essential features one an engineering feature, the other a question of policy.

In reference to the engineering feature a new clause has been drafted with the intention of making more definite and practicable the provision for satisfying the City as to the capacity of the system. The exception to the clause in the agreement included in the Act was taken by the Company, not by the City. In our opinion the clause in the draft agreement submitted will be satisfactory.

The other point on which there is a difference of opinion is the manner in which the payment of \$400,000.00 shall be made. The Company claims that the City was to give the Company \$400,000.00 cash or ~~the~~ its equivalent and that the handing over of 5% bonds as originally proposed, will not carry out that covenant of the contract.

*Letter
to Mr. Brockfield*

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They suggest an alternative which must be accepted or rejected by the City Council, as it does not come within our province. Mr. Bell the City Solicitor, who was also a member of the Committee, is at the time of preparing this report, not available, and consequently it had to be prepared without first submitting it to him. Details of the plans and specifications will have to be agreed upon between the Company and the City Engineer and City Electrician.

There is also one other feature which we desire to mention to prevent misunderstanding in the future, namely that this agreement covers the development of the North East River power only, and that in any future development the Company must purchase the water rights on the Indian River before further development can be made.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

City Electrician.

(NOTE:- The foregoing report was submitted on July 29th, 1918 to the City Council direct and does not hitherto appear upon the Minutes of the Board of Control.) L.F.M. CC.

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 10th, 1918

To His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir,

We are surprised that there should be any delay in signing the Agreement between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Power Company Ltd., re lighting the City.

If you will kindly look at the Act you will see

Clause 1 states-"The City of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$400,000. and to issue its bonds or debentures for that amount", etc.

Clause 2 states- "The amount so borrowed may be loaned by the City to the Halifax Power Company, Ltd.", etc.

Clause 3 states-"The amount so loaned shall be secured to the City by a first mortgage" etc.

Clause 4 mentions \$400,000. of bonds.

Clause 7 states-"No advances in cash or bonds shall be made by the City.

Ballot: It is quite clear, each citizen is asked to vote yes or no to loaning the company \$400,000. cash, which was answered in the affirmative.

You have five clauses in favor of cash and only one definite as regards bonds, also

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resolution of the City Council re cash or bonds, if bonds they are to be equal to cash. Surely as there is so much advantage accruing to the City by this Agreement, viz; the saving of \$30,000 per year for 25 years, or \$750.00., you will we think sign the agreement at once or we will be in danger of losing our financial people and thus jeopardize ~~the~~ this enterprise.

You will note that the City does not risk \$1.00 in this matter. All the onus is on the Halifax Power Company.

Halifax Power Company Ltd.,
Samuel Brookfield,
President.

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Halifax, N.S.

S.M. Brookfield, Esq.,
presd. Halifax, power Co.,
Dity.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your request for a letter stating my position in respect to the contract between the City of Halifax and the Power Company, both as Mayor of the City and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ personally, I beg to say as follows:- I have conferred with the City Solicitor and he assumes the responsibility for the legal aspects of the matter as stated by me.

The City is a purely statutory body and apart from special legislative authority has no power to enter into such a contract as is proposed. That power was conferred by Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917, which also set out in detail the contract. Neither myself nor the Board of Control nor the City Council would have the power to vary their statutory contract, at any rate by introducing into it anything at variance with its terms. You, however, wished it to be varied in two respects, namely the introduction of an arbitration clause in respect to the satisfactory completion of the work, and the elimination of the City's option to give bonds in place of cash. If the Council had expressed its approval of these changes, while they would have required ratification by the legislature, there is little doubt but that ratification would have been given. But before such approval could be given ten members of the Council resigned, leaving not enough to form a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Negotiations continued with the Board of Control in the hope of obtaining the approval of that body and subsequently obtaining legislative sanction. That body, however, has declined to give its approval.

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In this position of affairs I do not think I should pretend to execute the contract as amended in the name of the City. Although my execution would not be binding upon the City, it might easily be misunderstood by persons not familiar with the situation, and might involve both the City and myself in unforeseen complications.

At the same time I have great readiness to say that in my opinion the City should go on with the contract. The City committed itself to the scheme when it accepted the legislation of last year, and the two modifications asked for do not in my opinion in the slightest degree affect the agreement. Personally I believe the scheme to be an excellent one for the City -- That the City is in honor bound to go on with it, and if I could legally execute a binding contract, I would gladly do so, and if the matter comes again before the legislature I shall give it what support I can.

A. C. Hawkins,

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Halifax, N.S. Oct. 10th 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
SIR:-

In reply to your enquiry as to your authority to execute the draft agreement with the Power Company I beg to say as follows:-

The position is somewhat peculiar,. For its own reasons the Company was not satisfied with the statutory agreement contained in the schedule to cap. 88 of 1917, and requested certain modifications. These neither you nor the Board of Control nor the Council itself could make, and the amended agreement could only be operative as an expression of opinion to be ratified by the legislature. This has been clearly understood throughout the negotiations by the representatives of the Company as well as the Board of Control and it is so stated in the draft.

It follows therefore that the execution of the contract by yourself without a resolution of the Board of Control will have as much effect in binding the City as its execution after such a resolution or even after a resolution of the Council, that is to say in a legal sense none at all. It will therefore in any case require ratification by the legislature, and it will therefore be a question of policy for yourself and the representatives of the Company to determine whether such execution is to take the place of one which while equally inefficacious, would have the additional weight of a resolution of the Board of Control.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

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Halifax, N.S. Oct. 17th 1918.

Dear Mayor Hawkins,

We, both Mr. Brookfield and myself were much pleased with your letter but think if we could have Paragraph 2 Page 2 changed to read as per enclosed it would strengthen it very much and would be in accordance with the facts as the resolution is on the minutes of the Board approving of arbitration and the reason for the board refusing to approve is taken from the resolution in the minutes, I have seen Mr. Bell and he says he is perfectly agreeable to this if you approve of it. I wish you would ask your stenographer if she would copy this second page so that if you were willing you could approve of it.

R. McColl.

Negotiations contrived with the Board of Control in the hopes of having this body approve of these changes. A resolution was unanimously passed approving of arbitration and there seemed to be a feeling that it would be to the City's advantage to pay in cash handling their own bonds rather than giving the bonds to the company. The Board however finally resolved that in view of the present position of Civic Government the Board decides it does not feel disposed to consider any further changes in the undertaking between the Halifax Power Company and the City."

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Halifax, N/S. ----

S.M/Brookfield, Esq., President,
Halifax, Power Company.
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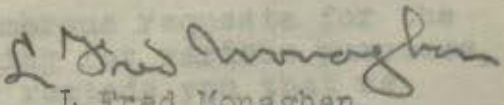
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A.C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

The Board adjourned.

A.C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.


L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 19th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay Hines and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Market -Use of by Shipyards and Poultry Show.
Exhibition Commission.
Edward Newell's Discharge from City Prison.
Robie Street -Heber Hartlen's Wells and Water Extension.
Robie Street (Longard Road) Heber Hartlen's Property.
Policeman Duncan McKenzies' Resignation.
Policeman.
Coal Weigher's Monthly report.
Bell Telephone Rates.
Thanks from Governor of Massachusetts for Address.
Oxford School Enlargement -Loan \$13,000.00
Railway Timetable-Night Street Railway Service.
Willow Street Sewer.
Explosion -Fireman William Wells.
Explosion-Painting Fire Stations Tenders.
Water Rates T.L.E. Peirs -jubilee Road.
Agricola Street.
Street Paving -Purchase of Asphalt.
Acadian School -Oathit Building Barrington Street.
Y.M.C.A Wooden Building Barrington Street.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer -G.M. Howard Property.
Street Railway Roadbed-Public Utilities Board.

CITY MARKET -USE OF BY SHIPYARDS AND
POULTRY SHOW.

Read letter Halifax Poultry and Pet Stock Association, as follows:-

Dartmouth, N.S. Nov. 15, 1918.

The Mayor and Board of Control,
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

In view of the numerous requests for the use of the City Market Building for various purposes, our Association respectfully reminds you that we are holding our Show in this building on December 2, 3, 4, and 5, as per our request of an earlier date.

Trusting that no other use of the building will be permitted for these dates, we remain,

THE HALIFAX POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSN.

Eugene L. Cote'
Secty.-Treas.

November 19th, 1918.

Also read letter Halifax Shipyards Ltd. as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 18, 1918.

Mayor A.C. Hawkins, M.D.
City Hall,
HALIFAX.

Dear Sir,-

We have received, through your City Clerk, advise of decision reached by your Board for privilege asked in our of 15th. to utilize part of the above building for our work, and beg to thank you for the prompt attention given this matter.

Immediately upon receipt of this notification, we made arrangements with your City Engineer to make a thorough inspection of the building, which we were able to do this morning. Following my conversation with you, I want carefully over the matter with our engineers of the elevated floor, and find that it will take us from five to six weeks to obtain the material necessary and to erect such a structure, and we feel that you will appreciate what this delay would mean to us.

In going into the matter this morning we find that the dimensions in the Public Market are greater than we were at first, advised, and that if granted the privilege of placing our platform on the ground floor, it would still be possible to allow a space of approximately 70 ft. of the full width of the Market, with an additional space running its full length, to a width approximately 40 ft.

The janitor of your Market was present during our inspection and felt that this space would be ample during the winter months to take care of market requirements. We feel it is the desire of your Board to render us any assistance possible in the work involved, and we, therefore would ask that you give this matter further consideration, and see if, under the circumstances you could permit us to utilize the south-east corner of the building, placing our platform on your present floor.

Your engineer pointed out that some privilege had been granted for an exhibit of poultry in this building, to be held early in December. We would endeavor to meet this situation as far as possible, so as to enable your Board to carry out their undertaking with this Association,

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and would be glad to discuss with them as to whether our dates could not be made to work in.

Again thanking you for the attention given this matter, and hoping to receive a favorable reply to the request made, we remain.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED.

J.E. McLurg,
General Manager.

Eugene L. Cote' Secretary of the Poultry Association addresses the Board.

Mr. Cote' is requested to interview the Manager of the Shipyards and endeavor to make mutually satisfactory arrangements for the occupancy of the building during the week of the proposed exhibition . Mr. Cote' agrees to do so.

It is unanimously decided to rent the portion of the main floor of the market building to the Halifax Shipyards Ltd, on the conditions, named at Board of Control meeting held on 16th. inst., provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for its occupancy by the Poultry Show. Dec. 2 - 5 and the Secretary is instructed to write the Shipyards accordingly.

EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

The ex. com. reported
The following vacancies on the Nova Scotia provincial Exhibition Commission, Controller Hines, 1918, Ex Alderman R.B. Colwell 1919, Ex Alderman W.G. Foley 1920.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by His Worship the Mayor that Controller Murphy and Alderman Godwin be appointed members of the Ex-

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Letter
J.E. McLurg

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hibition Commission. Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting on the ground that this Board has now authority to make the appointments.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor that Controller Hines be appointed a member of the Exhibition Commission.

Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting on the grounds that this Board has no authority to make the appointment.

EDWARD NEWELL'S DISCHARGE FROM CITY PRISON.

Read letter from Deputy Attorney General covering report from Ottawa re the discharge from the City Prison of a Military prisoner suffering from a venereal disease as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., 14th November, 1918

His Worship
Mayor Hawkins, Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir: -

I am directed to enclose a copy of a letter of the 21st ultimo to the Deputy Minister of Justice from the Deputy Minister of Militia, complaining in regard to certain alleged proceedings of yours in directing the discharge of a prisoner committed to the Halifax City Prison for a military offence.

The Deputy Minister of Justice points out that the particulars stated by the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence appear to describe a very remarkable assumption of authority on your part, the exercise of which might constitute the indictable offence of an escape.

The matter had been brought to the attention of this Department not only with a view to any proceedings which should be taken in the particular case, but so that proper steps may be taken to avoid repetition. This Department would be glad to hear from you in regard to the allegations contained in the letter of the Deputy Minister of Militia.

Fred. S. Mathers,
Deputy Attorney General.

Letter Exhibition
Commission ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
at Godwin ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
City Solicitor ✓
Council

November 19th, 1918.

OTTAWA, October 21st, 1918.

T/618 Driver E.V. Newell, C.P.A.S.C.

Sir,

I beg to bring to your attention the following facts regarding the release from Prison of No. T/618 Driver E.V. Newell, C.P.A.S.C.

"This man was admitted to Rockhead Military Hospital on the 28th of April, 1918, suffering from gonorrhoea. On the 4th of May he went absent without leave, and was apprehended on the 11th of June, and handed over to the civic authorities. When about to be sentenced he complained to Stipendiary Magistrate Fielding that he was still suffering from gonorrhoea, he was examined by the Rockhead Military Hospital and it was found that he had been cured of this disease. There were no signs at that time of any syphilis being present.

A report to this effect was sent to the Magistrate who, on the 22nd of June, 1918, sentenced Driver Newell to nine months imprisonment in the City Prison.

On August 9th the City medical officer discovered traces of syphilis in this man. Some time after this Driver Newell escaped and was apprehended by the civil police, and having been charged with escaping was convicted and sentenced to one month imprisonment commencing at the expiration of the previous sentence, and on the 17th of September the Governor of the City Prison telephoned the Officer Commanding the Rockhead Military Prison saying that he was going to send Newell to the Halifax Hospital. On this Officer requesting the authority by which the Governor of the Prison was taking this step he was informed that it was on the authority of Mayor Hawkins of Halifax. The Officer Commanding the Hospital who is in possession of all the facts, then informed the Governor of the prison that he would not receive Newell as a patient and instructions were given to refuse him admission to the Hospital.

On the same day, however, Newell was brought to the Hospital under guard from the City Prison; the guard on being told that he could not be taken in without authority from the Medical Officer the guard said "well my orders are to leave him here"

The guard then went out to the driveway of the Hospital, followed by Newell, where Newell was allowed to go free.

In view of the steps taken by the Mayor of Halifax in this case, it is requested that some action be taken.

Eug. Fiset,
Major General
Deputy Minister.

Referred to the City Solicitor to reply to.

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ROBIE STREET - HEBER HARTLEN'S WELLS AND WATER
EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S Nov. 18th 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

As agreed by the Board of Control, Controller Mur-
phy and the City Engineer went over the ground with
Mr. Hartlen on the 9th inst., noticing especially
the two ditches which Mr. Hartlen referred to. The
liability of the City is not changed, and I have
nothing further to add to my former report.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

Heber Hartlen appeared before the and addressed
the Board complaining of surface water from the City
Prison property running across Robie Street and flow-
ing into his wells polluting them.

In answer to questions Mr. Hartlen declined to
agree to pay \$40.00 a year for extension of the
City Water service to his property agree ably to
the City Engineer's report but said he would pay
\$75.00 a year if the City would extend the water
to the four cottages in his property.

The City Engineer stated the interest on the
outlay would cost the City much more than that.

Mr. Hartlen invited a delegation from the Board
to go out and inspect the situation at the present
time while it is raining and the water flowing.

Mr. Hartlen threatened an action at law against
the City.

The City Solicitor advised the Board that Mr.
Hartlen could not recover against the City for the
flow of surface water.

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Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer call for tenders for excavating a gutter on the West side of Robie Street which would divert the surface water from Mr. Hartlen's wells; also for trenching and back filling for water extension to Mr. Hartlen's property so that the Board may ascertain the probable cost of making such extension of it should be decided to do the work. Motion passed.

After the passing of the foregoing motion further discussion ensued and His Worship the Mayor and Controller Murphy were delegated to interview Mr. Hartlen and report.

ROBIE STREET (LONGARD ROAD) HEBER HARTLEN'S PROPERTY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N S. Nov. 18, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I sent Mr. DeWolfe and Mr. Fegan out to Mr. Hartlen's property to ascertain if the fence had been moved and the work done to the satisfaction of the City.

Mr. DeWolfe reports that the fence has been moved and placed on the property line. The resolution of the Board of Control on August 2, 1917 provided that when the work was completed Mr. Hartlen should give the City a release from all claims. When this has been done, he will be entitled to the sum of \$450.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Approved.

POLICEMAN DUNCAN MCKENZIES' RESIGNATION.

Read resignation Policeman Duncan McKenzie to take effect immediately. Accepted.

Engineer ✓

Mayor ✓
Cont Murphy ✓

Engineer ✓
Chief of works ✓
Auditor ✓

Chief of Police ✓

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POLICEMAN.

Read application Edward Quinn Freda for the position of Policeman.

Referred to the Chief of Police to confer with the Governor of the City Prison as to whether Freda's injured right hand would render him unsuitable as a Prison Underkeeper.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal weighers showing each man to have received \$91.07 for the month of October. Filed.

BELL TELEPHONE RATES.

Read correspondence between the Union of Canadian Municipalities and His Worship the Mayor, as follows:-

Montreal N o. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.

Ree Bell Telephone rates

Dear Sirs:-

Every municipality in Canada is either directly or indirectly interested in the general application of the Bell Telephone Company, to the Dominion Railway Board, to increase its rates 20% with other heavy charges.

Those in the prairie provinces being under government ownership of Telephones, naturally have only an indirect interest, but the others are all directly affected.

The first step in the hearing took place on the 5th inst, at Ottawa, when the Board granted the application of the municipalities for particulars. This will doubtless be followed by an inquiry into costs of materials and labor; and then will follow a general hearing.

The union is represented by Mr. W.D. Lighthall, K C., on instructions of the President Mayor Costello, of Calgary.

It is considered important by all the Counsels that the larger municipalities should send representatives to the next hearing, when called upon to do so by the Union, and you are requested to act accordingly.

*Chief of Police ✓
Governor Grant ✓*

Council

November 19th, 1918.

Those municipalities who has not paid their subscription to the union should remind themselves that the sinews of war are indispensable to carry on such a contest.

W.D. Lightall,
Hon. Secty-Treas. U.C.M.

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November, 18th, 1918.

W.D. Lightall, Esq.,
N o. Sec-Treas., Un/C.M.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I received your communication of 6th inst., re Bell Telephone rates. I will refer the communication to the Board of Control at an early meeting.

There was a general increase in the telephone rates here, by the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co. recently. After a hearing before the Board of Public Utilities, the City was given a hearing, but I am informed that scant attention was paid to the City's side of the question, and the general increased rates went into effect. I trust you will be more successful in your fight with the Bell Telephone people.

At the present writing I do not know that we have any particular interest in this matter, but can assure you that you at least have our best of good wished.

A. C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

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THANKS FROM GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS
FOR ADDRESS.

Read letter of appreciation from His Honor the Governor of Massachusetts of the address presented to him on November 8th inst. by the City of Halifax as follows:-

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE BOSTON.
13th November, 1918.

Hon. A.C. Hawkins,
Mayor, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

My dear Mayor Hawkins:-

Now that I have returned home permit me formally to thank you most heartily for the honor which the City of Halifax conferred upon me in the "Address" which you presented to me. I esteem it as a very real distinction and shall cherish it in the beautiful form in which you have presented it to me.

With my kindest personal regards, believe me,
Sincerely yours,
Samuel W. McCall.

November 19th, 1918.

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

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

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the Trustees of the Sinking Funds be requested to loan the City the \$13,000.00 required.

Motion passed.

RAILWAY TIMETABLE-NIGHT STREET RAILWAY.

Read letter and resolution Commercial Club, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 16th 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor

And
The Board of Control.
City of Halifax.

Sirs:-

By direction I enclose herewith copy of Resolution unanimously passed by the Commercial Club of Halifax at their last meeting.

As this is a matter that is of very vital importance to the travelling public we respectfully urge your co-operation with us in this connection.

A. MacKay,
Secretary.

Halifax, N.S. November 14, 1918.

WHEREAS the railway train of cars, known as the "Ocean Limited", has been arriving in Halifax at the hour of 12.30 o'clock, and later, at night,

AND WHEREAS this is a most inconvenient hour for passengers to secure accommodation in the City and a great amount of hardship has ensued by reason of the arrival of the train at this late hour,

*Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
Council*

November 19th, 1918.

AND WHEREAS amongst the passengers there is bound to be a number of persons in circumstances, which would not permit them hiring a taxi or other conveyance than a tram-car to bring them to their destination,

AND WHEREAS there is no tram car or cars to meet said train and accommodate such passengers,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the Commercial Club do urge upon the Management of the Canadian Government Railways that the running arrangement be so carried out that the said "Ocean Limited" may arrive in Halifax at an earlier hour to enable passengers to make use of the tram-cars and also to ensure arrival at their homes or destinations at suitable hours.

FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be brought to the attention of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited, with a view to seeing whether the said company cannot provide cars to meet said trains until the Canadian Government Railways has made the required change.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Management of the Canadian Government Railways at Ottawa and Moncton, and that a copy be sent to the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited, and also to the Board of Control of the City of Halifax.

Ordered to be acknowledged and filed.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read reports City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 8, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Attached is a further report on the drainage of St. John's Church on the north side of Willow Street west of Windsor Street. My information is that no drain was constructed at this building.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

MEMO FOR MR. DOANE.

A permit was taken out for a drain to connect St. John's Church on the north side of Willow Street, with the Windsor Street sewer. An excavation was made in Windsor Street from the sewer under the street railway track. The excavation was then filled in. I understand the reason for this was that the church authorities were informed by Mr. H. McC. Hart who claimed ownership to Willow Street, that he would

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St. John's Church
Windsor Street

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not allow them to open up a trench through this street. This was my understanding from some of the Church authorities.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Filed.

EXPLOSION-FIREMAN WILLIAM WELLS.

William Wells ex chauffeur of the Motor Fire Engine Patricia who was blown up with her in the explosion appeared before the Board stating that since the explosion nearly a year ago he has only received from the Relief Commission the sum of \$76.00 being two months grants of \$38.00 each month. During the past two months he has received nothing at all from them. It had cost him \$1600.00 more to repair his house after the explosion than the Relief Commission had allowed him.

It is decided to refer Mr. Well's case to the Advisory Committee to take up with the Relief Commission.

EXPLOSION -PAINTING FIRE STATIONS TENDERS.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers calling for tenders for painting six fire stations only one tender is received, that of J.D.Lavers & Co. as follows:-

Central Engine House	\$518.40
West Street Engine House	
Bedford Row Engine House	719.87
Grafton Street Engine House	
Quinpool Road Engine House	332.00
Morris Street Engine House	525.73

The tender was accompanied by deposit cheques for \$51.48, \$71.98, \$33.20 and \$52.57.

Referred to the Chief of the Fire Department and the City Engineer for report.

*John Johnston
Relief Comm
Nov 26/18*

*Chief Fire Dept
Engineer*

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WATER RATES T.L.E. PEIRS-JUBILEE ^{Road} GRAD.

Read report City Engineer, as follows;-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 5, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Mr. T.L.E. Peirs has applied to the Board for a reduction in the rate paid by him for water, to which he claims he believes he is entitled.

The history of water extension which enabled Mr. Peirs to obtain a supply, is somewhat involved. The Halifax Realty Corporation applied for an extension of the water service through Connaught Avenue before any houses were erected on that street. The extension was made on a bond given by that corporation for the payment of \$170.55, the estimated interest at 5% on the outlay, and the pipe was laid. The applicants were assured that if any other water takers benefited by the extension of the water pipe through Connaught Avenue, they would get a corresponding reduction in the annual charge.

Since the pipe was laid, water takers who have erected houses on Jubilee Road, subsequent to the extension of the pipe through Connaught Avenue, have contributed an annual assessment of \$93.69. Mr. Peirs contributing \$25, Mr. Furness \$25, Mr. Wilson \$25, and Mrs. Regan \$18.69 reducing the liability of the Halifax Realty Corporation to \$76.86

When the pipe was extended to Mr. Peir's property, he was required to pay \$25, to help out the Halifax Realty Corporation because at that time there was only one house getting the benefit of the extension for which they were paying, and he could not get the water service except through the extension on which they were paying interest. When the extension was made down Jubilee Road to Mr. Furness's property, he also contributed \$25.00 a year.

When the matter was being considered by the Board of Control, in the absence of accurate estimates they made a guess at the reduction which should be made to Mr. Peirs in consequence of a portion of the extension being common to the service of both houses, namely that of Mr. Peirs and Mr. Furness. As a matter of fact, in consequence of their decision Mr. Peirs has been charged somewhat less than he should be required to pay; consequently, I do not consider that he has any legitimate complaint.

Recently, however, an extension of the service has been made on Jubilee Road from Oxford Street west. The police of the City has been to charge property owners in the suburbs only sufficient to meet the expenditure, which was estimated until quite recently at 5% per annum.

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The bond of the Halifax Realty Corporation will expire on Oct. 2nd, 1921, and the liability of Mr. Piers and Mr. Furness for \$25, on that account will expire at that time. The bond of Mr. Piers and Mr. Furness will expire in 1923. The rate paid by four property owners on Jubilee Road is \$24.17 per annum. The revenue from the extension of the pipe on Jubilee Road pays more than the interest on the outlay at 5% and I would recommend that the annual charge for water service to Mr. Piers and Mr. Burness be reduced to \$24.17 per annum until the bond is cancelled or a further re-adjustment made.

There is one other point which I have not dealt with in this report, namely the claim that Mr. Piers makes that the extension to Rosebank Avenue was made more economically in consequence of the extension that supplies Mr. Piers. Mr. Johnston, in reporting on this matter under date Apr. 22nd 1918 stated that the pipe was laid from a junction with Mr. Piers pipe as a matter of 'economy'. He was unfortunate in the use of the word. He should have used the word 'expediency.' As a matter of fact, the length of pipe would have been shorter if a junction had been made with the Connaught Avenue main, but in the judgment of Mr. Johnston and the Superintendent of the Water Department the plan adopted will give a better service, although the cost was somewhat greater than the junction with the Connaught Avenue main would have been. Mr. Piers' conclusion is a natural one, but the circumstances show that his understanding of the facts was misleading through no fault of his own.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

The report is approved and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Piers.

AGRICOLA STREET.

William Wells verbally complained of the muddy condition of Agricola Street north from West Young Street.

Referred to the City Engineer.

STREET PAVING - PURCHASE OF ASPHALT.

Read report Clerk of Works as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for confirmation of pay-

32 E Piers ✓
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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ment, an account of The Elder Ebano Asphalt Co. Limited for \$2460.32 covering shipment of 74½ Tons Asphalt the purchase of which had been previously authorized by your Board.

The above material was shipped to order, and a Sight Draft with invoice and Documents attached drawn against shipment. To save charges for demurrage accumulating other than what shippers agreed to pay (and which you will note is deducted) it was necessary to make immediate payment.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The account is passed for payment.

ACADIAN SCHOOL-OUTHIT BUILDING BARRINGTON STREET.

Read letter T.F. Tobin, M/C. as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 18th, 1918.

B.H. Bell, Esq., K.C.,
Barrister & Solicitor,
Redden Building, City.

Dear Mr. Bell,

You will remember in relation to the property purchased by Nickerson & Crease Ltd. from the School Board, that Mr. Outhit was a tenant of the Barrington Street premises under a lease which was referred to in Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1891. This lease expired on the 1st April 1916. It was for a period of twenty-five years from the 1st April 1891. A notice to quit was given to Mr. Outhit by the City in November 1917 requiring him to vacate the premises on or before the 1st May 1918. Mr. Outhit is still in possession of the premises and refuses to vacate.

Will you kindly tell me what arrangement the City made with Mr. Outhit after the expiry of the twenty-five year lease referred to in the Statute mentioned, and whether or not the agreement was in writing. If so, will you kindly let me have a copy

I should be extremely obliged if you would kindly give me particulars of the agreement, if no written lease was made. The notice to quit requires Mr. Outhit to vacate on the 1st May 1918, but the lease expired on the 1st April 1916, not the 1st May.

I, assume, therefore, that some new arrangement was made with him whereby he was to occupy the premises at a fixed rental. I am instructed this rental was \$2000. per annum. I would like very much for you to verify this, stating how it was payable.

Thanking you in advance for the information, which you may see is extremely important from my client's standpoint.

T.F. Tobin.

Referred to the City Clerk for report.

Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓

B/c ✓

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WOODEN
Y.M.C.A./BUILDING BARRINGTON STREET.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
as follows:-

Halifax, November 7th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk.
Dear Sir;

Your favor of the 5th inst. is at hand contain-
ing extract from Board of Control Minutes of the 29th ult
In reply I have to advise you that this matter had not
yet come before our Board, but will be dealt with
at our next meeting on the 12th inst.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

C. J. Burchell ✓
The Secretary is instructed to write C. J. Burchell
asking that he may be pleased to furnish this Board
with a copy of the guarantee he informed the Board
he had obtained from the Fire Underwriters that
insurance rates in the neighborhood of the proposed
building would not be increased if the structure
were erected.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER - G. M. HOWARD PROPERTY.

Read letter Henry Rogers Harris and Stewart as
follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 8th 1918.

The City Clerk
City Hall,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Engineer ✓
Mr. G. W. Howard appeared before the Board of
Control on October 29th with respect to the route,
through his property, for the North West Arm Trunk
Sewer. Mr. Howard is leaving town, and has put into
our hands the matter of further negotiations with
the City.

When the matter is to come up before the Board
of Control or the City Council, if we are notified,
we will give the matter the necessary attention.

Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart,
by R. V. H.

Referred to the City Engineer.

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STREET RAILWAY ROADBED-PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 8th, 1918.

Mr. L.F. Monaghan, ~~xxxx~~,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of an extract from the minutes of the Board of Control of the City of Halifax held on the 29th ult. in reference to the above matter.

As this communication is not filed as a formal complaint as laid down by the rules of procedure, the Board will only be able to take the same up informally with the company, which course it will follow immediately.

L.B. Taylor,
Secretary.

Filed.

The Board adjourned.

A.C. Hawkins,
MEMOR.

L. Fred Monaghan
L. Fred Monaghan.
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 21st, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Erection New Hospital Building-Camp Hill.
Dangerous Building Cor. Almon and Gottingen Streets.
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D.G. Stewart's Account.
Chairman.
Halifax Shipyards Limited Agreement *Market-Building.*
Coburg Road.
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Chairman.
Salary City Medical Officer.
School Commissioners.
Plumbing under Health Rules-Mrs. Joanna Patton.
Oakland Road.
Excavation Kempt Road. *Up water street-encroachment by*
Dom. Gen. Freight shed etc
Superannuation, A. MacKenzie.
Heber Hartlen Account \$40.00
314 Barrington Street-Water Supply.
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Fire Escapes City Home.
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William Wells Loss by Explosion.
Explosion -City Hall Furniture Repairs.
City Lighting Contract.
Water Extension -16 Islesville Street.
Accounts.

ERECTION NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING-CAMP HILL.

The City Engineer appeared before the Board and verbally reported the encroachment by the Hospital Commission in erecting a new addition to the hospital on Camp Hill. He informed the Board that the proposed building will be over two of the City's water mains.

The matter is left in the hands of the City Engineer to take immediate action.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING COR. ALMON AND GOTTINGEN STS.

Mr. C.W. Hayward appeared before and addressed the Board, informing them that he is waiting for Mr. Rogers of the Relief Commission to return to the City in order to be reimbursed. He stated that he is willing to comply with any reasonable suggestion the Board may make.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the Board allow the matter to stand over with the undertaking from Mr. Hayward that immediate steps will be taken to provide against any possible accident. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

TENDERS FOR POTATOES-CITY HOME.

Tenders for potatoes for the City Home are received and opened from the following:-
Halifax Fish, Oil and Supply Co,
Black and Flinn,
Jos. Wood and Company.
The Moser Bollong Co. Ltd.
J.F. Outhit and Son.

The tenders are referred to the Superintendent of the City Home for report.

D.G. STEWART'S ACCOUNT.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 21st, 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on Mr. D.G. Stewart's account, that there is, roughly, about eight thousand dollars due him now on work he has done in repairing damage caused by the explosion.

A contract was made with Mr. Stewart and Mr. Lownds to repair all damage caused on Dec. 6th, 1917. Considerable of this work is still unfinished.

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We have made a careful estimate of the sum yet required to complete the work, and I beg to report that we shall require not less than \$45,000, in which the \$8000, referred to, is included.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

Engineer
Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that this report be lay on the table until the next meeting of the Board when the original plans and specifications will be submitted by the City Engineer.

CHAIRMAN. His Worship the Mayor leaves the meeting. Controller Murphy takes the chair.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED AGREEMENT. *Market-Building*

Read form of agreement submitted by the City Engineer, as follows:-

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Made in duplicate this day of November A.D. 1918,

BETWEEN:

THE CITY OF HALIFAX, a body corporate, hereinafter called the City of the First Part,

and

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED, a body corporate, hereinafter called the Company, of the Second Part,

WITNESSETH as follows:-

1. The City hereby grants leave and license to the Company to make use of the Market Building on Market Street in the City of Halifax in the manner and on the terms hereinafter set out:

2. The Company is here by ~~XXXXX~~ permitted to lay a floor over the floor of the building in the south-east corner thereof, measuring one hundred and fifty feet in length by fifty feet in width, leaving the south door of the building clear, such floor to be so constructed that there shall be no projecting parts and that it shall not interfere with the use of the remainder of the floor for any purpose whatever, and also so constructed that it shall not injure the floor, walls or any other part of the building:

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3. The said floor shall be completely removed and the building cleared and vacated by the Company on or before the 1st day of May, 1919:
4. The operations of the Company shall not interfere in any way with the use of the remainder of the building:
5. Any damage done in any way by the Company or through the operations of the Company from any cause whatever shall be made good by the Company to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
6. No alteration in any part of the building or the equipment thereof shall be made without the consent in writing of the City Engineer:
7. Any additional artificial lighting required by the Company shall be installed and provided by the Company at its expense:
8. Arrangements shall be made mutually satisfactory to the Company and to the Halifax Poultry and Pet Stock Association for the use of the building for holding a poultry show on December 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1918, and the work and material of the company shall be so arranged that it will not interfere with the holding of such show; If the Company and the Association are unable to agree in respect to such arrangement the City Engineer shall decide any point in dispute in connection with such agreement:
9. If the building is not cleared and vacated by the Company on the 1st day of May, 1919 the City may remove the said floor and any other erection, structure or property placed by the Company in the building, and the cost of such removal shall be borne by the Company and may be recovered by the City by action.
10. The Company agrees to pay a rent of Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars a month beginning on the 1st day of December and upon each succeeding first day of the month until it has ceased to occupy the building:
11. The Company hereby accepts the leave and license hereby granted and agrees to pay the said rental on the first day of each and every month during which it occupies the building and to conform to all the terms and conditions herein set out:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE parties hereto have executed these presents on the date above writted.

Executed in the presence of)
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Engineer ✓
It is decided to charge the Halifax Shipyards Limited the sum of \$500. per month rental - to be charged from December 1st, 1918.

COBURG ROAD.

Read letter J.B.Kenny, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. No.v 20th ,1918.

Board of Control.
City Hall,
City.

Dear Sirs:-

In China, I believe, once a building, roadway, etc. is constructed, it is left to take care of itself and is never repaired.

That seems to be the principle upon which the City treats Coburg Road below Oxford Street. So far as I know, the City has done nothing to repair the roadway since it was re-constructed, and that is many years ago.

A model piece of road making over the railway bridge and its approaches makes a painful contrast, and brings into relief the wretched state of the roadway up the hill from the bridge.

I spoke this summer, while the Cook Construction ~~offi~~ were at work on the roadway, over the Bridge, to one of the City Officials about the condition of the road, and he made the excuse that the City could not get men to do the work. I suggested to him that, as the Cook Construction had their men and plant on the spot, the City should employ them to continue up the hill. But as such a thing had never been done before, of course, it was out of the question.

I think if your Board would take a look at the roadway, you would come to the conclusion that it is a disgrace to the City. And this is one of the principal thoroughfares, especially during the summer months, and one over which strangers visiting the North West Arm must go. Is it any wonder that Halifax is rapidly becoming a by-word throughout the country?

J.B.Kenny.

J.B. Kenny ✓
Engineer ✓
The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to inform Mr. Kenny that the matter has been referred to the City Engineer for attention.

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WINDSOR STREET.

Controller Hines called the attention of the Board to the bad condition of Windsor Street. Referred to the City Engineer.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor returns to the meeting and takes the chair.

SALARY CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read report City Treasurer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 20th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,
and
Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to report in re Superannuation payment of City Medical Officer. The date of Dr. Almons appointment was July 1st, 1914 at a salary of \$1200. per annum.

He will have paid into the official Superannuation Fund to Dec 1 1918 ~~on~~ 4% on the amount of salary received (\$5300) viz \$212.00

"Any official or employee who has contributed to the funds for not less than two years and who if appointed annually fails of reappointment shall be entitled to receive from the fund in one payment an amount equal to the whole of his contribution without interest.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

Referred back to the City Treasurer to have report of the City Auditor attached.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Read letter A.S. Barnstead, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. 20th November, 1918

The City Clerk,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge your letter of 16th November relative to appointment of School Commissioners. Same will be placed before Mr. Murray on his return to the city.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

Engineer ✓

Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
Dr W Balwin ✓

Secretary ✓
School Board ✓
Cmt Taylor ✓
Cmt Hines ✓
Solicitor ✓
Council ✓

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PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES-MRS. JOANNA PATTON.

Read letter Mrs. Joanna Patton, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 19/18

His Worship the Mayor and Controllers,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:-

I have received a bill regarding a drain at number twenty-nine Gottingen Street. Previously to receipt of said bill, I received instructions from the City Engineer to run drain to Maitland Street, which I have since done; this work was passed on by the Inspector as being properly done. The drains of numbers 19, 21, 23 and 25 Gottingen Street run in the same direction, and there has been no trouble with re them. I do not understand why I should be expected to pay for two drains; I am a widow and find it sufficiently hard to manage.

Trusting you will give this your very kind consideration.

Joanna Patton

The communication is referred to the City Collector for report.

OAKLAND ROAD

and City Solicitor

Read reports City Engineer/ as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir

In compliance with the attached Minute of the Board of Control I beg to report that Mr. Bell, the City Solicitor, gave an opinion that the expropriation proceedings vested the property covered by the extension of Oakland Road, in the City of Halifax. A copy of the opinion is attached.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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Halifax, Oct. 29, 1918.

H.W. Johnston Esq., C.E.,
Asst. City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

The conclusion at which we arrived when this question was discussed, was that the expropriation of the road was valid. The property

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had been assessed for years in the name of Mr. McDonald and the taxes paid by him. The expropriation proceedings were taken without objection by either Mr. or Mrs. Macdonald and the road used as such ever since, and consequently it would be too late for Mrs. Macdonald now to take any objection to the expropriation - as a matter of fact, she is not taking any, but Mr. McDonald is. He apparently wishes to be considered here agent when it suits him, but not otherwise. Our Act, vesting the title by expropriation is a very distinct, and before Mrs. Macdonald could assert any rights, I should think it would be necessary to take some steps to re-vest the title in her, which I doubt could be done.

It appears to me that the only course open is to regard our expropriation as effectual and so inform the Cook ~~Genetruet~~ Company that we will stand behind them in the event of Mrs. Macdonald taking any action against them.

F.H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

*Engineer
Solicitor ✓*

~~The~~ Referred to the City Solicitor to make necessary reply to Mr. Macdonald.

EXCAVATION KEMPT ROAD.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 8, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I received a report this mornign that workmen were excavating across Kempt Road. With Controller Murphy I went out to investigate, and found that a force of workmen were making an excavation across the road several feet below the surface, with a trolley track laid through it.

The excavation is immediately north of the bridge of the Halifax & South Western Railway. I enquired from the Foreman on the work what it meant. He stated that he was acting under instructions from the engineers of the Canadian Government Railways, and that it was proposed to put in a "Y" connecting the old main line with the terminals.

Apparently it is proposed to alter the grade of the road, but I can only guess at what the plan involves. The work has not been mentioned to me or to Mr. Johnston by any person previous today. The City has been ignored entirely by the engineers and other authorities of the Canadian Government Railways. Coming, as it does, after the action of the engineers earlier in the season in

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doing work exactly contrary to my direction, contrary to the request of the City and contrary to what the City Officials understood had already been approved, and on other occasions doing work on the streets, relaying sewers and making other alterations to the disapproval of the City Engineer, I feel that I, as City Engineer, am absolutely ignored by the authorities of the Canadian Government Railways, and I make this report to you for your information so that if you desire, some action may be taken that will protect the City's interests.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer

The matter is left in the hands of the City Engineer and City Solicitor to make proper representations to the heads of the Government

Departments.

Building act Violations by Dominion Govt - Freight shed etc

Also read letter Hon. A.K. MacLean in reply to the City Solicitor, re encroachment by Dominion Government on Upper Water Street, ^{etc} as follows:-

Ottawa, October 23rd, 1918.

F.H. Bell, Esq.,
City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Bell.

I enclose herewith you a copy of a letter which I have received from the Deputy Minister of Railways, in reference to the subject matter of your letter to me of October 4th instant.

I shall write you in the course of a few days respecting the wooden shingles being placed on the building south of the Custom House by the Department of Militia & Defence.

I am asking Mr. Bell to instruct Mr. Hayes, the General Manager of the C.G.R., to call in and see you when next in Halifax, in respect of the matter referred to in your letter.

A.K. MacLean.

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October 18th, 1918.

Dear Mr. MacLean:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

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your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. F.H. Bell, City Solicitor of Halifax, together with the plan attached, drawing attention to the disregard of the building regulations of the City by officials in the erection of an alterations to Government buildings; particular reference being made to the new temporary wooden freight shed which, it appears, encroaches on Water Street.

I have carefully gone over Mr. Bell's letter and agree with him that all by-laws and regulations of the City should be complied with when Government works are being carried out, unless, in a particular case, the same cannot be adhered to owing to the circumstances and that in all cases the officials in charge of the work should consult with the proper civic officials.

I am taking this matter up with Mr. C.A. Hayes, General Manager, Canadian Government Railways, Eastern Lines, and I trust there will be no cause of complaint in the future.

Engineer

I return Mr. Bell's letter and attached plan I also return the copy of letter forwarded with your letter of the 11th instant, as this would appear to be a matter concerning the Department of Militia and Defence who are apparently making the alterations in the building referred to.

G.A. Bell.

Filed.

HEBER HARTLEN ACCOUNT \$40.00

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering account from Heber Hartlen for \$40. claimed to be due him for work done in clearing the stone in the roadway of Robie Street north of Lady Hammond Road.

As your Board is aware, last winter there were several heavy falls of snow which at times and until beaten down, made several of the roads leading from the City, practically impassable. Robie Street from Lady Hammond Road north, with the exception of two houses in the immediate vicinity of the latter road, was not used by the general public, but only by Mr. Hartlen and his tenant.

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Mr. Hartlen complained at this office about the condition of this road, and was informed that owing to the necessity of concentrating all the labour and funds available on the streets used by the general public, Robie Street could not be attended to until these were cleared. In the meantime, according to Mr. Hartlen's statement, he put his own men to work clearing the road.

I would consider that it would be an extremely bad precedent for the Board to adopt, to reimburse any citizen who, without any control or check might elect to do work of this description.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

Engineer ✓

It is decided to leave the matter in the hands of the City Engineer and that he see ex-Mayor Martin to see if any authority was given Mr. Hartlen to do the work.

314 BARRINGTON STREET - WATER SUPPLY.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 31 1918

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

I beg to report on the complaint of the director of canteen service, American Red Cross, that the house #314 Barrington Street is supplied with water through a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch service pipe. It was intended only to give a supply for domestic purposes for a dwelling house, and is insufficient in size to convey the water required by the canteen. The Superintendent of the Water Department estimates that it would require a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe to give the supply which the Red Cross Association expects.

Engineer ✓

The City does not supply pipe at the cost to the general tax payer, larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and the property owner must provide at his own expense, any larger pipe required. Where a small pipe is called upon to run full bore, it is certain that water cannot be drawn upstairs while it is being drawn on the lower floor.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer to take the matter up with the owners of the property, suggesting that they make the necessary alteration.

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MAINTENANCE MILITARY PRISONERS -CITY PRISON.

Read report Col W.E.Thompson as follows:-

HEADQUARTERS, Military District No. 6,
Halifax, N.S. 6th Nov. 1918.

To- L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the question of cost of maintenance of military prisoners in the City Prison, Halifax, N.S. Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, now advise by wire that the matter is before the Privy Council, where it is expected a decision in favour will be given.

W.E.Thompson, Colonel,
Asst. Adjt. General, Military District
No. 6.

Filed.

HAZELWOOD SANITORIUM.

Controller Hines asked that the work of repairing Hazlewood Sanitorium, on the City Home property be commenced immediately.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer instruct Mr. Stewart to proceed with the necessary repairs at once. Motion passed.

FIRE ESCAPES CITY HOME.

Controller Hines informed the Board that the Fire Escape at the City Home were in a dangerous condition. The City Engineer is instructed to call for tenders to make necessary repairs.

SUPERANNUATION A. MACKENZIE.

Read report Trustees of Superannuation Fund as follows:-

Col W.E. Thompson ✓

*Engineer ✓
J.H. Buchanan ✓*

*Engineer ✓
J.H. Buchanan ✓*

November 21st, 1918.

Halifax, Nov. 20m1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,
and
Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I am informed by Chief of Fire Department that A. McKenzie ~~has~~ joined the department Nov. 19th, 1915 and resigned Sept. 1st, 1918.

Memo of His account.

Nov. 19th 1915 to May 1st 1916-	5 months 11 days	@ \$12. per week	\$277.00
May 1st, 1916 to May 1st 1917	1 year	@ 13.50 per week	702.00
" " 1917 to " " 1918	1 year	@ 15.00 per week	780.00
" " 1918 to Sept. 1st 1918	4 months	@ 20.00 per week	346.66
Total Salary			<u>2105.66</u>
@ 4% paid in for Superannuation fund of which he is entitled to one half without interest			<u>84.22</u>
			\$42.11

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

The report is adopted.

LIGHTS OUT - COR. SOUTH AND LEMARCHANT STREETS.

Controller Murphy reported to the Board that he had received a complaint from Mr. Cook that the light at the corner of South and LeMarchant Street has been out for three weeks., he also complained of lack of police protection.

WM. WELLS LOSS BY EXPLOSION.

Read letter Wm. Wells, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 19th, 1918.

Your Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.
Dear Sifs:-

I hereby make an appeal to you to take up this matter on my behalf with Mr. Rogers of the Halifax Relief Commission.

My home was completely destroyed by the explosion and all I received for my loss was \$1600. The foundation of my house and an out-building I used as a garage was also destroyed I got nothing

Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

Electrician ✓
Chief of Police ✓

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for it.

I think my loss should have been considered a little better owing to the prices of material.

If you will give this matter a little attention you will greatly oblige.

Wm. Wells,
328 Agricola Street.

Referred to the Relief Advisory Committee to take up with the Relief Commission.

EXPLOSION- CITY HALL FURNITURE REPAIRS.

Read letter C.A. Leverman offering to do the repairs to furniture in the City Hall, damaged by the Explosion. Filed.

CITY LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Controller Murphy complained of the lack of street lighting due to the fact that lights reported out remain so for weeks at a time.

The City Electrician is instructed to make a report on the present system of street lighting.

WATER EXTENSION -16 ISLESVILLE STREET.

The City Engineer is instructed to report on the matter of extending water to #16 Islesville Street from connection at Adams property next door.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens, ^{are} passed for payment.:-

<u>Public Gardens.</u>		
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationary	\$10.25
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Phone	10.00
Henry A. Dreer	Plants	79.00
Thomas J. Egan	Revolver & ctgs.	15.25
S.C. Thompson	Forage	41.00
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		\$ 155.50

The Board adjourned.

A.C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

M. Langdon
M. Langdon,
Acting Secretary.

R.P. Bell ✓

*C.A. Leverman ✓
J.H. Buchanan ✓*

*Electrician ✓
Engineer ✓*

Engineer ✓

Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

Nov. 26th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Police Uniform Caps.
Dancing Hall 627 Barrington Street.
Influenza Hospital -Lownds Account.
City Prison Underkeepers.
Police Motor Patrol Waggon.
City Home -Tenders for Produce.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
City Medical Officer.
Account School for Blind.
Street Sweeping Machinery.
Policemen.
Police Motor Patrol Driver.
Loose Paper on Streets.
Streets Gutters Obstructed.
Street Lights.
Abattoir.
Quinn Street.
Explosion Street Cleaning.
War -Municipal Loans.

POLICE UNIFORM CAPS.

The Chief of Police submitted to the Board samples of Police Uniform Winter Caps at prices ranging from \$4.00 each to \$6.50 each. The appearance of the caps is inspected by trying them upon two policemen the Chief had present for the purpose.

It is decided to instruct the Chief of Police to purchase from Frank Colwell the required quantity of uniform fur caps as per sample shown at \$4.00 each.

DANCING HALL 627 BARRINGTON STREET.

Edward W. Earle appeared before the Board asking permission to operate a dancing hall at No. 627 Barrington Street.

*Chief of Police
Council*

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The Chief of Police being asked for his opinion states that he is not in favor of permitting the running of a dance hall there under any conditions. In his opinion it is not a proper place to be allowed to be run in the City if the question of the protection of your girls is to be considered.

Chief of Police ✓

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the occupants of the premises at the South-east Corner of Jacob and Barrington Street be not permitted to operate a dance hall there. Motion passed.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL - LOWNDS ACCOUNT.

The following report from the City Auditor is presented:-

Halifax N.S., Nov. 25th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
The Board of Control,
and Health Board.

Gentlemen:-

I have been requested ~~to~~ by His Worship the Mayor to make a formal report in the above matter and in accordance therewith, I beg to report and state as follows:

This Bill is payable on Health Board account as appears under Acts 1908, Chap; 75 Sec. 791 and calls for the expenditure of the sum of \$3846.83 as passed by the Health Board, to which later was added..... 82.50 and passed by the Board of Control..... 3929.33 but in both Boards it met opposition as is shown by the Minutes.

When the Bill reached ^{me} it was ready for payment with the exception of the signature of Auditor, which I was supposed to add.

On casual examination of the bill, I found Nails charged @ 8.13 and @ 9.37 and knowing that Nails can be bought for cash on a basis of 5.60 at the time and even if purchased from the City, which any Department can do by placing ^{order} on the book, @ 5.90 contract price, on this account I held the bill up pending further enquiry and paid Mr. Lownds

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\$1,964.67 as re represented he needed money to meet bills.

The Bill calls for payment of Beaver Board @ \$55. per M. which I can purchase at \$40. Dimension Spruce @ \$50. per M. which I can purchase at \$35. less 2%. Sheathing @ \$65. per M. which I can purchase at \$50. less 2%. Flooring which I can purchase at \$45. less 2%

These figures will give you a general idea of prices ever charged and value received for material supplied. The prices charged by Mr. Lownds for material supplied are larger than the prices for which the Lumber Contractor billed him.

Mr Lownds in explanation of the charges made told me that he did not ask prices from the Lumber Contractor but left the order and knew prices would be right.

At an interview between the parties interested and myself, the Lumber Contractor, whose prices were higher than I have quoted, stated after consultation with his office that he could give no closer prices.

A member of the Hardware Firm who supplied these goods told me that all the discount Mr. Lownds got was 2% for cash, no trade discount or any other.

Mr. Lownds bill for labor are as follows:-

Carpenter	paid 50¢	charged 65¢
Painters	" 55¢	" 70¢
Laborers	" 40¢	" 55¢
Washwomen	" 30¢	" 45¢

and told me he was charging on each hour's time 15¢ more than he paid.

Total hours 3318 for which he paid.....\$1,606.50

to which he adds 15¢ per hour..... 497.70

2,104.20

but produces no vouchers for help paid merely his own time book as he states.

This work was entered into without a written Contract on the part of either party but deemed at least by the Chairian of the Helth Board, to be on the same basis as work doen at the City Hall namely 12½% although Mr. Lownds makes up his bill in this case, on a totally different basis, taking each item and adding at his own discretion, what he considers, first, will pay for the material purchased and then, his profit.

As I have been unable to get wither the original bills for material supplied from Mr. Lownds or get any copy of same, I am unable to state what his supplies cost according to bills produced, neither am I in a position to state what I consider a fair amount to be yet due on this bill.

On July 20th last Mr. Lownds was paid for work done on the City Hall \$677.06 and from that date until 2nd Nov. inst \$10,142.34 on a basis of 12½% or approximately \$9.000 for cash disbursed and his percentage \$1,125. and I can see no good reason why he should be paid a larger percentage profit in this case.

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I find that the Dominion of Canada pay here 10% and I know personally that the City pays all legitimate bills promptly, consequently the element of delay and risk does not enter into the proposition.

It would seem to me that if the City had supplied the material it would have been more in line with the views ~~ex~~ so ably expressed by His Worship the Mayor in an interview with the Chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission, at which I was present, when he severely condemned contracts entered into by the School Board.

For the reasons stated and ~~tee~~ others that have come to my attention since I took this matter up, I am of the opinion that Mr. Lownds' account is exorbitant and payment of any balance due should be contested.

W.W. Foster,
City Auditor.

His Worship the Mayor took exception to paragraph two and stated that the intimation therein that the Board of Control had added \$82.50 to the Lownds account after the bill had passed the Board of Health was inaccurate.

City Auditor ✓
The balance of the report is not read to the meeting and the whole report is referred back to the City Auditor for an explanation of his statement as to the \$82.50

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPERS.

Read report Governor City Prison as follows:-

Halifax, N.S.,

To His Worship the Mayor
Members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that Ernest Homes Leworthy and Ed John Edward Merrill in my opinion are not suitable men for underkeepers at the City Prison.

I also regret to report that Fred Balch, night guard is not suited for the position as his hearing is becoming very defective,, he is also very nervous, consequently he is unable to perform the duties required of the night guard.

George Grant.

The Governor is authorized to deal with his re-

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commendations as he deems fit and report to the Board.

Read application Ira J. Ingraham for position of Underkeeper at City Prison as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 25/18

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I the undersigned do hereby make application for the position of underkeeper at the City Prison.

I resigned in Feb. 1918, as the wages then were entirely inadequate to support my family. On my being elected to the position again, I would ask to have my superannuation begin where it left off in Feb. my service there being one year and nine months.

Ira J. Ingraham.

On motion Ingraham is appointed an Underkeeper and the matter of his participation in the Superannuation fund is referred to the Trustees of the Officials Superannuation Fund for report.

Read application J. Barrett, 13 Oak Street for position of night guard at City Prison.

It is decided to employ Mr. Barrett if the Governor of the Prison recommends him for the position.

Governor Grant verbally reports that Underkeeper Robinson whose family live in New Glasgow and who has only been in the employ six weeks has twice gone to his home during that time being away from duty from Saturday until Monday at 11 o'clock, on one occasion without leave.

The Governor is instructed to deal with Mr. Robinson in case of future violation of discipline

City Treasurer

Governor City Prison

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POLICE MOTOR PATROL WAGGON.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 26, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir,

Mr. LeClair has made a thorough inspection of the police patrol car and reports that the springs are entirely too light and that with three men in the rear of the wagon, the mud guards come down on the tires. Considerably heavier springs will be necessary to enable the Department to use the wagon as required.

Mr. LeClair also suggests that the horn is similar to a great many other horns in the City, but he does not know whether any special horn was mentioned in purchasing the machine.

F.W.W.Doane,
City Engineer.

The Chief of Police verbally reports that the photograph of the car showed a buffer bar which is not supplied on the car delivered and in his opinion a buffer is necessary.

The Chief of Police is instructed to notify Mr. W.L.Kane, the Contractor for selling the Car to attend or send a representative to an inspection of the car by the Chief of Police and City Engineer.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR PRODUCE.

Read report Superintendent City Home as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 25th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report re Tenders for potatoes and turnips for the City Home.

"SEALED TENDERS addressed to His Worship the Mayor will be received at Officer of City Clerk up to 10 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, November 21st, inst, for the supplying of 1000 bushels of potatoes, more or less, to the City Home.

Chief of Police ✓
City Engineer ✓
W. L. Kane ✓

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Price to be for Reds and Calicoes. The Board of Control to have the option of accepting a portion of the quantity required in Reds or Calicoes or accepting the full compliment in Reds or Calicoes. Potatoes to be free from rot, 60 lbs to the bushel, and to be delivered at the City Home at the expense of the contractor. Potatoes to be delivered in sacks, sacks to be returned to the contractor.

ALSO 50 Bushels of turnips under the same conditions as above."

BY ORDER,
(Sgd) JAMES O'BRYAN
SECRETARY."

John F. Outhit & Son
C.W. Outhit
Nickers n & Crease.
R.J. Whidden & Co.
Hendrys Limited
Cahill & Co.
A.J. Burke & Co.
Black & Flinn
John Wood & Co.
H.H. Banks.
Wnetzells Limited.
Bollong & Moser.
Halifax Fish Oil & Supply Co.
John Tobin & Co.
Bauld Bros. Limited.

The following offers have been received:

The Moser, Bollong Co. Ltd.	Calicoes	\$1.15	per bus.
	Turnips	65	" "
John F Outhit & Son.	Reds & Blues	1.13 ¹ / ₃	" "
	Turnips	75	" "
Halifax Fish Oil & Supply Co.	Calicoes	1.10	" "
	Turnips	60	" "
Joseph Wood & Co. (Reds or Calicoes at their own option)		1.06 ⁶ / ₁₀	" "
	Turnips	65	" "
Black & Flinn	Calicoes	1.12	" "
	Reds	1.05	" "

Since the above were opened I have received a letter from Messrs. Black & Flinn, dated November 21st, in which they say: "In our tender re produce for City Home, we neglected to give you a figure on turnips. We will deliver you turnips at 60 cents per bushel".

I would recommend that the tender of Messrs. Black and Flinn for 1000 bushels Reds at \$1.05 per bushel, and 50 bushels of turnips at 60 cents be accepted.

J.H. Buchanan,
Superintendent.

It is decided to accept the tender of Black & Flinn for potatoes and that of the Halifax Fish Oil & Supply Co. for turnips.

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FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Halifax, N. S. Nov. 25th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Dear Sir:-

The following Fire Alarm Boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition.

No. 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 23, 212, 214, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 312, 41, 45, 46- 61, 63, 69, and 57.

P.R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Filed.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read report City Auditor, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 22nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

In answer to your request of the 5th inst. re salary of City Medical Officer, I beg to ~~assist~~ state that he has drawn monthly since May 1st, last \$100.00 less 4%, as he called for by the Estimated 1918-19.

November 30th. he will have paid into the Superannuation Fund \$212.00

On 25th July last you requested Dr. Almon to continue his work at \$150.00 per month; this is \$50.00 per month more than paid him under the Estimated to November 30th., 7 months - \$350.00

W.W. Foster,
CITY AUDITOR.

Referred back to the City Auditor for report as to why the increased amount of \$50.00 per month is not being paid to the City Medical Officer.

ACCOUNT SCHOOL FOR BLIND.

Read account \$1965.00 for Maintenance of pupils to June 30th, 1918.

The City Clerk is instructed to submit to the Board a list of the residences of the pupils.

Council
Chief of Police
Auditor ✓
Chief of Police
City Clerk ✓

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STREET SWEEPING MACHINERY.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 21, 1918.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.
Dear Sir;

I am directed by the Premier and Provincial Secretary to acknowledge your letter of 7th November and to inform you on behalf of the Government that he will undertake to use the good offices of the Government to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature, legalizing the raising of funds by the City of Halifax for the purchase of a street sweeping machine from Mussens Limited, at a cost of \$8,100, and that said legislation will authorize the borrowing of the amount, its expenditure and all warrants certified by the City Auditor therefor.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

POLICEMEN.

Read applications Leo. McIsaac and Edward L. ePrice for position of Policemen.

Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL DRIVER.

Read application Michael Lawless for position of Driver of Police Motor Patrol car. Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

LOOSE PAPER ON STREETS.

Read letter Board of Trade as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 20, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At meeting of the Council of this Board held yesterday afternoon, I was desired to write and ask if you would kindly take up with the Chief of Police the matter of loose paper on the streets of this City.

Council

Chief of Police

Chief of Police

November 26th, 1918.

The Ordinance with reference to placing waste paper on the sidewalk - same having to be bundled is, apparently, either unknown to many of our citizens, or those familiar with it do not trouble to carry out the requirements thereof.

It was suggested that the police, when instances come before them of loose paper being placed on the streets in barrels or other receptacles, notify the occupants of the building having placed such articles on the street, that they can either remove same or be subjected to the provisions of the Ordinance.

Trusting this matter will receive your immediate attention,

E.A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Board of Trade that the matter has received considerable attention by the Board of Control and that the present complaint is referred to the Chief of Police with instructions to take immediate steps to mitigate the nuisance.

STREETS GUTTERS OBSTRUCTED.

Controller Hines reported that in the north end the piles of plaster and other rubbish left in the street gutters by the reconstruction people prevent the free flow of water to the sewers and that with the cold weather coming on the surface water will be diverted to the centre of the streets or to contiguous houses. Referred to the City Engineer.

STREET LIGHTS.

The City Engineer is instructed to submit a general report as to the present situation respecting Street lighting.

Controller Murphy informs the Board that he had discussed the matter of street lighting with Mr. Soper of the Tramway Company and that Mr. Soper had

*E.A. Saunders ✓
Chief of Police*

Engineer

November 26th, 1918.

I beg to state that the Order in Council of
promised to submit a report to the City Engineer.

The City Clerk is instructed to submit to the Board a memorandum of the action taken by the Board in respect to street lighting since May 1st, 1918.

ABATTOIR.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is instructed to prepare specifications and call for tenders for equipment and for the construction of a chimney for the City Abattoir.

QUINN STREET.

On recommendation of His Worship the Mayor the City Engineer is instructed to temporarily improve the condition of Quinn Street by the dumping of ashes or street sweepings.

EXPLOSION - STREET CLEANING.

Controller Murphy reported that Mr. Archibald of the Relief Commission had stated to him that he is now in a position to cooperate with the City in a grand clean up ^{of} with the City Streets in connection with rubbish etc., caused by the explosion. Referred to the City Engineer.

WAR - MUNICIPAL LOANS.

Read letter Department of Finance, Ottawa, as follows:-

23rd, November 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk, Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of application of the city of Halifax for permission to issue debentures to the amount of \$33,623.60.

November 26th, 1918.

I beg to state that the Order in Council of December 22nd, 1917, is cancelled so far as it applies to municipalities. Therefore permission is not required for the issue of debentures by the city of Halifax. This will also apply to the application of September, 1918, for permission to issue debentures for \$400,000.

I enclose copy of Order in Council No. 2843 dated 20th November, 1918.

Jas. A. Russell,
For Deputy Minister of Finance.

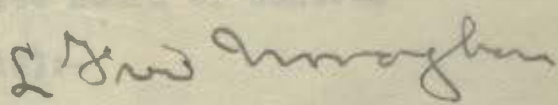
Filed.

The Board adjourned.

Account of ...
Water Bill - ...
City Prison Undertaker,
Deputy ...
City Water Service,
Guilford Road - C.F. Holland Claim - Free.
St. Patrick's School Plans.
Loan Approximately \$20,000.00 - Teachers.
Undertaker City Prison John E. Merrill, Resignation,
... Street - Removal of Sign - Haber Hartman's Signs.
Fire Department Uniforms Cost.
Fire Department Underground Sewerage Tests.
Fire Escapes Use Same.

ACCOUNT DUES FOR BLIND.

Read letter School for Blind re their account for maintenance of pupils for the period ending June 30th, 1918, as follows (see Board of Control Minutes November 26th, 1918)



A.C. HAWKINS,

L. FRED MONAGHAN?

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

Dear Mr. Monaghan -
In response to your telephone request regarding on behalf of the Board of Control the maintenance of the Halifax pupils attending the School for the Blind for the year ending June 30th, 1918, also the correct addresses of these pupils I am enclosing herewith the two certificates I have signed and the certificate of Florence Campbell but please it has been lost during the upset of the explosion and the subsequent repairs to the windows, walls and ceiling of the office. However I am certain that this certificate was issued. No certificates have been required for the pupils who entered during last year. You know that I have telephoned you many times with respect to the same but